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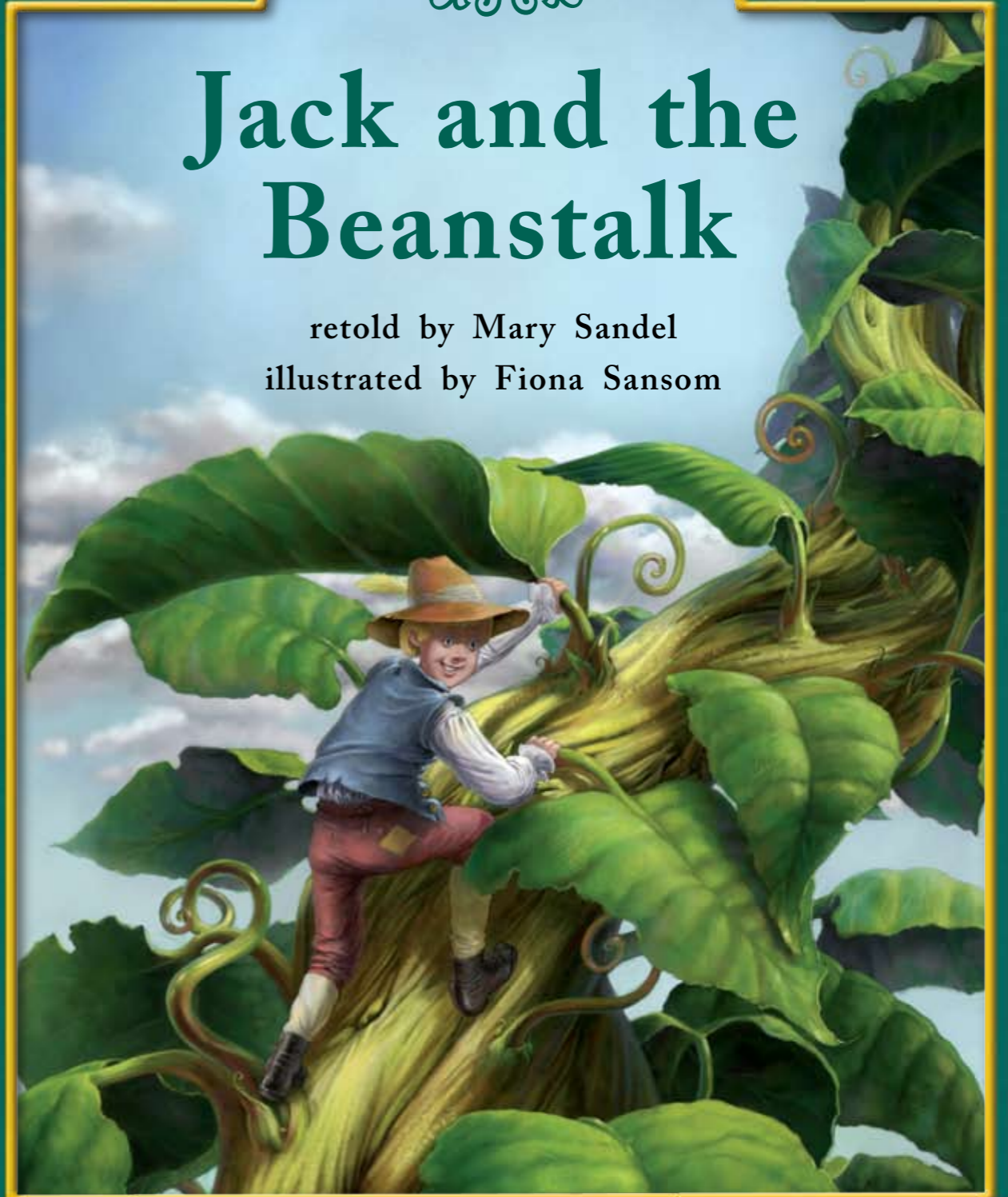


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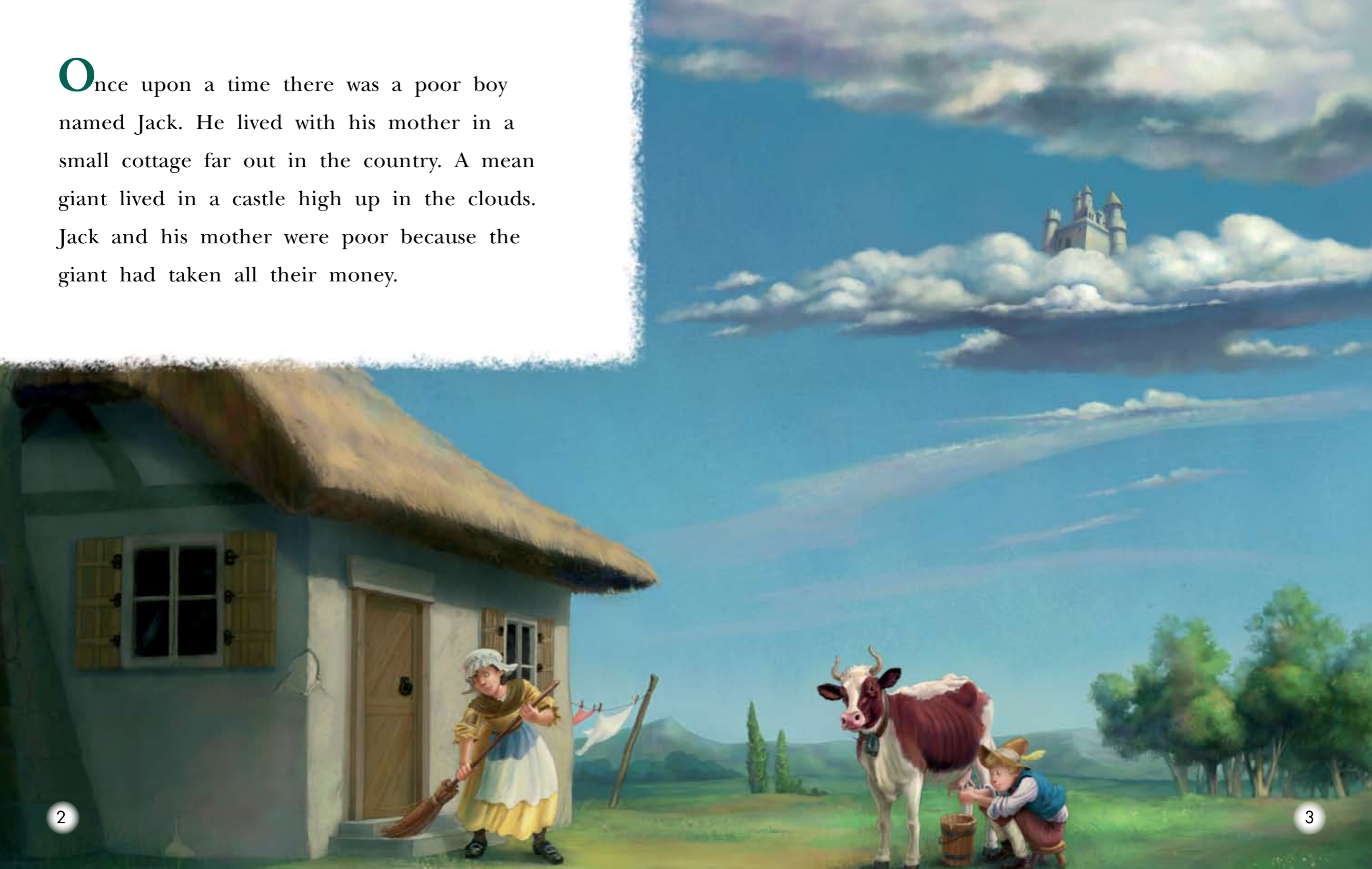
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❧ A Classic Tale ❧

Once upon a time there was a poor boy named Jack. He lived with his mother in a small cottage far out in the country. A mean giant lived in a castle high up in the clouds. Jack and his mother were poor because the giant had taken all their money.



One morning, Jack woke up and went to the kitchen.

“Mother,” Jack cried, “we have nothing left to eat! And we have no money. What should we do?”

“You must sell our cow at the market,” his mother said. “We can use the money to buy some food.”





Jack went off to sell the cow. On the way, he met an old man.

“Where are you going?” the man asked Jack.

“I am going to the market to sell my cow,” said Jack. “A mean giant took our money. We are poor and have nothing to eat.”

“I have some magic beans to show you,” said the old man. “You give me your cow, and I’ll give you the beans. They will grow overnight, and you will have plenty to eat.”

“Thank you,” said Jack. He left the cow and went home with the beans.



When Jack returned home, his mother was waiting. “How much money did you get for the cow?” she asked.

“Oh, Mother,” Jack cried, “I have something better than money! I met an old man on the road to the market. He gave me some magic beans, and I gave him our cow.”

“Magic beans? What good are magic beans?” yelled Jack’s mother. “What a fool you are, Jack!” And she tossed the beans out the window into the yard.

That night, Jack and his mother went to bed hungry.



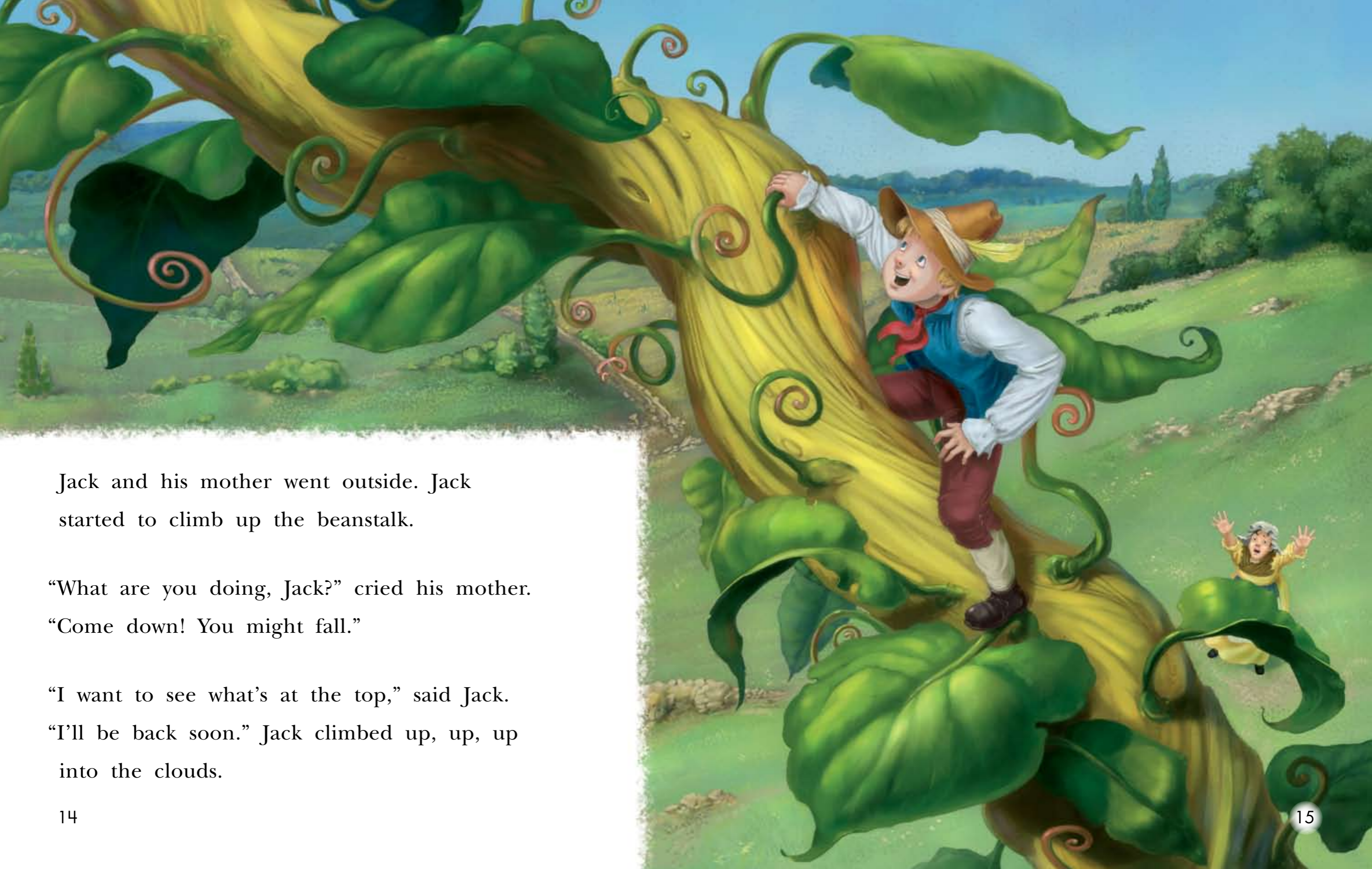


The next morning, Jack jumped out of bed.  
He dressed quickly and ran to the window.

Jack couldn't believe his eyes. A tall  
beanstalk had grown way, way up into  
the clouds.

“Mother, Mother!” Jack called. “Come quickly!  
The magic beans have grown overnight.  
Now we'll have lots of beans to eat.”





Jack and his mother went outside. Jack started to climb up the beanstalk.

“What are you doing, Jack?” cried his mother.  
“Come down! You might fall.”

“I want to see what’s at the top,” said Jack.  
“I’ll be back soon.” Jack climbed up, up, up into the clouds.



At the top of the beanstalk, Jack saw a long road.

“This is the road to the giant’s castle,” thought Jack. “I want to see this castle.”

So Jack stepped off the beanstalk and followed the road to the castle.





When Jack got to the castle, he opened the door and peeked inside. He saw the giant sitting at a table. The giant had a big sack filled with gold coins. It was the money that he had taken from Jack and his mother.

**Clink, clank, clunk!**

The giant was counting the coins one by one.



Before long, the giant fell asleep and began to snore. Quickly, Jack grabbed the sack and raced off with the money.

**Clink, clank, clunk,** went the coins, waking up the giant.

“Come back here!” he yelled at Jack.

The giant turned red with anger.

Then he roared:

“Fee-fi-fo-fum.

I will squash you with my thumb!”



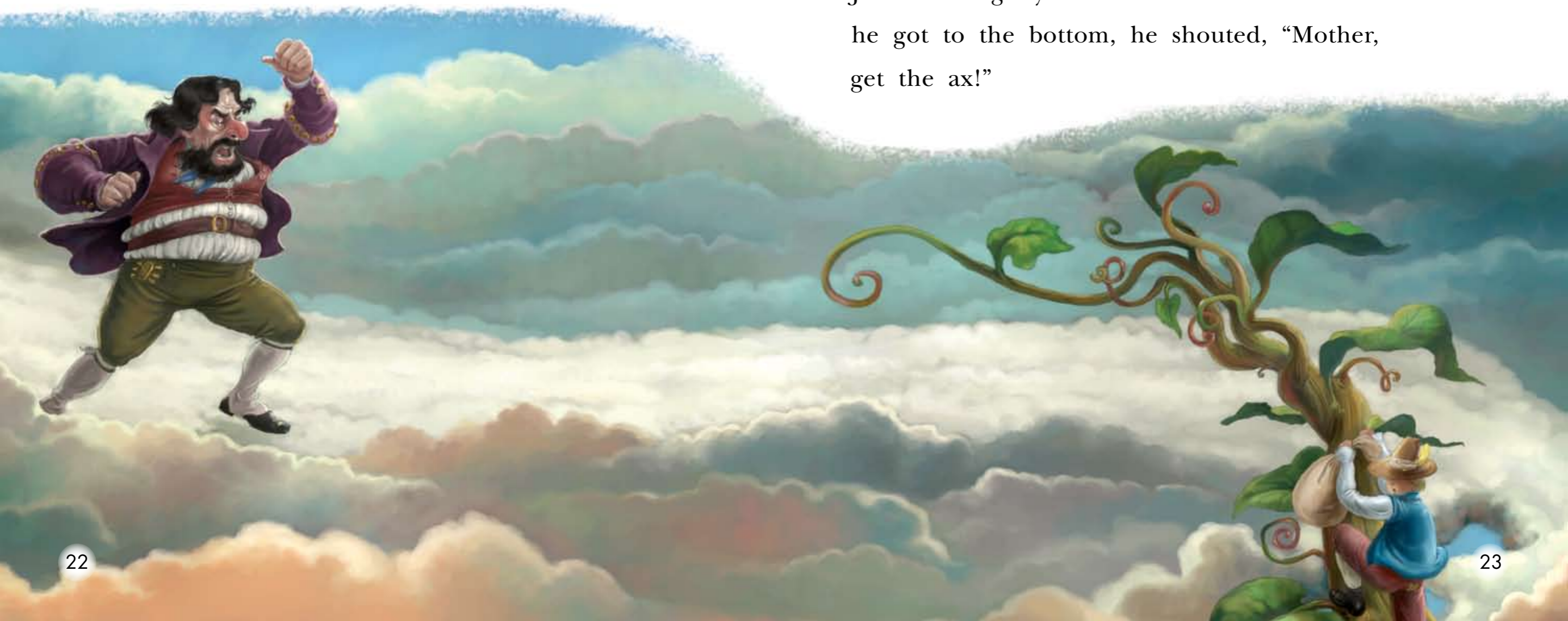
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The giant roared like thunder.

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Jack climbed down the beanstalk as fast as  
he could. But the giant was not far behind.  
He roared so loudly that the beanstalk shook.

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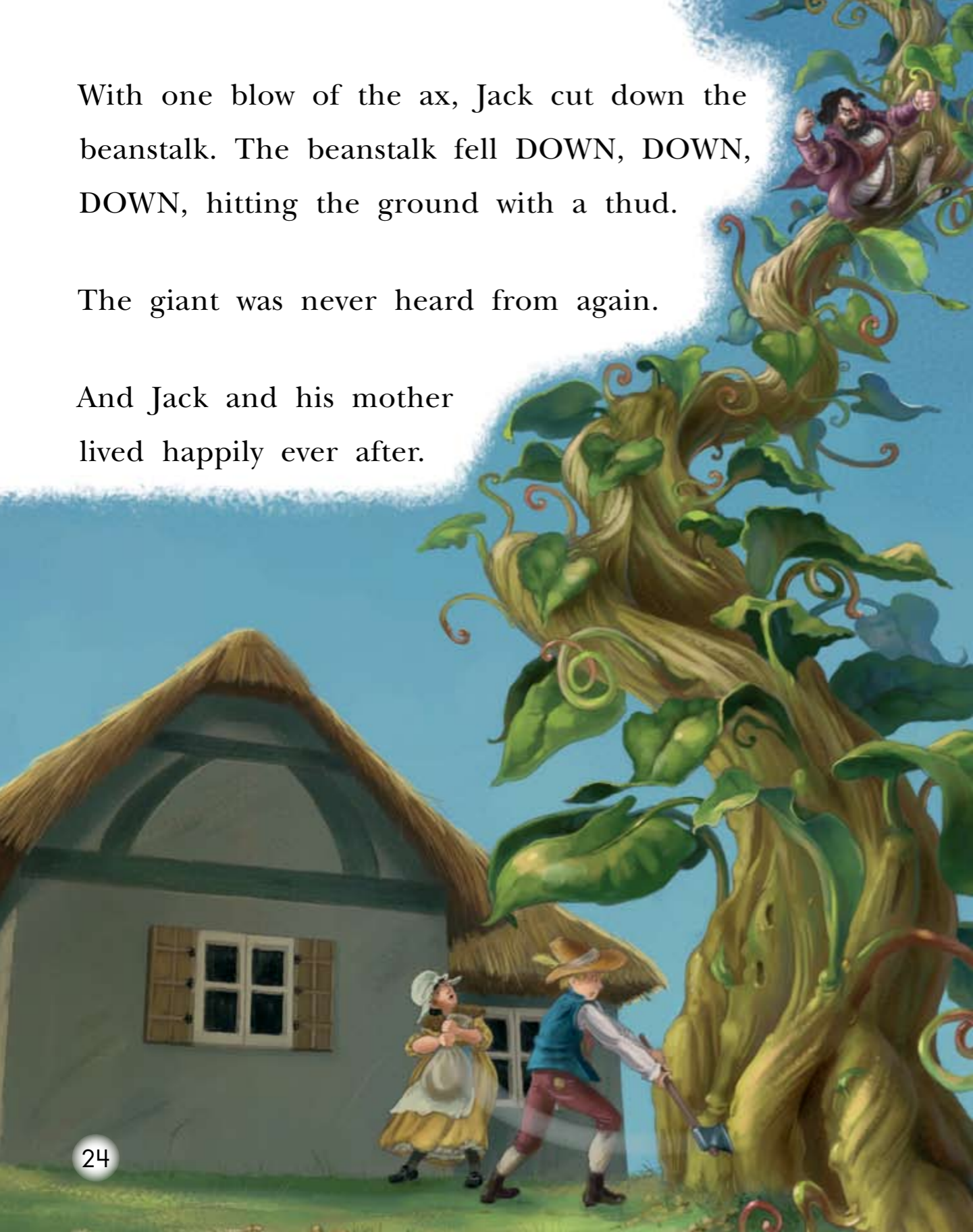
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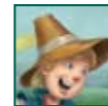
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## The Play

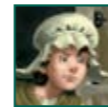
### Characters



Narrator



Jack



Jack's Mother



Old Man



Giant



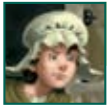
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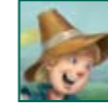
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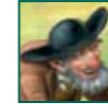
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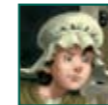
### Jack

Thank you.



### Narrator

Jack left the cow and went home with the beans. When he returned home, his mother was waiting.



### Jack's Mother

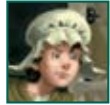
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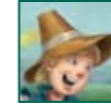


## Narrator

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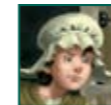
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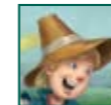
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## Jack

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I'll be back soon.



## Narrator

Jack climbed up, up, up into the clouds.  
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## Jack

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So Jack stepped off the beanstalk and followed the road to the castle. When he got there, he peeked inside. The giant was sitting at a table, counting gold coins. It was the money he had taken from Jack and his mother.

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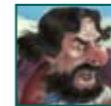
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