

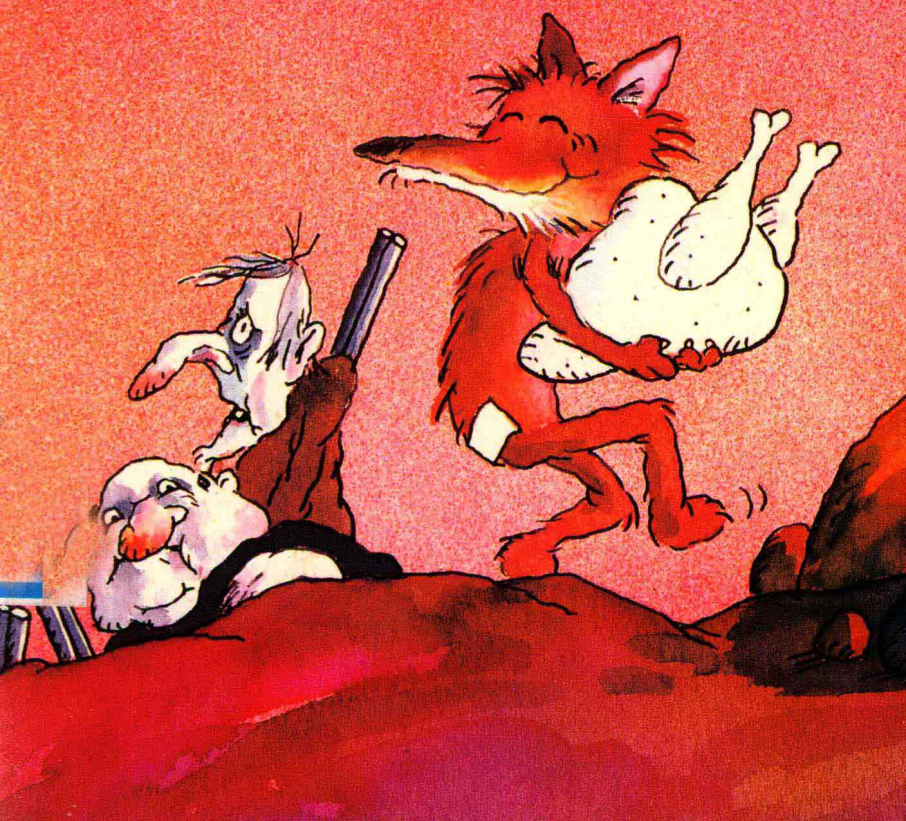
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FANTASTIC MR FOX

‘Well, my darling,’ said Mr Fox. ‘What shall it be tonight?’

‘I think we’ll have duck tonight,’ said Mrs Fox. ‘Bring us two fat ducks, if you please, one for you and me, and one for the children.’

‘Ducks it shall be!’ said Mr Fox. ‘Bunce’s best!’

But he wouldn’t have been quite so confident if he’d known that his three adversaries, farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean, were lying in wait outside his hole that very night, each one crouching behind a tree with his gun loaded, and each one really determined to shoot him, starve him, or dig him out, even if it took them for ever . . .

But Mr Fox’s wife was right when she proudly told the children, ‘Your father is a fantastic fox! He has quite enough brains to fox much cleverer farmers than Boggis, Bunce and Bean!’

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I The Three Farmers

Down in the valley there were three farms. The owners of these farms had done well. They were rich men. They were also nasty men. All three of them were about as nasty and mean as any men you could meet. Their names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean.

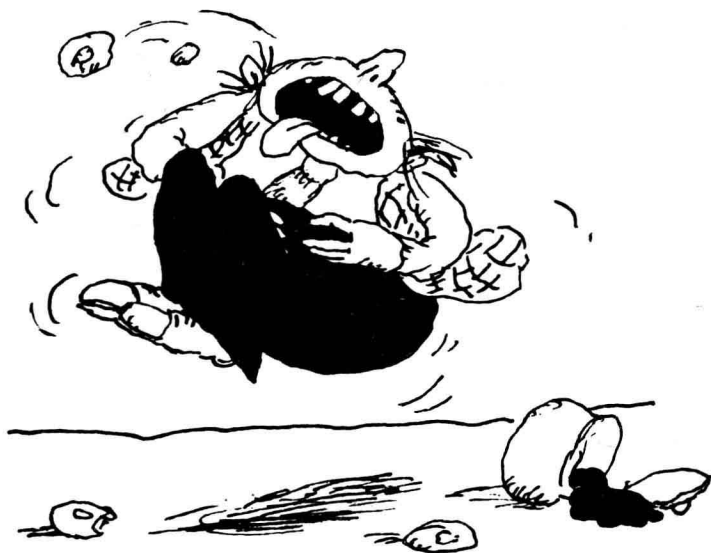
Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper.

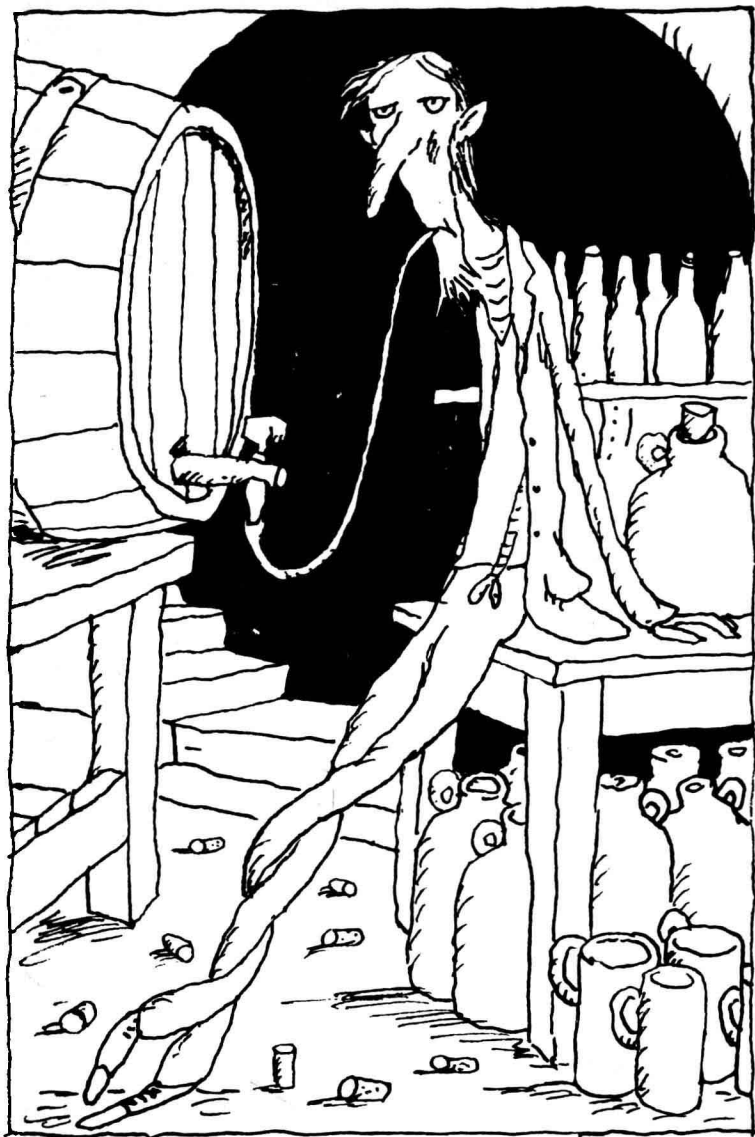






Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would have been under water in the shallow end of any swimming-pool in the world. His food was doughnuts and goose livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy-ache and a beastly temper.





Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer.—He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all.

