

2023-2024 HT International Speech Festival Pieces 2023-2024 珩天文化國際英語朗誦節選材

FINAL 決 賽

Monologue (Born in 2010-2011) 角色獨白 (2010-2011年出生組別)

Choice A

King Midas and his touch of Gold 來自《希臘神話 - 點石成金》

(There was once a king in Greece called MIDAS who was greedy to become the richest man on earth. The gods decided to grant his wish but with disastrous consequences. In this scene, Midas is sitting on a golden throne in his garden of statues. He is suddenly aware that he is no longer alone. He looks up and notices Jason, a young boy from the village, who has broken into the palace to find out if the rumours he has heard about his king are true.)

Hello! What are you doing here in my private garden? Snooping, I suppose? I'm surprised that you got past my guards. Have you never seen a king before? Well... no, you probably haven't, certainly not such a rich one! Let me show you around. This is my palace...my swimming pool.

Shall I let you into a secret? I love making money... lots of it. One day, I have made a wish, I wished that everything I touched would turn to gold. The gods heard me and granted my wish. Look! It was a copper...but now... it's gold! This flower - see, it's now gold leaf!

No don't back away. Are you getting nervous? Afraid that I might accidentally touch you? This statue of a dog - well it wasn't a statue, it was Hellen, my favourite hound.

This is the worst of all, my daughter, Zoe, she was so beautiful and full of life. I just touched her like this and she turned to gold! No more laughter... no more songs. Oh dear! don't be afraid! Don't go!

Hmmmm too late, I fear. I seem to have gained another statue.



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Maleficent from "Sleeping Beauty" 來自《睡美人/黑魔女》

(The scene sets at the christening of Princess Aurora. Maleficent shows up uninvited.)

Well what an attractive gathering we have here. I spy royalty and my, my, my – nobility, the gentry and how quaint, four little Oompa Loompas who escaped from the set of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate factory!

I felt quite slighted not receiving an invitation of my own. I'd hoped that it was merely an oversight. Now I can tell by the looks on your faces that I just wasn't wanted. Pity. Then I'd best be on my way.

Oh – to show that I bare no hard feelings, I too will bestow a gift on the child, Listen well, all of you!

The Princess will indeed grow in grace & beauty and be loved by all who know her. But, before the sun sets on her 16th birthday, she shall prick her finger on a spinning wheel – and die!