

# Jack & the beanstalk



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Jack was a happy and fun young boy, though he and his mum were very poor. Jack liked to imagine exciting things and often pretended to be a superhero and dream that he had special powers. They had a lovable cow called Squirry Cream who they both adored, and whose milk they sold in the marketplace.

Unfortunately, one summer, her milk dried up! With much sadness, they decided that Jack should take Squirry to market to sell. They knew they would miss her very much, but they had no money for food, and nothing else to sell. As Jack made his way to market however, he met a very peculiar little fellow, who persuaded Jack to swap Squirry for some magic beans. The strange, pixie like character told Jack that the beans would bring him riches. When Jack got home and told his Mum that he had swapped Squirry for some beans, she was absolutely furious and threw the beans out of the window, into their garden.

Jack decided to sing a special song that he knew for making plants grow and miraculously, a really tall beanstalk grew in his garden. The bean seller had been telling the truth! Jack decided to climb the beanstalk in search of riches and adventure. Up, up, up he climbed until he reached the very top.....

As he stepped up through the clouds, the very first thing he saw was a huge pile of cash! He was stunned. He appeared to be in some kind of GoldenLand and the cash was just right there, in a tempting pile. Unfortunately, the gold had been put there as bait by a terrible dragon, who liked to tempt people with the gold and then eat them. The dragon swooped down towards Jack but the boy was too fast and ran away. Jack was very speedy but hadn't gone too far when he saw a giant shiny egg with a door on the front. He climbed in and was very surprised to see that a larger than average mouse was also in there, as well as a powerful looking bazooka rocket launcher!

The mouse told Jack to ask the dragon what he wanted but Jack said no and the two of them ended up getting very angry with each other. The mouse had heard about the money too and he wanted some for himself. They started fighting and when the mouse bit Jack, that made Jack so angry that he grabbed the bazooka. Luckily Jack realised that he would blow himself up too if he used the bazooka inside the egg, so he and the mouse agreed they would use it on the dragon instead. Jack did so and blew the dragon into a thousand pieces!

Jack and the mouse went off to claim the cash but very soon, they saw a spaceship hovering above them in the sky with a strange black shape, pointing at them from the front of the ship. It was a black chicken! A giant cow suddenly appeared and tried to kill Jack and the mouse by eating them. Fortunately the cow was distracted by the spaceship crashing to the ground. The chicken disappeared into a black hole in the roof of the nearby egg. The mouse sneakily took the money and went to hide in the wreckage of the crashed spaceship.

Jack ran away from the cow and decided to get a bus to the Wimbledon Tennis Championship, which was a long way away. He had to find riches somehow! He beat everybody and reached the final, where he came up against the black chicken. It was an epic match and the chicken looked to be getting the better of Jack, and was serving for the match until a friendly pug appeared and helped Jack to turn the match around, hit some brilliant shots and storm to victory!! He won a huge amount of money. As he was waving to his fans, the mouse appeared and said that he wanted to be honest and give Jack half the money that they had found. Jack was very grateful for his new friends' loyalty.

They climbed exhaustedly back down the rainbow, where Jack's Mum was delighted to see them. They all decided that the mouse could live with them from then on, as a family pet.

Just when it seemed that things couldn't get any better, the bean seller turned up and offered to sell them back Squirry Cream, their beloved cow. The family was complete again.

So the party could truly begin. They were all back together and could look forward to living Happily Ever After.....