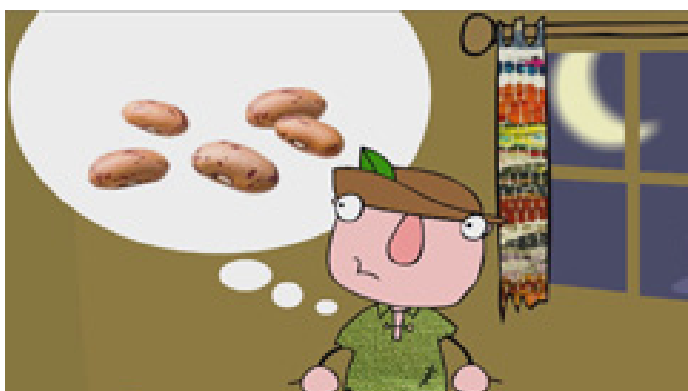


# Jack and the Beanstalk

## 6. And the beanstalk grew

As the moon cast a strange, silvery light across the garden, Jack thought about the magic beans Ma had thrown outside. What if the birds should gobble them up? Maybe he should sneak outside and try to find them.



Jack looked again at the twinkling stars. Somehow, they gave him hope. 'If I wish upon a star, then maybe the magic will happen tonight', he thought. 'I wish that I could make Ma and all the other hungry villagers happy again. I wish my dream will come true.'



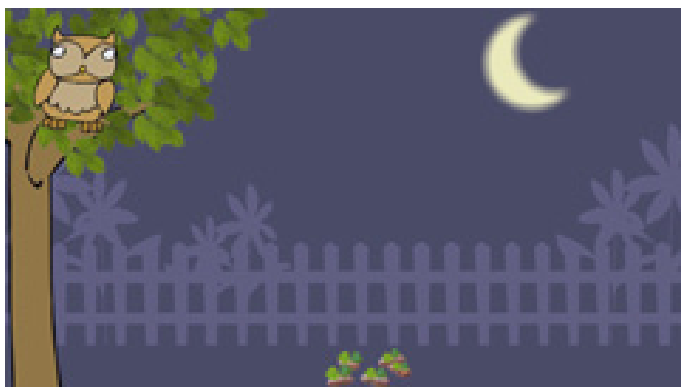
Making the wish made Jack feel a bit better. He lay back down on the floor and closed his eyes. Slowly, he began to fall into a deep sleep. And while he dreamt of beans and magic, something strange began to happen - right outside his window...



As the moon shone down on the garden, a rumble came from the earth where the beans lay...



...it sounded like something was trying to burst out of the ground...



...something that was making soft, rustling sounds. As Jack carried on sleeping, the mysterious rustling sounds carried on as well - all through the night...