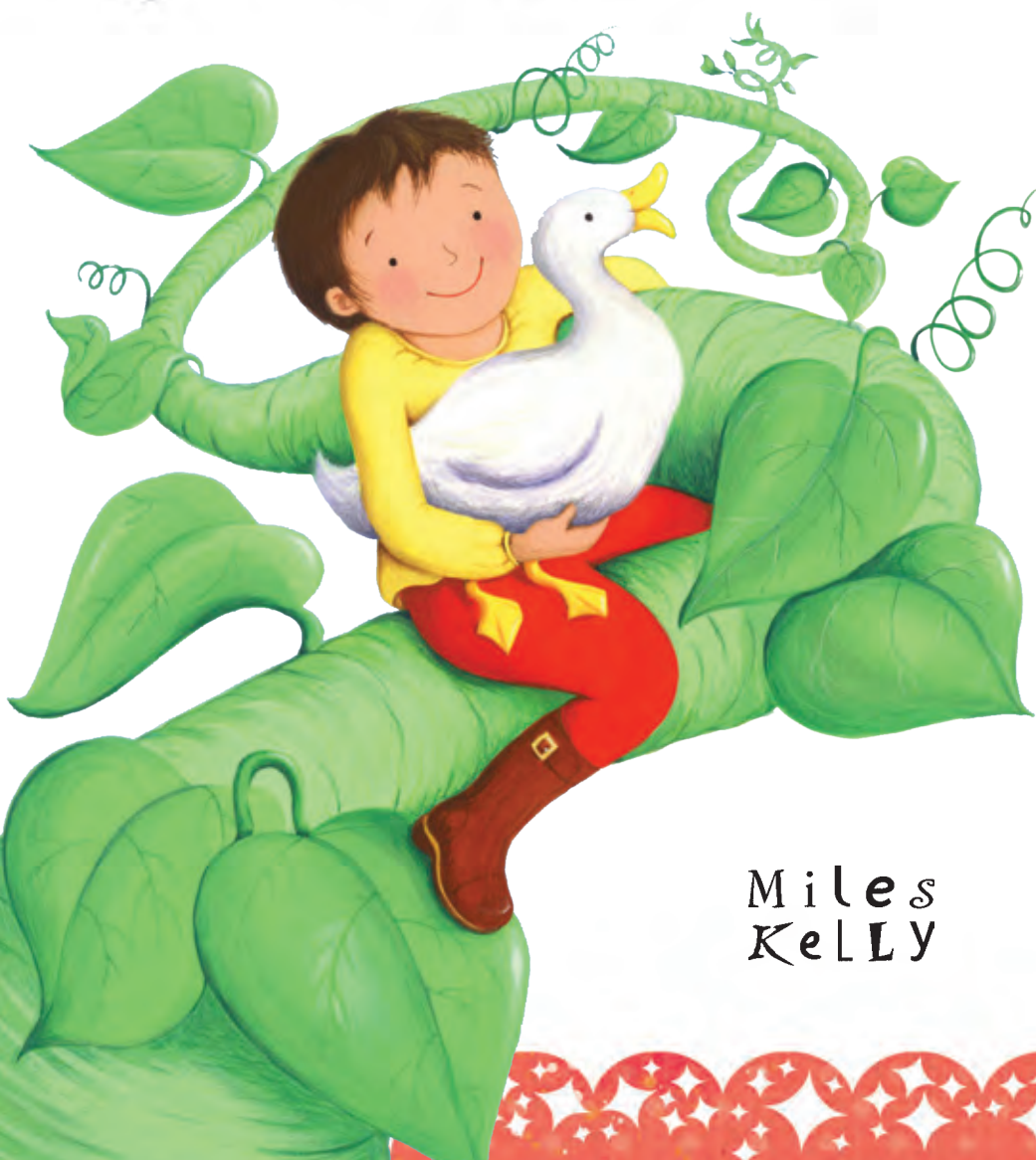


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This is the story of how Jack did a silly thing, but all was well in the end.

Jack and his mother were very poor, and one day Jack's



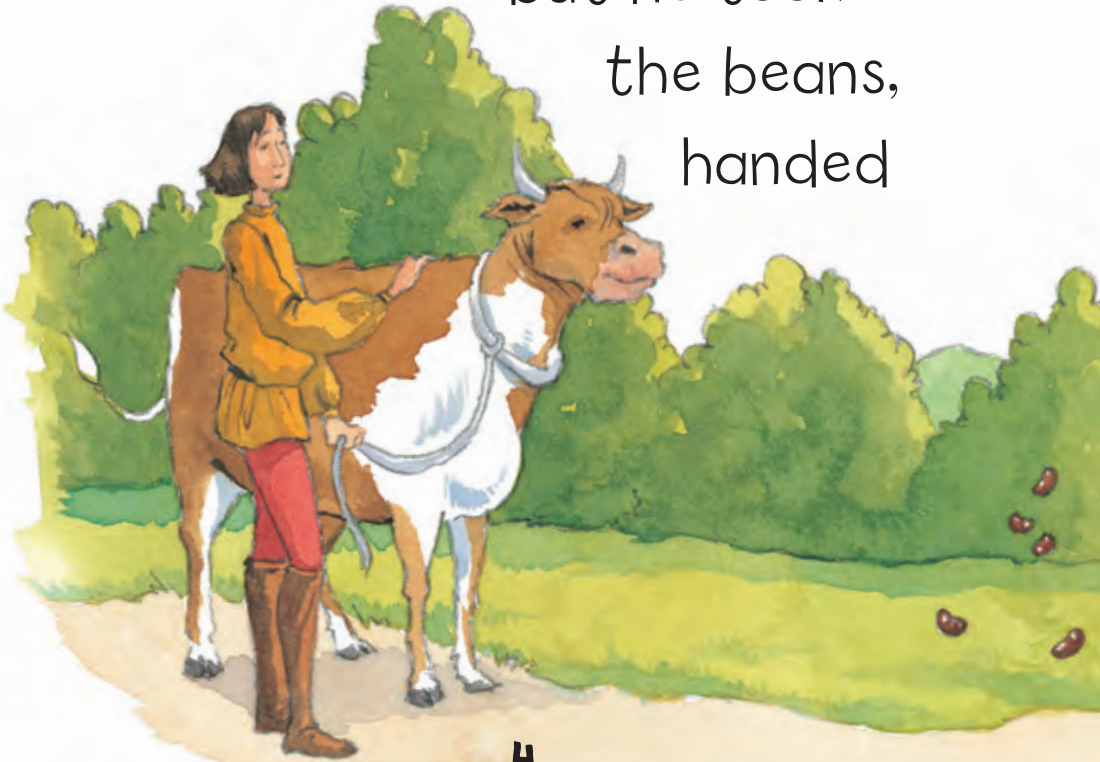
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mother told him to take their only cow to market, and sell her for as much money as he could possibly get.

On the way to market, Jack met a funny little man who offered him five magic beans in exchange for the cow.

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Jack should have realized
that this was rather odd,
but he took
the beans,
handed




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over the cow and ran home.

Jack's mother was so furious she flung the beans out of the window and sent Jack straight to bed.






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The next morning, Jack wandered outside to find his mother staring in amazement at an enormous beanstalk. It reached right up into the clouds. "I told you they were magic beans," said Jack, and he began to climb.



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Jack climbed and climbed. At the top of the beanstalk was a huge castle. Jack knocked on the door, and a gigantic woman opened it. “My husband eats boys for breakfast,” she said. Before Jack could reply, the ground



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started to shake, so she hid
Jack in a cupboard.

A colossal man stumped
into the kitchen. “Fee fi fo
fum! I smell the blood of an
Englishman!” he roared.

“Don’t be silly, dear. You
can smell the eggs I’ve



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cooked,” said the giant’s wife.

The giant gobbled up the whole pile of eggs. Then, he poured a bag of gold onto the table, counted all the coins and fell asleep.

Jack darted out of the cupboard, grabbed the bag

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of gold and slithered down
the beanstalk as fast as he
could. Jack's mother
was astonished when
she saw the
gold. They
bought two
new cows and







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plenty of food to eat.



But after a time, Jack decided to climb the beanstalk again. The giant's wife wasn't very pleased to see him. "We lost a bag of gold the last time you were here," she growled.





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Then the ground began to
shake and tremble. Jack ran
and hid in the cupboard.

“Fee fi fo fum! I smell the
blood of an Englishman!”
the giant roared.


“Don't be silly, dear. You
can smell the chickens I've



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cooked,” said the giant’s wife, handing him a plate.

The giant gobbled the lot. Then he lifted a tiny white goose onto the table. “Lay!” he commanded, and the goose laid a golden egg. With a smile, the giant fell asleep.



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Jack darted out of the cupboard, grabbed the goose and slid down the beanstalk. Jack's mother was amazed when she saw the golden eggs. This time they bought a whole herd of cows.


After a while, Jack climbed



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the beanstalk again. The giant's wife looked very cross. "We lost a golden goose the last time you were here," she growled. Then the ground began to shake. This time Jack hid in a drawer.

"Fee fi fo fum! I smell the



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blood of an Englishman!”
roared the giant.

“Try the cupboard,” said
the giant’s wife, but Jack
wasn’t in the cupboard.

“Well, eat your breakfast,”
said the giant’s wife, handing
him a plate of sausages. The

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giant ate the lot, then he
lifted a harp onto the table.
“Play!” he commanded. The
harp played so sweetly that
the giant was soon asleep.


Jack crept out from the
drawer and grabbed the
golden harp. But the harp



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stopped playing when Jack touched it. The giant woke up with a start and ran after Jack, who climbed down the beanstalk as fast he could, still carrying the harp.

As soon as Jack reached the ground he ran to fetch



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an axe and called for his
mother. Together they
chopped through the giant
beanstalk. Down tumbled the
huge beanstalk, and down
tumbled the giant. And that
was the end of him!

So, Jack and his mother

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lived happily for the rest of their days with a whole herd of cows, the little white goose and the golden harp.





The End

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