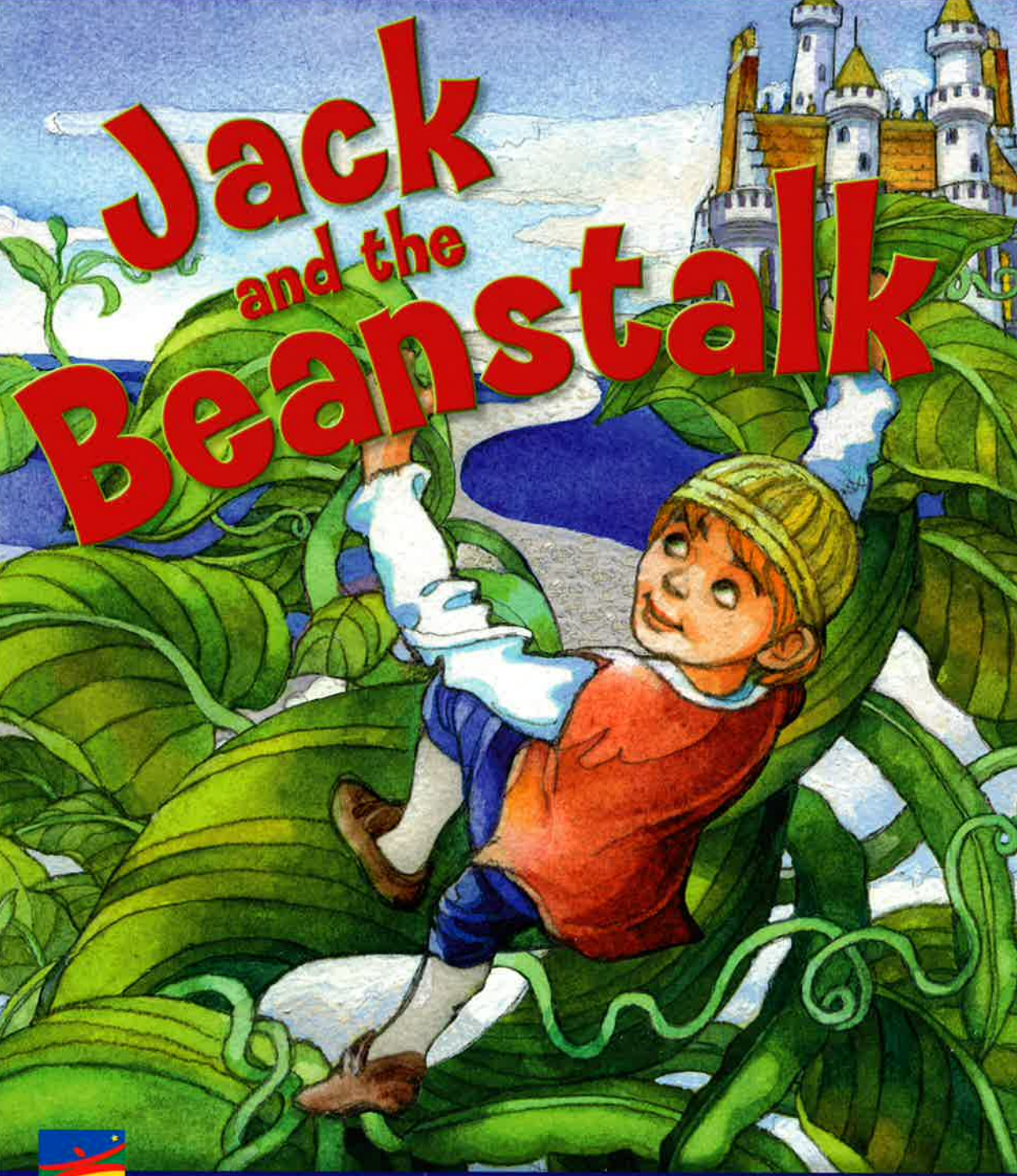
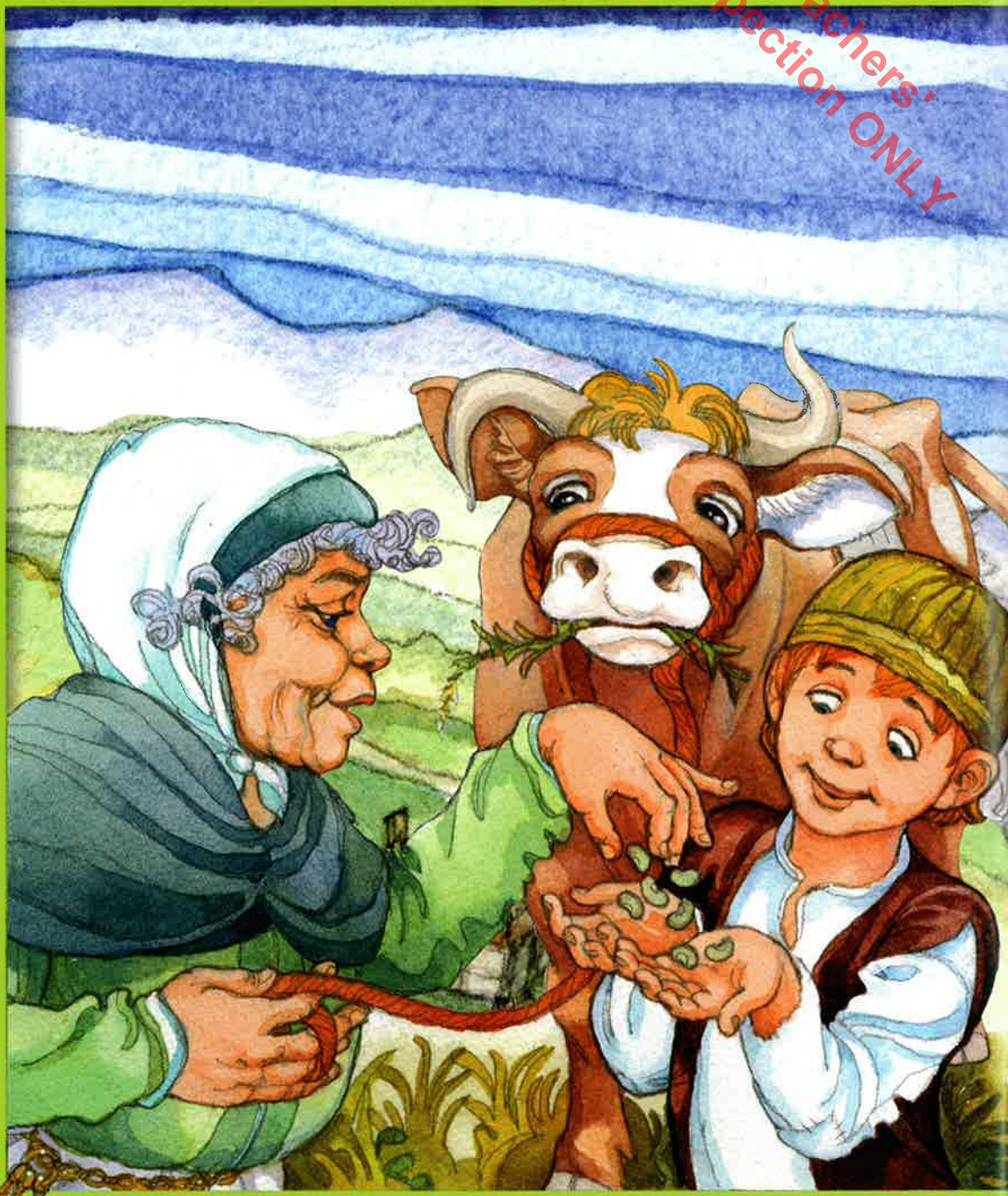


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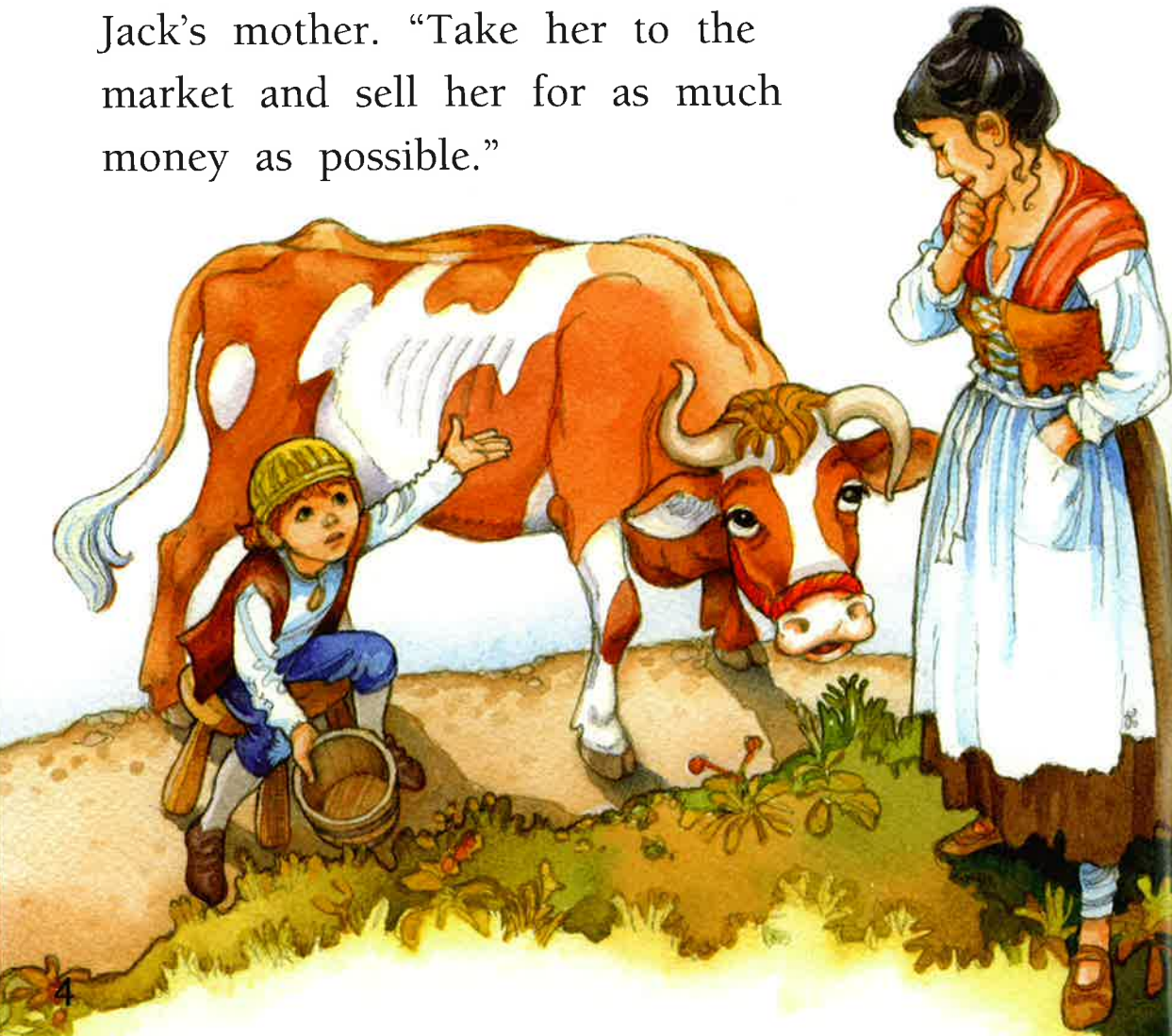




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Once upon a time, a woman lived with her son, Jack. They made a little bit of money by selling their cow's milk. One day, the cow stopped giving milk.

"We'll have to sell our cow," said Jack's mother. "Take her to the market and sell her for as much money as possible."

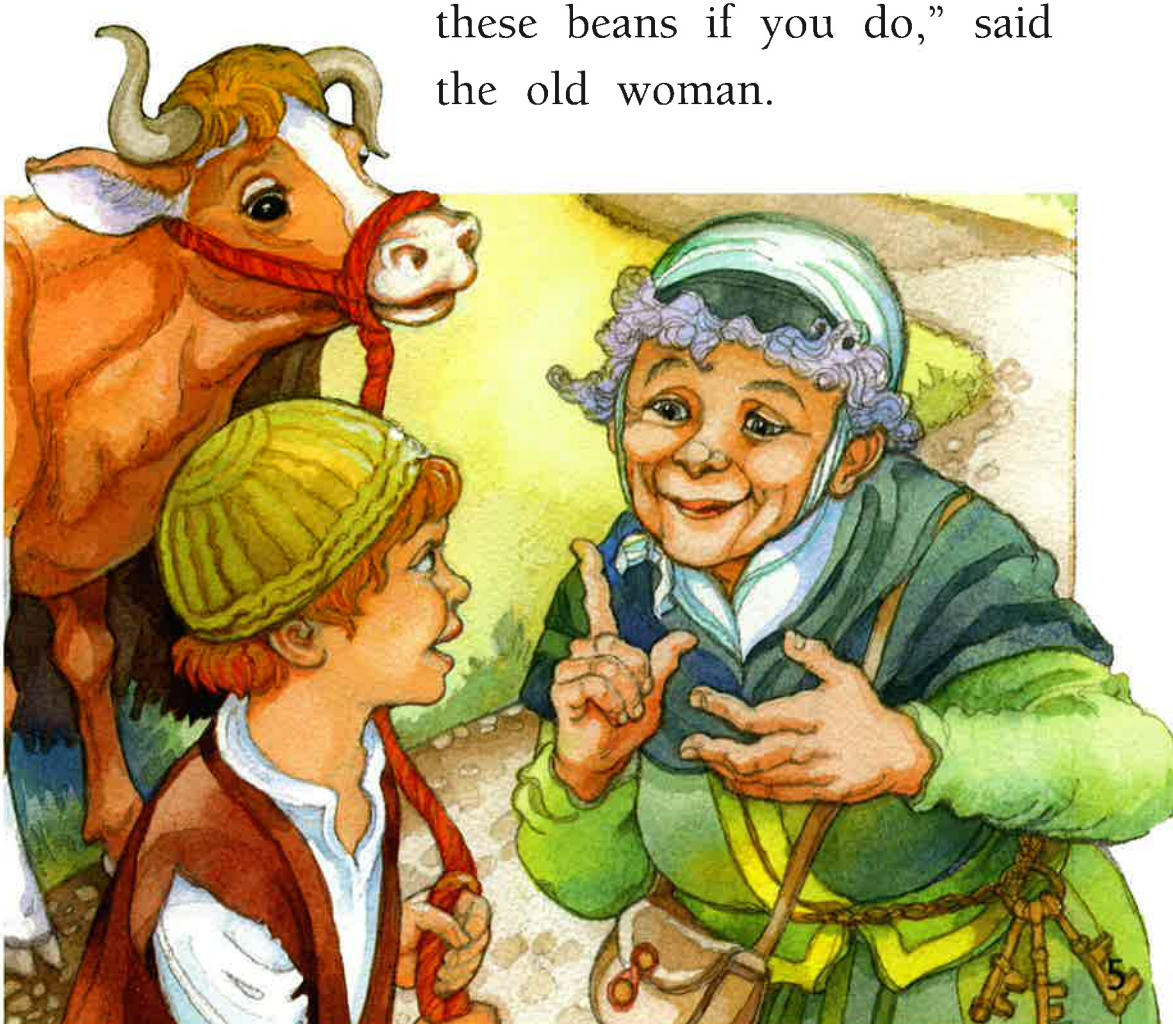


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Jack met an old woman on his way to the market. "Are you going to sell your cow?" the old woman asked.

"Yes," said Jack. "I'm taking her to the market now."

"Why don't you give her to me? I'll give you these beans if you do," said the old woman.



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"I can't. I need to sell her and bring the money home to my mother," said Jack.

"But these are not just any beans. These are magic beans," said the old woman.

"Magic beans?" asked Jack. "All right. I'll take your magic beans and give you my cow."

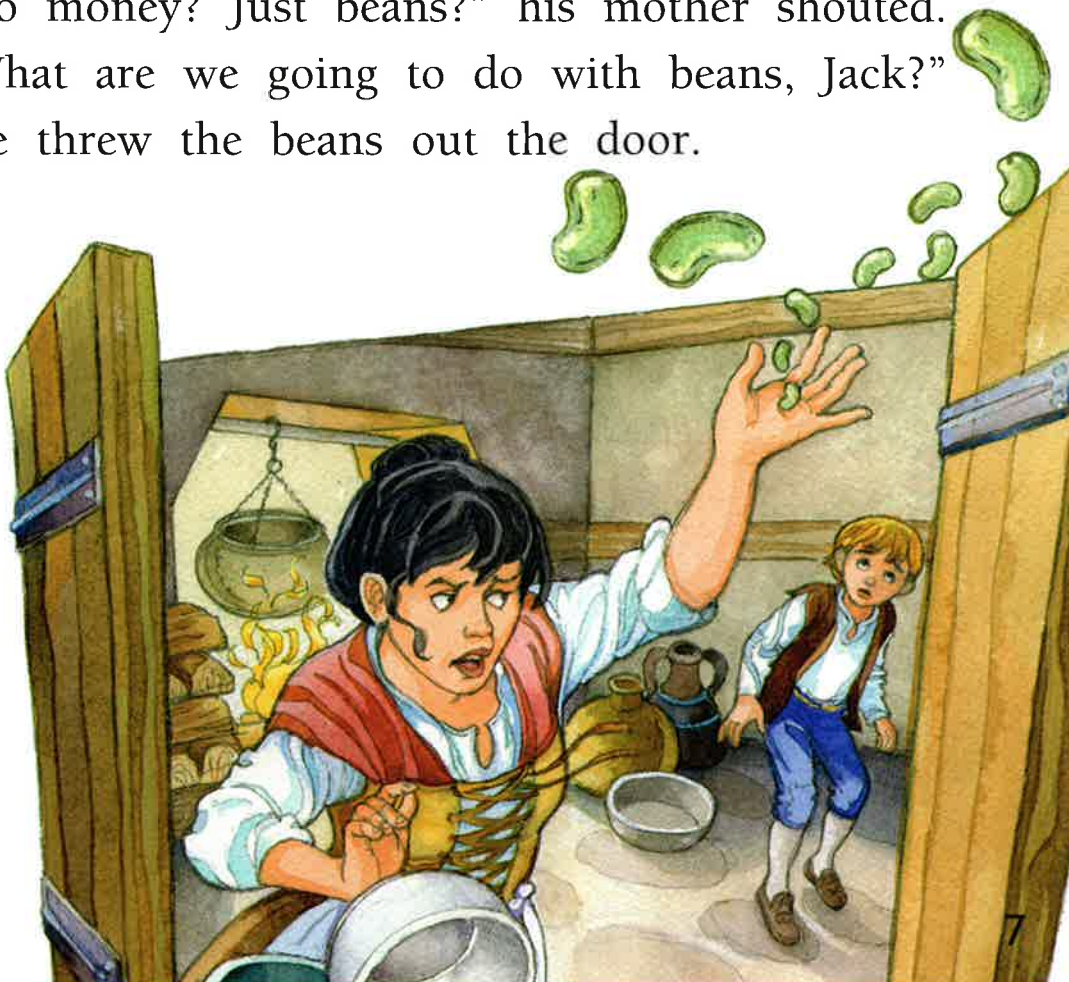


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Jack went home. His mother said, "I see that the cow's gone. How much money did you get for her?"

"I didn't get any money for the cow. I got these magic beans instead," said Jack.

"No money? Just beans?" his mother shouted. "What are we going to do with beans, Jack?" She threw the beans out the door.



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Jack woke up the next morning. The room was dark. A big, tall beanstalk had grown up outside his window! It seemed to reach up to the sky! "I guess that those were magic beans after all!" Jack said to himself.



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Jack jumped out of his window and started to climb up the beanstalk. He climbed and climbed, higher and higher, up through the clouds. Finally, Jack came to a road. He found a beautiful castle at the end of the road. Jack walked up to the castle and knocked on the door.



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What happened in this fairy tale?

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Make Predictions

What do you think will happen now that Jack and his mother have gold?