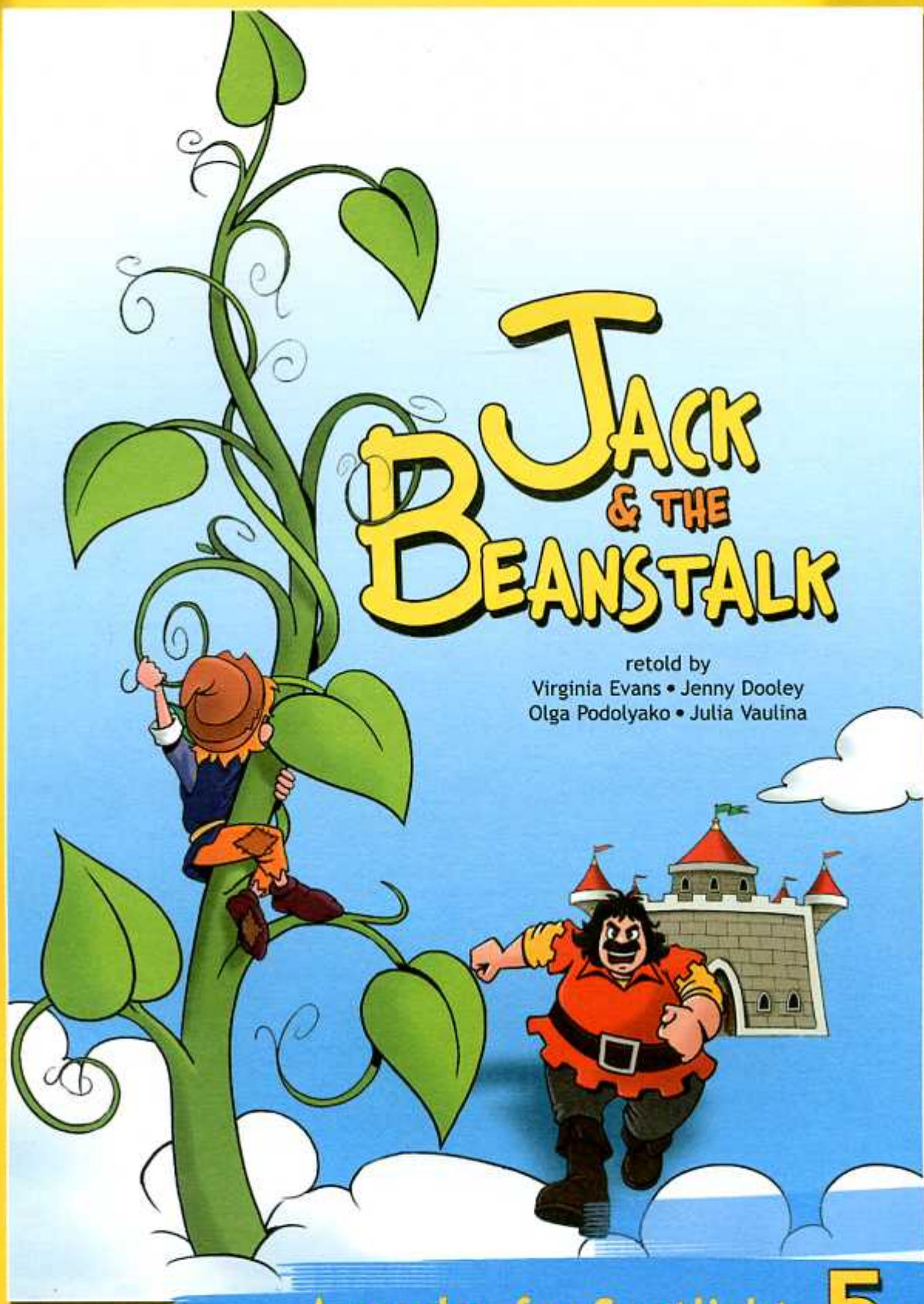




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Fairy tales are stories that have got characters such as fairies, witches, princesses and giants in them and often talking animals, too. They are often full of magic and sometimes mixed with real history.

A fairy tale starts as a story people tell each other. Every time someone tells it, the story gets longer and better because they add a little bit each time to make it more exciting or scary. Fairytale come from all over the world and pass from generation to generation. Sometimes there are a few different versions of the same story going around at the same time. Then one day, someone writes it down and that is the story that everyone remembers. The oldest written fairy tales come from Ancient Egypt around 1500 BC but there may be much older ones that aren't written down.

We have got so many well-known fairy tales today thanks to storytellers like the Brothers Grimm. We can also thank others who put together the many wonderful tales in the Mother Goose collection. Today's fairy tales are not as scary as those from long ago, but they are still great stories and lots of fun to read.



BACKGROUND

Jack and the Beanstalk is an old English fairy tale. The oldest book that has got the story in it dates back to 1734, but the story is a few hundred years older.

THE PLOT

Jack Trott and his mother live in the country. They are very poor. Mrs Trott tells Jack to take their cow to market to sell, and use the money to buy food. Jack is not very clever and instead of selling the cow he gives it to an old man for a handful of 'magic' beans. His mother is very angry with Jack for being so silly and throws the beans out of the window. The beans grow into a huge beanstalk in their garden. The next day, Jack decides to climb the beanstalk to see what is at the top. He finds a magic land with a big castle. A huge giant lives in the castle and he has got a magic hen that lays golden eggs. Jack decides to steal the hen but the giant sees him and chases after him. He wants to get his hen back and eat Jack! So, does Jack escape? What happens to the giant?

THE CHARACTERS

JACK TROTT

Jack is a poor young boy. He lives with his mother. He is rather lazy and likes to sleep. He doesn't work or help his mother. He is not very clever because he gives away the family cow for a handful of beans.



MRS TROTT

Mrs Trott is Jack's mother. She is very poor and lives in a small house with her son. She loves Jack and cares about him, even though he makes her angry sometimes.

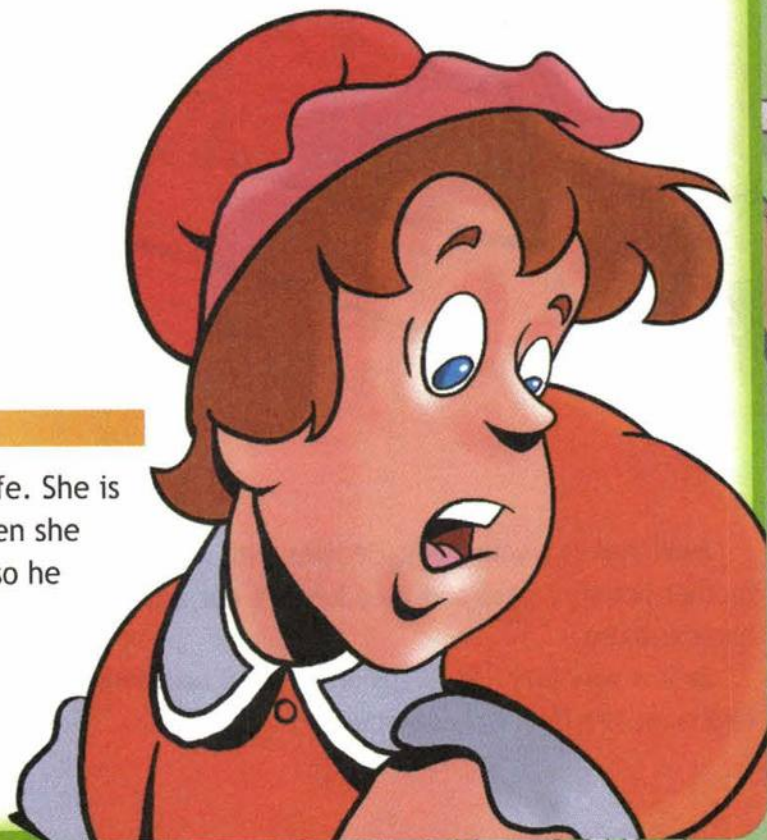


GIANT

The giant lives in a big castle in a magic land at the top of the beanstalk. He is very scary because he is so big. He likes to eat and sleep. Most of all he likes to eat small boys. He has got a hen that lays golden eggs. It is his favourite thing.

GIANTESS

The giantess is the giant's wife. She is kind and saves Jack's life when she hides him from her husband so he can't eat him.





1. Jack Trott

Jack Trott is a young boy. He lives with his mother in a little house in the country. Jack and his mother are very poor and they haven't got a lot of food. They have got a cow, though, and her name is Daisy.

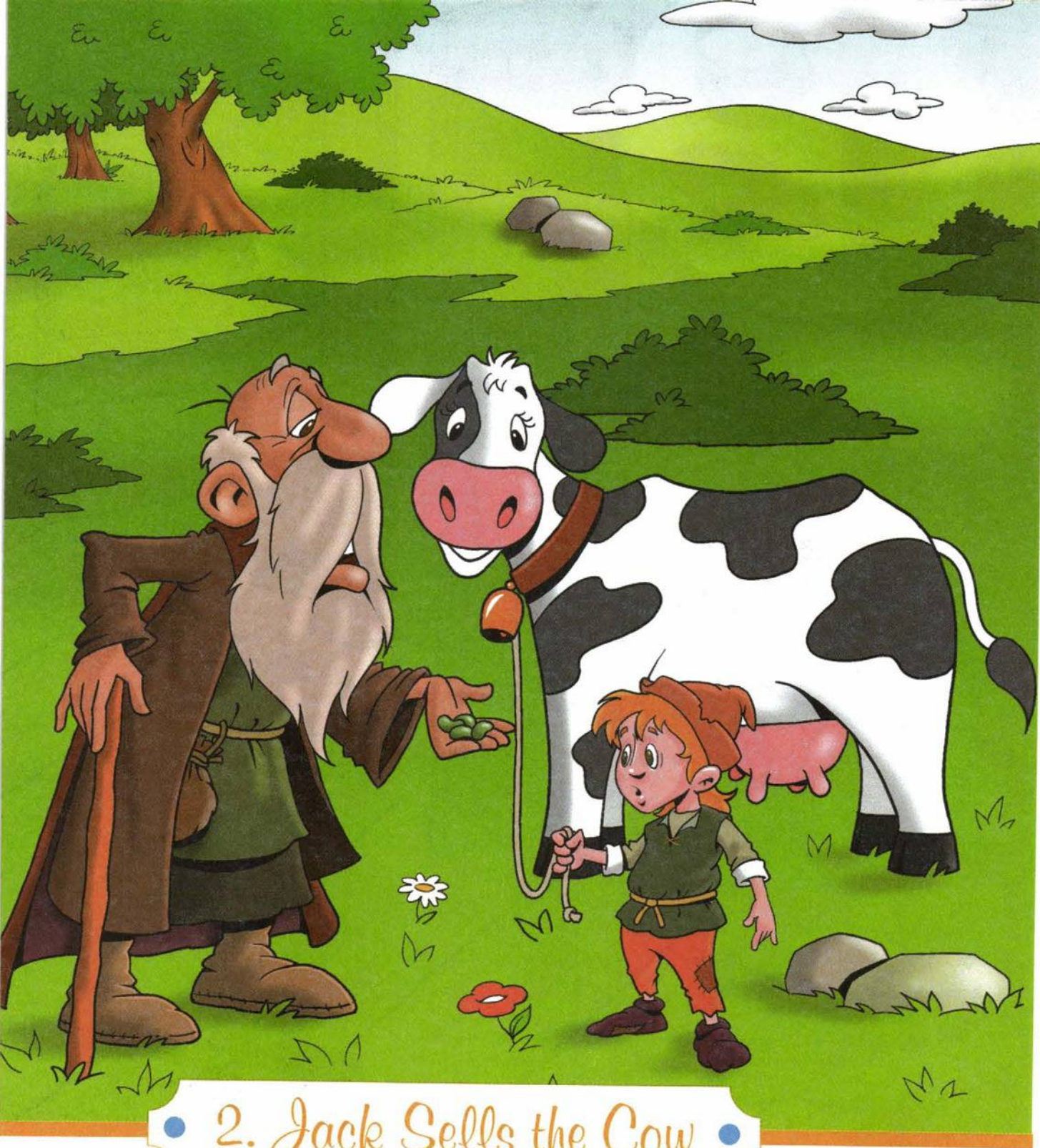
Jack is very lazy. He sleeps all day and he doesn't work. One day, while Jack is sleeping in his bedroom, Mrs Trott wakes him up.



"Wake up, Jack! You must help me. There is nothing to eat for breakfast this morning. We haven't got any food. Our cupboard is empty. We can't buy any food because we haven't got any money. You must go to the market and sell Daisy and buy some bread, milk and honey on your way home."

"Yes, Mother."

But Jack is sad. He doesn't want to sell Daisy. She is his friend.



• 2. Jack Sells the Cow •

Jack takes Daisy and starts to walk into town. On the way into town, he meets an old man.
“What’s that you’ve got there, boy? Let me look at your cow.”

The old man looks at Daisy, and nods his head.

“Yes. That cow is just right. Will you give her to me, please?”

Jack doesn’t want to give Daisy to the old man.

“I can’t give you the cow. I’m going to the market to sell her.”

But the old man has a plan.

“Don’t worry, I don’t mind doing a swap with you. I’ll give you these magic beans for your cow.”



The old man shows Jack some beans, but Jack shakes his head.

"I don't want beans, I need money. We haven't got any food at home."

The old man tells Jack that these beans are very special.

"But these beans are magic. Take them, and you will see what I mean."

So Jack takes the beans, and the old man takes Daisy, the cow. Jack runs home and gives the beans to his mother. But Mrs Trott is very angry. She doesn't want beans. She wants money, and she screams at Jack.

"We can't buy food with beans!"



3. The Beanstalk

Mrs Trott is very angry with Jack.

"You silly boy! Is this a joke? Do you think this is funny? Why haven't you got any money for the cow?"

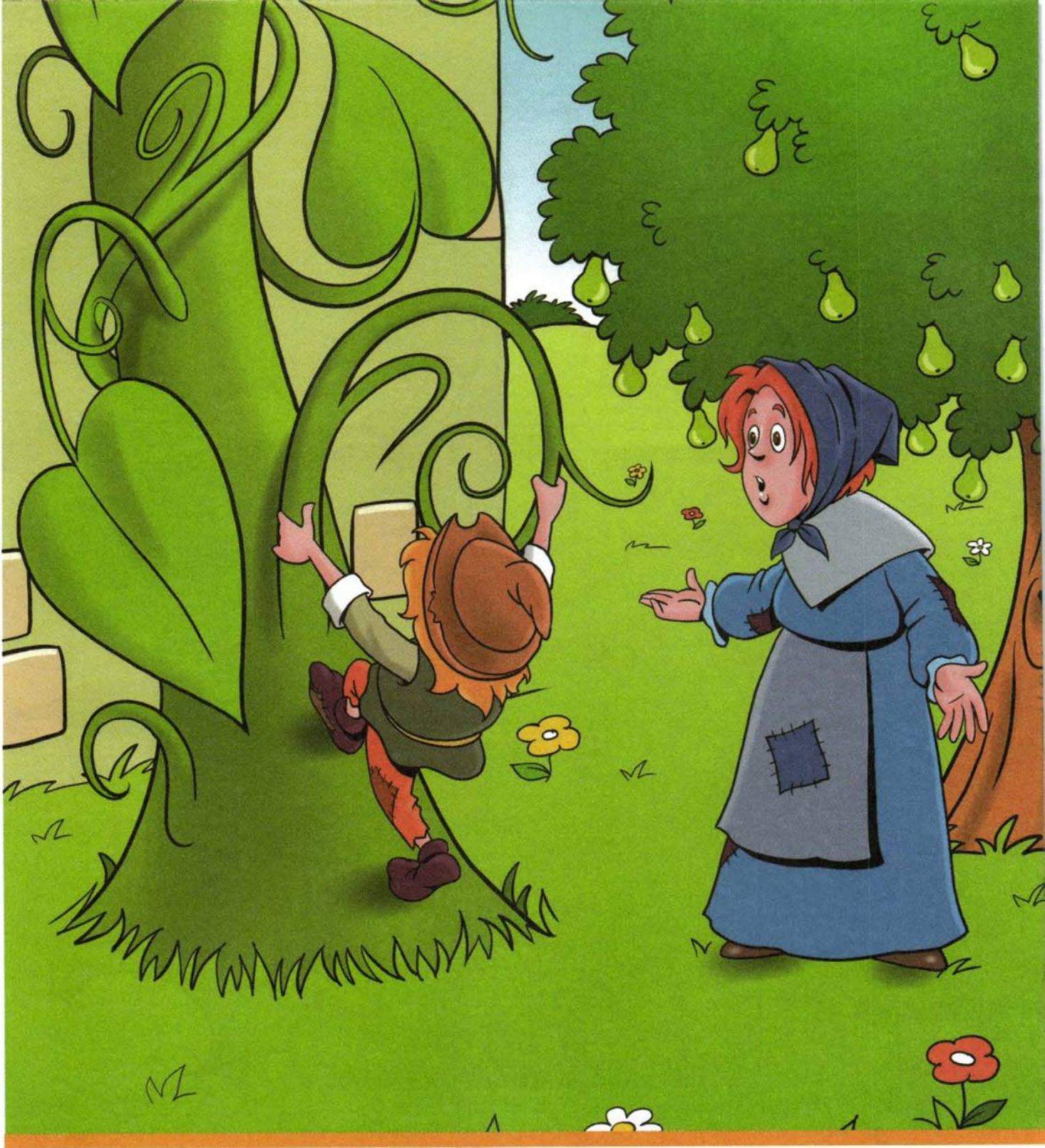
Jack is very sorry.

"But, they are magic beans!"

His mother just laughs.

"Magic beans! What a silly idea!"

Mrs Trott throws the beans out of the window and they land in the garden.



Jack's mother is very sad all day because they haven't got any food and now they haven't got their cow.

The next day, Jack wakes up and looks out of the window. He sees a tall beanstalk in the garden. He goes outside and sees that it is taller than the house. He is very excited and calls his mother.

"Wow! Look at this beanstalk! It's very tall! Can I climb it?"

Mrs Trott is worried.

"Be careful, Jack. You don't know what you'll find at the top."

But Jack doesn't listen to his mother and he starts to climb up the beanstalk.



4. Jack Climbs Up the Beanstalk

Jack climbs and climbs. The beanstalk is very tall and goes up into the sky and through the clouds. He reaches the top at last and Jack is very surprised when he sees a big castle. He runs to the castle and knocks on the door. Jack is very hungry and wants to ask for something to eat. A giantess opens the door. She is very big, and she looks very surprised to see him.

“What do you want? You can’t come in here. My husband isn’t here, but when he comes back, I’m sure he will eat you!”

Jack is scared when he hears this and as the giantess is speaking, the castle starts to shake. The giant is coming home!



The giantess runs into the kitchen and Jack follows her.

"You must hide! My husband mustn't see you! Quick! Get in the oven. You can hide behind the cake!"

Jack is very scared now.

"Please don't let the giant eat me!"

The giantess closes the oven door and waits for her husband.



5. The Giant

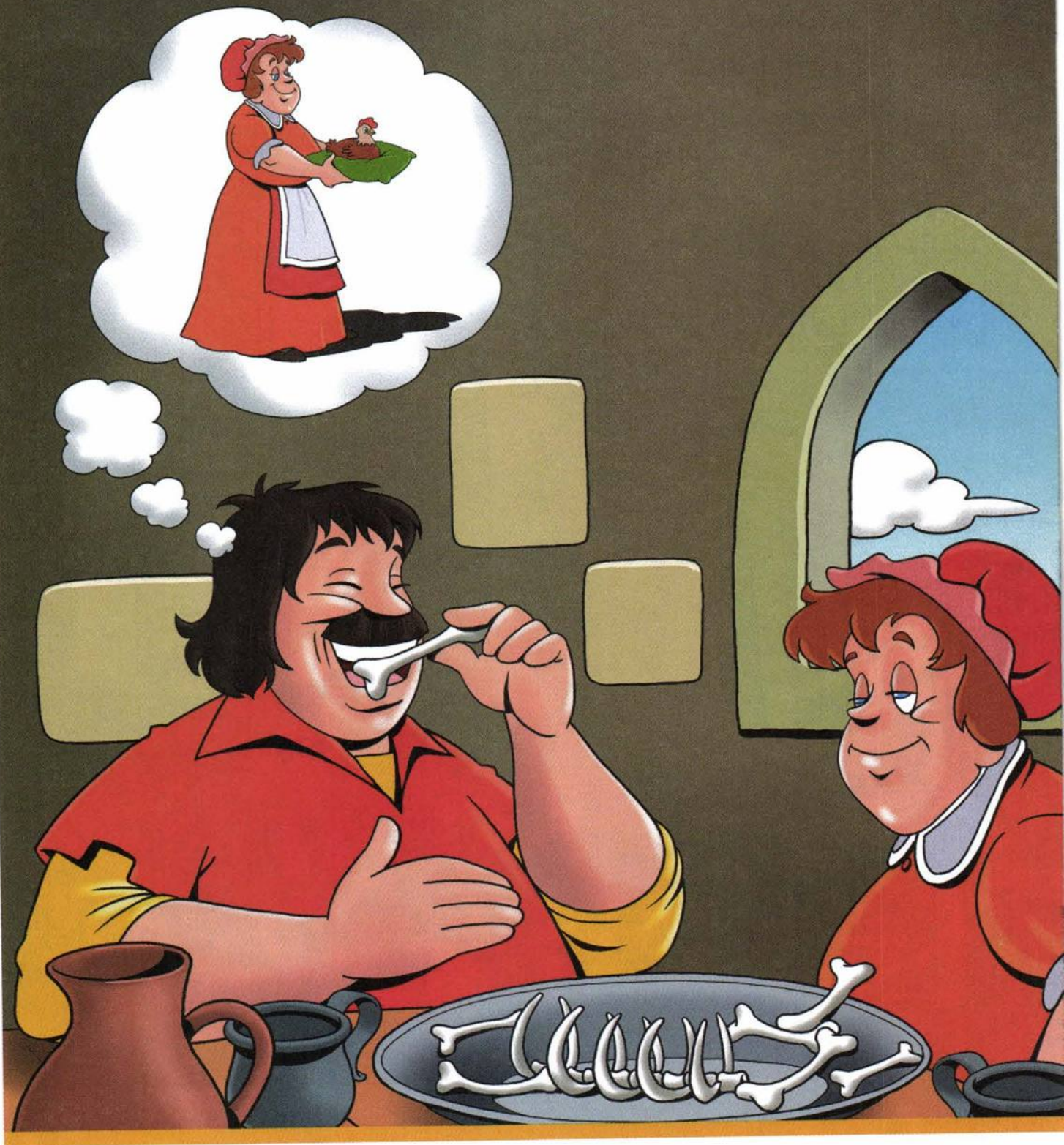
The giant comes into the castle and looks around.

"Hello, wife. What's that I smell? Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum! I smell a young boy! Yum, yum!"

But the giantess is clever.

"Don't be silly, my dear. There aren't any boys here. I'm cooking you some meat. Look, it's a sheep."

The giantess brings the giant's breakfast and puts it on the table in front of him.



"Are you ready to eat, my dear?"

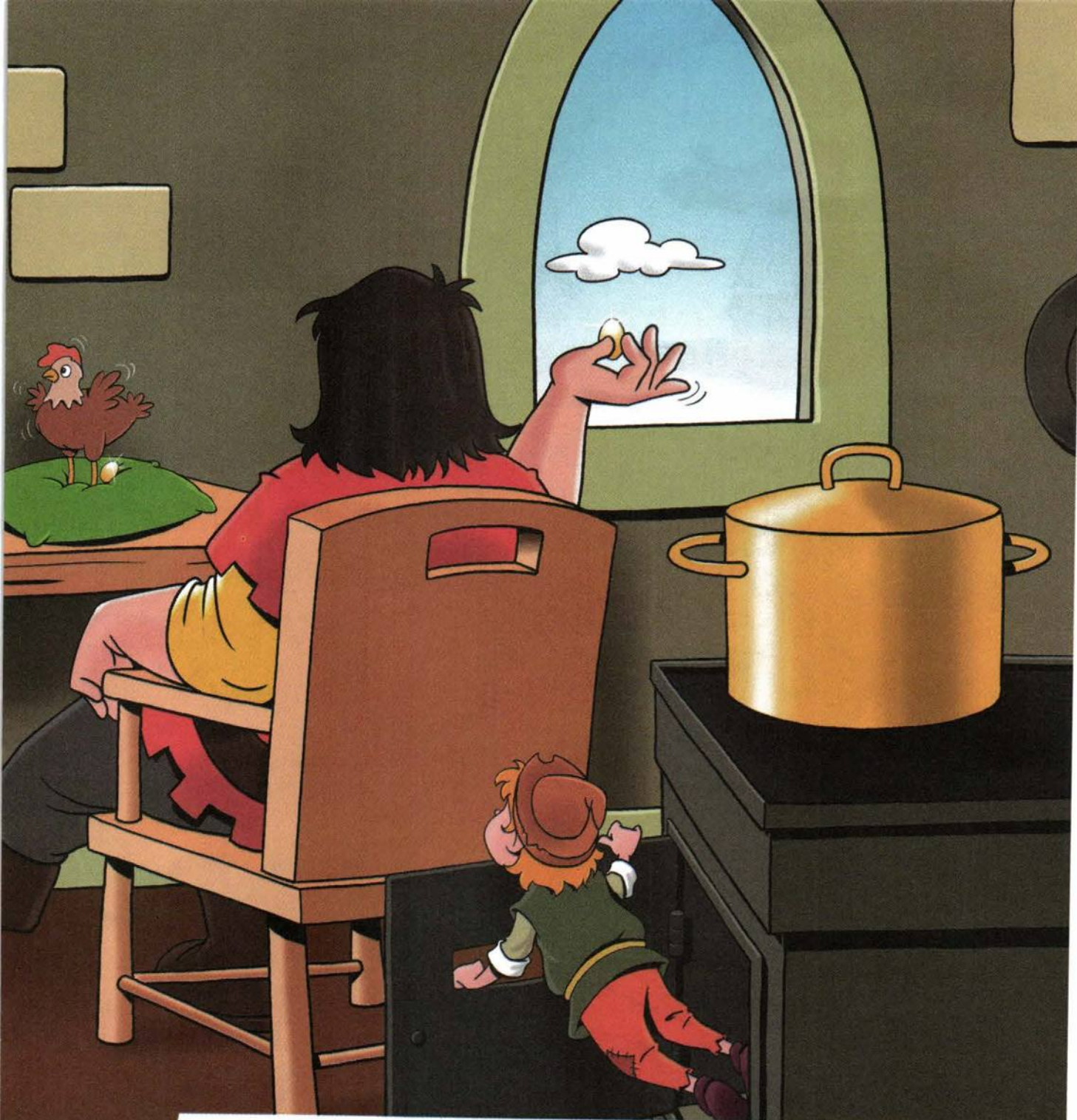
The giant is always ready to eat. He eats the sheep and doesn't leave any meat on a single bone.

"Thank you! Now, bring me my hen!"

The giantess brings the giant a little brown hen and puts it on the table.

"Now leave me alone. I've got work to do!"

The giantess leaves and the giant sits and looks at his hen.



• 6. The Hen that Lays Golden Eggs •

The giant looks at the hen.

“Lay!”

And the little brown hen lays an egg. He says it again and it lays another egg, and then another. Soon there are ten eggs on the table. Jack looks through a hole in the oven door and sees the eggs.

“The eggs are golden! The hen is magic!”

The giant is very tired after his big meal. Soon his eyes close and he falls asleep.

Jack gets ready to leave.

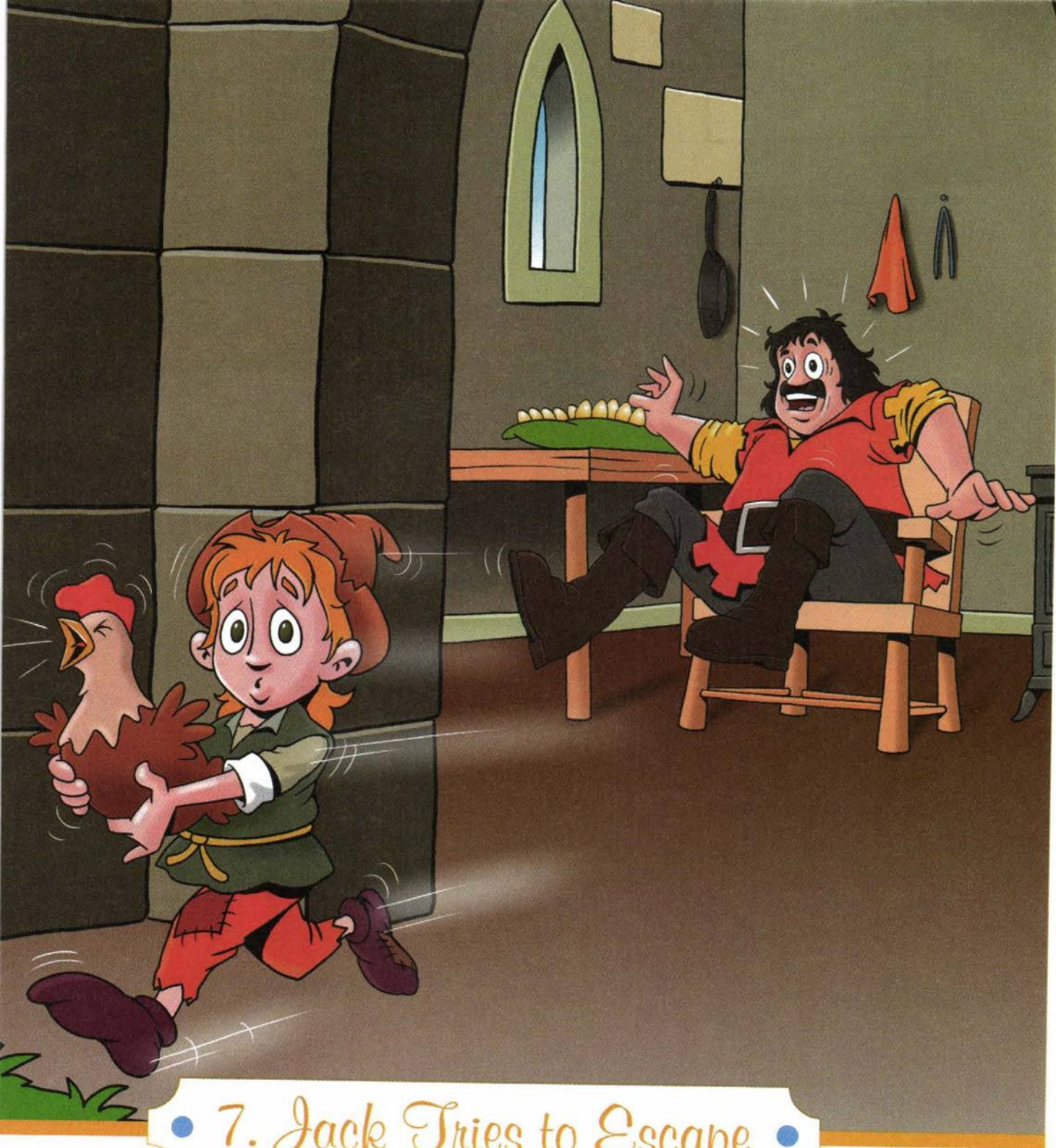


“Now I can go!”

He slowly opens the oven door, climbs out of the oven and walks to the table. He wants to take the giant's hen.

“Come here, little hen. You're coming with me! I need a magic hen. Now I can be rich, and mother won't be angry with me!”

While the giant is sleeping, Jack takes the hen from the table. He is very quiet because he doesn't want to wake him up.



• 7. Jack Tries to Escape •

Jack runs to the door of the castle with a big smile on his face. He is very happy. He has got a magic hen that lays golden eggs. Soon Jack and his mother will be rich. They can use the golden eggs to buy food and they can buy Daisy back.

But as Jack tries to leave the castle, the magic hen opens its mouth and makes a loud sound.
“CLUCK, CLUCK!”

The noise wakes up the giant. He sees Jack with his magic hen and he is very angry.



"Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum! I smell a young boy! Yum, yum!"

Jack runs out of the castle and the giant chases after him. The ground is shaking and Jack is scared, but he can run very fast. He runs to the beanstalk and starts to climb down, as quickly as he can, with the magic hen under his arm.

"I must climb down quickly. I don't want the giant to catch me! He will eat me!"



• 8. Jack Chops Down the Beanstalk •

Jack climbs down the beanstalk, but the giant starts to climb down, too.

“Come back here, you little thief! I’m going to eat you!”

But Jack is almost in his garden. He shouts to his mother to bring an axe.

“What are you doing, Jack!”

“The giant is coming! I must chop down the beanstalk!”

Jack chops and chops the beanstalk with his axe until it falls down. The giant falls down too, and there is a terrible sound as he falls to the ground. Jack looks and sees that the giant is dead.



Mrs Trott is very happy now.

"Well done, Jack! We're safe now!"

"We're rich now, too! This is a magic hen. It lays golden eggs!"

Now, Jack and his mother are very happy. They have lots of golden eggs. They are very rich and they buy Daisy back from the old man. They have got a big house in the country, and lots of money.

Life is very good for Jack, Mrs Trott, Daisy and, of course, for the magic hen!



• Activities •

Before you start

Background

Mark the sentences as *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 The story comes from England.
- 2 *Jack and the Beanstalk* is a story about fairies.
- 3 The story dates from 1734.

The Characters

Who's ...

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | kind? | |
| 2 | scary? | |
| 3 | loving and caring? | |
| 4 | lazy? | |
| 5 | not very clever? | |

The Plot

Choose the correct word.

- 1 Jack Trott and his mother are **rich/poor**.
- 2 They live in the **town/country**.
- 3 They take their **cow/beans** to market.
- 4 The next day there is a huge **castle/beanstalk** in their garden.
- 5 The giant has got a **magic/golden** hen.
- 6 Jack **steals/chases** the hen.

Episode 1

Before Reading

- 1 Which of these things can you see in the pictures? Tick (✓).

cupboard	☐	milk	☐
table	☐	dog	☐
honey	☐	bed	☐
bread	☐	chair	☐
cow	☐		

- 2 Look at the title and the pictures. Who do you think the boy is? Who is the woman? What do you think she is saying to him? Listen and read to find out.

While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and mark the sentences as *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- Jack is working in his bedroom.
- Jack and his mother have got bread and honey to eat.
- They haven't got any money.
- The cow's name is Trott.
- Jack is happy to sell the cow.

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:

- Why is Jack sleeping?
- Why do you think his mother lets him sleep all day?
- Why is Jack sad at the end of the episode?
- What do you think will happen in the next episode?

Episode 2

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures and the title. Where is Jack in each picture? What is he holding in each picture? What do you think happens to these things?

- 2 Look at the pictures and read the words below from the episode. What do you think will happen in this episode? Listen or read and check.

- old man • magic beans • money
- run home • angry

While Reading

- 3 Answer the questions.

- Where is Jack going? Why?
- What does the old man want?
- Why does Jack take the beans?
- Why is Mrs Trott angry?

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:

- Why do you think Jack swaps the cow for the beans?
- Who do you think the old man is?
- Why do you think the old man wants the cow?
- What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?

Episode 3

Before Reading

- 1** Look at the first picture. Where are Jack and Mrs Trott? Look at the second picture. Where are they now?
- 2** Look at the title and the pictures and answer the questions. Listen or read to check.
 - 1 What is Mrs Trott doing in the first picture?
 - 2 Where is Jack going in the second picture?
 - 3 How do you think Mrs Trott feels in each picture? Why?

While Reading

- 3** Read, and fill in the correct words.
 - 1 Mrs Trott is very
 - 2 Mrs Trott throws the out of the window.
 - 3 Jack says the beans are
 - 4 The beans land in the
 - 5 When Jack wakes up he sees a
 - 6 The beanstalk is very
 - 7 Jack wants to it.
 - 8 Mrs Trott tells Jack to be

After Reading

- 4** Discuss in pairs:
 - Do you think Mrs Trott is a good mother? Why (not)? What makes a good mother?
 - What do you think Jack will find at the top of the beanstalk?
 - What do you think will happen in the next episode?

Episode 4

Before Reading

- 1** Look at the title and the pictures and answer the questions.
 - 1 Where is Jack in the first picture? What is he doing?
 - 2 Who do you think lives in the castle in the first picture?
 - 3 How do you think Jack feels in the first picture?
 - 4 Who do you think the woman in the second picture is?
 - 5 How do you think Jack feels in the second picture?
 - 6 Where is Jack in the second picture? What is he doing?

While Reading

- 2** Read or listen to the episode and put the events in the correct order.

☐	Jack follows the giantess.
☐	He knocks on the door.
☐	The castle is shaking.
☒	Jack climbs up the beanstalk.
☐	The giantess runs into the kitchen.
☐	She tells him he can't come in.
☐	She tells him to hide in the oven.
☐	A giantess opens the door.
☐	He sees a castle.
☐	Jack is very scared.
☐	He reaches the top.
☐	She closes the oven door and waits for her husband.

After Reading

- 3** In pairs, discuss which word below best describes how Jack is feeling at the end of the episode. Why does he feel this way?
 - tired • alone • happy • scared
 - sad • angry • sorry • small

Episode 5

Before Reading

- 1 Which of these things can you see in the pictures? Tick (✓).

bones	☐	hat	☐
cup	☐	beanstalk	☐
hen	☐	boots	☐
table	☐	wife	☐
oven	☐	meat	☐

- 2 Look at the pictures again and answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think the giant is eating?
- 2 Why do you think the giant is thinking of a hen?
- 3 What do you think will happen in this episode?

While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and correct the words in bold.

- 1 The giant says he can **hear** a young boy.
- 2 His wife says there aren't any **sheep** there.
- 3 The giantess brings the giant's **dinner**.
- 4 The giant is **never** ready to eat.
- 5 The giant eats a **hen**.
- 6 The giantess brings the giant a little **black** hen.

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:

- How do you think the giantess feels when she lies to the giant?
- Do you think she should tell the truth?
- What do you think will happen in the next episode?

Episode 6

Before Reading

- 1 Tick (✓) what you think will happen in this episode.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ☐ | The giant falls asleep. |
| ☐ | Jack takes the hen. |
| ☐ | The giant cooks Jack in the oven. |
| ☐ | The hen lays lots of eggs. |
| ☐ | The giant wakes up. |

- 2 Look at the title and the pictures and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Jack?
- 2 What is he doing in the first picture?
- 3 What is he holding in the second picture?
- 4 What is special about the hen?
- 5 What do you think Jack is going to do with the hen?

While Reading

- 3 Fill in the missing words.

- 1 Jack looks through a in the oven door.
- 2 The hen is
- 3 The eggs are
- 4 The giant is after his meal.
- 5 The giant goes to
- 6 Jack gets out of the
- 7 Jack the hen.

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:

- Do you think Jack is right to take the hen? Why (not)?
- Do you think it is right to take things that aren't yours? Why (not)?
- What do you think will happen in the next episode?

Episode 7

Before Reading

- 1** Which of these things can you see in the pictures? Tick (✓).

a beanstalk	☐
Jack	☐
golden eggs	☐
flowers	☐
a giantess	☐
Jack's mum	☐

- 2** Look at the pictures and the title. What is Jack doing with the hen in the first picture? How do you think this makes the giant feel? What is the giant doing in the second picture? How do you think this makes Jack feel?

While Reading

- 3** Complete the sentences with:

• Jack • the giant • the hen

- 1 is very happy.
- 2 makes a loud sound.
- 3 wakes up
- 4 shouts at
- 5 chases
- 6 climbs down the beanstalk with

After Reading

- 3** Discuss in pairs:
- Can you think of a different title for this episode?
 - Do you think the giant will catch Jack? Why (not)?
 - What do you think will happen in the next episode?

Episode 8

Before Reading

- 1** Look at the title and the pictures and say what you think happens in this episode.
- 2** Look at the pictures again. Say what is different about Mrs Trott, Jack and the hen, from the first picture to the second picture.

While Reading

- 3** Who says what? Write the names of the speakers.

- 1 "Come back here, you little thief!"
- 2 "The giant is coming!"
- 3 "We're safe now!"
- 4 "We're rich now, too!"
- 5 "I'm going to eat you!"

After Reading

- 4** Discuss in pairs:
- Do you feel sorry for the giant? Why (not)?
 - Do you think it is good for Jack and his mother to be rich? Why (not)?
 - What can you do if you suddenly get rich?

Jack and the Beanstalk

Final Comprehension Quiz

- 1 What kind of story is *Jack and the Beanstalk*?
A a nursery rhyme B a folk tale
C a fairy tale
- 2 What sort of boy is Jack?
A lazy B clever C kind
- 3 What is in Mrs Trott's cupboard?
A bread, milk and honey B nothing
C beans
- 4 Where does Jack meet the old man?
A at the market B in town
C on the road
- 5 Where does Jack's mother throw the beans?
A on the floor B out of the door
C in the garden
- 6 Who opens the door of the castle at the top of the beanstalk?
A Jack B the giant C the giantess
- 7 What does the giant say he can smell when he comes home?
A a boy B meat C a sheep
- 8 Why does Jack want to take the hen?
A to have eggs B to eat it
C to be rich
- 9 Why does the giant wake up?
A The hen makes a loud sound.
B Jack makes a loud sound.
C The hen lays an egg.
- 10 What does Jack do when he climbs down the beanstalk?
A He kills the giant.
B He chops down the beanstalk.
C He gives the hen to his mother.

Discuss in groups.

- Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?
- Who is your least favourite character? Why?
- Who else might live at the top of the beanstalk?
- Can you think of a different ending to the story?

Project

- Imagine that Jack finds some more magic beans. Write a story about his next trip to the top of the beanstalk. Think about:
 - who he meets?
 - what the giantess is doing now?
 - how she feels?
 - what happens to Jack?
 - how Jack feels?
- Tell the class your story about Jack.

Picture Dictionary

ACTIONS

wake up



get up



scream



knock



hide



smell



lay an egg



chase



chop

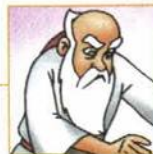


fall



PEOPLE & PLACES

old man



giantess
giant



thief



rich
poor



lazy



angry



castle
ground



window
wall



town



market



FOOD

oven
bread



honey



beanstalk



cake



bone



ANIMALS

cow



hen



Play

Characters: Jack
Mother
Giant

Giantess
Old man
Chorus

Narrator(s): At least one
student

Scene 1



Narrator: Young Jack's very poor –
And a little bit lazy.
He lives with his mother
And a cow, called Daisy!
One day, when young Jack
Is sleeping quietly upstairs,
Mrs Trott – Jack's mother –
Wakes him up, then she says ...

Mother: Wake up, my dear boy!
You must get up this minute.
Our cupboard is empty,
There's nothing left in it!
Go to the market!
Sell the cow for some money
And on your way home
Buy milk, bread and honey!

Jack: Come, my poor Daisy.
Let's take a walk into town.

Old man: What's that you've got there, boy?
Let me look at your cow.
That cow is just right.
Will you give her to me, please?
Don't worry, I'll give you
All of these magic beans!

Jack: But I need money,
I do not want any beans!

Old man: But these beans are magic –
You will see what I mean!

Narrator: The man takes the cow –
Jack hurries home with the beans.
He goes to his mother
But she's angry and screams ...

SONG:

Scene 2



Mother: You silly young boy!
Do you think this is funny?
We do not need these beans.
We just need some money!

Open the window
So I can throw these away!

Narrator: But they get a surprise
When they wake up, next day ...

Mother: What's in our garden
Standing next to the pear tree?

Jack: Oh, wow! It's a beanstalk
And it's taller than me!

This is exciting –
Is there a way to climb up?

Mother: But, dear Jack, you don't know
What you'll find at the top!



Jack be careful,
Don't look back!
Climb the beanstalk,
Hurry, Jack!

Climb, climb the beanstalk,
Climb, climb up high!
Climb, climb the beanstalk,
Right up to the sky!

Jack, keep going,
Jack, don't stop!
Climb the beanstalk
To the top!



Narrator: Jack climbs and he climbs –
The great beanstalk's so tall!

Jack: I think this is the top,
I can see a high wall!
Wow! It's a castle –
Does it belong to a king?
Let me knock on the door –
Let me see if he's in!

Narrator: Jack knocks on the door –
But he gets a big surprise.
He sees a giantess
With two giant blue eyes!

Giantess: What do you want, boy?
My dear husband is not here.
I'm sure when he gets back
He will eat you, my dear!



- Narrator:** As she is speaking
The whole castle starts to shake ...
- Giantess:** The giant is coming –
Hide in here, with the cake!
Get into the oven
Be quick, boy, climb inside!
- Jack:** Please don't let him eat me –
I'll stay here and hide!
- Narrator:** The giant comes in
And then he looks all around.
From his big giant mouth
Comes a terrible sound ...
- Giant:** Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum.
I can smell
A young boy,
Yum, yum, yum!
- Giantess:** No, my dear husband,
I'm just cooking you some meat.
Look – it's a sheep, my dear,
Are you ready to eat?
- Narrator:** He eats all the sheep
And leaves not a single bone ...
- Giant:** Now, bring me my hen, wife,
And then leave me alone!
- Giantess:** Here you are, husband.
Here is your little brown hen!
- Narrator:** Then the hen lays an egg –
After that, it lays ten!
Jack looks through a hole
In the giant oven door ...
- Jack:** The hen's eggs are golden,
It is magic, I'm sure!
- Narrator:** And then in a while
The scary giant's eyes close ...
- Jack:** The giant is sleeping –
I can go, I suppose!
Come here, little hen
You are coming with me!
- Narrator:** Then Jack leaves the castle
Just as quick as can be!
- Narrator:** He runs to the door
With a big smile on his face ...
- Jack:** It is time to go home, now.
Let's get out of this place!

Narrator: As Jack tries to leave,
'CLUCK, CLUCK!' cries the magic hen.
Then the giant wakes up
And he shouts out again ...

Giant: Fee - Fi - Fo - Fum.
I can smell
A young boy,
Yum, yum, yum!

Narrator: He chases poor Jack
But Jack can run very fast.

Jack: I just want to go home —
There's the beanstalk, at last!



SONG:

Don't mess with a giant,
Don't go to his house.
When you see a giant
You feel like a mouse!

Giants are big,
Giants are scary.
They're nasty and mean
And ugly and hairy!

Don't mess with a giant
And don't steal his hen.
Because if he gets you
He'll eat you right then!

Don't mess with a giant,
Don't go to his home.
Don't mess with a giant,
Just leave him alone!



Scene 3



Narrator: Jack starts to climb down ...

Giant: I am coming down, too!
Come back here, little thief.
I am going to eat you!

Jack: Mother, I am home!

Mother: That sweet voice — is it my Jack's?

Jack: The giant is coming
Mother, bring me my axe!

Narrator: Jack chops and he chops
Until the beanstalk falls down —
Soon, the giant falls too
And lies, dead, on the ground ...

Mother: Well done, my dear Jack —
What is that, my dear, a hen?

Jack: We'll never be poor now,
Mother, never again!

Narrator: The hen lays some eggs
And they're all golden and round.
Then Jack brings back Daisy
The next day, from the town!
So Jack, his mother,
The hen and Daisy the cow
Are all very happy
Because they are RICH now!



SONG:

Just when you're feeling
Lonely and sad,
Something can happen
To make you feel glad!

Life's full of surprises,
Believe me it's true!
You just never know
What will happen to you!

Try not to worry
When things don't go right.
Just wait for a while,
It will all be alright!

Just keep on smiling —
You'll feel good again.
Remember that rainbows
Come after the rain!



