

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, though Jack had to promise to give the Beanseller half of any riches he found. 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.....

When he stepped through the clouds at the very top, the first thing he saw was a huge warehouse. He took a closer peek and discovered that the building was full of mannequins, many of whom were wearing weird onesies. As he was looking at this strange place, a dragon swooped by and destroyed the warehouse building, burning it with its' firey breath! Jack ran out, leaving the mannequins to burn but, for reasons that he didn't fully understand himself, he grabbed some of the onesies from the burning building just before he dashed away.

Jack decided to build a house to hide in and he decided he needed help. As he was thinking, some clowns were drifting down from the sky, some together and some apart. Many of them were holding pieces of plastic and wool that they had taken a long time ago from the same warehouse. They helped Jack to make the house and it all seemed very cosy but the dragon discovered where they were and burned the whole thing down with his terrible breath!

Luckily Jack was outside the building at that moment. The clowns, being not very clever, started trying to build another house straight away. The dragon was by now resting in his castle. Thinking and planning, while guarding his hoard of gold that he had stolen from many people over the years.

The dragon didn't know that Jack had followed him back to the castle. The dragon was happily munching on a big meat dinner. Jack gently sang Twinkle Twinkle little star to him until the dragon dozed off to sleep, like a child. After a short search, Jack found the dragons chest of gold and sneaked off with it, feeling frightened but determined.

Unfortunately, as Jack tip-toed away, one coin fell out of the chest and made a large noise on the stone floor. The dragon woke up, but Jack had discovered a silver sword in the treasure chest which he used to kill the dragon dead! Before Jack headed home he took all of the meat out of the dragons body.

He climbed very carefully back down the beanstalk where his Mum was delighted to see him. The bean seller appeared with Squirry Cream and was perfectly happy to accept loads of meat as part of his payment. So the family were all back together again. They weren't poor anymore and they all lived Happily Ever After.....