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'We've got no food, Jack,' says his mother. 'We've got no money. Go and sell the cow!'



So Jack goes up the road. 'Look!' says a strange old man. 'Magic beans! Give me that cow and you can have them!' 'Oh!' says Jack. 'All right!'



‘What?’ shouts Jack’s mother. ‘No money? Beans! Go to bed now!’



But in the morning there’s
a beanstalk!

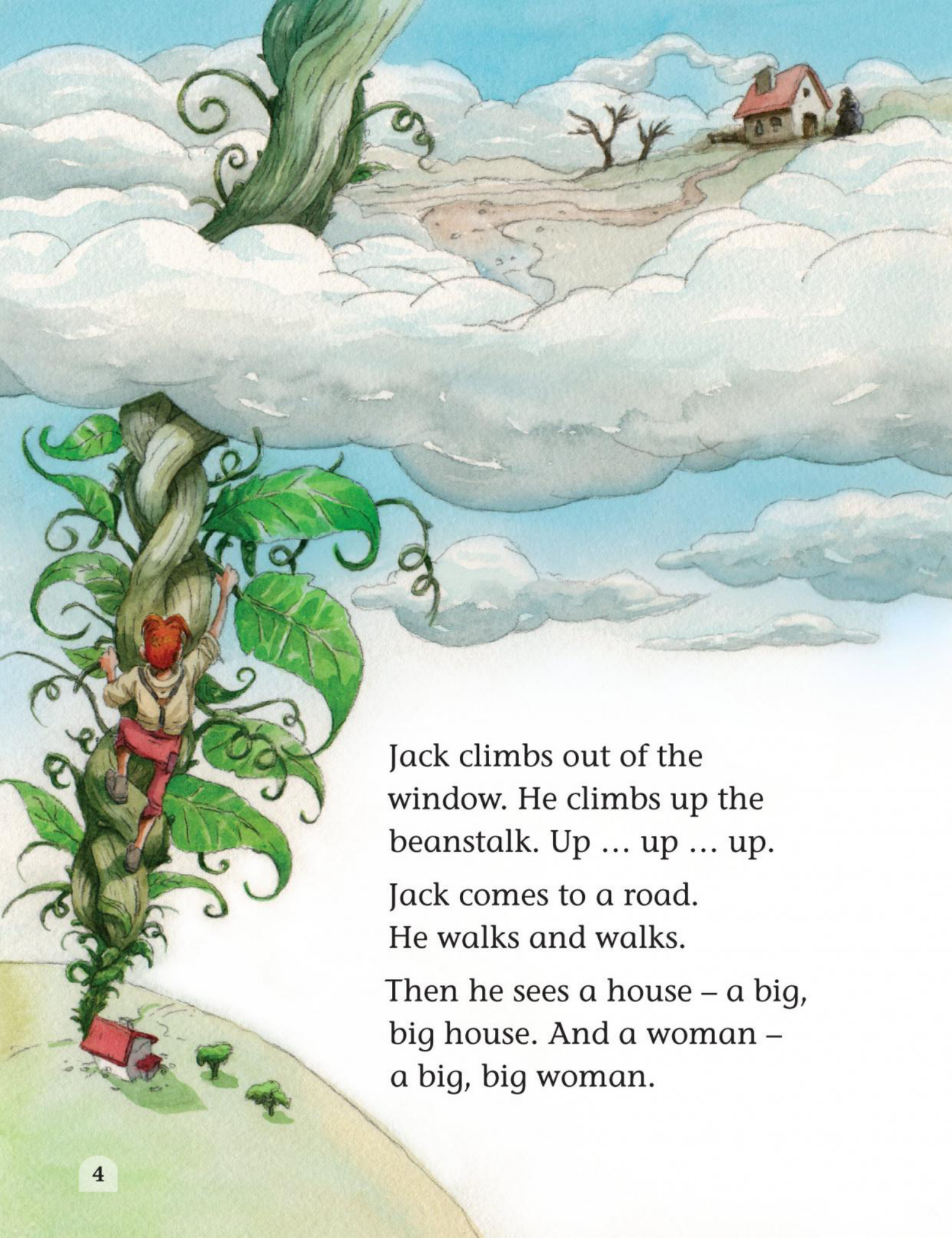
Tall, tall, tall ... And green
... green ... green!

‘Oooh!’ says Jack.

‘Wonderful! Magic!’

Wonderful! Magic!





Jack climbs out of the window. He climbs up the beanstalk. Up ... up ... up.

Jack comes to a road. He walks and walks.


Then he sees a house – a big, big house. And a woman – a big, big woman.

'Can I have some breakfast?'
says Jack.

'All right!' she says. 'Come in.
But listen! My man is a giant.
He eats boys. So be quiet!'

She gives Jack some breakfast.
Then there's a noise. Thump!
Thump! Thump!

'My big man is here!' she says.
'Quick! Hide! Get in there!'



Quick! Hide!

'Fee! Fi! Fo! Foy! I can smell a little boy!' says the big giant.

'No, you can't!' says his wife. 'Wash your hands! Your breakfast is ready!'



He eats his breakfast. Then he says,
'Wife! Bring me my gold!'

He puts the gold on the table. 'One ...
two ... three ... Zzzzzz.'

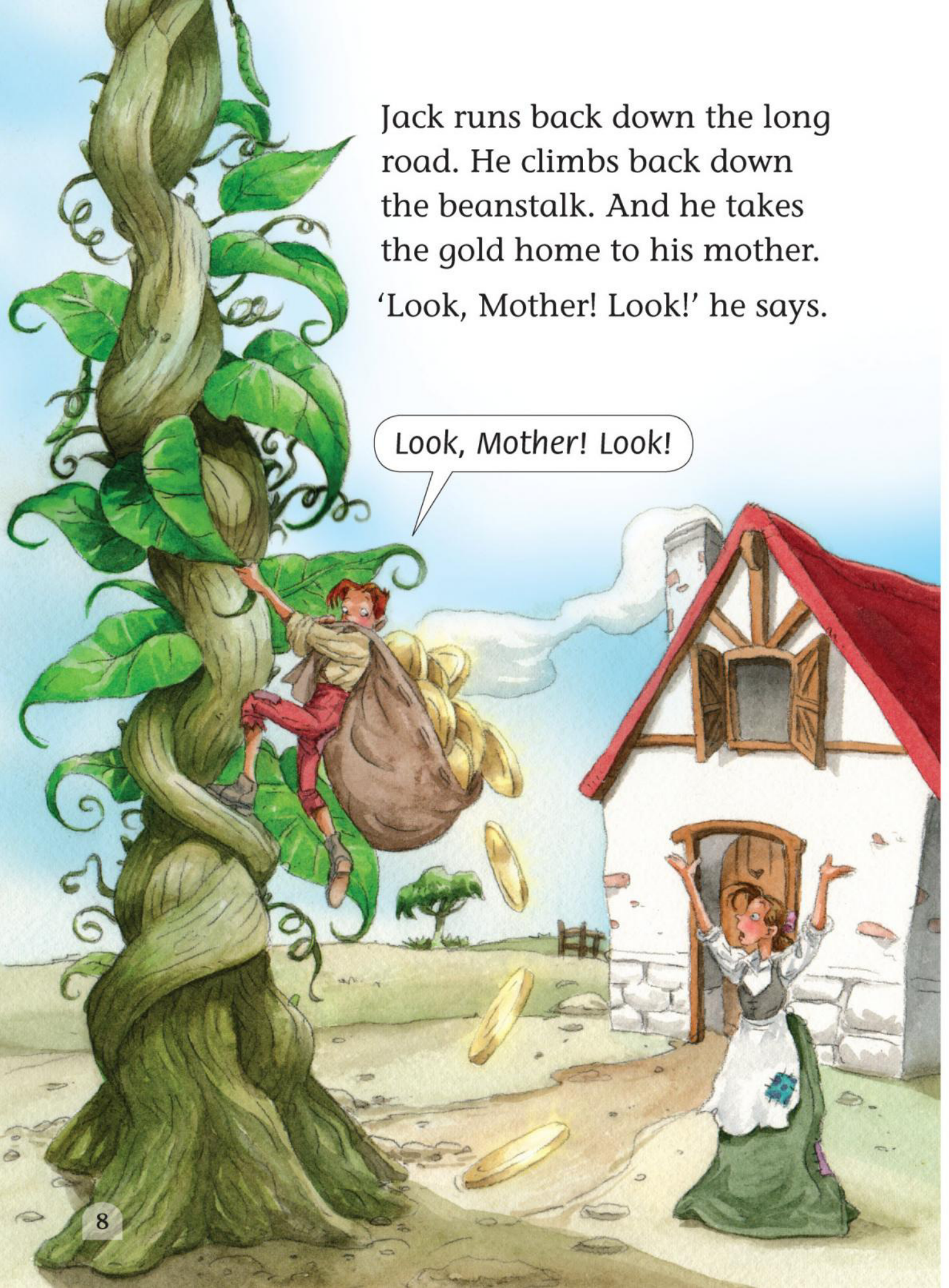
The giant goes to sleep.

Then Jack comes out quietly. He takes a
bag of gold. And quietly he runs away.



Jack runs back down the long road. He climbs back down the beanstalk. And he takes the gold home to his mother. 'Look, Mother! Look!' he says.

Look, Mother! Look!



Now they live well. But one day there's
no more gold.

So Jack climbs up the beanstalk again.
Up ... up ... up.



He comes to the road
again. He walks and walks.
He sees the house again –
the big, big house.

‘Can I have some breakfast?’ Jack says.
‘Go away!’ says the big woman. ‘My big man eats boys. And you’re a bad boy. You take things, don’t you?’



‘I don’t take things,’ says Jack. ‘That’s another boy. I can tell you his name. But I want some breakfast first.’
‘All right,’ says the woman. ‘Come in.’

She gives Jack some breakfast.

Then there's a noise. Thump! Thump!
Thump!

'My big man is here!' says the woman.

'Quick! Hide! Get in there!'



'Fee! Fi! Fo! Foy! I can smell a little boy!' says the giant.

'No, you can't!' says his wife. 'Wash your hands! Your breakfast is ready!'

After breakfast the giant says, 'Wife! Bring me my hen! I want some gold eggs!'

So she brings the hen to the table.

'Lay!' says the giant.

And the hen lays a gold egg.

'Yes!' says the giant. 'Lay! Lay!'

Then he goes to sleep.



Then Jack comes out. And he takes the magic hen. And he quietly runs away. He runs back home to his mother.



Jack and his mother are happy. They are never hungry now. But Jack wants to climb up the beanstalk one more time.



He comes to the road again. He walks and walks.

He sees the house again – the big, big house. And the woman – the big, big woman. But this time she doesn't see him.



Jack hides behind some books.

Soon he hears a noise.

'Fee! Fi! Fo! Foy! I can smell a little boy!' says the giant.

'Can you?' says his wife. 'Is that bad boy here again? Let's look in here. Perhaps he's hiding.'

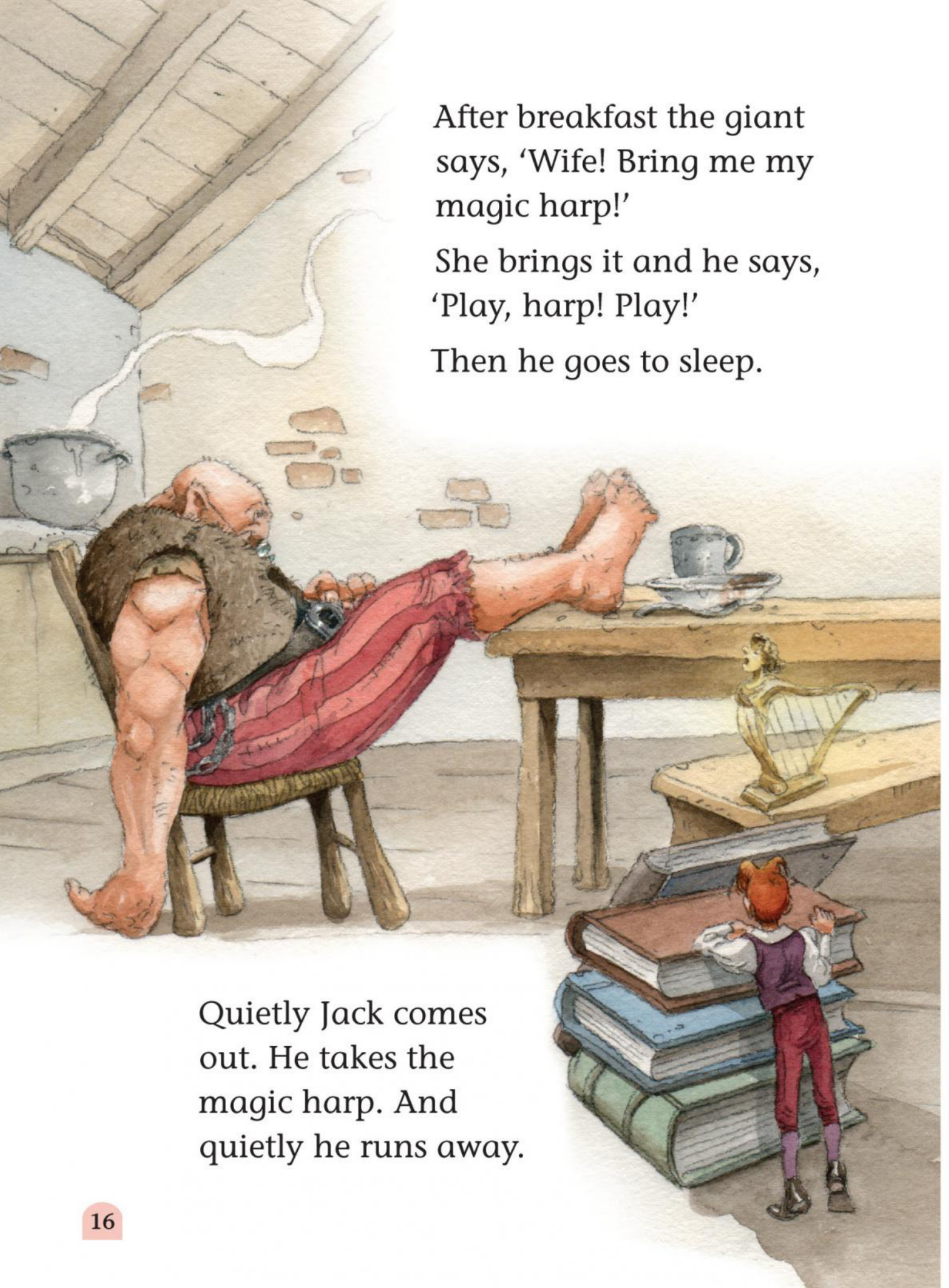
But they can't find Jack.



After breakfast the giant
says, 'Wife! Bring me my
magic harp!'

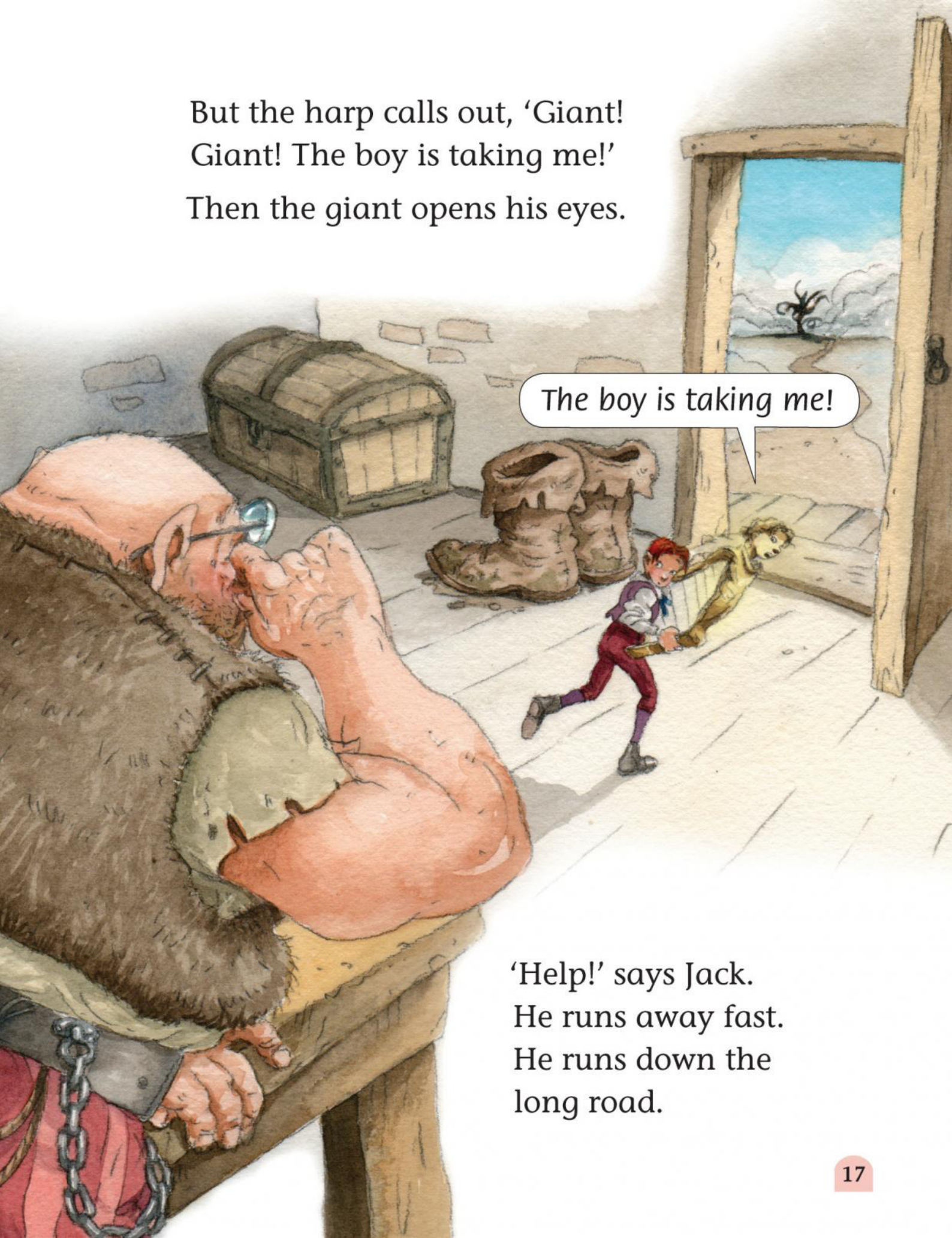
She brings it and he says,
'Play, harp! Play!'

Then he goes to sleep.

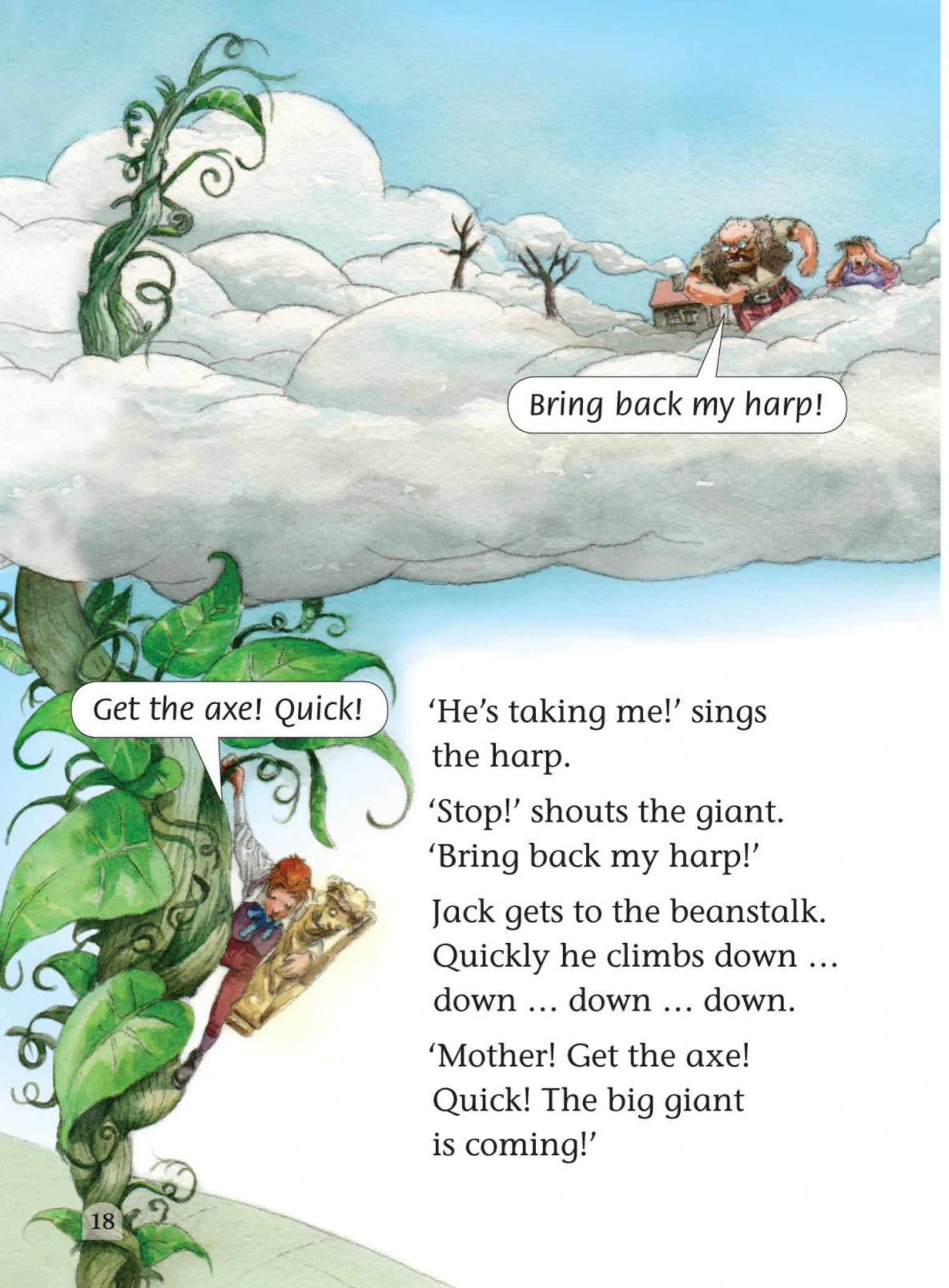


Quietly Jack comes
out. He takes the
magic harp. And
quietly he runs away.

But the harp calls out, 'Giant!
Giant! The boy is taking me!'
Then the giant opens his eyes.



'Help!' says Jack.
He runs away fast.
He runs down the
long road.



Bring back my harp!

Get the axe! Quick!

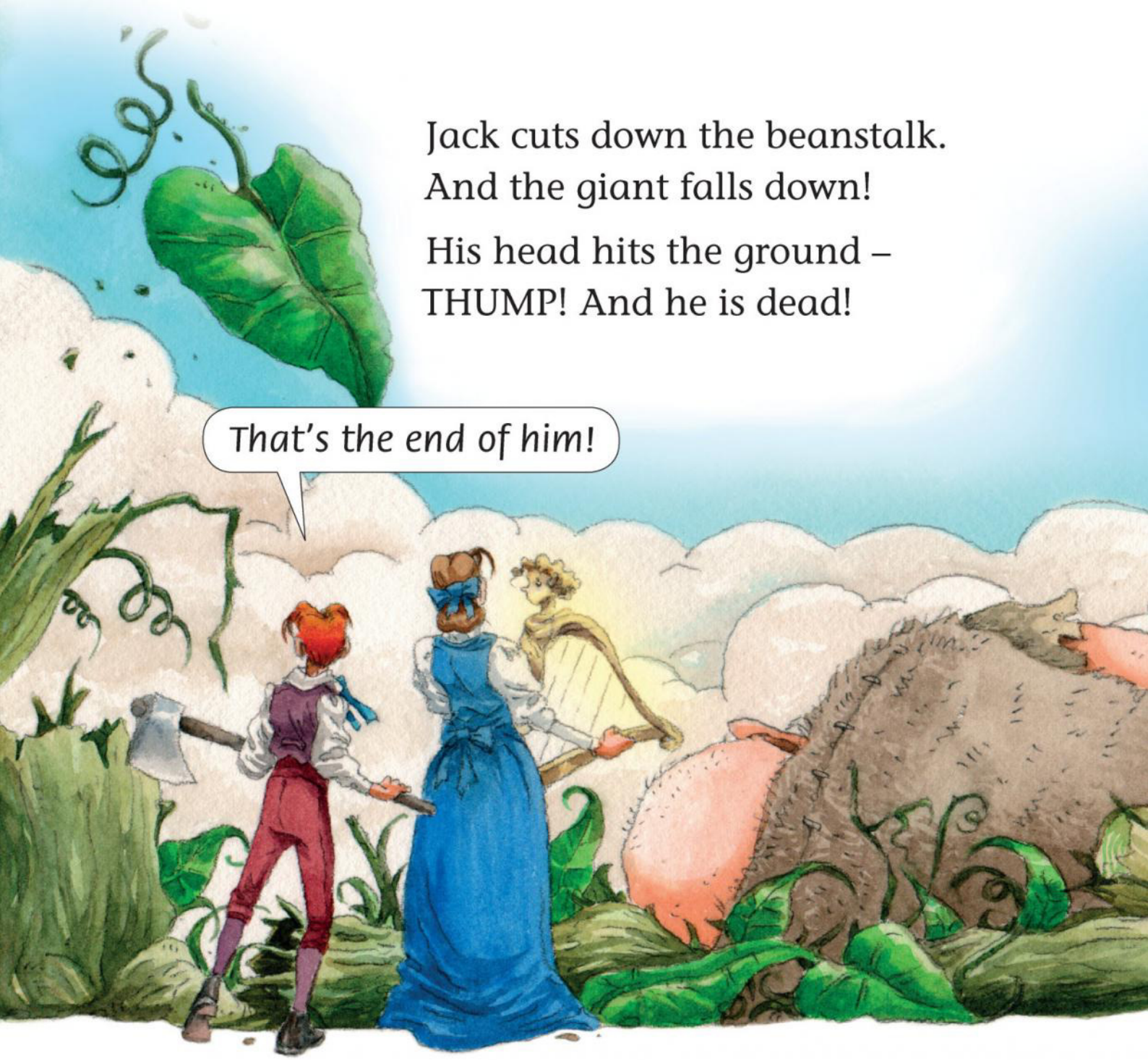
'He's taking me!' sings the harp.

'Stop!' shouts the giant.

'Bring back my harp!'

Jack gets to the beanstalk.
Quickly he climbs down ...
down ... down ... down.

'Mother! Get the axe!
Quick! The big giant
is coming!'

An illustration showing Jack, his mother, and the giant's head. Jack, with red hair and wearing a purple vest over a white shirt and red trousers, holds a large axe. His mother, in a long blue dress with a white collar and a blue bow in her hair, stands next to him. To their right, the giant's head, which is large and orange-red, is visible inside the beanstalk. The beanstalk is a thick green vine with large leaves, growing from a rocky ground. In the background, there are white clouds and a blue sky. A speech bubble from Jack says, "That's the end of him!".

Jack cuts down the beanstalk.
And the giant falls down!
His head hits the ground –
THUMP! And he is dead!

That's the end of him!

'That's the end of him!' says Jack.
'Now ... can I have some breakfast?'



Exercises

1 Write the words.

brings ~~climbs~~ gives lays runs sees

- 1 Jack climbs up the beanstalk.
- 2 He _____ a big, big woman.
- 3 The giant woman _____ him some breakfast.
- 4 She _____ a hen to the table.
- 5 The hen _____ a gold egg.
- 6 Jack _____ away with the hen.

2 What do they say? Write the words.



3 Put the words in the correct order.

1 and cow the Go sell.

Go and sell the cow.

2 have breakfast Can some I?

3 the Jack of climbs window out.

4 boys My man big eats.

4 Write the story again, correcting the mistake in each sentence.

Jack and his father have no food. Jack sells the cow for some money. In the morning Jack climbs down a beanstalk. A giant man makes him breakfast. Jack takes some gold, a cow, and a harp from the giant man. The giant sings, 'Stop!' Jack runs away and cuts down the tree. The giant climbs down.

Jack and his mother have no food.



Picture Dictionary

axe



dead *He is dead.*



breakfast



egg



climb



fall down



cow



giant



cut down



gold



harp



run away



hen



sell



hide



shout



lay



smell



noise



wash



road



wife



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