

傑克與魔豆



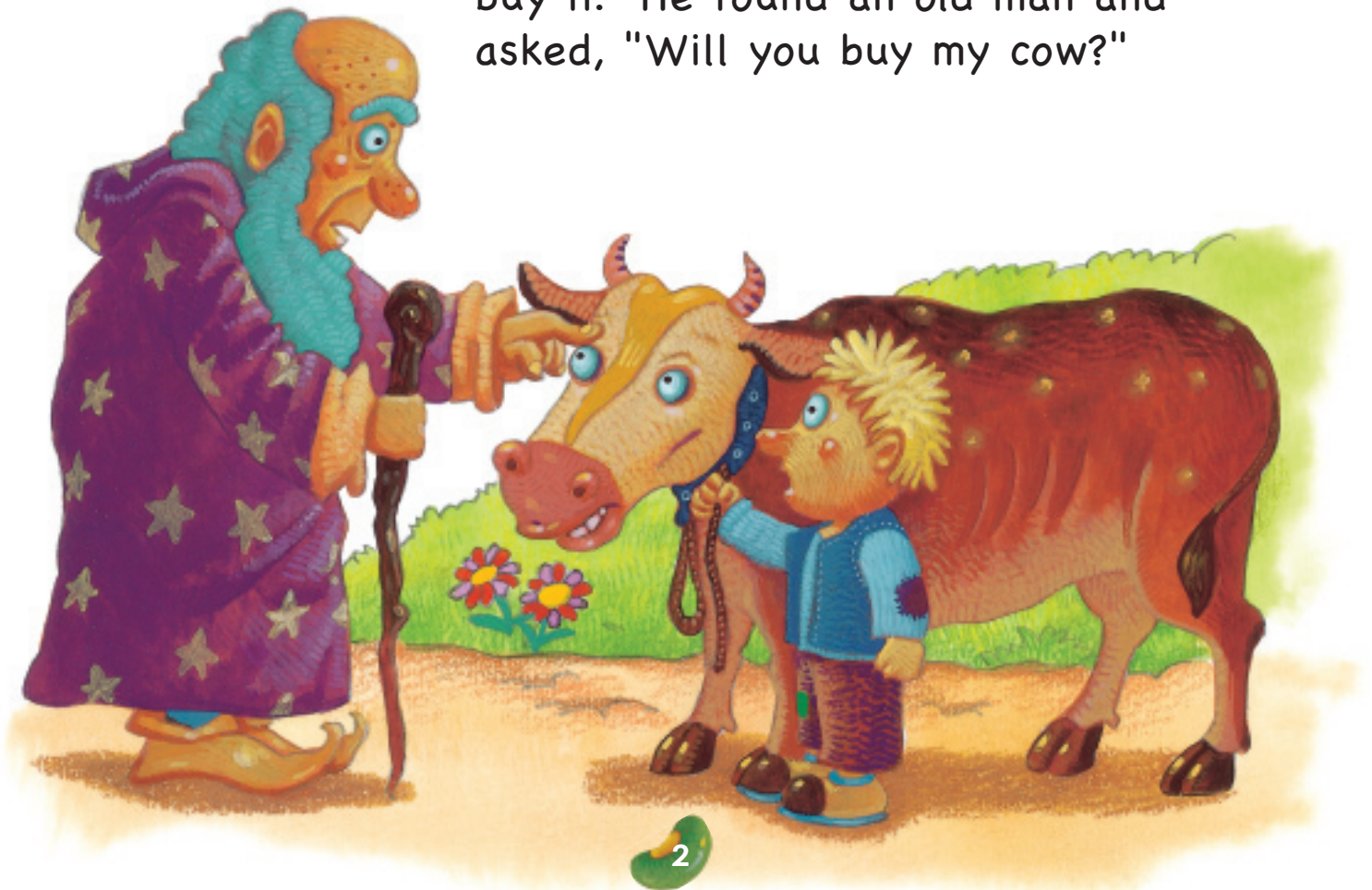
Once upon a time in the English countryside, there lived a poor woman. She lived with her poor son, who was named Jack.



They were so poor that they owned only one cow.
But eventually, they became so poor they needed to
sell the cow.



One day, Jack took the cow to try to find someone to
buy it. He found an old man and
asked, "Will you buy my cow?"





The old man said, "Yes, but I don't have any money. I have something better."

"What's that?" said Jack.

"Magic beans!" the old man replied.



Jack sold the cow for the magic beans and ran home to show his mother. When his mother saw the beans, she was furious. She threw them out of the window in a rage.

When Jack and his mother awoke the next morning, they were surprised. Outside the window grew a huge green beanstalk!

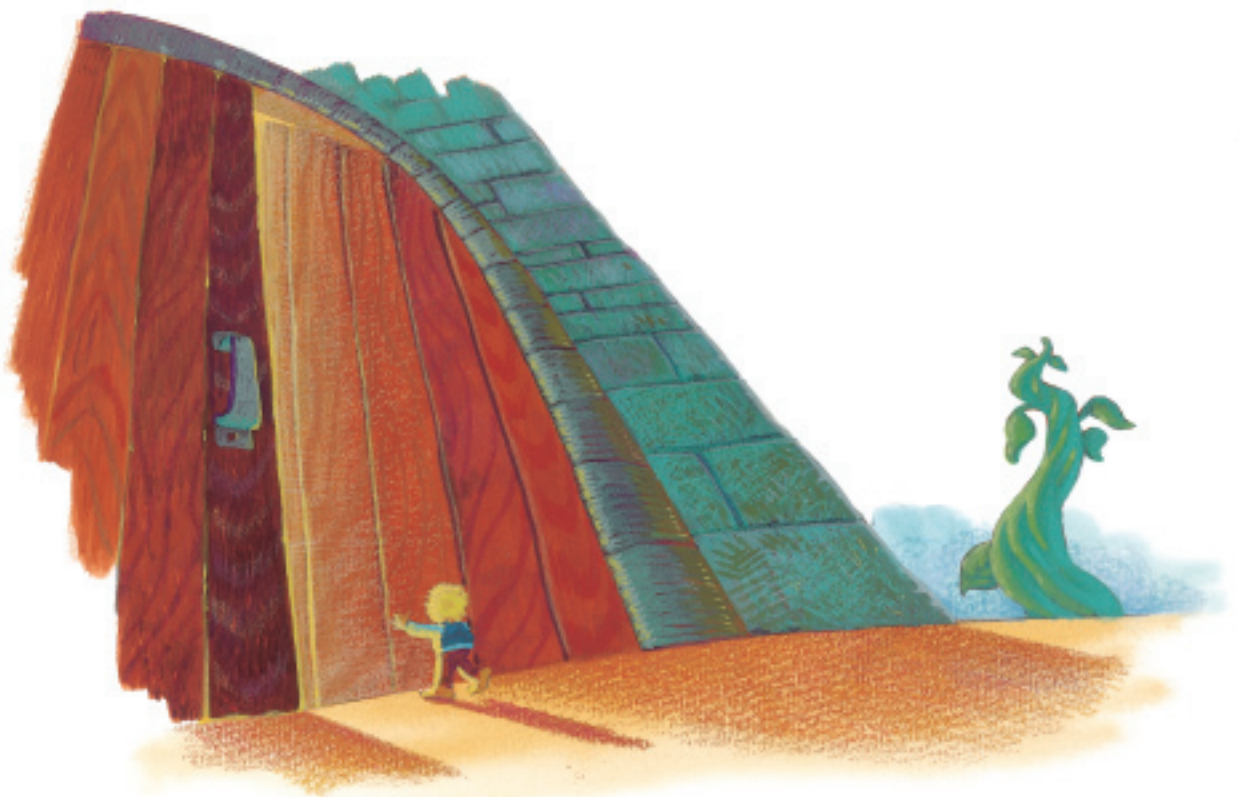


"They were magic beans!" yelled Jack, and he jumped onto the beanstalk. He climbed and climbed until he got to the top.



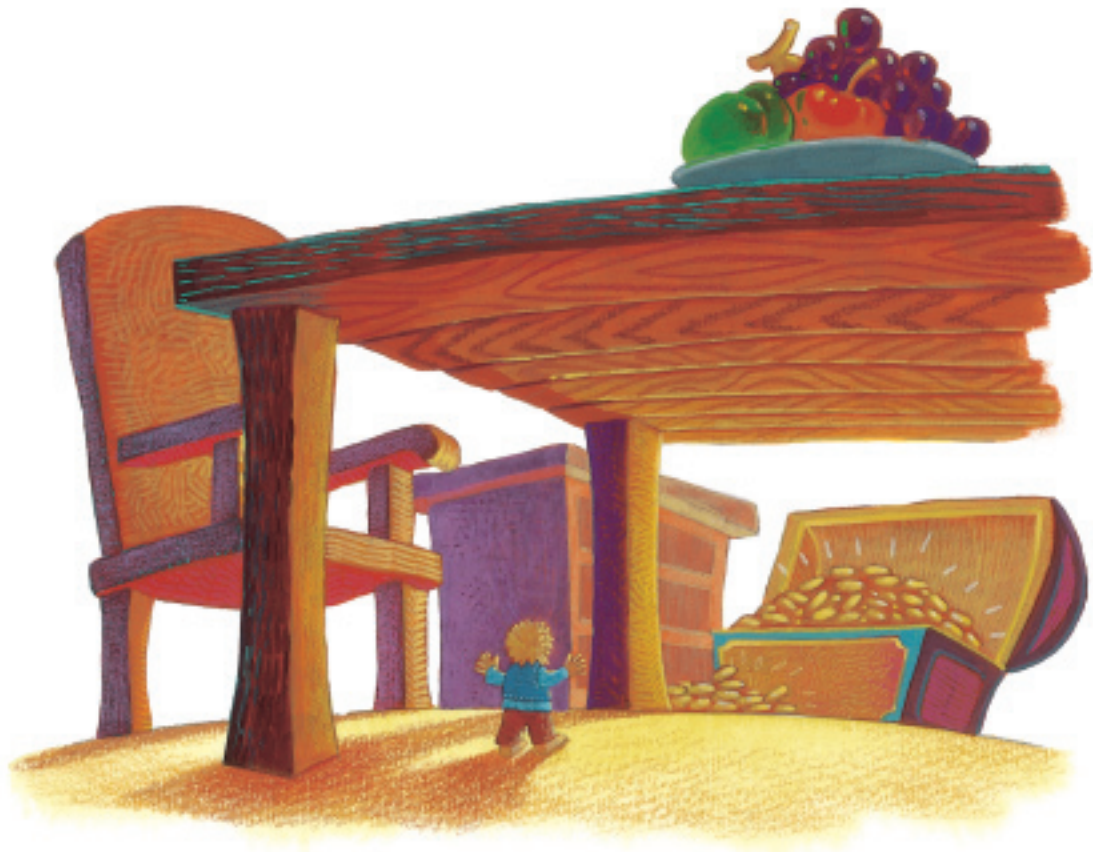


Up in the clouds, where the beanstalk ended, a road began. So Jack climbed off the beanstalk and started walking along the road.



He could see a castle far off in the distance. When Jack got to the castle, he found a huge door and opened it.

Everything inside was made for a giant. Jack felt very small. "Hello?" he said in a small voice.



No one was home, so he explored the castle. When he found some gold, he put it in a bag and left it near the beanstalk.





As he returned to the castle, he said, "I hope the owner of this castle doesn't come home and find me!" But the castle was still quiet.



Jack explored the castle some more. He found huge pants and shirts, huge plates and forks, and even a huge chicken. Next to the chicken was a golden egg.

Jack took as much as he could carry and left it all near the beanstalk. He even took the chicken.



But he wasn't satisfied with all he had taken, and he returned to the castle once more. Before long, he heard a great noise. The floor shook, and the walls trembled.



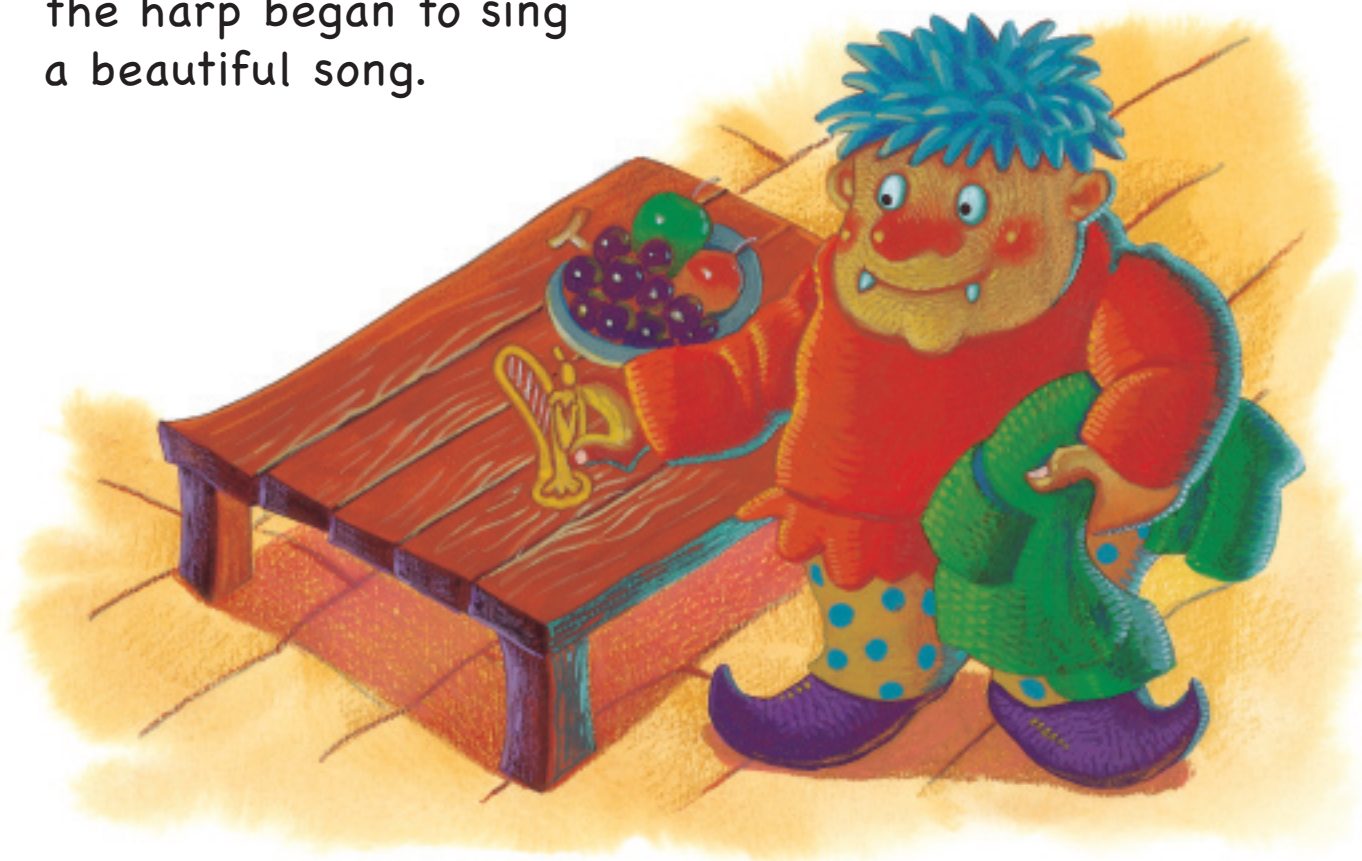


Just before the front door opened with a bang, Jack ran and hid in the oven. A great angry giant walked through the door, saying, "Fee fi fo fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!"



Jack was terrified, but he didn't move. The giant looked all through the house for the intruder but could not find him. Finally, he gave up looking and sat down at the table.

The giant took a golden harp from inside his coat and put it on the table. At once, the harp began to sing a beautiful song.



The giant's eyes began to droop. Soon he began to snore. The castle rattled with the sound of every snore, but the harp kept singing.



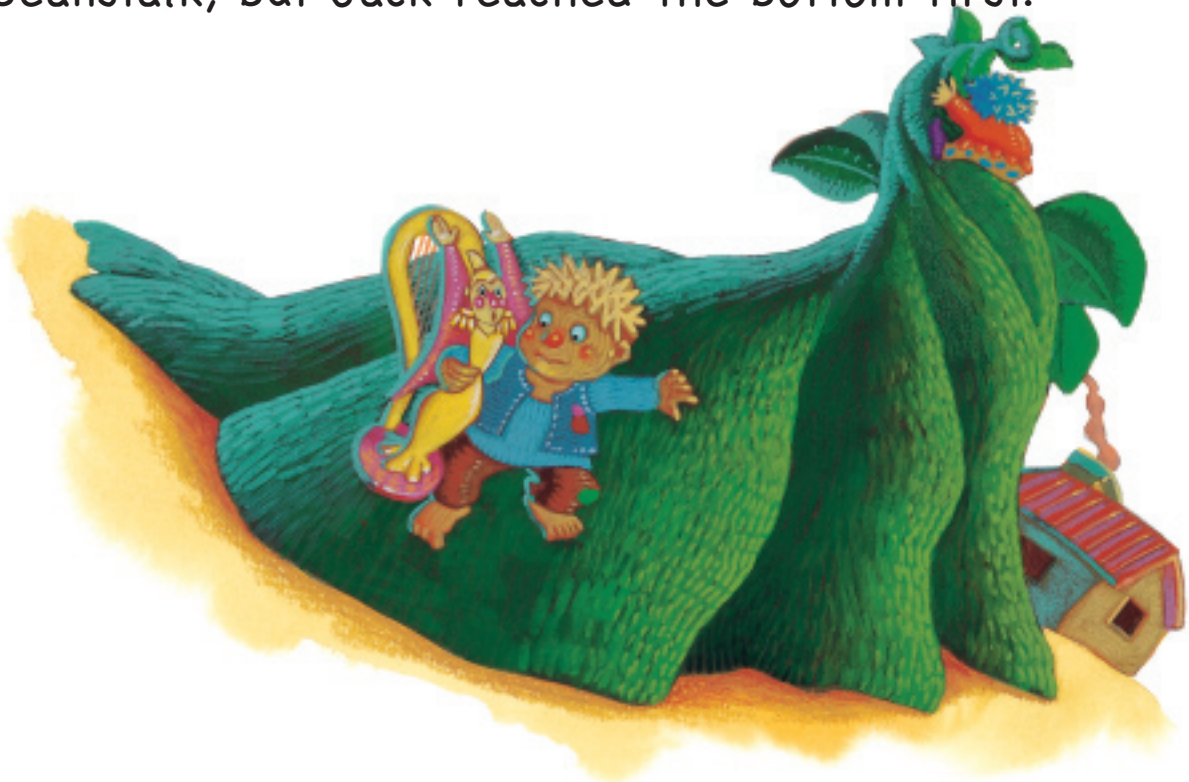


Jack crept out of his hiding place and climbed up onto the table. He grabbed the harp and began running for the door.



But the harp cried out, "Help me, Master!" Suddenly, the giant woke up. He chased Jack all the way from the castle to the beanstalk.

Jack jumped onto the beanstalk and began climbing down as fast as he could. The giant followed him down the beanstalk, but Jack reached the bottom first.



He grabbed an axe and started chopping at the beanstalk. The beanstalk made a loud cracking sound as it crashed to the ground, taking the giant along with it.





Jack felt sad that he had lost the hen and the bag of gold. But then he remembered the singing harp.



From that day on, people paid to hear the singing harp. And Jack and his mother lived long, healthy and wealthy lives.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Characters

The Narrator

The Old Man

Jack

The Giant

Jack's Mother



Scene 1

Setting : An English countryside

The Narrator : Once upon a time, there was a poor, young person called Jack who lived with his mother.

Jack's Mother : "We are so poor. We have to sell the cow."

The Narrator : So Jack went off to town to sell the cow. He ran into an old man on the way.

Old Man : "Young man, would you like to exchange your cow for these magic beans?"

Jack : "A cow for magic beans?! What a good deal!"

The Narrator : So Jack went home and showed his mother the beans. Jack's mother was very angry at his stupidity and threw the beans into the backyard.

Scene 2

Setting : Next morning, in the backyard

Jack : "Mom! Come and look! The beans grew during the night!"

Jack's Mother : "Oh my goodness! They have grown all the way up into the sky!"

The Narrator : Jack decided to climb up the beanstalk.

Jack : "What a tall beanstalk! I wonder what's up in the sky."

The Narrator : Jack climbed all the way up to the clouds. He saw a big castle in the distance standing at the end of the road. He decided to take a look.

Scene 3

Setting : *In the castle*

Jack : "I wonder who lives here. Everything in this castle seems so huge."

Jack : "Hello? Anybody home?"

The Narrator : After finding out that there was nobody inside, Jack decided to look around.

Jack : "There is some gold on the table. I hope the owner doesn't find out that I have taken some."

The Narrator : So Jack took some gold and a huge chicken that laid golden eggs. He put them into his bag and put the bag beside the beanstalk. All of a sudden, Jack heard a loud noise, and the floor began to shake.

Jack : "Oh no! I'd better hide!"

The Giant : "Fee fi fo fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman! I think there is someone hiding in my castle! I want to find him and eat him!"

The Narrator : The giant looked all around the castle but couldn't find anyone. So he sat down at the table and took a golden harp out. The harp began to sing. Jack waited until the giant was asleep and came out.

Jack (whisper) : "I should take the golden harp and leave right now!"

The Narrator : Just as Jack put his hand on the harp and was ready to run away, the harp started to scream and woke the giant up!

The Giant : "Ha, ha! Gotcha!"

The Narrator : The giant chased Jack all the way back to the beanstalk. Jack jumped onto the beanstalk and climbed down as fast as he could. When he reached the ground, Jack quickly used an axe to cut down the beanstalk. The giant crashed to the ground and died.



Scene 4

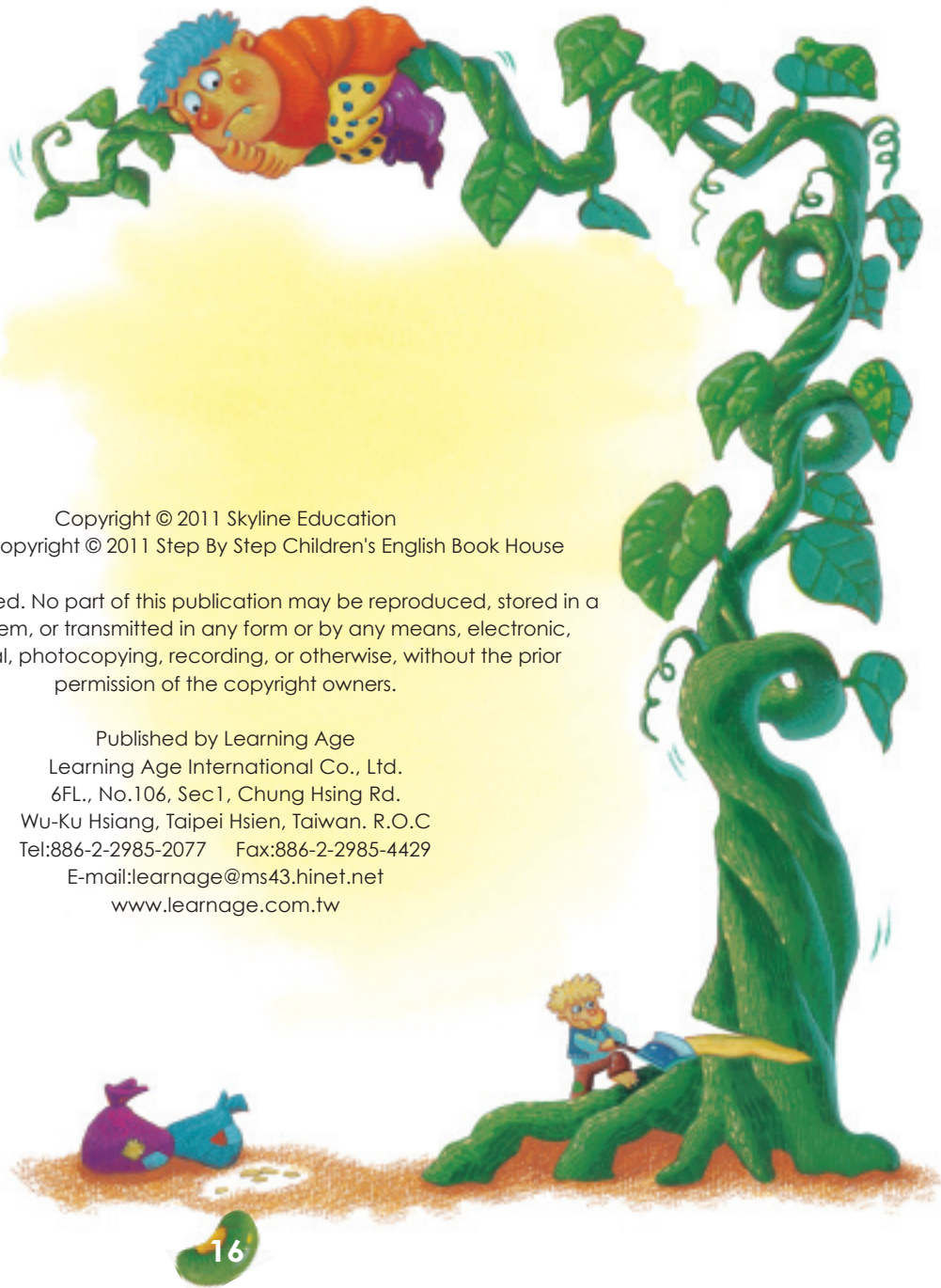
Setting : *On the ground*

Jack : "That was close!"

Jack's Mother : "What happened? What did you find?"

Jack : "I didn't bring any gold back. But I have this golden harp that sings. I bet many people will pay to hear this singing harp!"

The Narrator : From that day on, Jack and his mother lived very comfortably.



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