

SCENE 1

JACK enters the room, there are several larger-than-life objects strewn around the room

JACK: At last, the Giants castle! Blimey that was one heck of a climb. I've been hanging off that beanstalk for hours. Bit gloomy isn't it? Still I don't really want to hang around for too long, as soon as I find the golden hen I'm out of here. After all, I don't want to be discovered by the..

We hear a bat flutter by. Jack dives into the nearest hiding place.

What was that?

JACK re-emerges holding a feather duster

Hello? Who's there, I'm warning you.. I've got a duster and I'm not afraid to use it.. Hello? Hmmm nobody here, just my imagination. Now come on Jack, pull yourself together. You've just got to find the hen and get out of here. Now if I were a gold chicken, where would I live?

He starts to look around

Mrs Chicken! here chick chick chick.

JACK starts to make chicken noises in an attempt to lure the Golden hen out of its hiding place. Suddenly we hear a few clucks in reply to JACK'S. An oversized golden chicken head pops up from behind a piece of scenery.

Hang on, what was that? Hellooo

We hear more clucks, this time mimicking JACKS tone.

Where aaaaaare you?

More mimicking from The Hen

Boys and girls, do you know where the sound is coming from?

Its behind you etc. JACK turns and spots the Hen, he pulls out a sack.

There it is. Right then, slowly does it.

He sneaks up towards the hen and jumps behind the scenery with it. We hear various bangs and crashes. JACK re-emerges with a now very full sack and a large golden egg under one arm.

Gotcha... you're coming with me! Its funny really. Who would have thought a hen that size would fit in a sack this small..

He gives a slightly guilty look towards the audience.

Now I better get home before..

We hear footsteps, enormous, echoing footsteps.

SCENE 2

BILLY: Don't worry mate (*pause*) and can I have your bedroom if you don't come back?

Exit BILLY

JACK: Oh I'm coming back

PRINCESS: You better!

JACK: (*turning suddenly*) Oh Princess, I'm so sorry. This is all my fault.

PRINCESS: No, you weren't to know. Are you really sure you want to do this? I'm sure everyone would understand if you decided it was too dangerous... probably.

JACK: What other choice do I have. I either climb this beanstalk and find the hen or loose the house.

PRINCESS: But we might lose you!

JACK: That's okay, I won't be missed, I'm just a simple farm boy, I'm nothing special.

PRINCESS: You are to me.