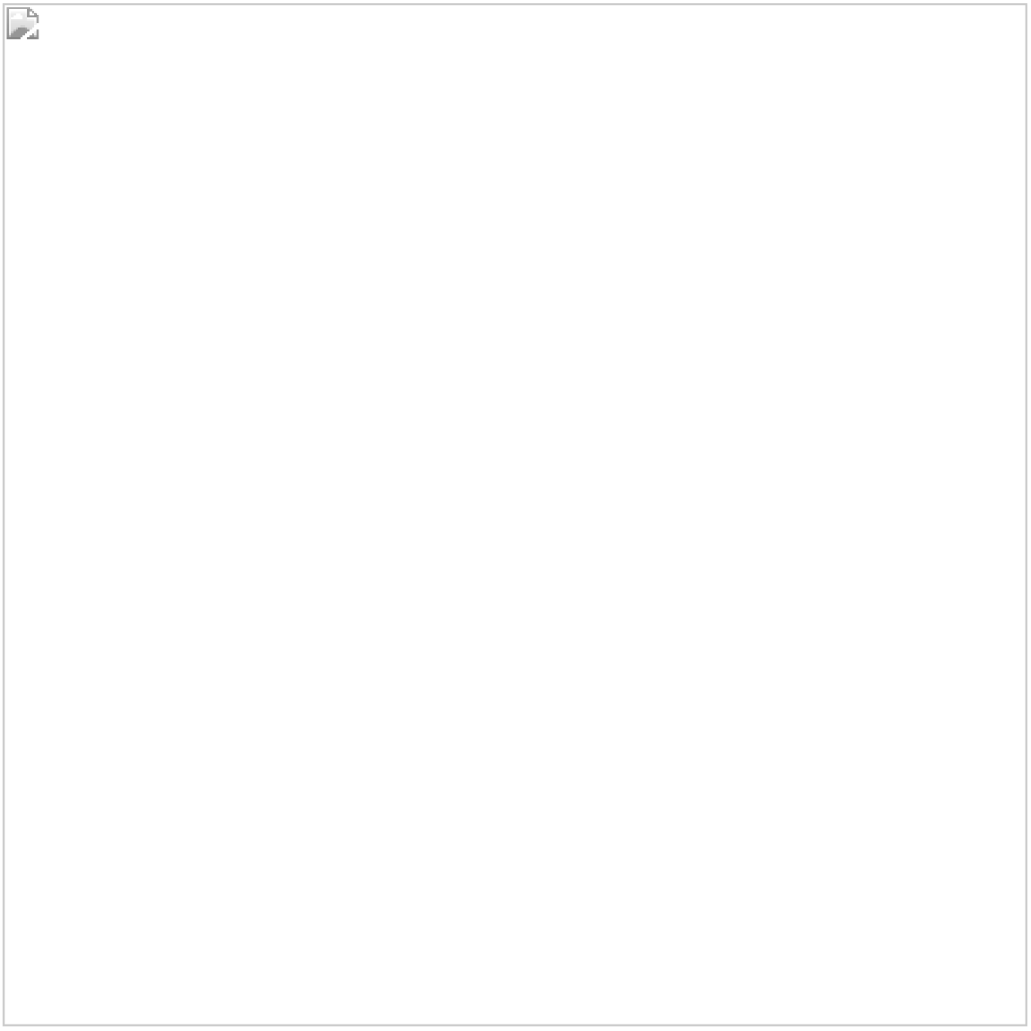
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Jack and the Beanstalk

An English Fairy Tale



There was once upon a time a poor widow who had an only son named Jack, and a cow named Milky-white.

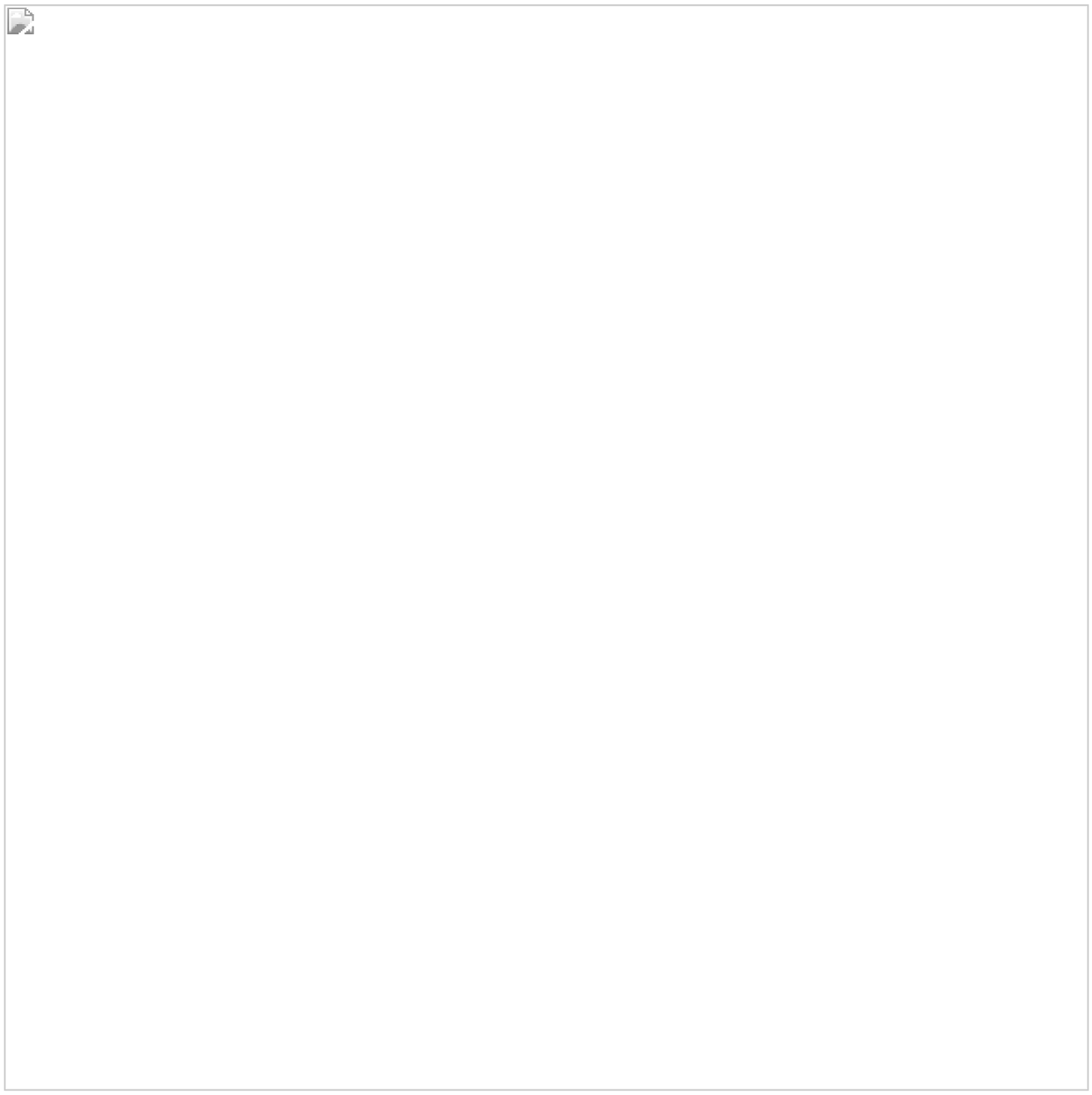
All they had to live on was the milk the cow gave every morning, which they carried to market and sold.

TALK ABOUT IT

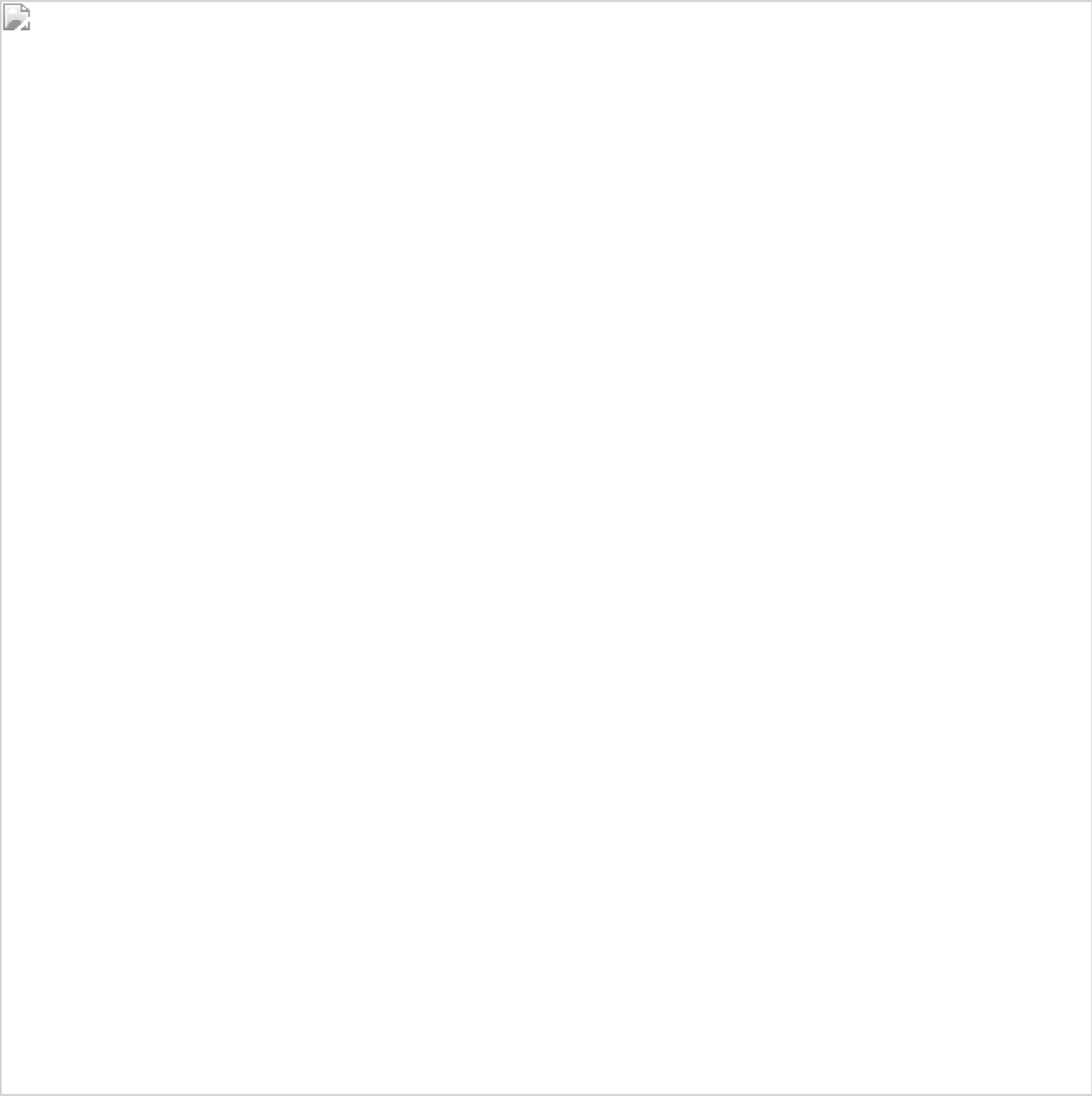
Jack and his mother had only one cow. What do you think a cow can give a family?

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No Milk



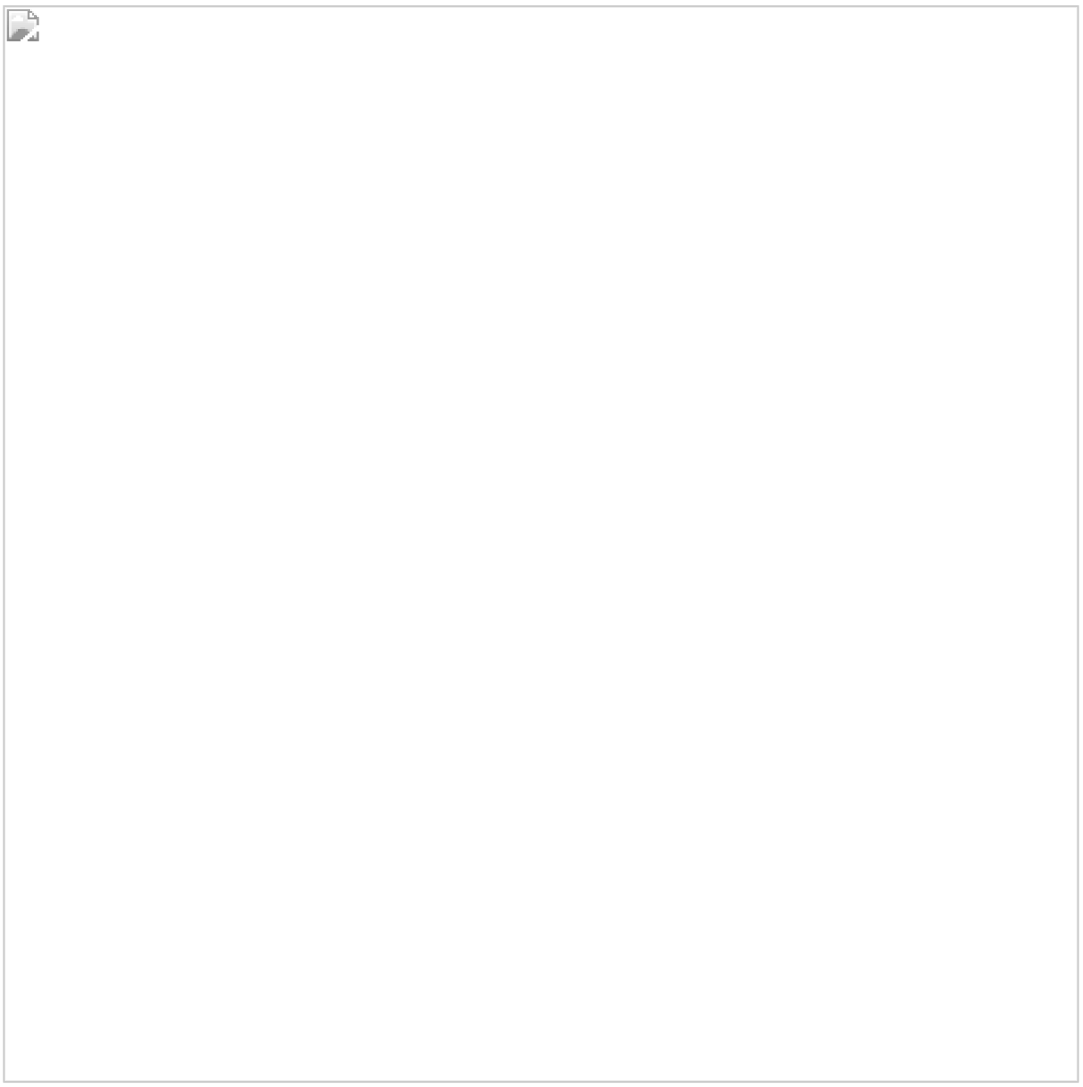
But one morning Milky-white gave no milk, and they did not know what to do.

"Cheer up, mother, I'll go and get work somewhere," said Jack.

"We've tried that before, and nobody would take you," said his mother. "We must sell Milky-white." So Jack took the cow's halter in his hand, and off he went to market.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack said "Cheer up" to his mother. What is something you could say to cheer someone up?

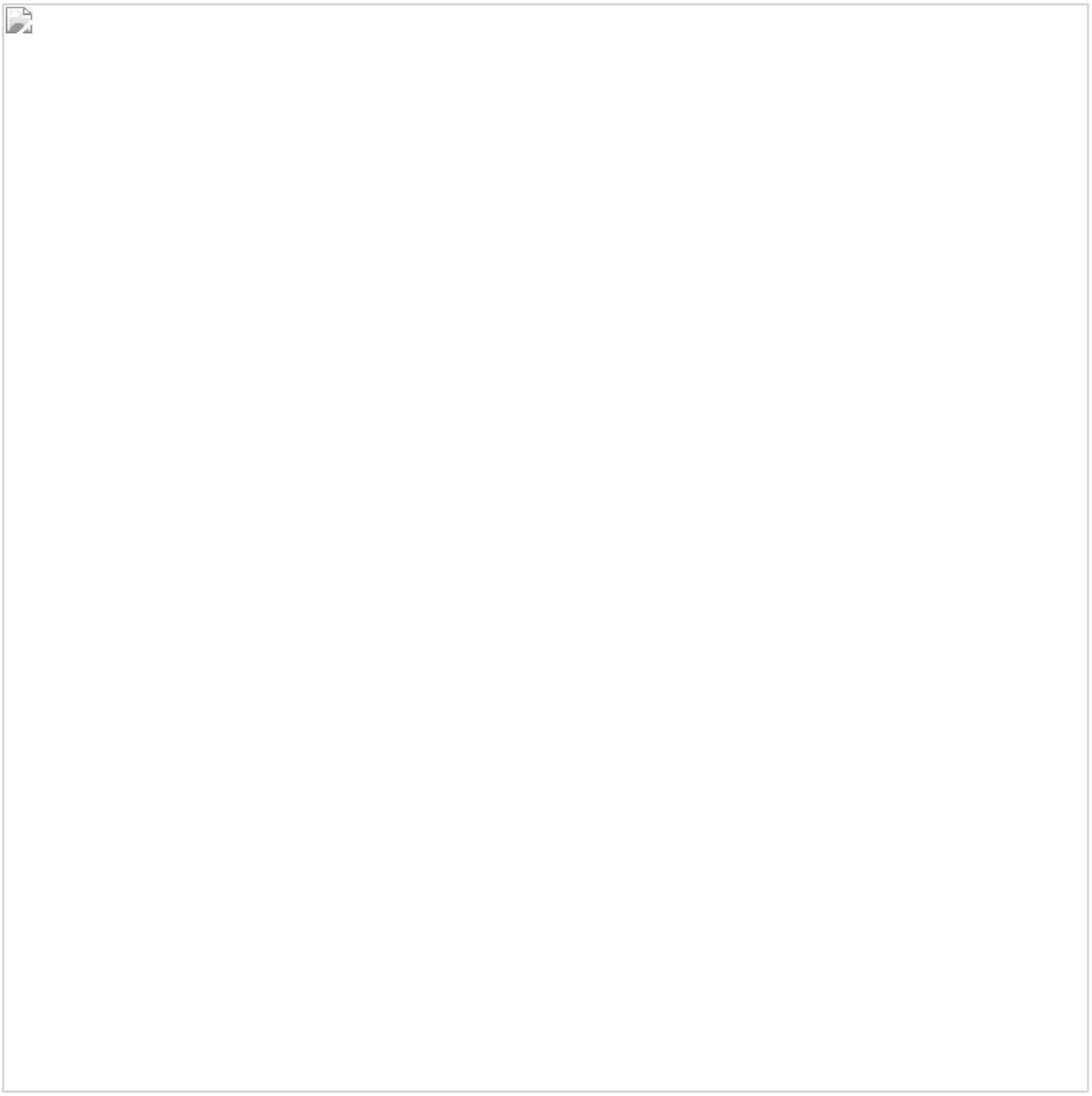


Think about it

1. Why did Jack have to take the cow to market?

- ○ She gave no milk
- ○ She ran away
- ○ She was too noisy

The Funny-Looking Old Man



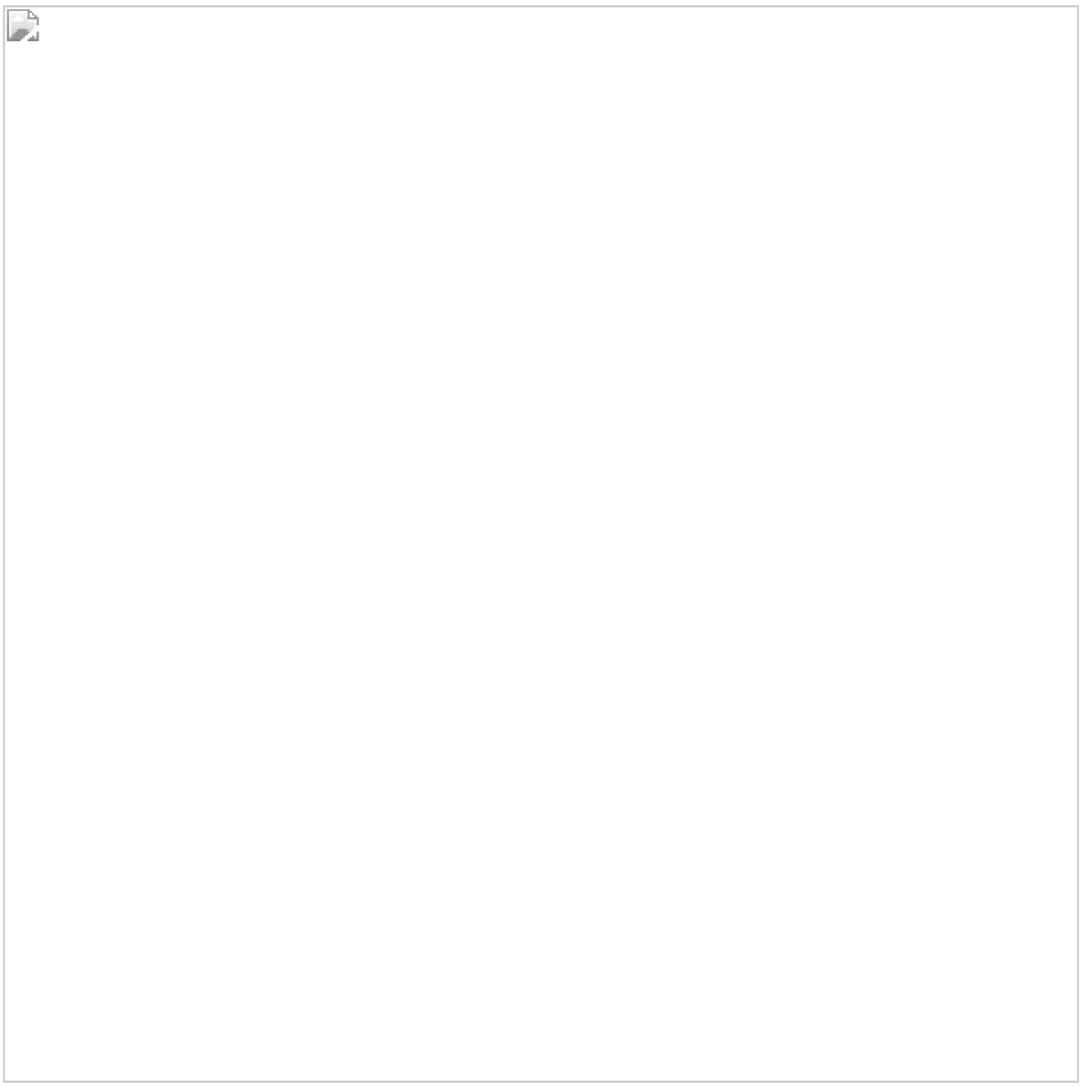
Jack had not gone far when he met a funny-looking old man, who said, "Good morning, Jack." Jack wondered how he knew his name.

"I wonder if you know how many beans make five," said the old man.

"Two in each hand and one in your mouth," says Jack, as sharp as a needle.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack answered very quickly. How would you count out five beans?

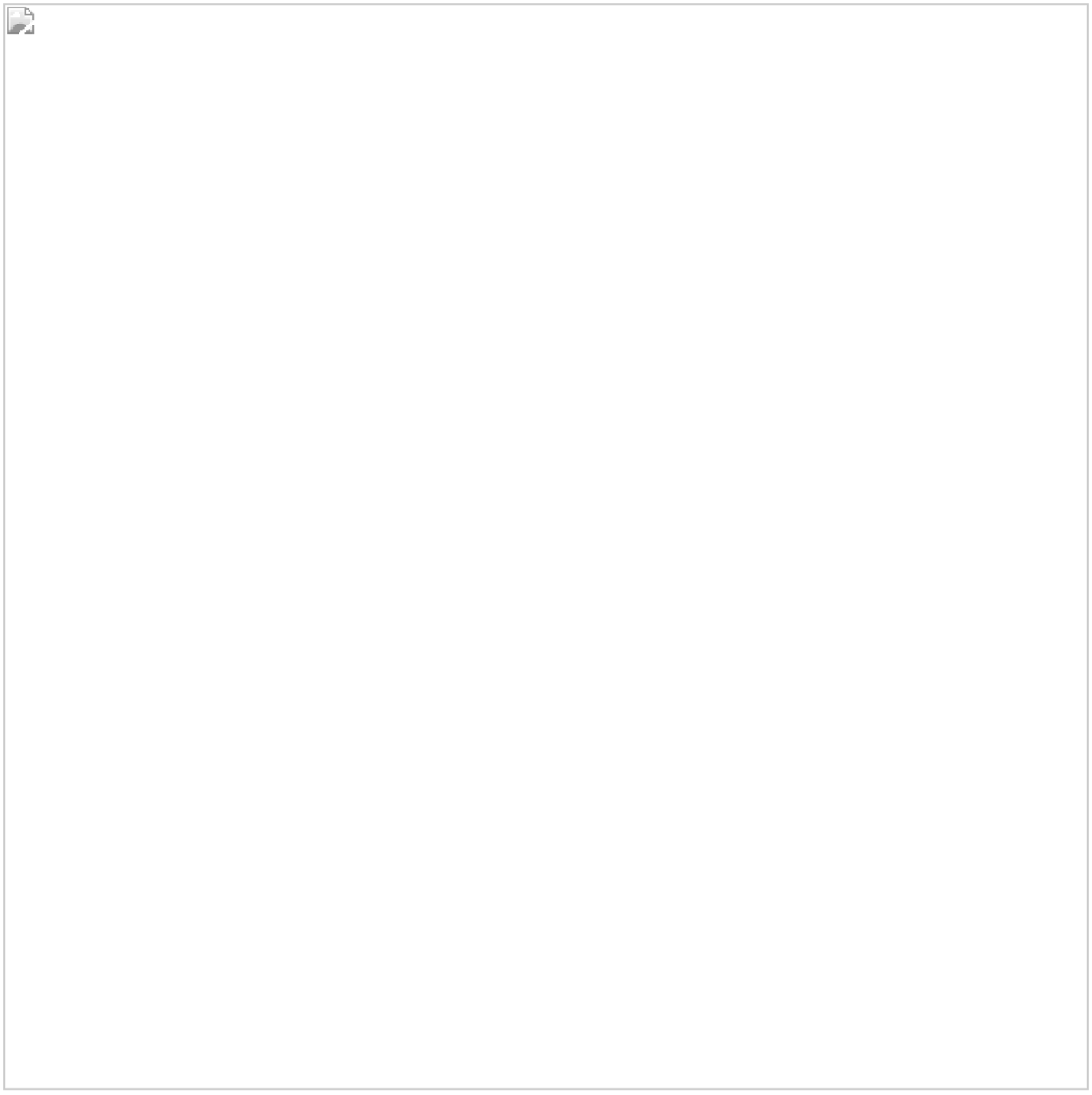


Think about it

1. How many beans make five, said Jack?

- ○ Two in each hand and one in your mouth
- ○ Five in one hand
- ○ None at all

A Swap



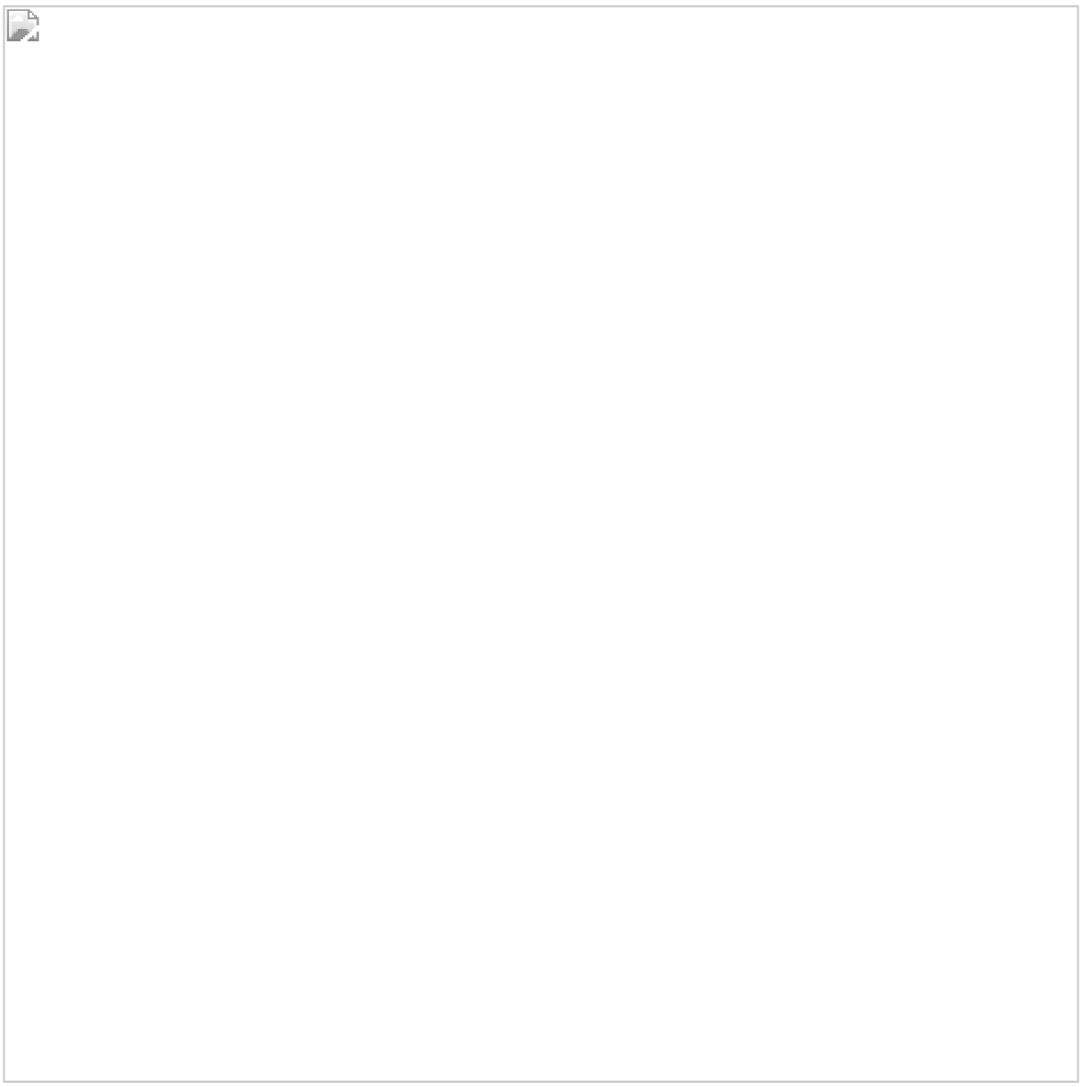
"Right you are," said the old man, and he pulled a handful of strange-looking beans out of his pocket. "Your cow for these beans."

"If you plant them over-night, by morning they grow right up to the sky," he said. "And if it doesn't turn out to be true you can have your cow back."

"Right," says Jack, and he hands over Milky-white's halter and pockets the beans.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack believed the old man. Would you have traded the cow? What would you have asked first?

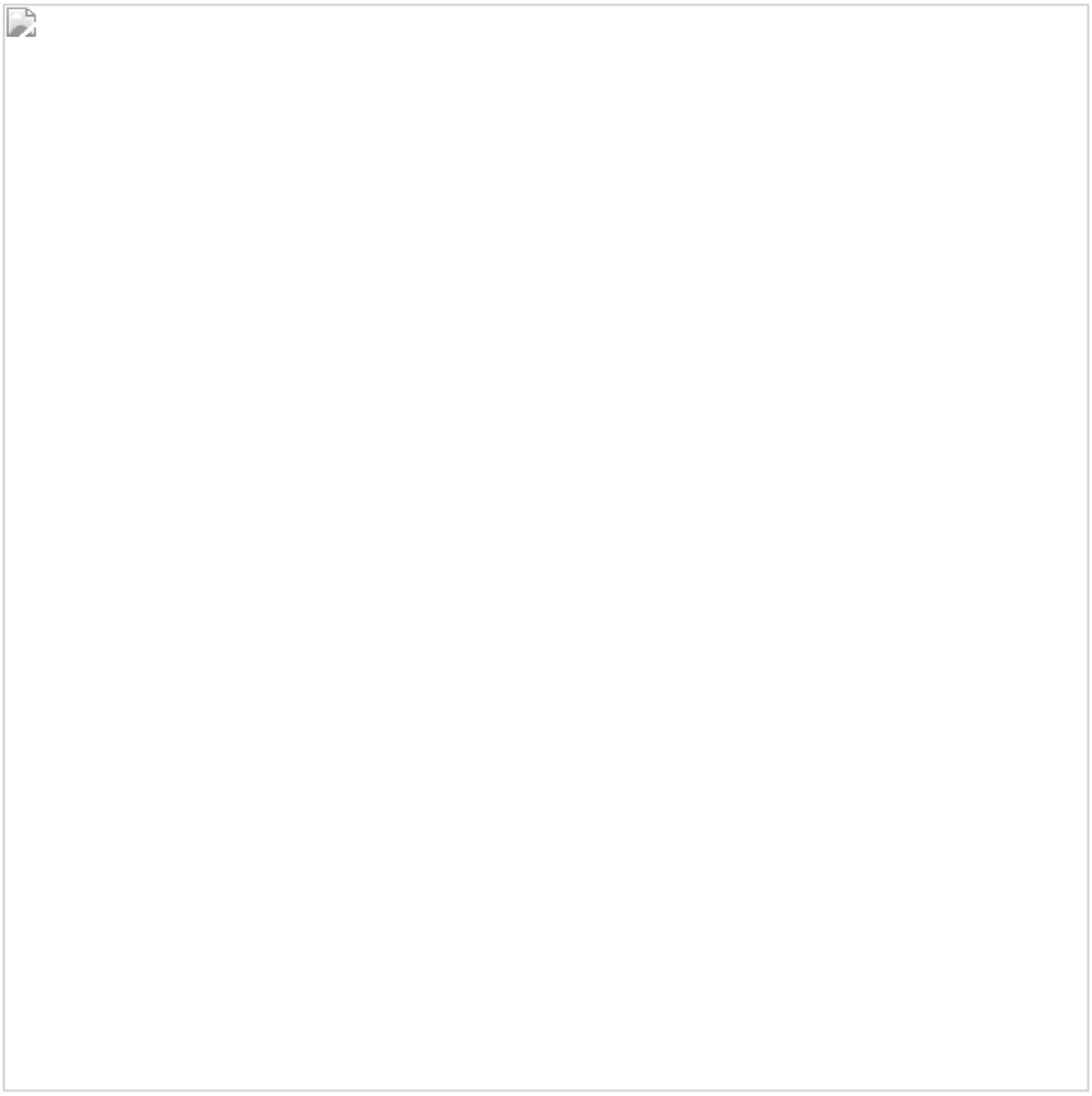


Think about it

1. What did the old man say the beans would do?

- ○ Grow up to the sky in a night
- ○ Turn into gold at once
- ○ Sing

Out of the Window



Jack went home. "What back, Jack?" said his mother. "How much did you get for her?"

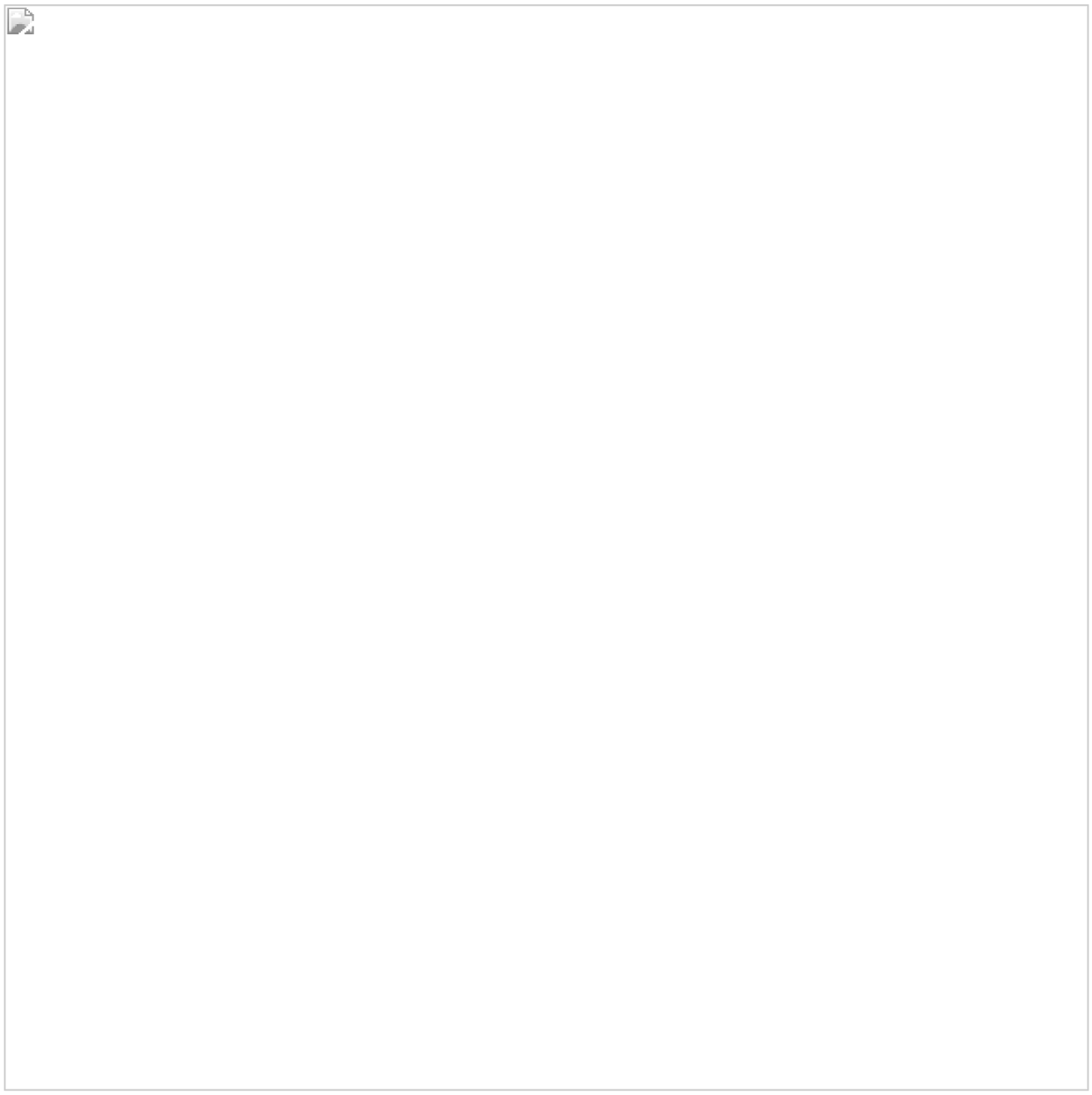
"You'll never guess, mother," said Jack. "What do you say to these beans? They're magical."

His mother was very cross. She threw the beans out of the window and sent Jack up to bed without any supper. Jack went up to his little room in the attic, sad and sorry, and at last he dropped off to sleep.

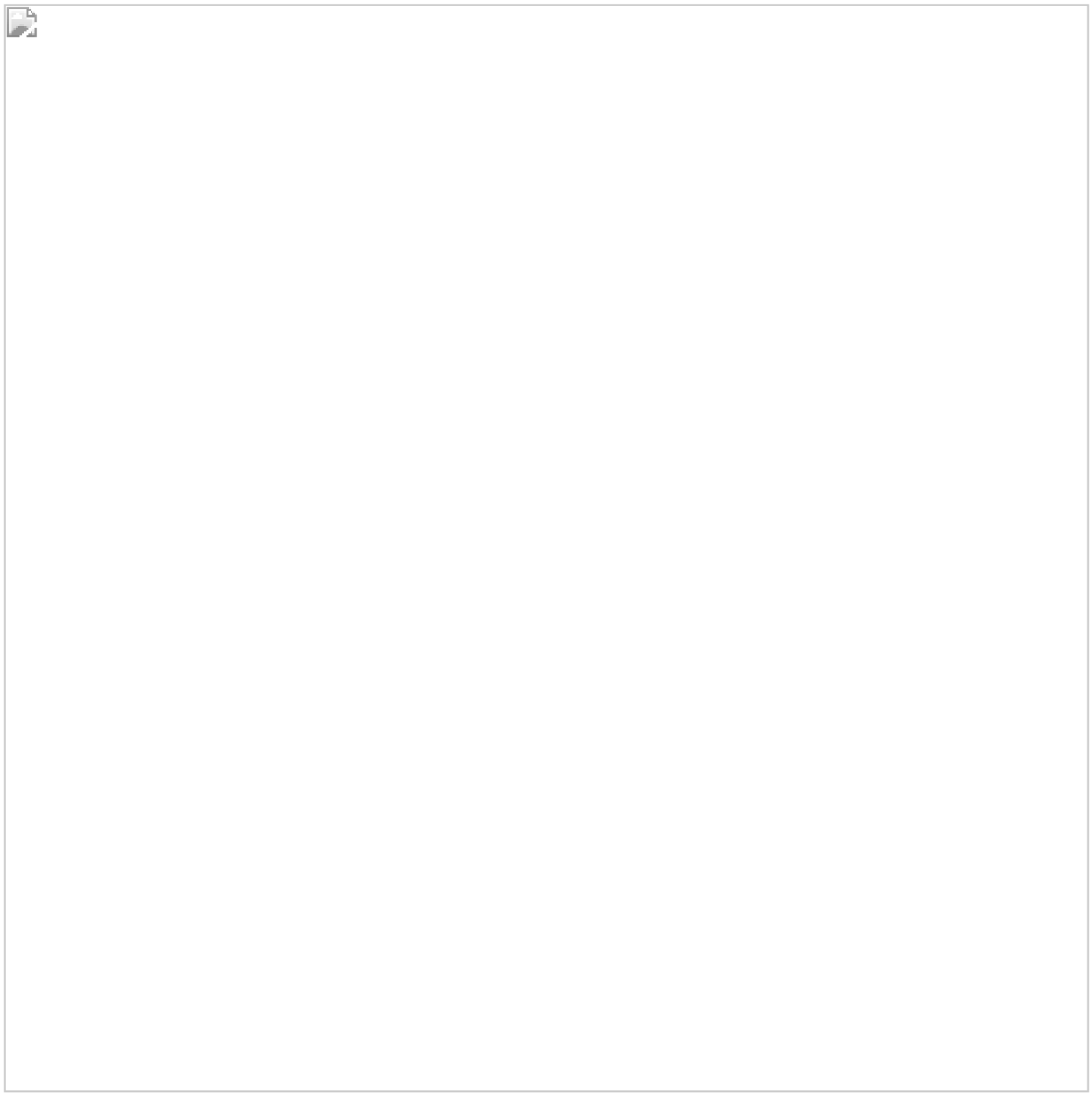
TALK ABOUT IT

Jack's mother was upset and so was Jack. What do you think each of them wished for just then?

Out of the Window · another picture



Up and Up and Up



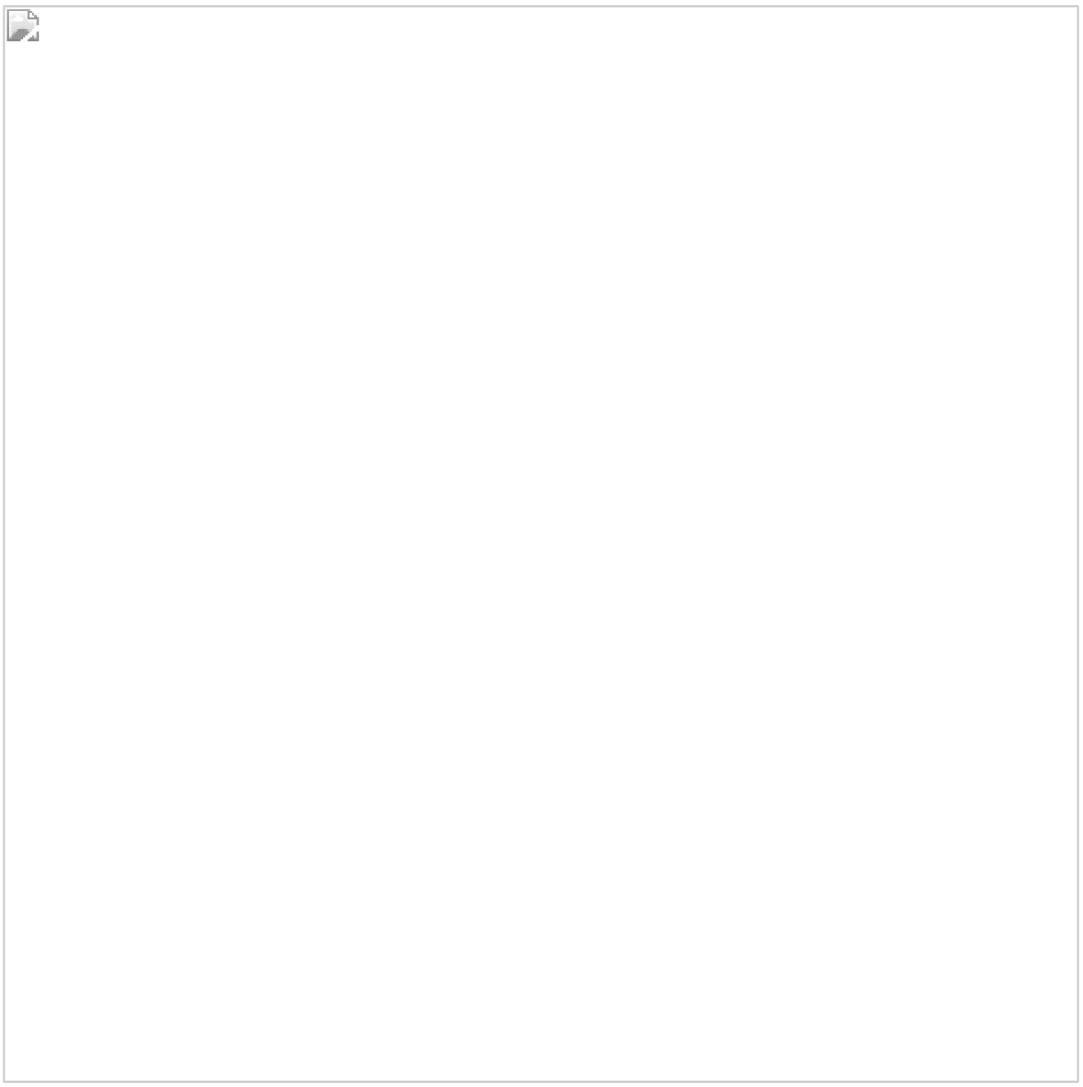
When Jack woke up, the room looked so funny. The sun shone into part of it, and the rest was quite dark and shady. He went to the window, and what do you think he saw?

The beans his mother had thrown into the garden had sprung up into a big beanstalk, which went up and up and up till it reached the sky. So the man spoke truth after all!

It was made like a big plaited ladder. Jack climbed and he climbed and he climbed, till at last he reached the sky.

TALK ABOUT IT

What would you do if you saw a beanstalk outside your window?

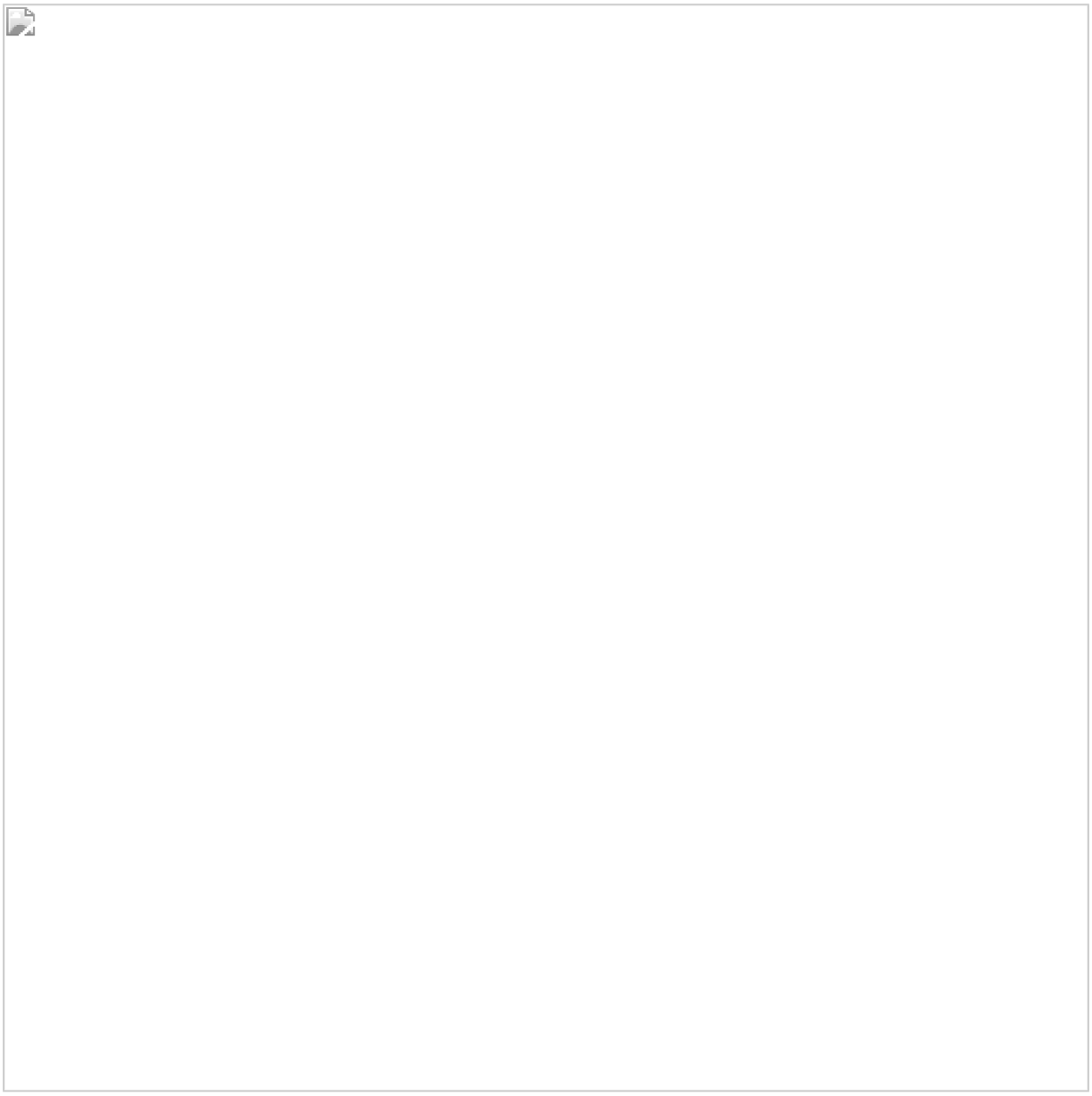


Think about it

1. Where did the beanstalk grow to?

- ○ The sky
- ○ The barn roof
- ○ The market

The Great Big Tall Woman



In the sky there was a long broad road. Jack walked along and walked along till he came to a great big tall house, and on the doorstep was a great big tall woman.

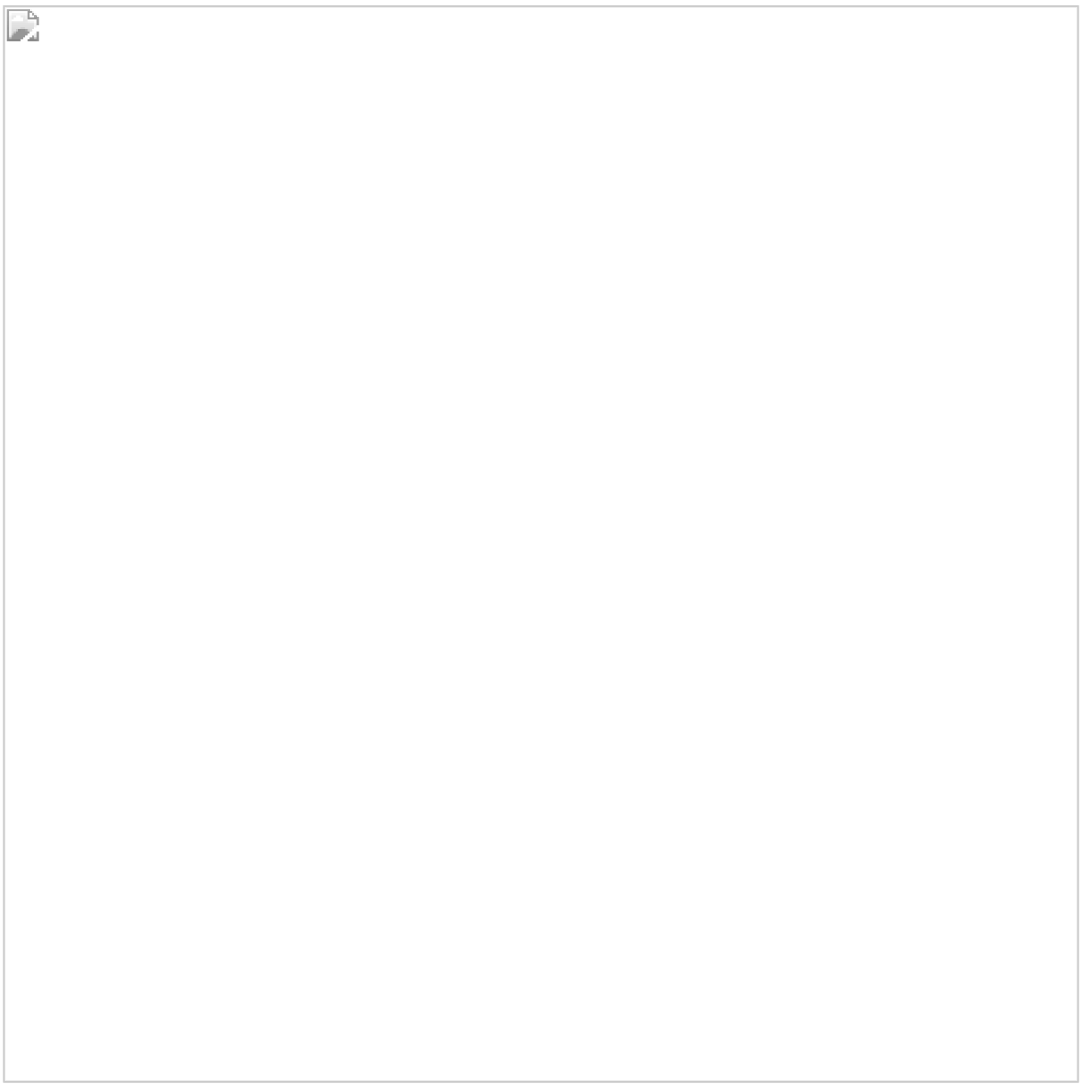
"Good morning, mum," says Jack, quite polite-like. "Could you be so kind as to give me some breakfast?"

"My man is an ogre," said the woman, "and there's nothing he likes better than boys broiled on toast." But Jack said he was so hungry, and the ogre's wife was not such a bad sort after all. She gave him bread and cheese and a jug of milk.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack was polite, and he was hungry. What do you think made the woman feed him?

The Great Big Tall Woman · another picture

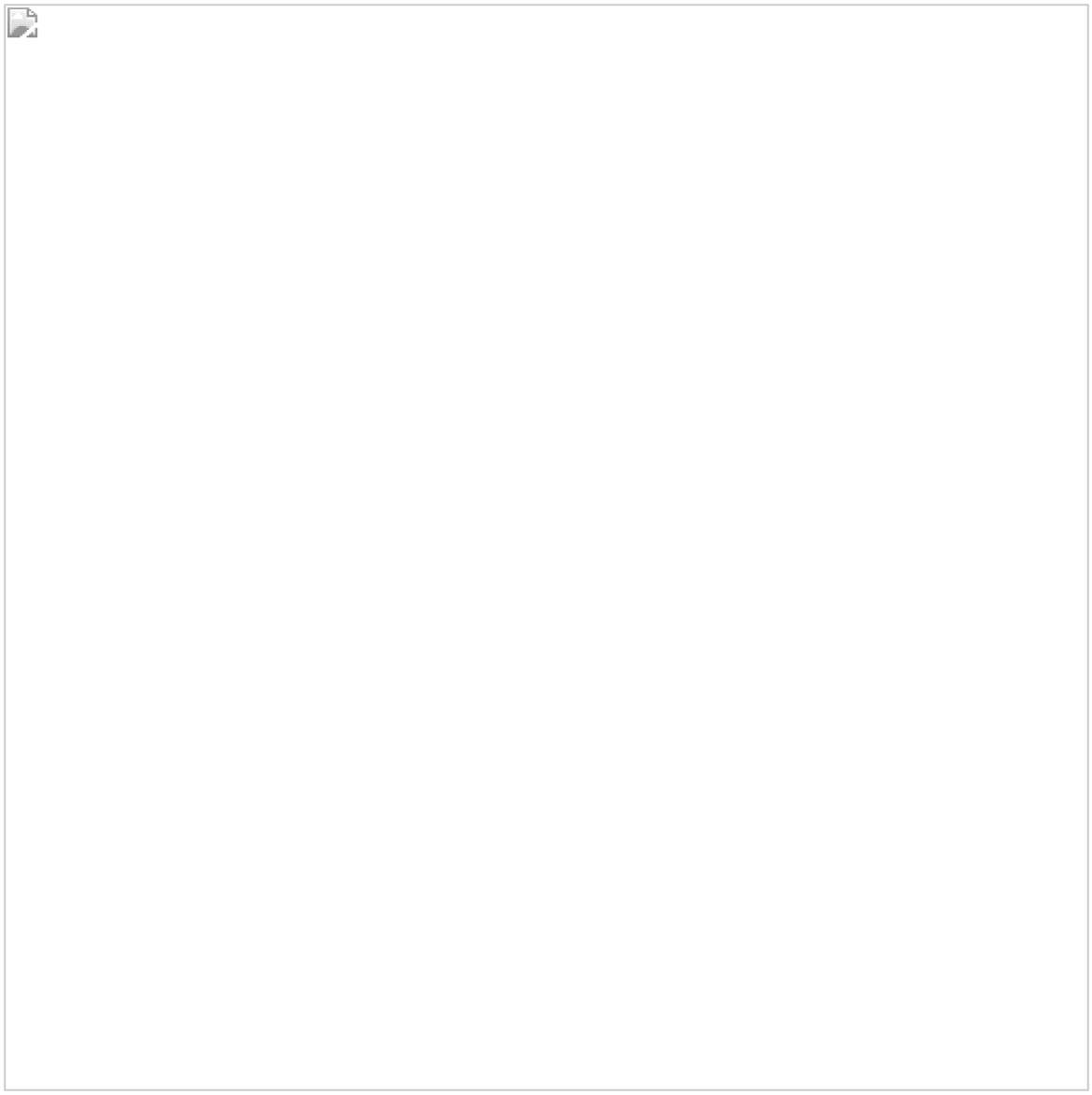


Think about it

1. Who lived in the great big tall house?

- ○ An ogre and his wife
- ○ A farmer
- ○ A baker

Thump! Thump! Thump!



Jack had hardly begun to eat when thump! thump! thump! the whole house began to tremble. "It's my old man!" said the ogre's wife, and she bundled Jack into the oven.

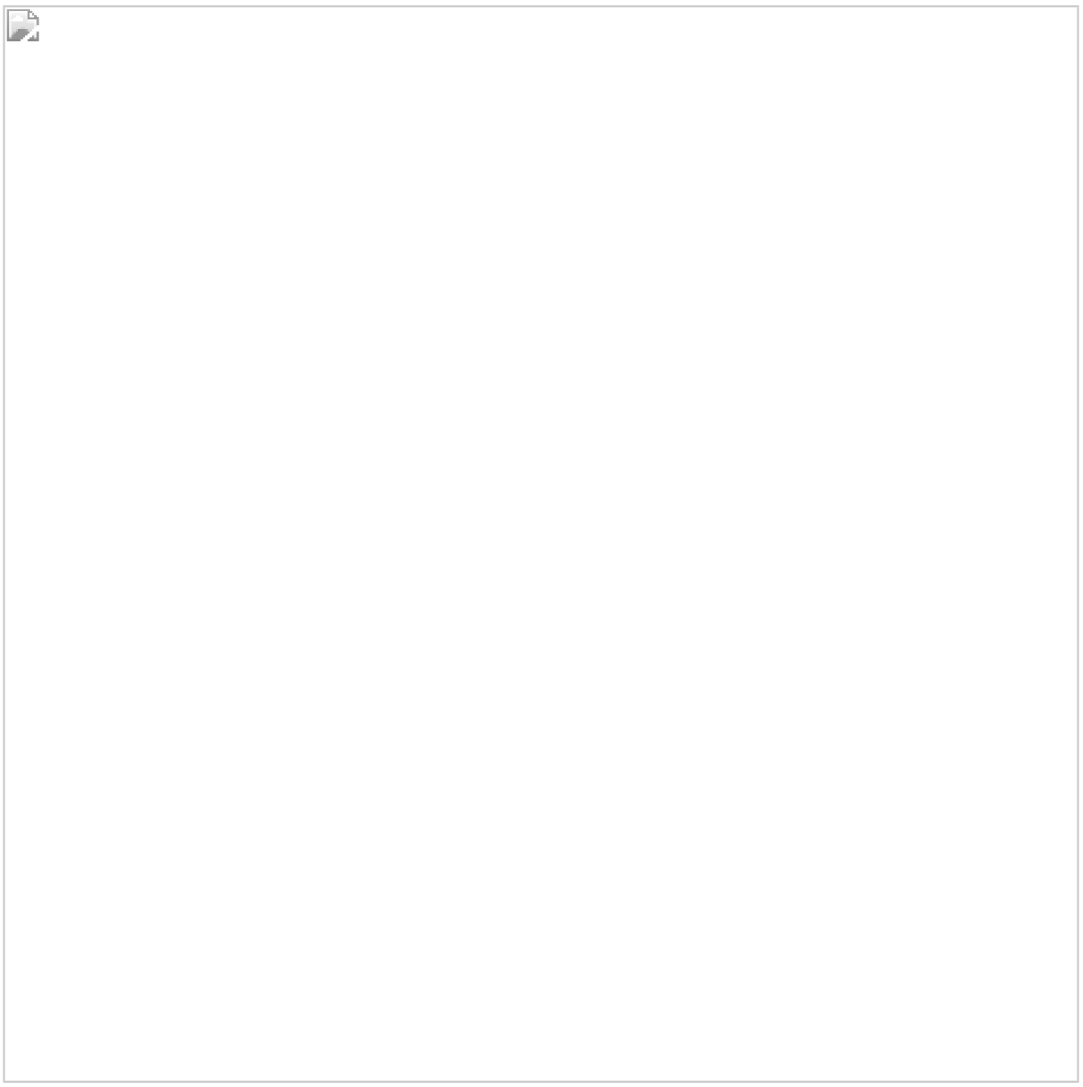
The ogre came in with three calves strung at his belt. "Ah, what's this I smell?" he said.

"Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman, be he alive, or be he dead, I'll have his bones to grind my bread."

"Nonsense, dear," said his wife, "you're dreaming."

TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think it felt to hide inside that oven? What would you listen for?

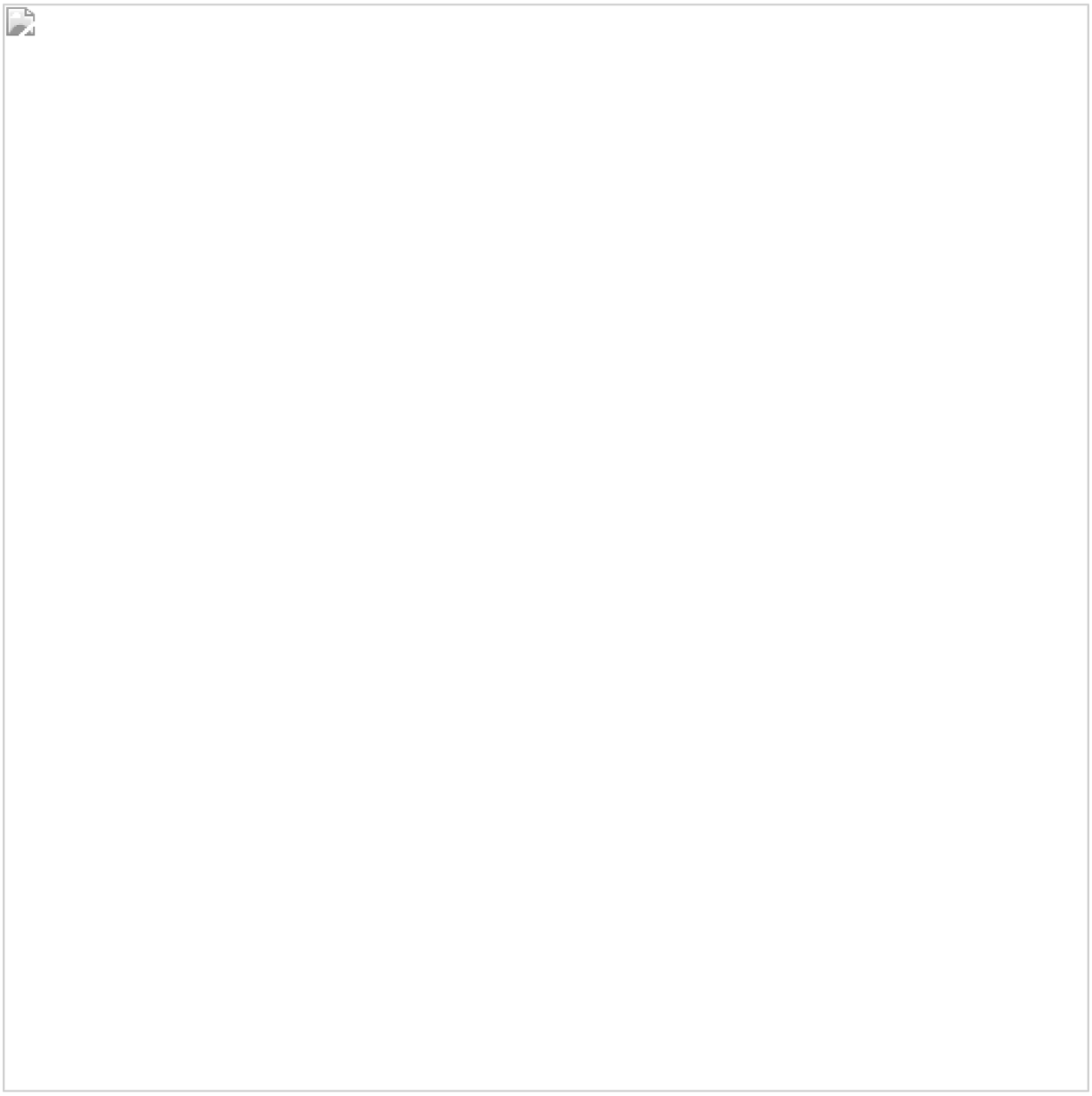


Think about it

1. Where did the ogre's wife hide Jack?

- ○ In the oven
- ○ Under the bed
- ○ In a barrel

The Bag of Gold



After breakfast the ogre took a couple of bags of gold out of a big chest and sat counting them, till his head began to nod and he began to snore till the whole house shook.

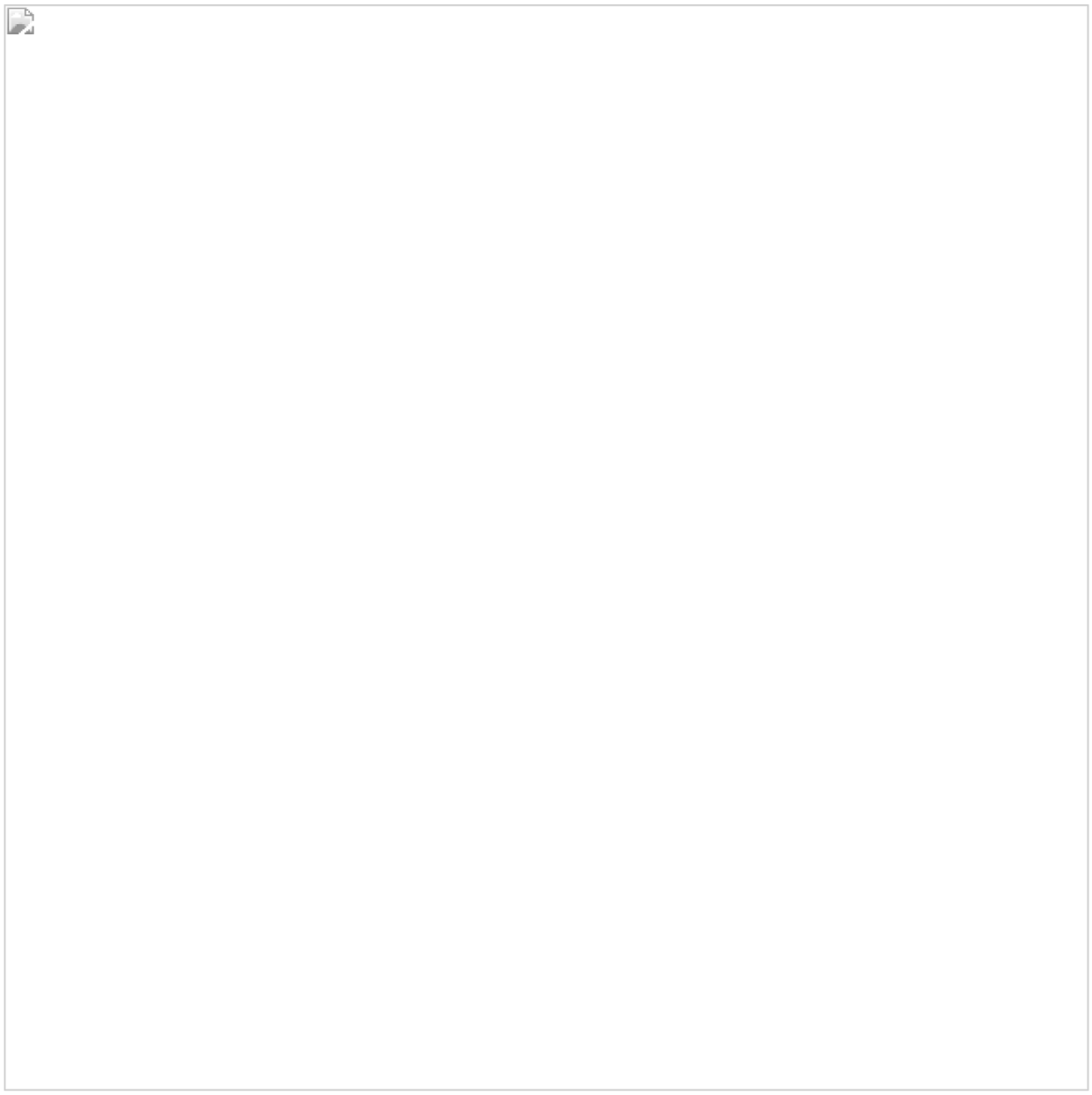
Then Jack crept out of the oven on tiptoe. As he passed the ogre he took one of the bags of gold under his arm, and off he pelted to the beanstalk.

He climbed down and climbed down till he got home. "Well, mother, wasn't I right about the beans?" he said. "They are really magical, you see."

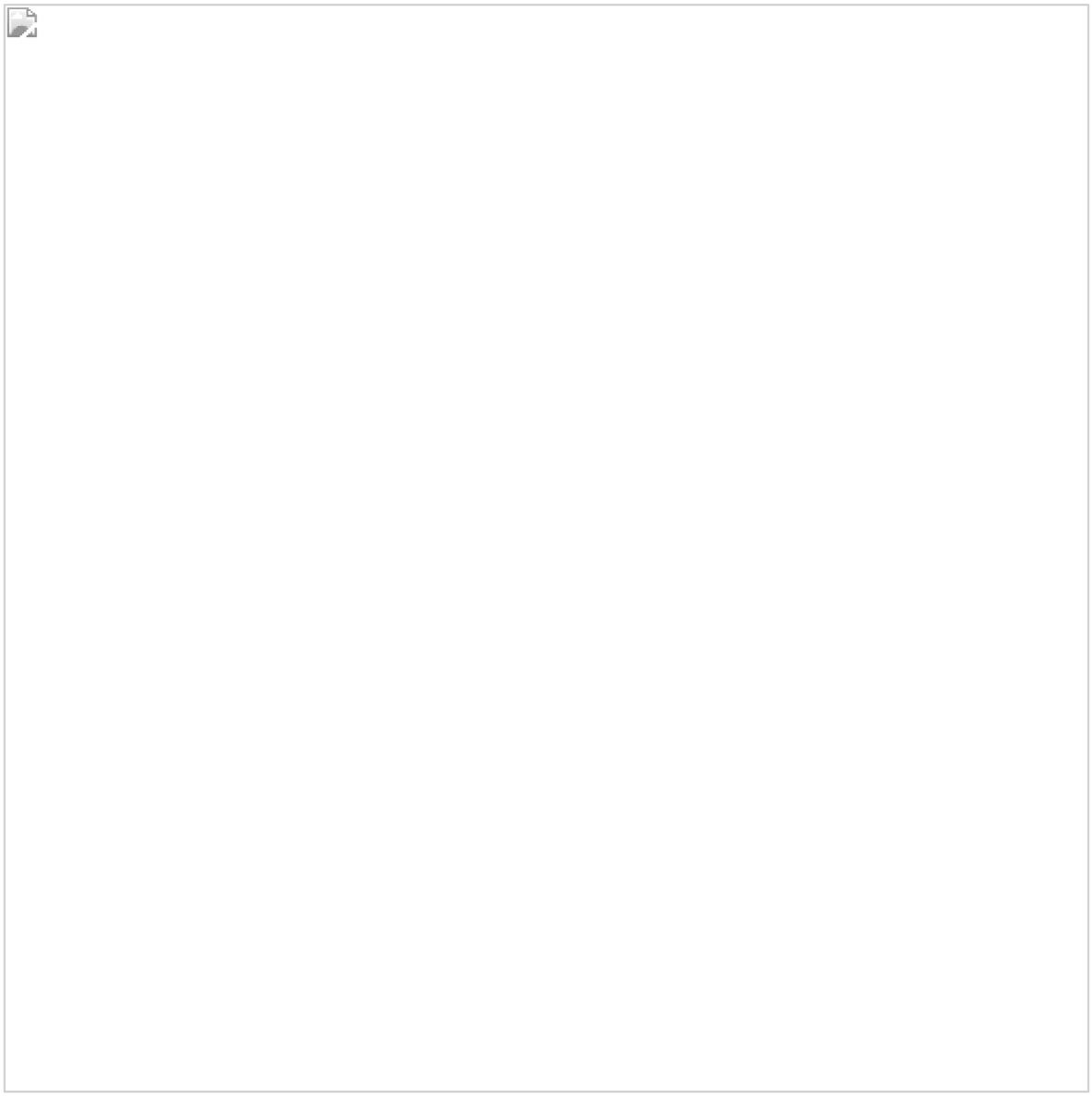
TALK ABOUT IT

Jack took the gold while the ogre slept. What do you think about that?

The Bag of Gold · another picture



The Golden Hen



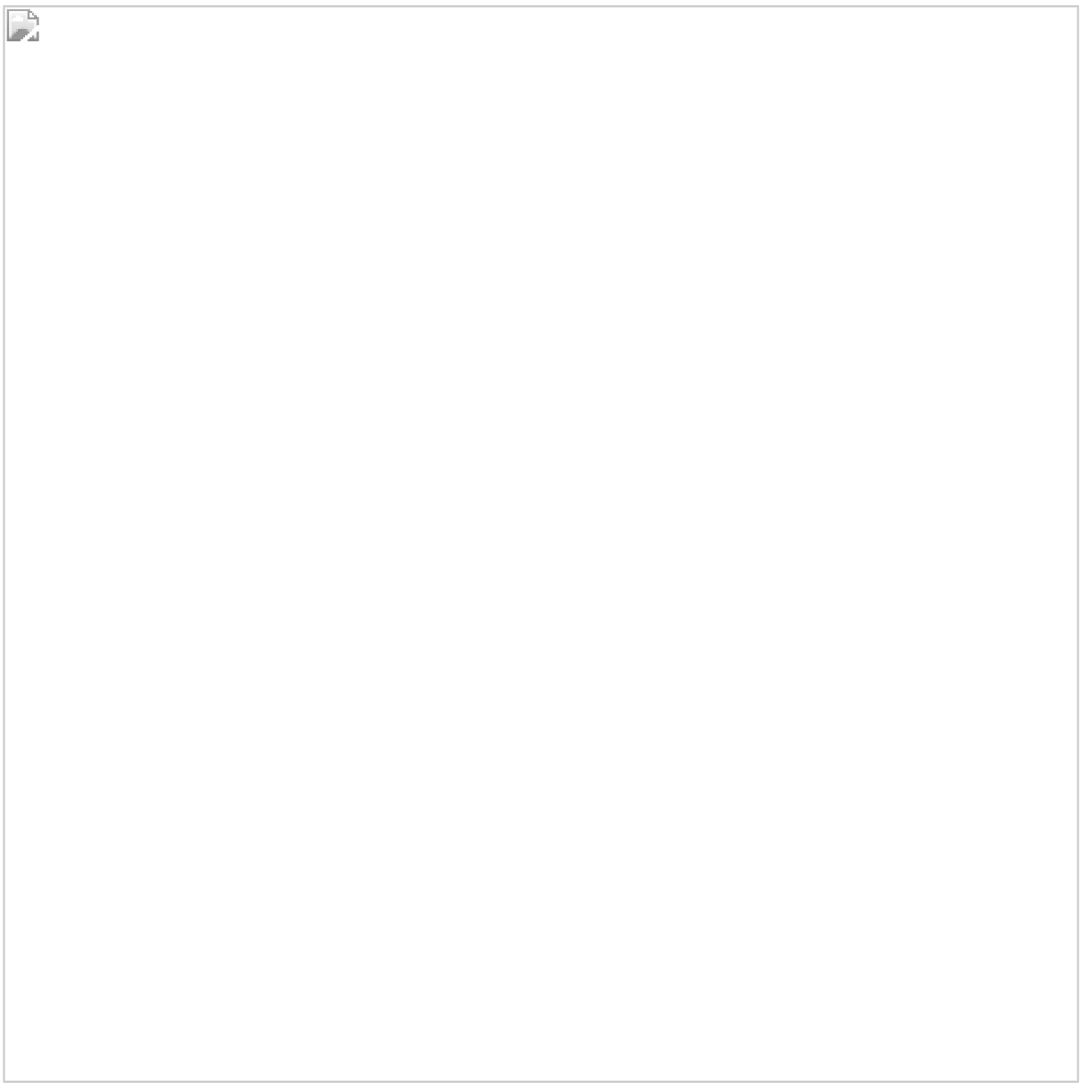
They lived on the bag of gold for some time. Then Jack climbed the beanstalk once more, and again the ogre's wife hid him in the oven.

This time the ogre said, "Wife, bring me the hen that lays the golden eggs." The ogre said, "Lay," and the hen laid an egg all of gold. Then the ogre nodded and snored.

Jack crept out and caught hold of the golden hen, but she gave a cackle, and the ogre woke. "Wife, wife, what have you done with my golden hen?" Jack was already rushing down the beanstalk like a house on fire.

TALK ABOUT IT

The hen's cackle woke the ogre. What do you think Jack was feeling as he ran?

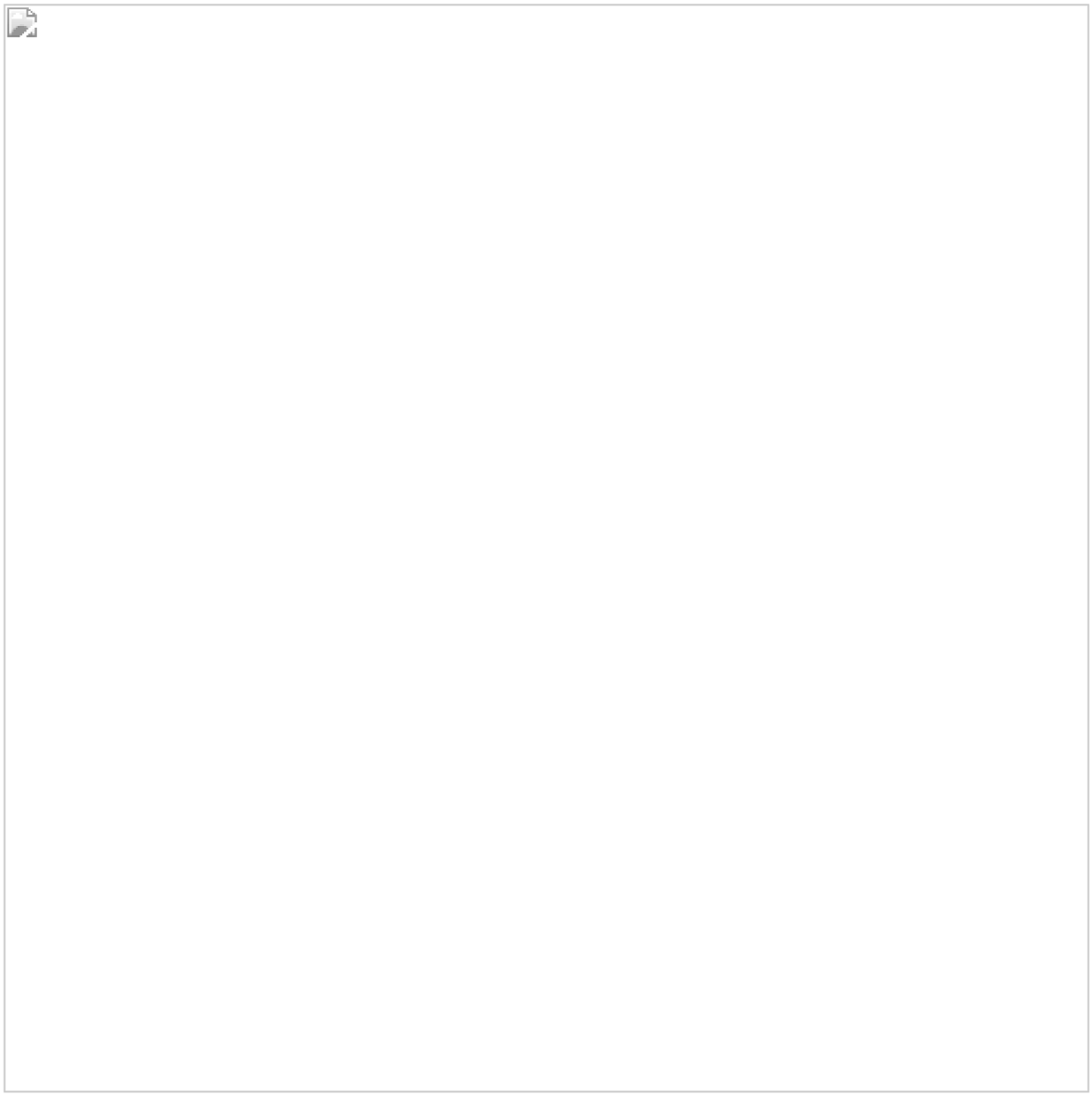


Think about it

1. What did the hen do when the ogre said "Lay"?

- ○ Laid a golden egg
- ○ Flew away
- ○ Gave a cackle and sat down

The Third Time



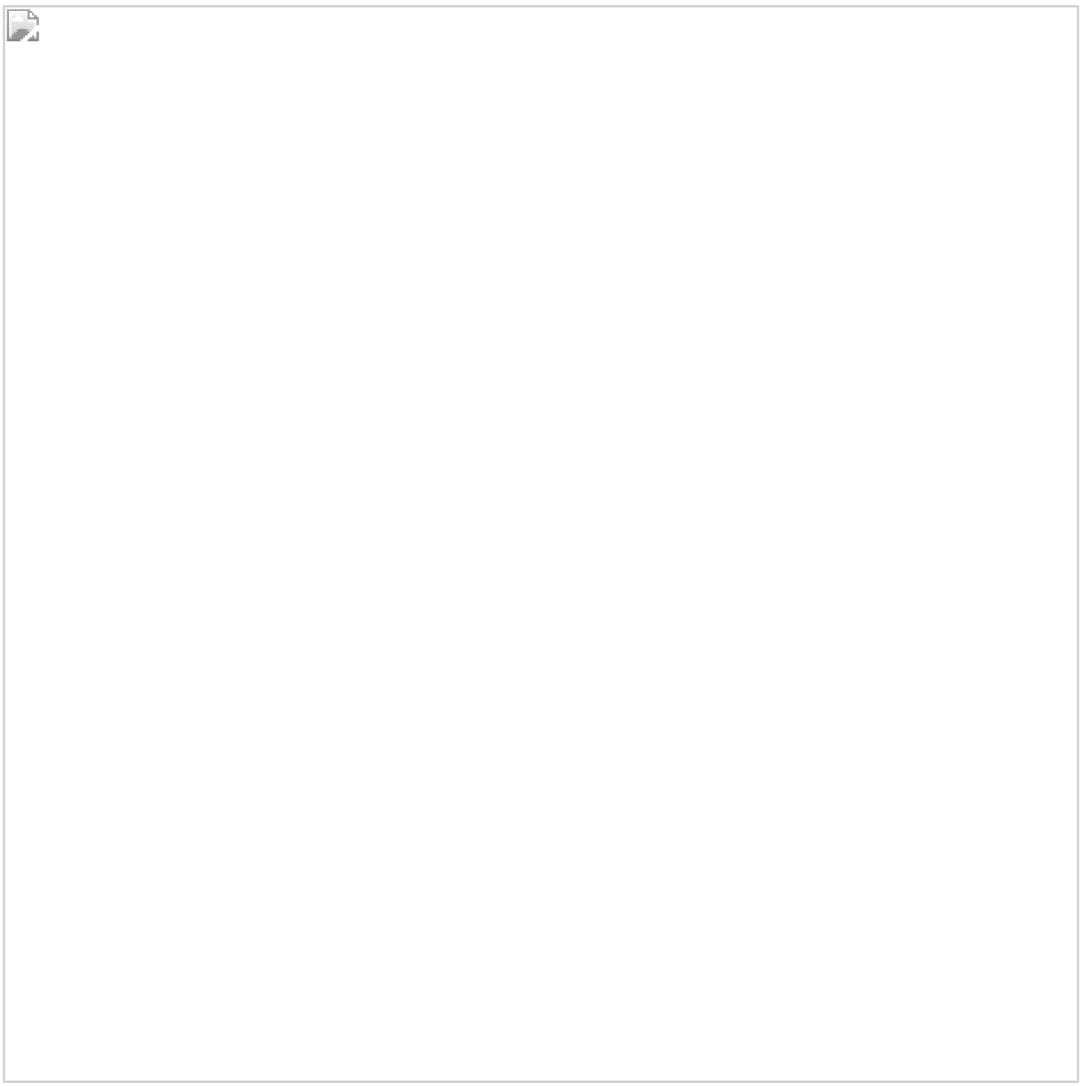
Jack was not content, and soon he climbed the beanstalk a third time. But this time he knew better than to go straight to the ogre's house. He waited behind a bush till the ogre's wife came out with a pail, and then he crept in and hid in the copper.

In came the ogre. "Fee-fi-fo-fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman," he cried out. "I smell him, wife, I smell him."

They rushed to the oven, but Jack was not there. "There you are again with your fee-fi-fo-fum," said the wife.

TALK ABOUT IT

This time Jack hid somewhere new. What did he learn from the last time?

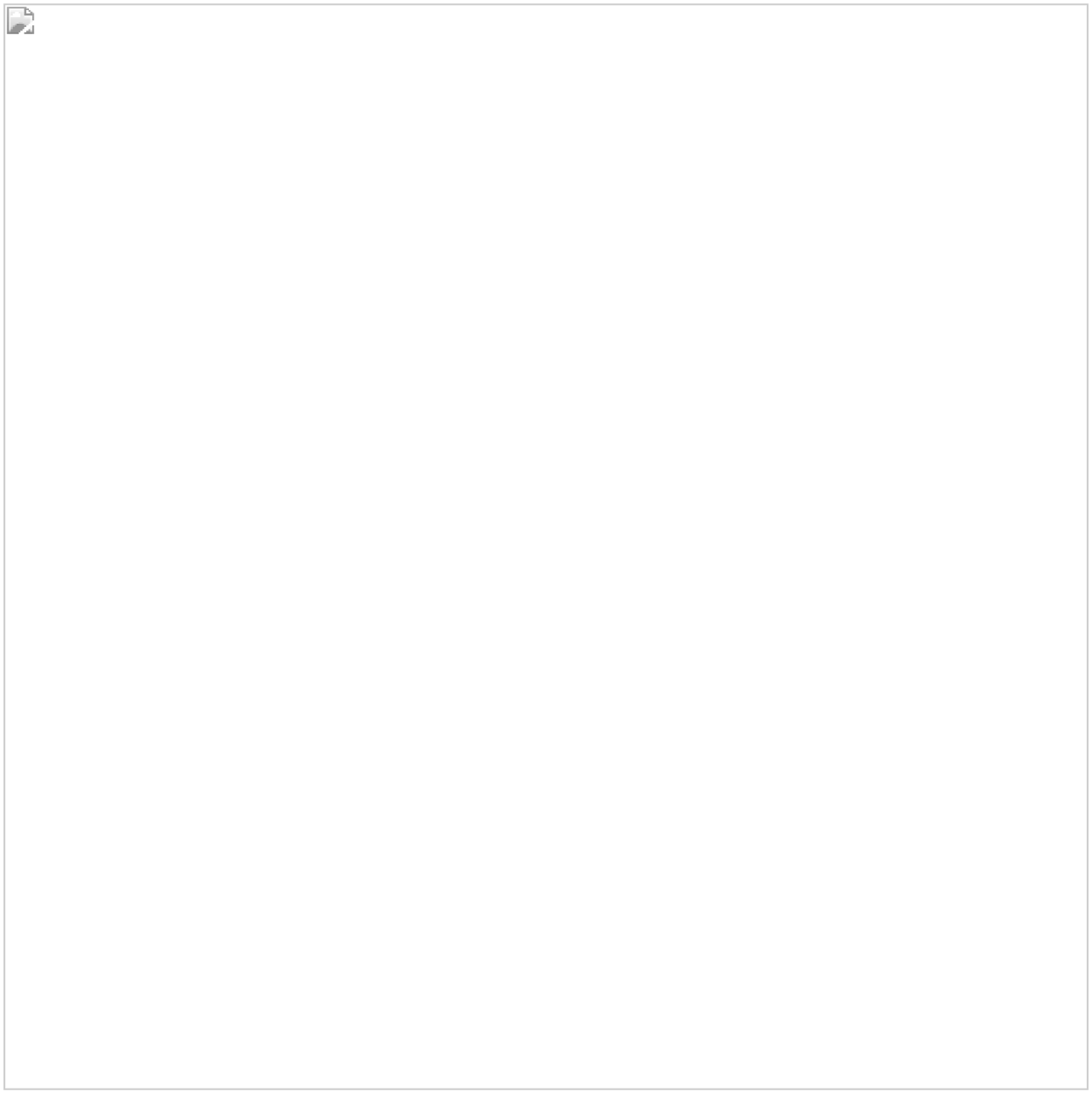


Think about it

1. Where did Jack hide the third time?

- ○ In the oven again
- ○ In the copper
- ○ Behind the door

The Golden Harp



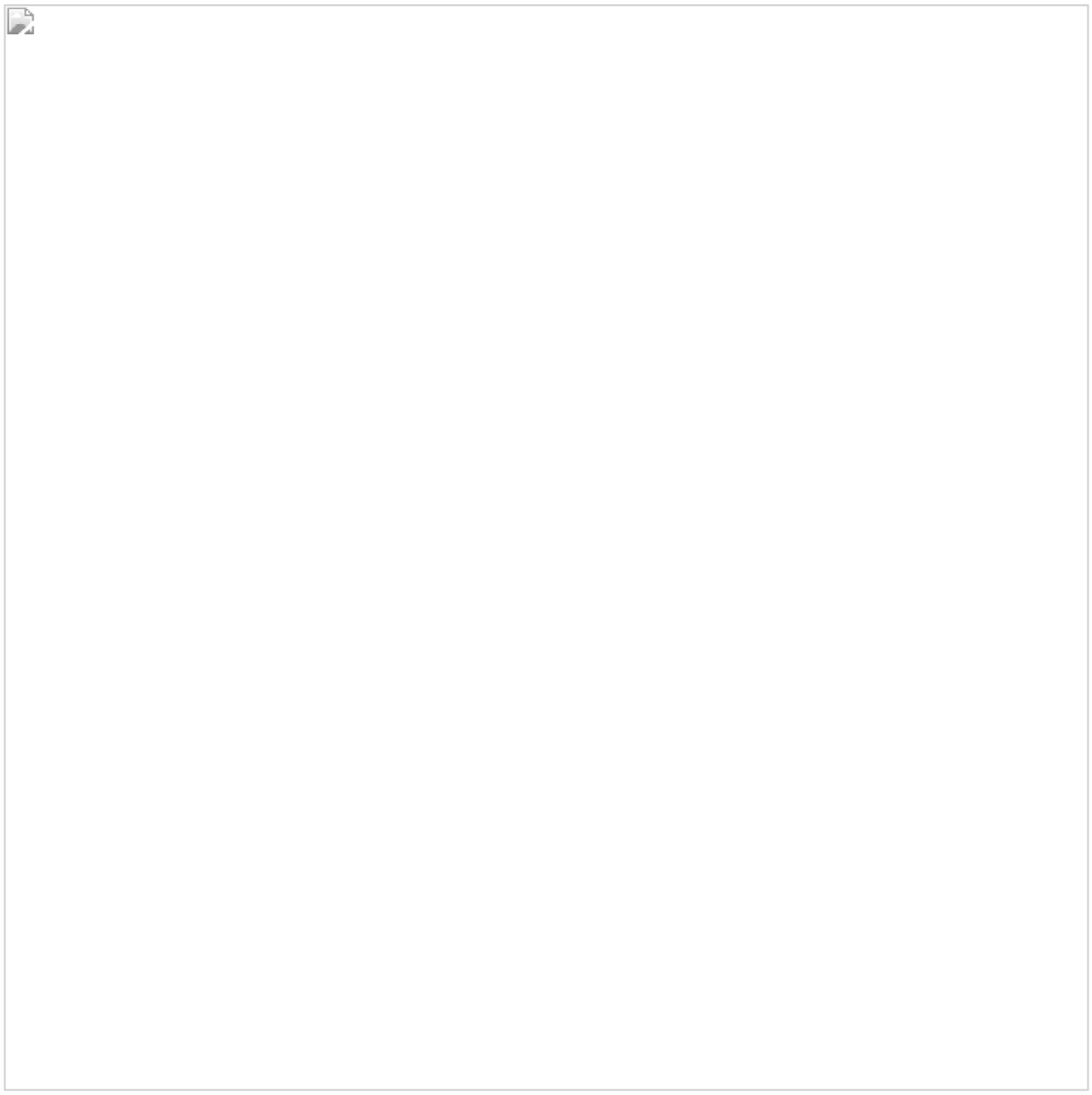
After breakfast the ogre called out, "Wife, wife, bring me my golden harp." He put it on the table and said, "Sing!" and the golden harp sang most beautifully. It went on singing till the ogre fell asleep and snored like thunder.

Jack got down quietly and crept to the table. He caught hold of the golden harp and dashed to the door. But the harp called out quite loud, "Master! Master!" and the ogre woke up just in time to see Jack running off with his harp.

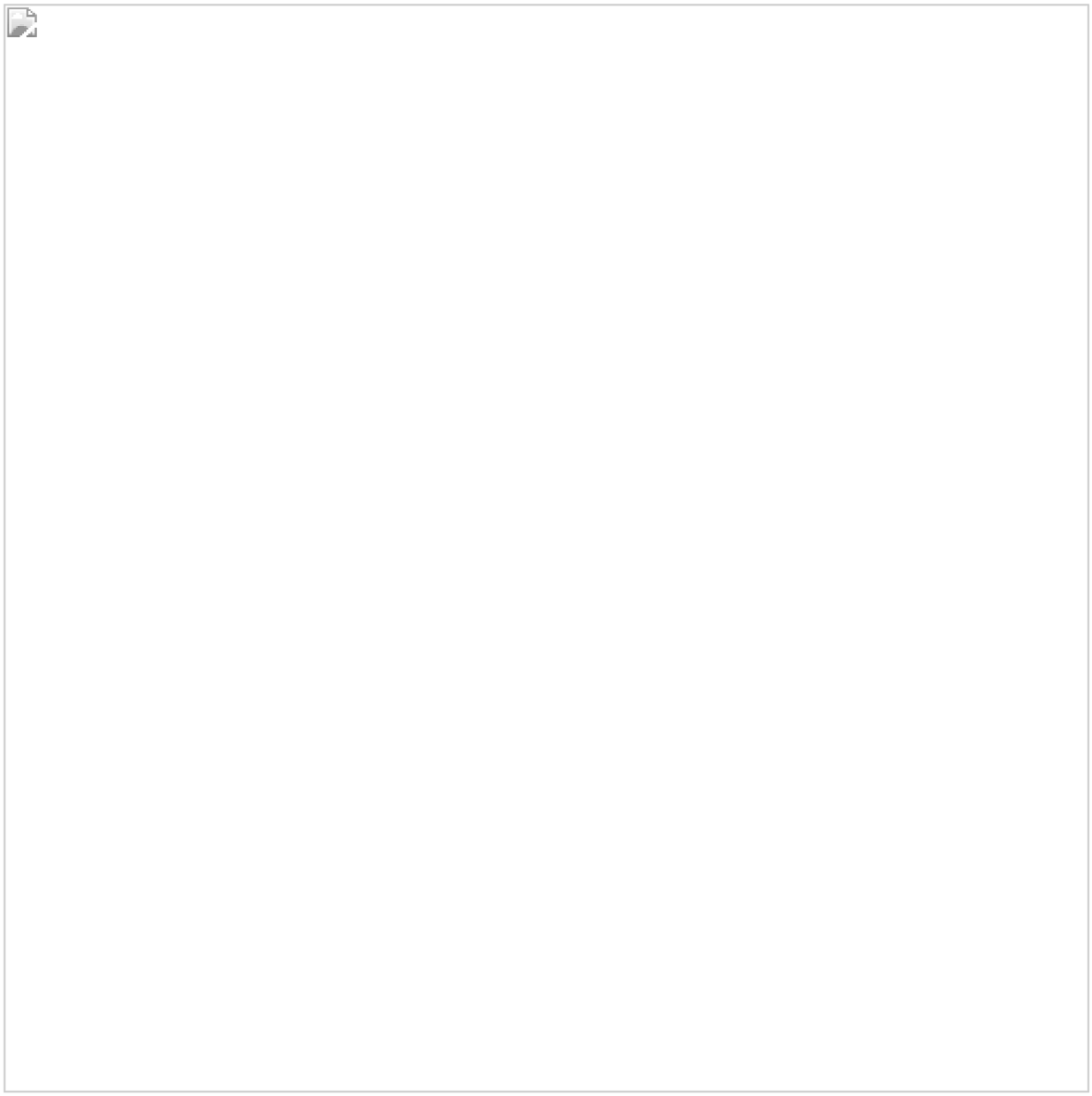
TALK ABOUT IT

The harp called out for its master. What do you think about a harp that can talk?

The Golden Harp · another picture



Down the Beanstalk



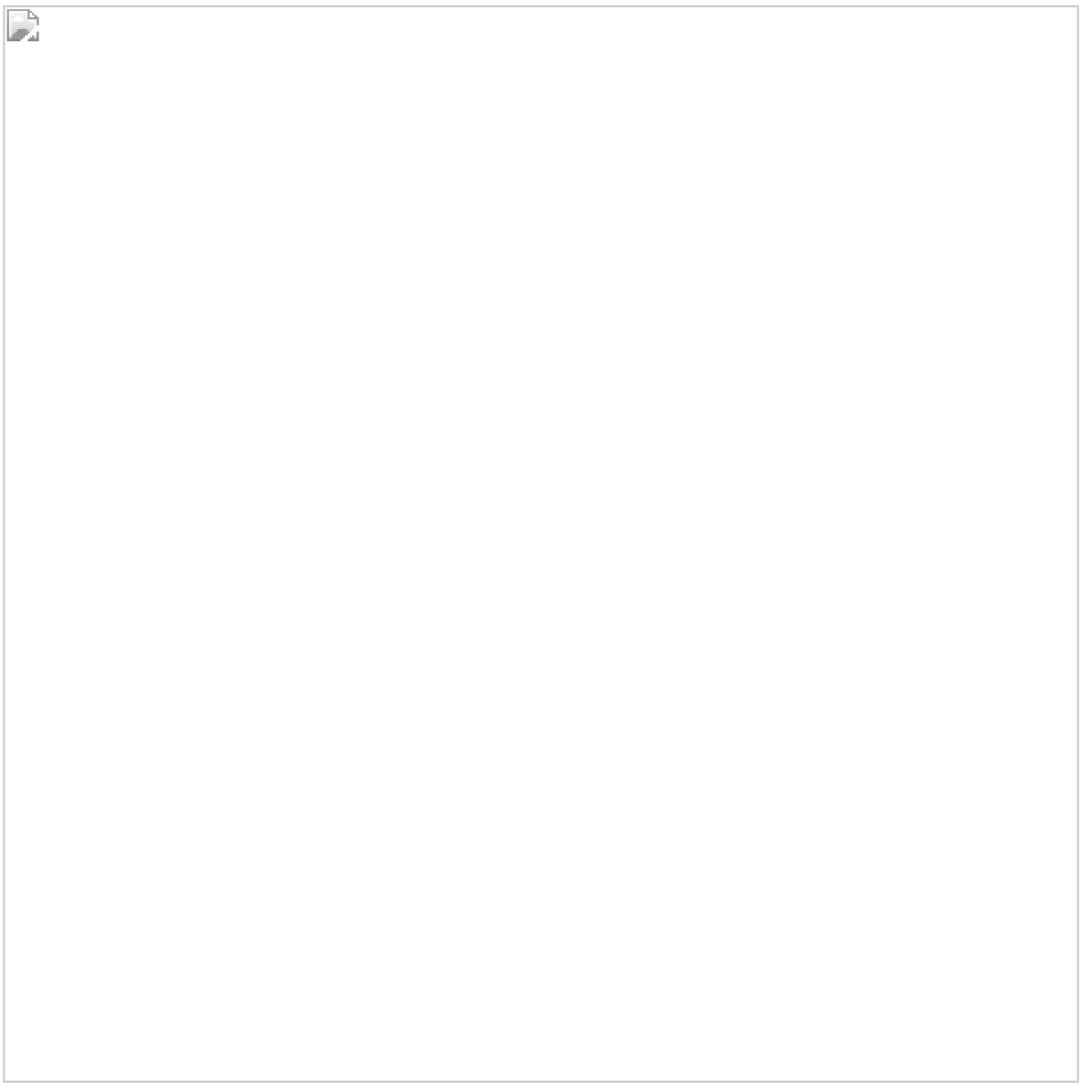
Jack ran as fast as he could, and the ogre came rushing after. Jack had a start and he knew where he was going. When he got to the beanstalk he climbed down for dear life.

The ogre did not like trusting himself to such a ladder, and he stood and waited. But the harp cried out, "Master! master!" and the ogre swung himself down onto the beanstalk, which shook with his weight.

By this time Jack was very nearly home. "Mother! mother! bring me an axe, bring me an axe!" he called.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack called for an axe. What do you think he planned to do?

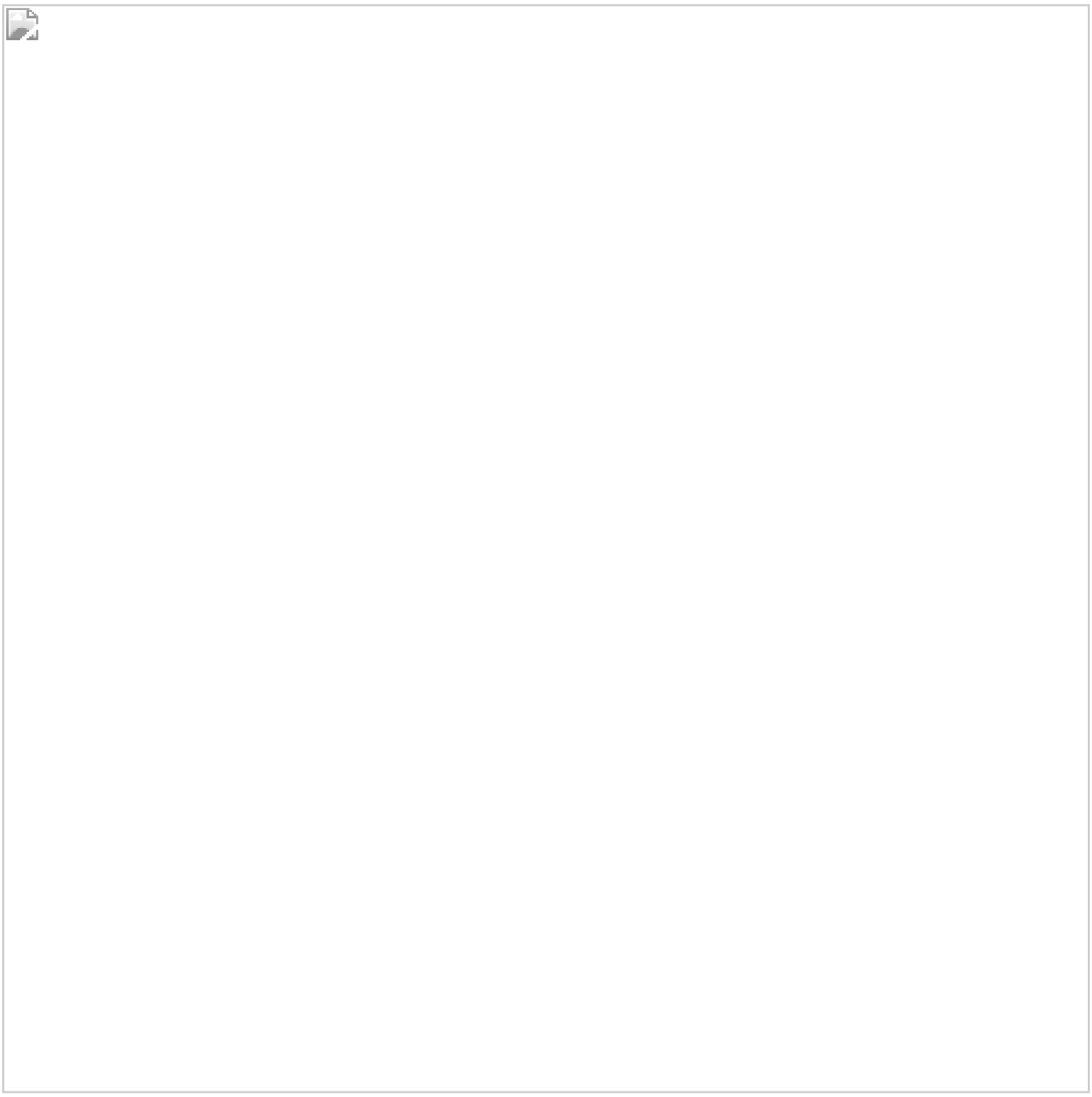


Think about it

1. What did Jack call his mother to bring?

- ○ A rope
- ○ An axe
- ○ A ladder

Happy Ever After



His mother came rushing out with the axe. She stood stock still with fright, for there she saw the ogre just coming down below the clouds.

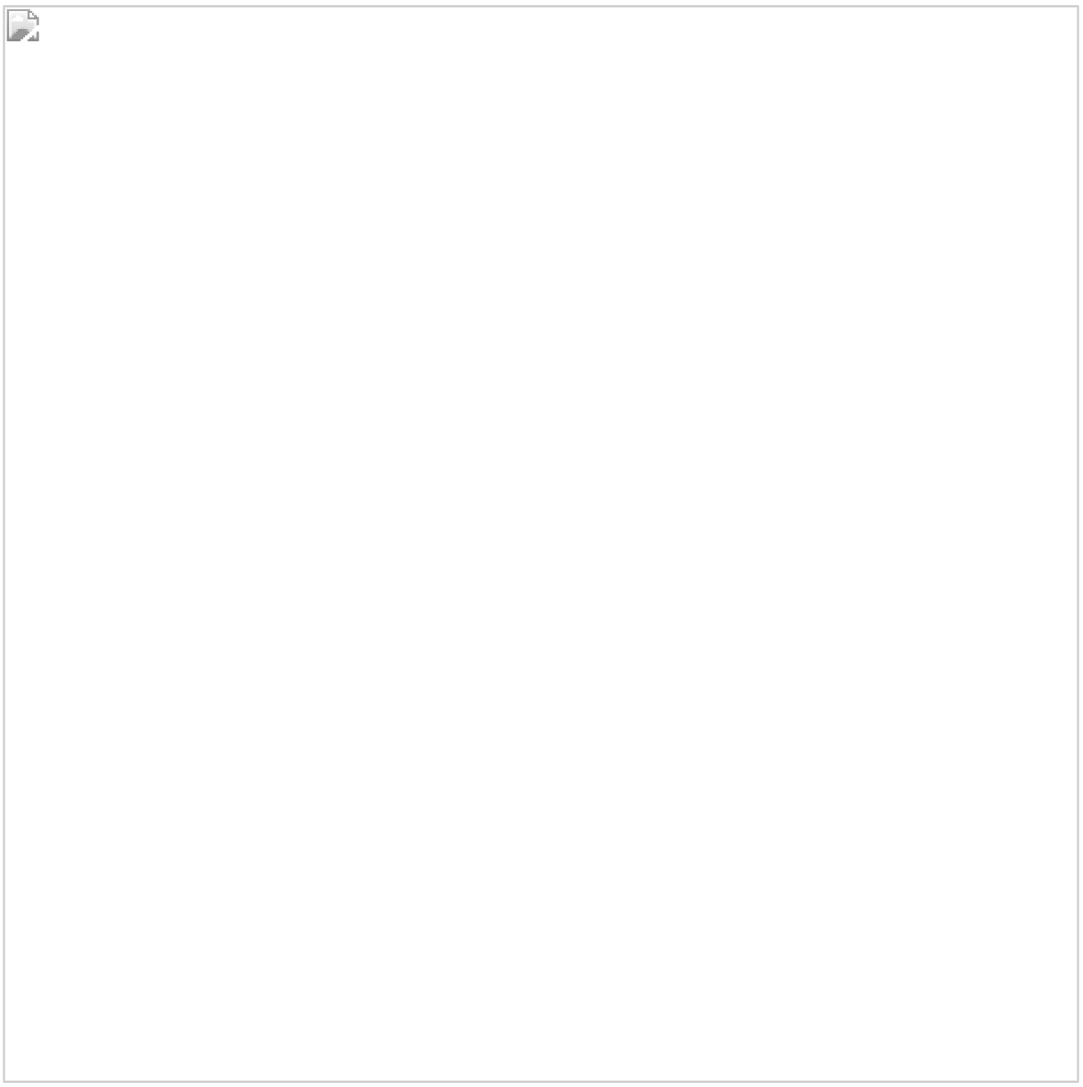
Jack jumped down and gave a chop at the beanstalk, which cut it half in two. Then he gave another chop, and the beanstalk was cut in two and began to topple over. Then the ogre fell down and broke his crown, and the beanstalk came toppling after.

Jack showed his mother his golden harp. What with showing that and selling the golden eggs, Jack and his mother became very rich, and he married a great princess, and they lived happy ever after.

TALK ABOUT IT

Jack's trips up the beanstalk are over. How do you think Jack and his mother felt, back together at home?

Happy Ever After · another picture



Think about it

1. How did Jack stop the ogre?

- ○ He chopped down the beanstalk
- ○ He hid again
- ○ He gave back the gold

2. Which part of the story was your favorite, and why?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

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