

Jack and the Beanstalk

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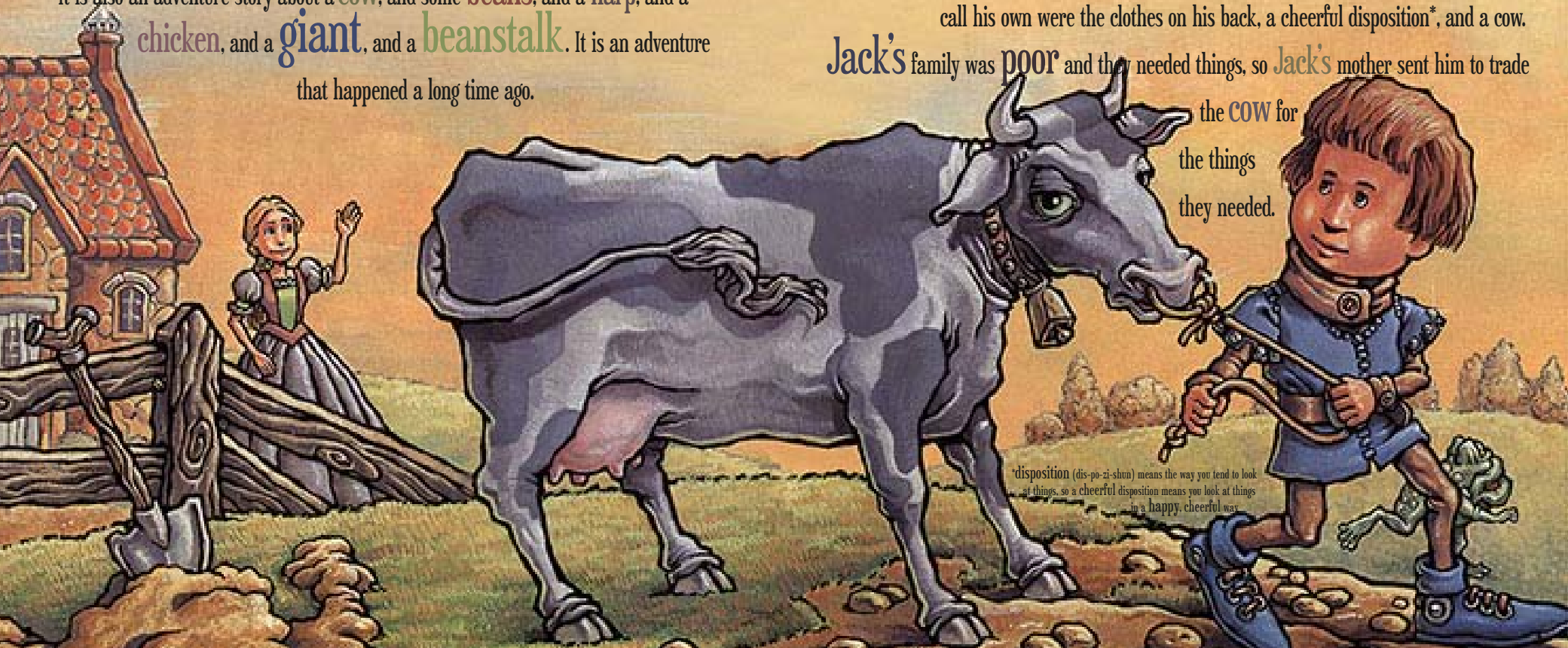
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This is an adventure story about a very lucky boy named **Jack**.
It is also an adventure story about a **cow**, and some **beans**, and a **harp**, and a **chicken**, and a **giant**, and a **beanstalk**. It is an adventure that happened a long time ago.

There was a time even longer ago, long before this adventure began, when **Jack's** family was **rich**. But on the morning this adventure began all **Jack** had that he could call his own were the clothes on his back, a cheerful disposition*, and a cow. **Jack's** family was **poor** and they needed things, so **Jack's** mother sent him to trade the **COW** for the things they needed.



*disposition (dis-po-zi-shun) means the way you tend to look at things, so a cheerful disposition means you look at things in a happy, cheerful way.



Lucky for **Jack**, he didn't have to go far before he found a woman who wanted the **COW**.

Unlucky for **Jack**, she didn't have the things they needed.

Lucky for **Jack**, she did have some **beans**. **MAGIC BEANS**.

So, they traded. **Jack** no longer had a **cow**. **Jack** now had the **clothes** on his back, a cheerful disposition, and a handful of **MAGIC BEANS**.

When **Jack** returned home at noon, his mother was very angry.

"**Jack**, how could you?" she cried. "You traded our **COW** for a handful of beans!"

"Not **beans** mom, **MAGIC BEANS!**" said **Jack** cheerfully.

"**Magic?** Pah!"

said his mother as

she threw the

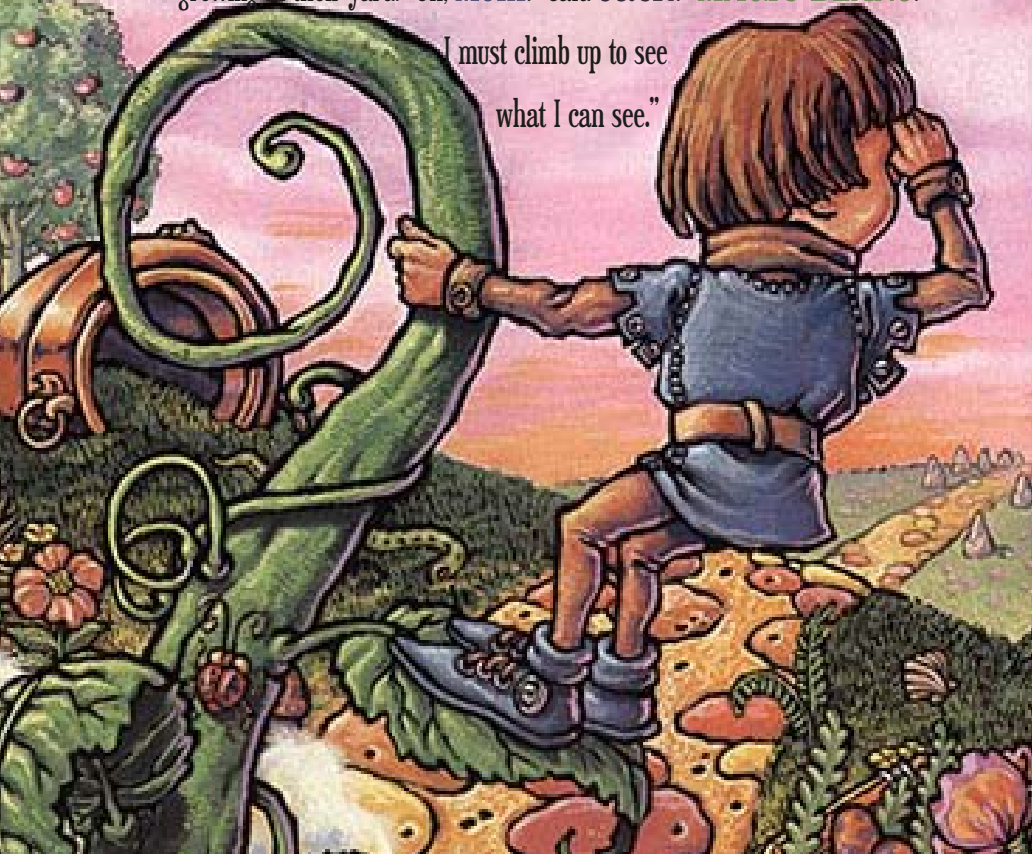
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out the window.



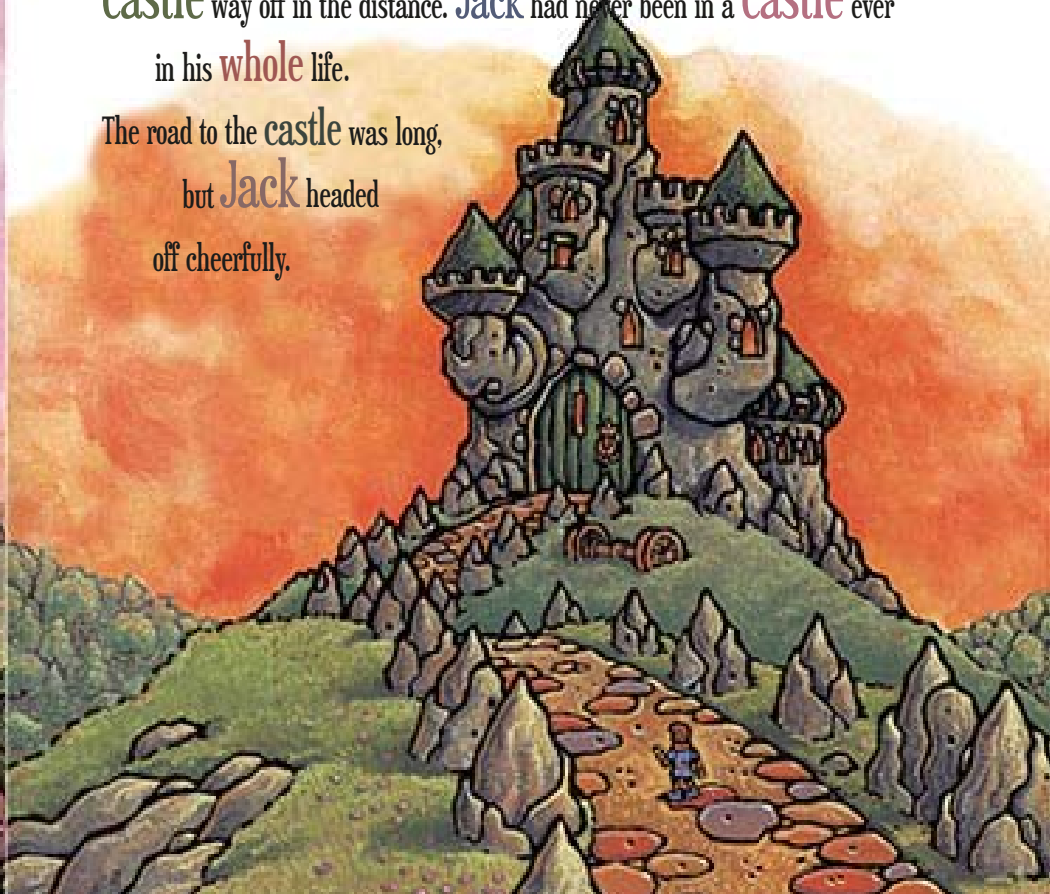
The next morning, **Jack** and his mother woke to find a **giant beanstalk** growing in their yard. "Oh, **Mom!**" said **Jack**. "**MAGIC BEANS!**

I must climb up to see
what I can see."



Jack did climb up to see what he could see and what he could see was a **castle** way off in the distance. **Jack** had never been in a **castle** ever in his **whole** life.

The road to the **castle** was long,
but **Jack** headed
off cheerfully.



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