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There was once a king who had too much of everything.
He was handsome as heaven and strong as a mountain.
He ate omelettes with twelve duck's eggs and twelve hen's eggs.
He had two sheep and two goats for dinner.
He had dozens and dozens of loaves of bread baked for his table.
He drank wine straight from the barrel.
He had many sons and daughters.
When he laughed and sang and danced, they could hear him as far away
as the neighbouring kingdoms.



...until one night when he had a bad dream. He dreamed that he had lost everything. Gone were the ducks and the hens, the sheep and the goats, the estates and the money. He was so frightened that he gathered all he had—and he had too much of everything—and put it in a huge sack and carried the sack with him always.

He never spoke to anyone of this dream.