

# 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 Squirty 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 Squirty 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 Squirty 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 Squirty 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.....

On his arrival above the clouds, the first thing he set eyes on was a wonderful looking owl, sitting on a perch, in a tree. The owl said "Twit twoo" but Jack didn't answer. The owl said again "Twit twoo" and when Jack replied "Hello" the poor thing fell off its' perch! Fortunately the owl was still alive but told Jack that it was really hungry and that was why it had fallen out of the tree. The owl asked Jack if he could get it something to eat. Jack urgently looked around and saw a very handy little Tesco store close to where they were. The trouble is, Jack didn't have any money but the owl reassured him that he, the owl, had a Tesco credit card stuck to the bottom of his foot.

They headed off. The owl had a meal deal of a rabbit wrap, some coke and a packet of Disco crisps. They paid for the food by scanning the credit card on the owls foot and Jack helped owl to open the food. As soon as he had eaten, the owl felt much better. Shortly afterwards, the owl regurgitated an owl pellet and gave it to Jack. Jack was puzzled by the gift but, on looking a little bit closer, he discovered that, at the very centre of the owl pellet, was a little nugget of pure gold!

The owl told Jack that there was a casino nearby and Jack immediately fancied trying to gamble his gold nugget into an even bigger prize. They headed off. The first game that tempted Jack was Snakes & Ladders. Without him knowing at the time, Jack found himself playing against a lady who would become his wife. Her name was Lorraine and she was very pretty. Lorraine actually beat Jack at Snakes & Ladders, so now she was the really rich one but Jack didn't mind. He was already smitten by her and being a crazy, impulsive fellow, he asked her to marry him there and then! She said yes!

The owl was happy, being very wise, to perform the ceremony. They suddenly realised that they didn't have any bridesmaids so they were delighted when Jack's Mum turned up unexpectedly, having followed him up the beanstalk. She was the chief bridesmaid. The beautiful wedding service went ahead and Jack & Lorraine were soon husband and wife.

They had the biggest party ever in the casino and they all lived Happily Ever After....!!!