

Jack and the Beanstalk

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Once upon a time, there was a little boy, called Jack, who lived with his mother in a poor cottage.

They were so poor that the only thing they owned was a cat and a very old cow.

There was never enough food to eat and they were always hungry.



One day, Jack's mother told Jack he must take the cow to market to sell.



Jack was sad because he loved his cow.



On the way, Jack met a strange woman. "I will give you five beans for your cow", she said.
"Five beans!" said Jack. "I need money to buy food, not beans."
"Ah...But these beans are MAGIC. Plant them in your garden and you will never be hungry again!"



Jack said a sad goodbye to his cow, and took the five magic beans home to his mother.



Jack's mother was very cross.

"Beans aren't magic!" she said.



She threw the beans out of the window.



That night, the beans grew... and grew... and GREW!



When they woke up in the morning, the beans had grown - all the way up to the sky, and into the clouds.



Jack decided to climb the beanstalk.



When Jack climbed to the top, he heard a terrible noise.

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

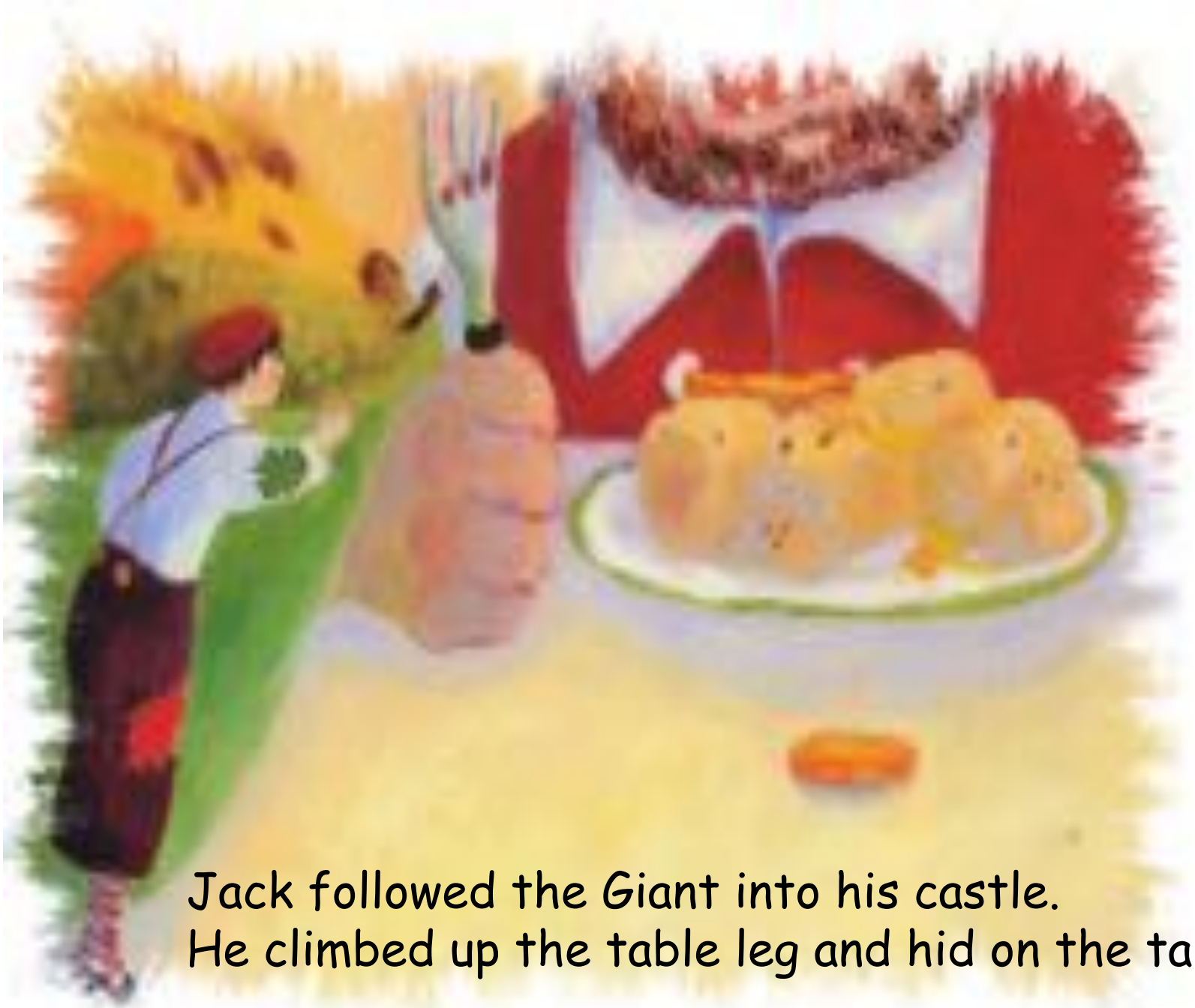


It was a GIANT rushing home for his tea!

THUMP!

THUMP!

THUMP!



Jack followed the Giant into his castle.
He climbed up the table leg and hid on the table.



After the Giant had finished eating, he counted out all his gold money and then called for his wife to bring him his magic hen.

Jack couldn't believe his eyes. The hen laid golden eggs!







Then the Giant called for music.

The Giant's wife brought out a magical harp.
Jack thought the harp made the most beautiful music he had ever heard.

The harp sang so sweetly that soon the Giant fell fast asleep.





Jack crept forward and put the hen, the golden eggs and Giant's gold into a bag.

The harp saw Jack.

"Please save me!" said the harp.



So, Jack picked her and the bag up and ran as fast as he could to the beanstalk.

Suddenly Jack heard a noise...

THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!



The Giant had woken up and was coming after him!


"Fee, fi, fo fum! Watch out everyone,
HERE I COME!" roared the giant.



Jack clambered down as quickly as he could.



The beanstalk began to shake. Thump! THUMP! THUMP!
"Quick, quick, Mother! Fetch the axe!" Jack called.



"Chop! Chop!" went Jack's axe and the beanstalk came crashing down... And so did the Giant.

And that was the end of the Giant.



Jack's mother was SO pleased to see him safe and sound.



Jack showed his mother the hen and the golden eggs.
Now they would never be hungry or poor again.



So Jack, Jack's Mother and the cat lived happily ever after...

And their cottage was always filled with the sweet singing of the happy harp and the clucking of the hen that laid the golden eggs.

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