

SCENE 1

PRINCESS: Now, Trotts, how can I help you. You're in the odd jobs trade, correct? So, let's have a look at what work you have lined up and we'll see how I can help.

DAME: You can't do that!

PRINCESS: Whyever not?

DAME: Because you're, well... a Princess? Princesses can't put up shelves and shovel shhhh..

She realises what she is about to say, and very quickly changes tact.

Shhhhhh, shhhhh Jack, shush, the princess is talking, don't be so rude.

PRINCESS: Sorry, I don't understand

DAME: Well, I don't know many Princesses who are willing to get their hands dirty.

PRINCESS: Well, you've not met many decent Princesses then, have you?

DAME: Well now you mention it, I haven't met any other Princesses, but the ones in the books are all a bit... you know?

PRINCESS: Boring? Wimpy? Dull?

DAME: Well now you come to mention it.

PRINCESS: Well, I'll have you know that I am..

JACK: Perfect, you're just perfect...

PRINCESS: Now come along, show me the appointments book.

DAME: Oh Princess, this is the thing. We've barely had a job in weeks. And the ones we have done have all gone pare shaped.

PRINCESS: I see, and is it just the three of you, is there nobody else who could lend you a hand

DAME: Well, there's Pat, our cow. But she's not got hands, just hooves. And it's quite difficult to do anything of use when you aren't blessed with fingers

PRINCESS: I suppose not, but how wonderful you have a cow! You must have the freshest milk in all the village.

DAME: Oh, believe me we do! Gallons of the stuff, she doesn't stop! Yeah, we have to pour most of it in the river because we can't get through it quick enough!

PRINCESS: *(An idea strikes her)* Of course, that's it! Milk!

DAME: What about it?

PRINCESS: In all the houses I have visited today, everyone has said how much of a hassle it is to walk to the next village every day to

visit the dairy to get their milk and cream, why if what you're saying about Pat is true, she could produce enough milk to go around every house in the village! That is the solution to your money troubles, Pat's milk!

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.