

Jack and the Beanstalk



Once upon a time there lived a poor widow
and her son Jack.

One day, Jack's mother told him
to sell their only cow.



. Jack went to the market and on the way
he met a man who wanted to buy his cow.

Jack asked, "What will you give me
in return for my cow?"

The man answered,
"I will give you five magic beans!" Jack took
the magic beans and gave the man the cow.



But when he reached home,
Jack's mother was very angry.
She said, "You fool! He took away your cow
and gave you some beans!"



She threw the beans out of the window.
Jack was very sad and went to sleep
without dinner.



The next day, when Jack woke up in the
morning and looked out of the window, he saw
that a huge beanstalk had grown from his
magic beans! He climbed up the beanstalk
and reached a kingdom in the sky.
There lived a giant and his wife.



Jack went inside the house and found the giant's wife in the kitchen.

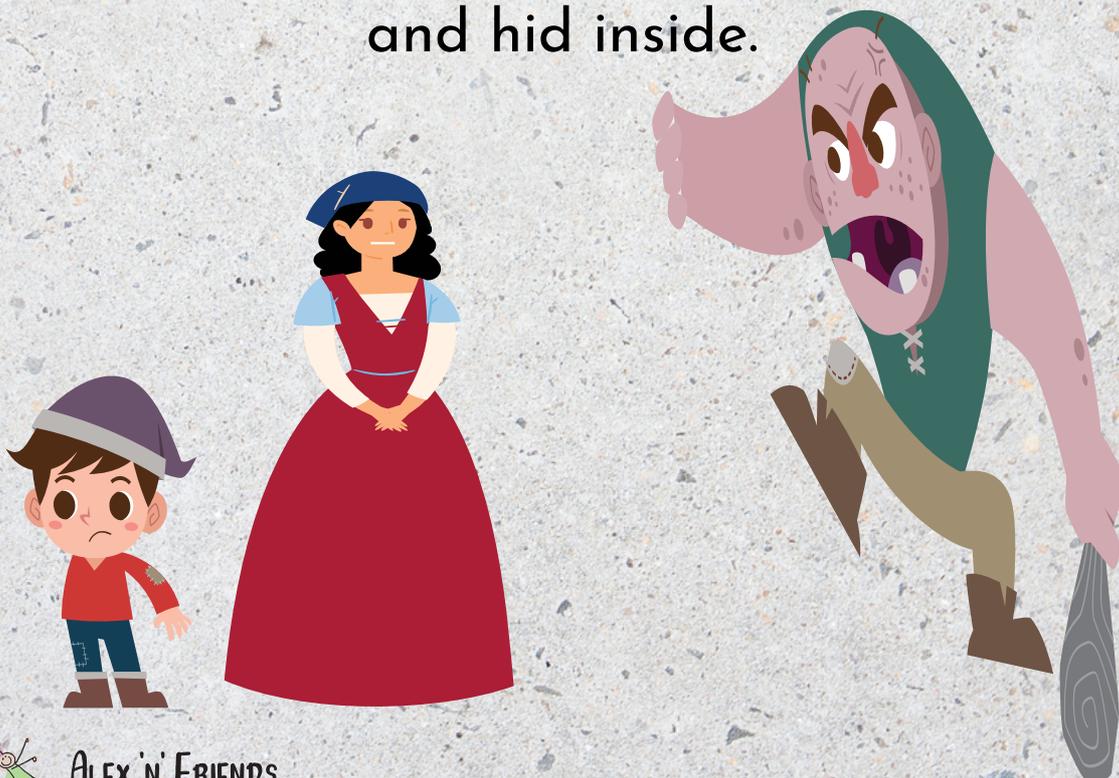
Jack said, "Could you please give me something to eat? I am so hungry!"

The kind wife gave him bread and some milk.



While he was eating, the giant came home.

The giant was very big and looked very fearsome. Jack was terrified and went and hid inside.



The giant cried, "*Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!*"



The wife said, "*There is no boy in here!*"
So, the giant ate his food and then went to his room. He took out his sacks of gold coins, counted them and kept them aside



Then he went to sleep. In the night, Jack crept out of his hiding place, took one sack of gold coins and climbed down the beanstalk.





At home, he gave the coins to his mother.

His mother was very happy
and they lived well for sometime.

Jack climbed the beanstalk and went to the
giant's house again. Once again, Jack asked
the giant's wife for food, but while he was
eating the giant returned.

Jack leapt up in fright and went and
hid under the bed.

The giant cried, "*Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the
blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he
dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!*"

The wife said, "*There is no boy in here!*" .





The giant ate his food and went to his room.
There, he took out a hen. He shouted, "Lay!"
and the hen laid a golden egg.



When the giant fell asleep, Jack took the hen
and climbed down the beanstalk.
Jack's mother was very happy with him.



After some days, Jack once again climbed the beanstalk and went to the giant's castle. For the third time, Jack met the giant's wife and asked for some food. Once again, the giant's wife gave him bread and milk. But while Jack was eating, the giant came home.

"Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread!"
cried the giant.

"Don't be silly! There is no boy in here!"
said his wife.



The giant had a magical harp that could play beautiful songs. While the giant slept, Jack took the harp and was about to leave.

Suddenly, the magic harp cried,
"Help master! A boy is stealing me!"



The giant woke up and saw Jack with the harp.
Furious, he ran after Jack. But Jack was too
fast for him. He ran down the beanstalk and
reached home. The giant followed him down.
Jack quickly ran inside his house and fetched
an axe. He began to chop the beanstalk.
The giant fell and died.



Jack and his mother were now very rich and
they lived happily ever after.



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