



# Jack and the Beanstalk

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**Once upon a time, there was a poor boy named Jack who lived with his mother. One day Jack's mother sent him to town to sell their only cow to get money for food.**

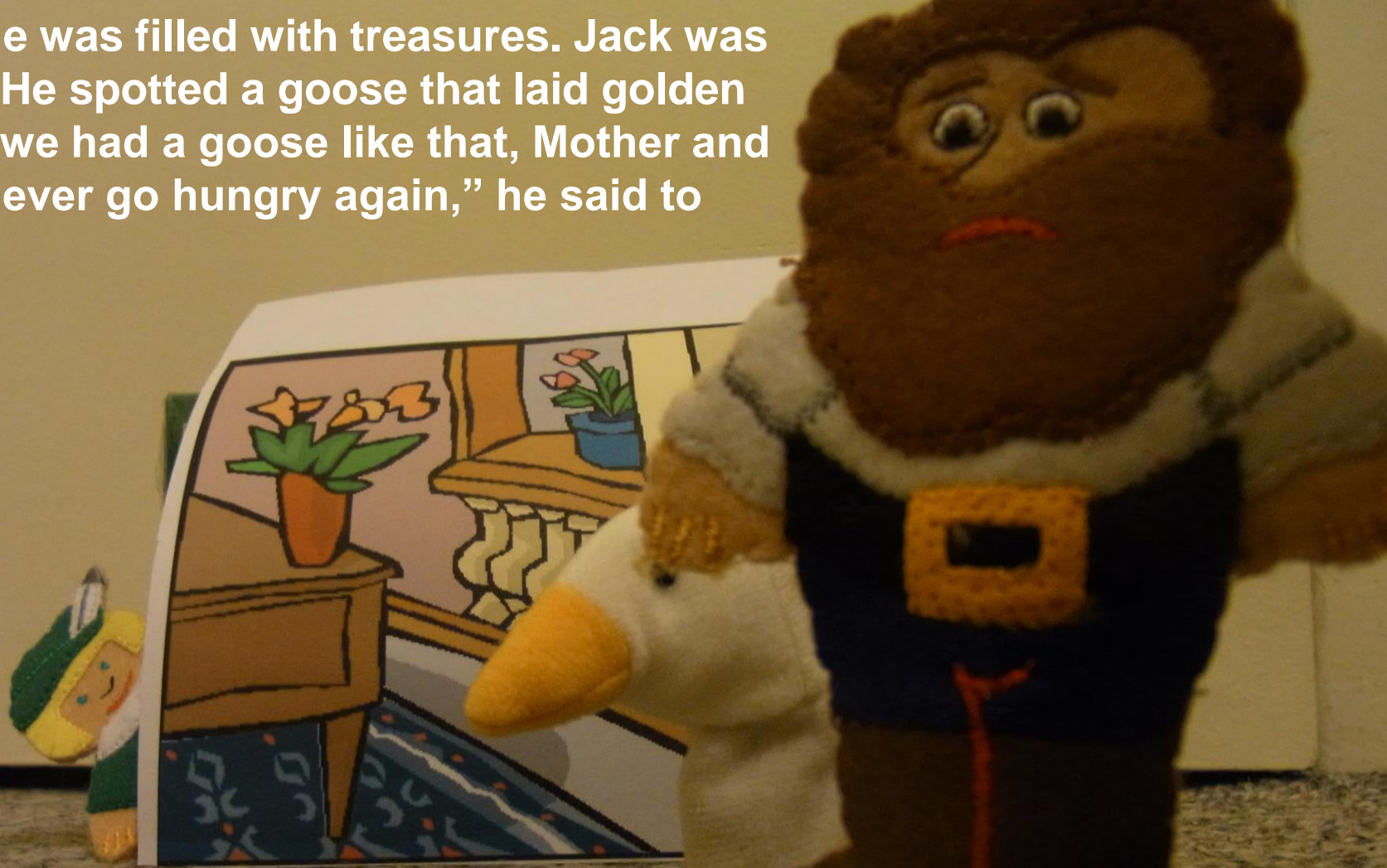


**When Jack came home, he had sold the cow for a handful of magic beans. Mother was furious! She thought the beans were useless and threw them out of the window.**



**The next morning when Jack woke up, he saw an enormous beanstalk outside his window. He raced out and climbed all the way up to the top where he found a gigantic, enchanted castle.**

The castle was filled with treasures. Jack was amazed! He spotted a goose that laid golden eggs. "If we had a goose like that, Mother and I would never go hungry again," he said to himself.



Just then Jack heard the Giant, "Fe 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!" Jack hid. He waited until the Giant fell asleep and he took the magic goose and climbed down the beanstalk as fast as he could.



**When Jack reached the bottom, he quickly chopped down the beanstalk so the Giant could not catch him. “Mother, now we have a goose that lays golden eggs! We will never be hungry again!” And they lived happily ever after.**