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JENNY, IZZY AND EMMA
FOR ALL YOUR
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LIZ X



FOR HOLLY AND DAISY
WHO LOVE JELLY BEANS!
AND FOR DAD, HELEN
AND MUM
WITH ALL MY LOVE
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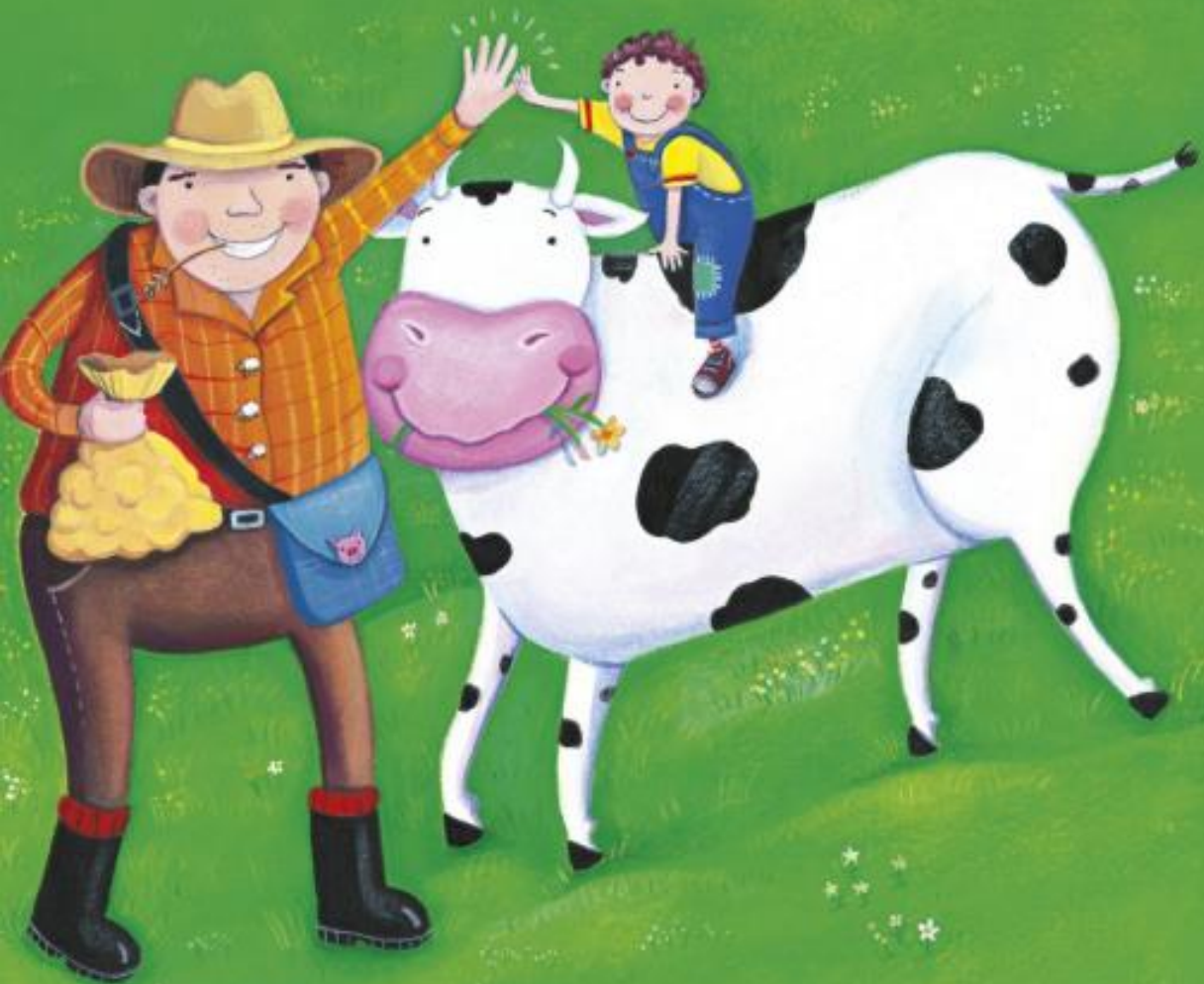
“I’m sorry Jack,” she sighed,
“but the cupboards are bare and my purse
is empty. We’ll have to sell Daisy.”

“Don’t worry Mum,” said Jack, sadly.
“I’ll get a good price for her.”



Jack’s mum shook the biscuit
barrel and peered inside the bread bin.
She looked in dismay at the last few crumbs.

Daisy was the cutest cow you ever did see. So it wasn't surprising that even before they got to town a farmer had offered Jack twenty gold coins for her.



“Twenty gold coins!” cried Jack.
His mum would be so pleased.



Jack was on his way home when, all of a sudden, he spotted a wonderful sweet shop.

Inside there were...



But Jack could not take his eyes off
an enormous bag of glittering jelly beans!

"These are magic beans, in
every flavour you could wish
for!" smiled the shopkeeper.
"And for twenty gold coins,
you can have them all!"



Every flavour he could wish for!
Jack couldn't help himself.
He handed over the money.



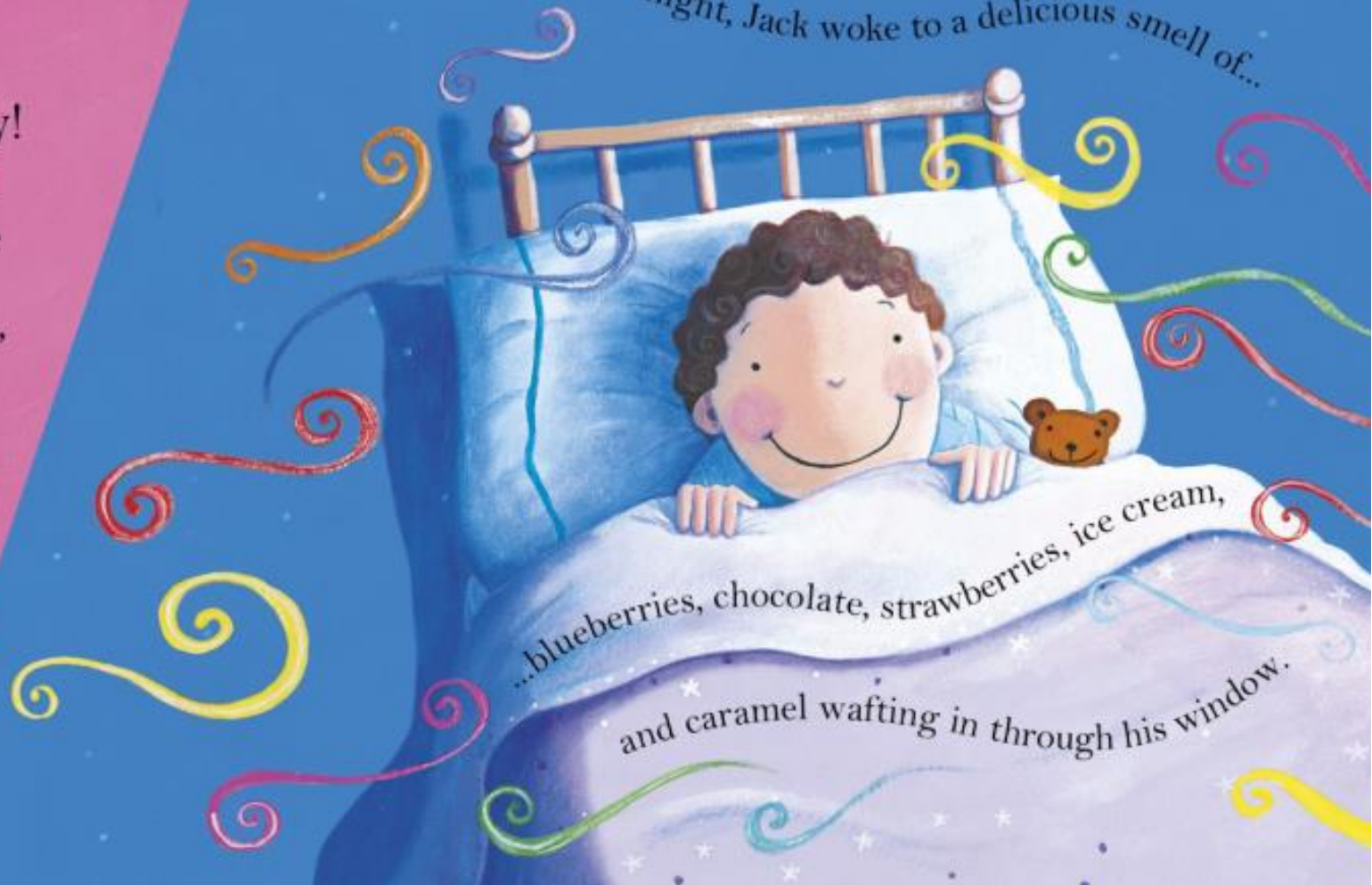
Jack walked home in a dream.
But when he arrived home without
Daisy and without any money
his mum was furious.



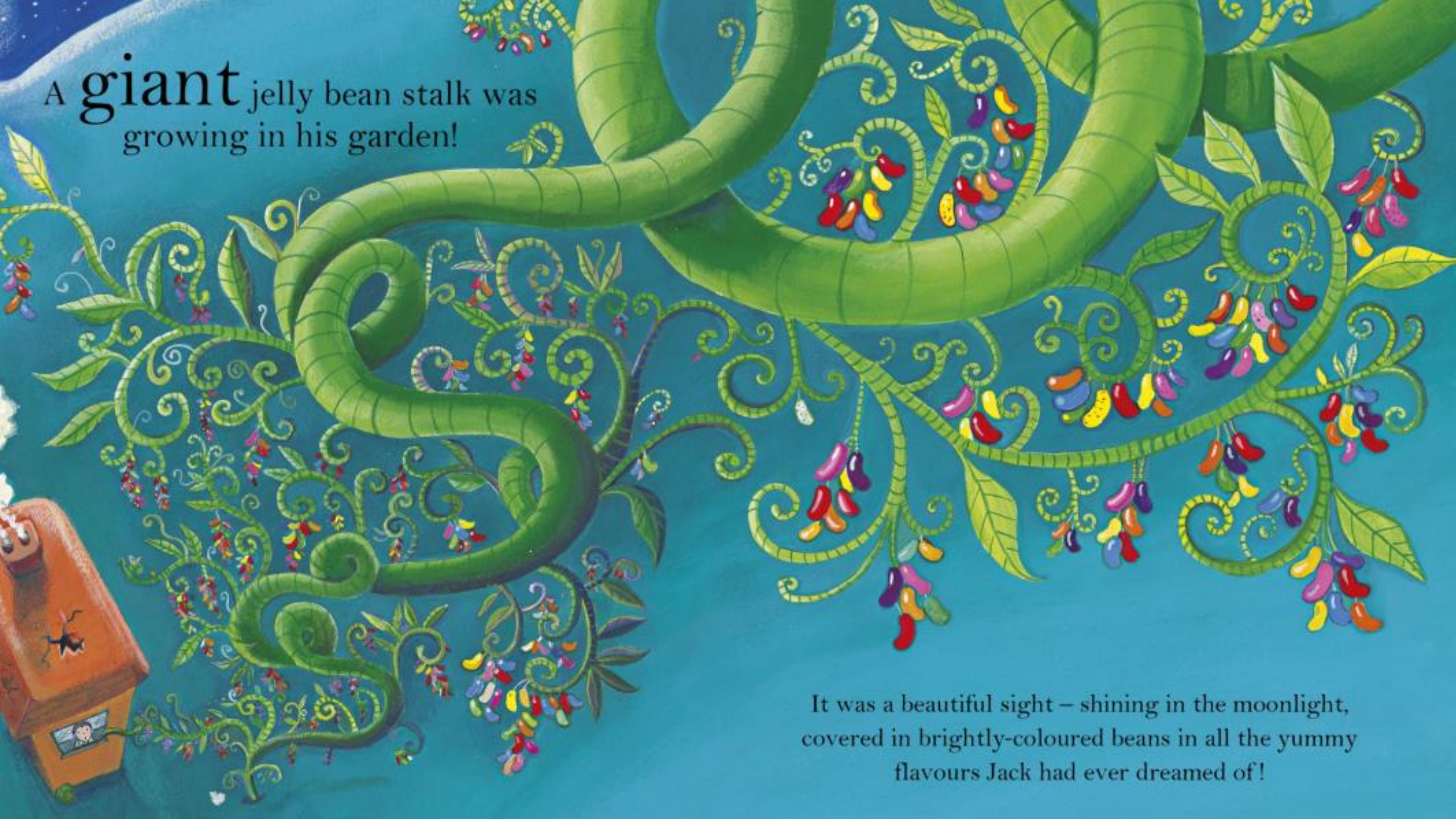
“You
silly boy!
What
use are
jelly
beans?”

She threw the bag outside and sent Jack
straight to bed without any supper.

In the middle of the night, Jack woke to a delicious smell of...



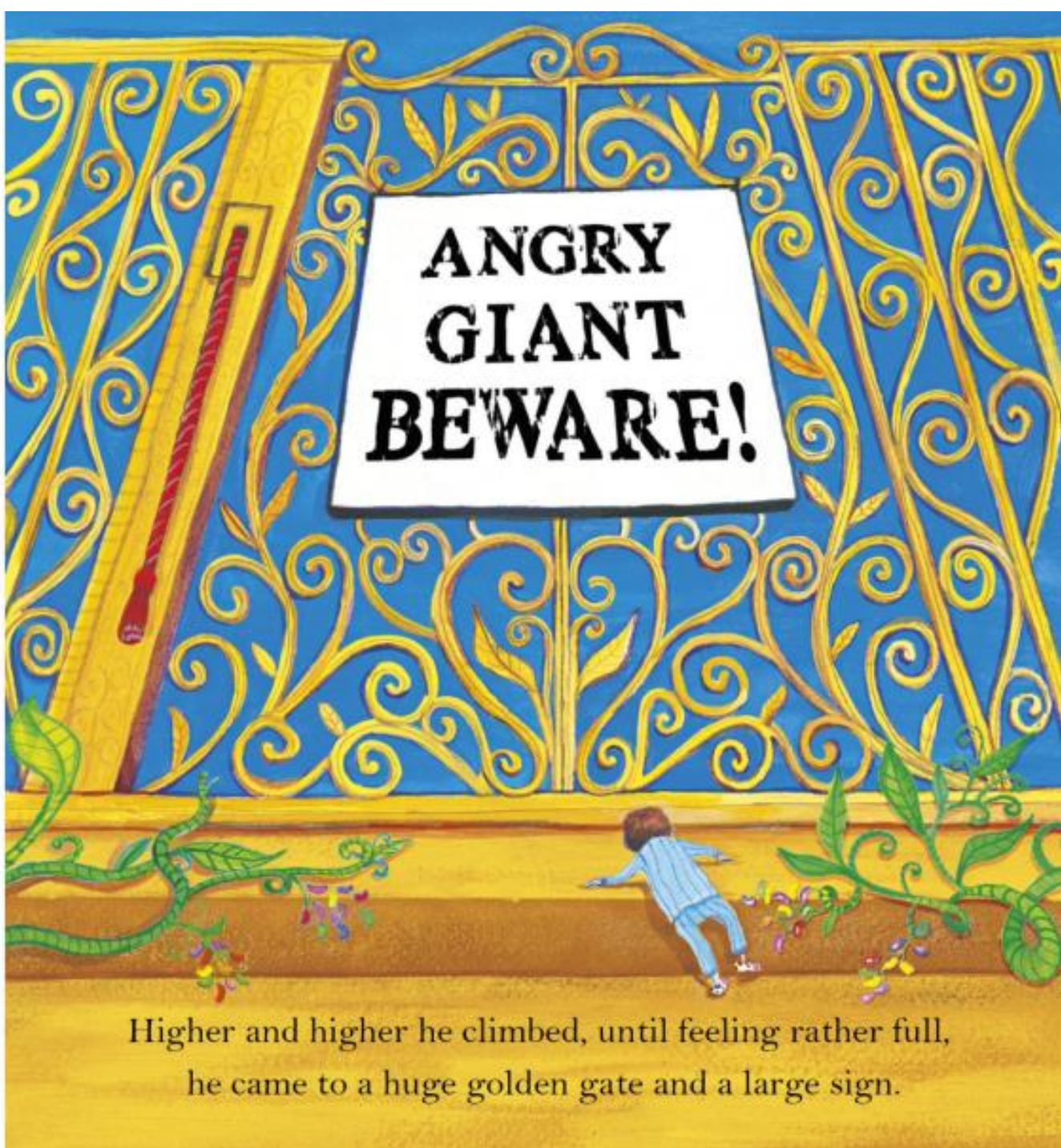
...blueberries, chocolate, strawberries, ice cream,
and caramel wafting in through his window.

A vibrant illustration of a giant beanstalk with colorful jelly beans growing from a small house. The beanstalk is a thick, green, segmented stalk that spirals upwards and then downwards, forming a large 'S' shape. It is covered in smaller, thinner green vines that spiral and curl, each bearing clusters of colorful jelly beans in shades of red, yellow, purple, and orange. The background is a deep blue, suggesting a night sky with a full moon in the upper left corner. In the bottom left corner, a small, brown, rectangular house with a chimney and a window is visible, with a tiny figure of a person standing on the roof. The overall scene is whimsical and fantastical.

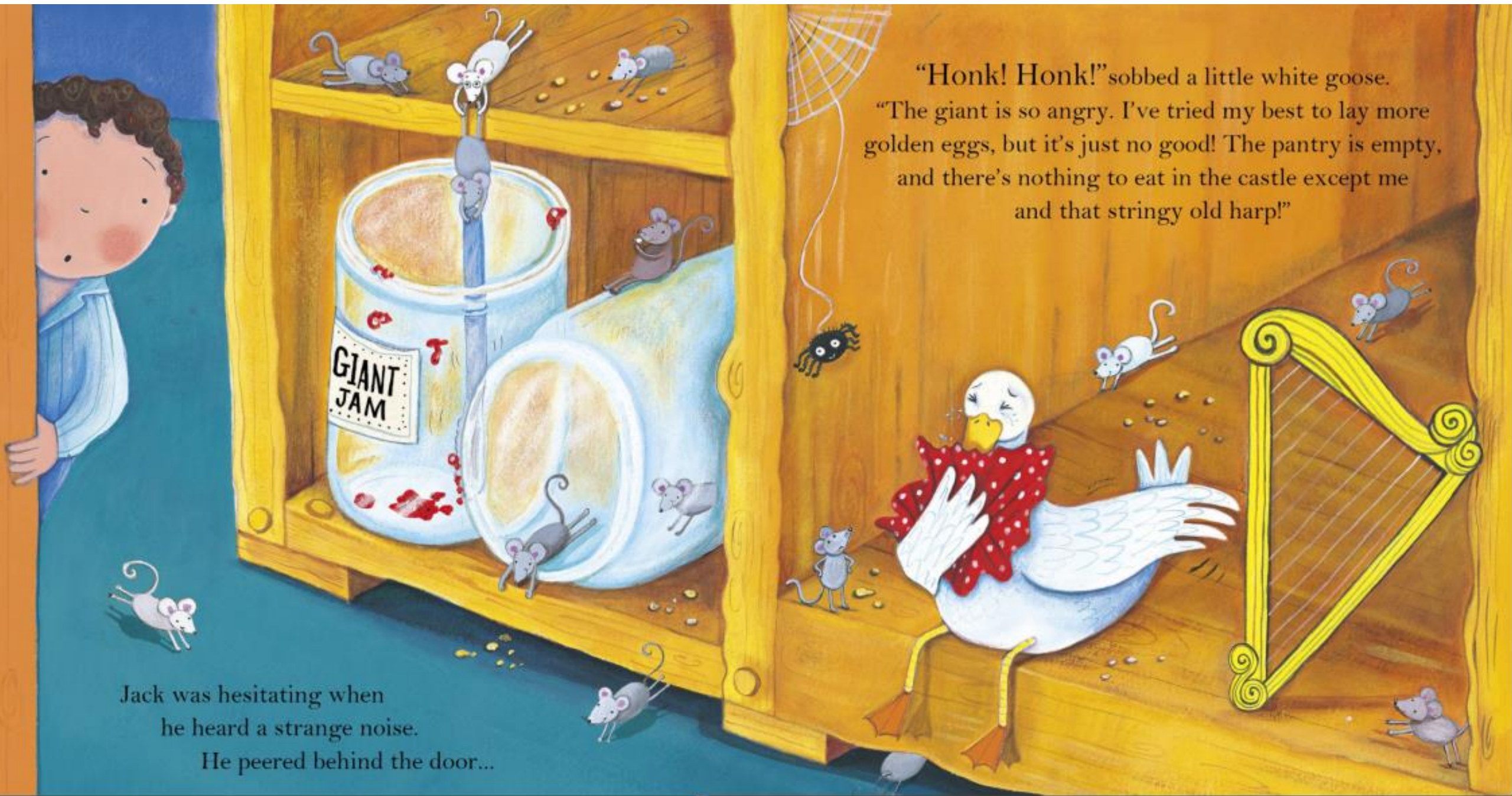
A **giant** jelly bean stalk was growing in his garden!

It was a beautiful sight – shining in the moonlight, covered in brightly-coloured beans in all the yummy flavours Jack had ever dreamed of!

Jack opened his window and began to climb, cramming jelly beans into his mouth as he went – orange, pear, mint, sherbet, choc-chip, apple pie, candyfloss, popcorn...



Higher and higher he climbed, until feeling rather full, he came to a huge golden gate and a large sign.



“Honk! Honk!” sobbed a little white goose.
“The giant is so angry. I’ve tried my best to lay more golden eggs, but it’s just no good! The pantry is empty, and there’s nothing to eat in the castle except me and that stringy old harp!”

Jack was hesitating when
he heard a strange noise.
He peered behind the door...

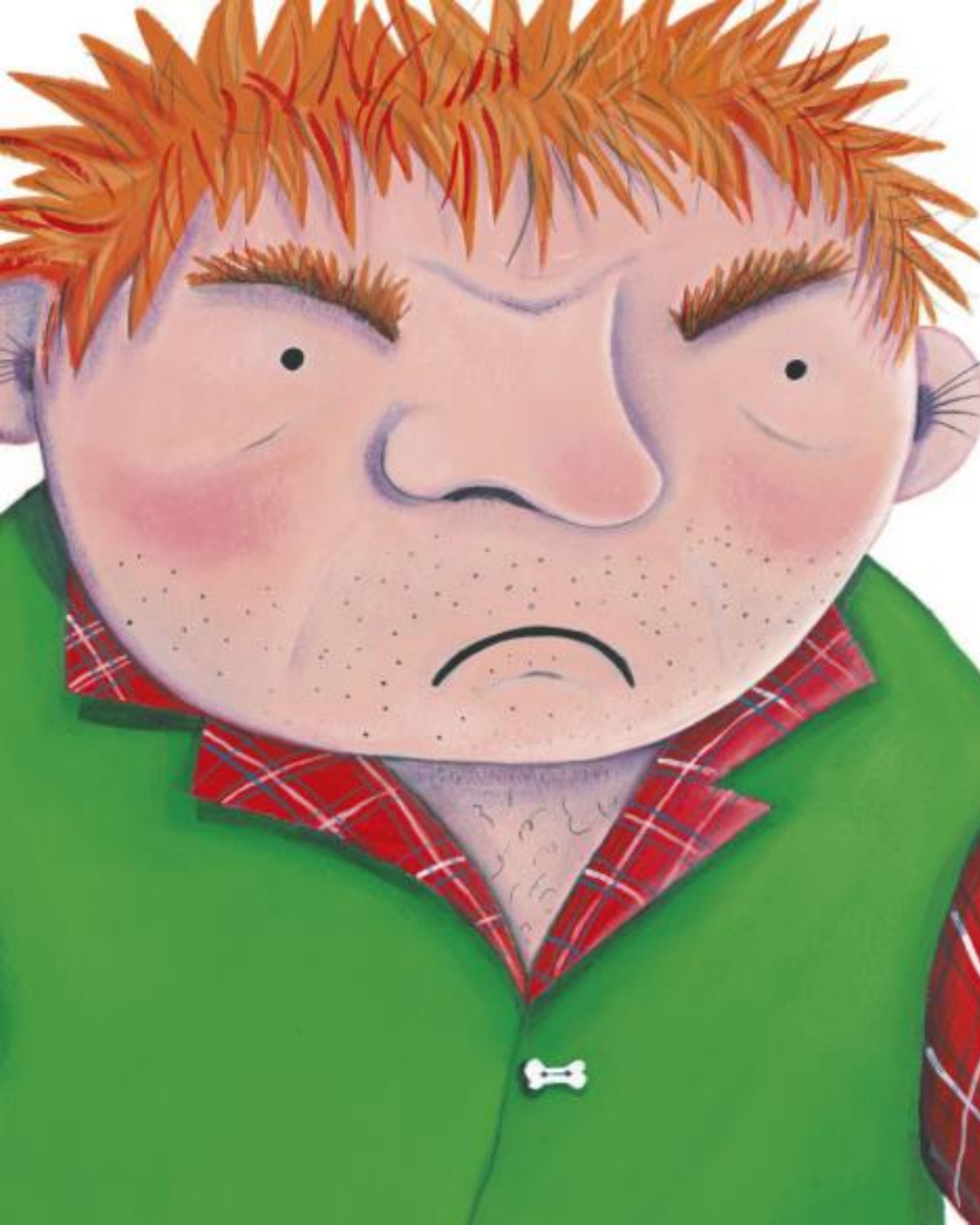
Suddenly, the ground shook!

Fee-fi-fo-foy,

I smell a juicy boy!

*Goose is good but boy's so tasty,
Served with chips and wrapped
in pastry!*





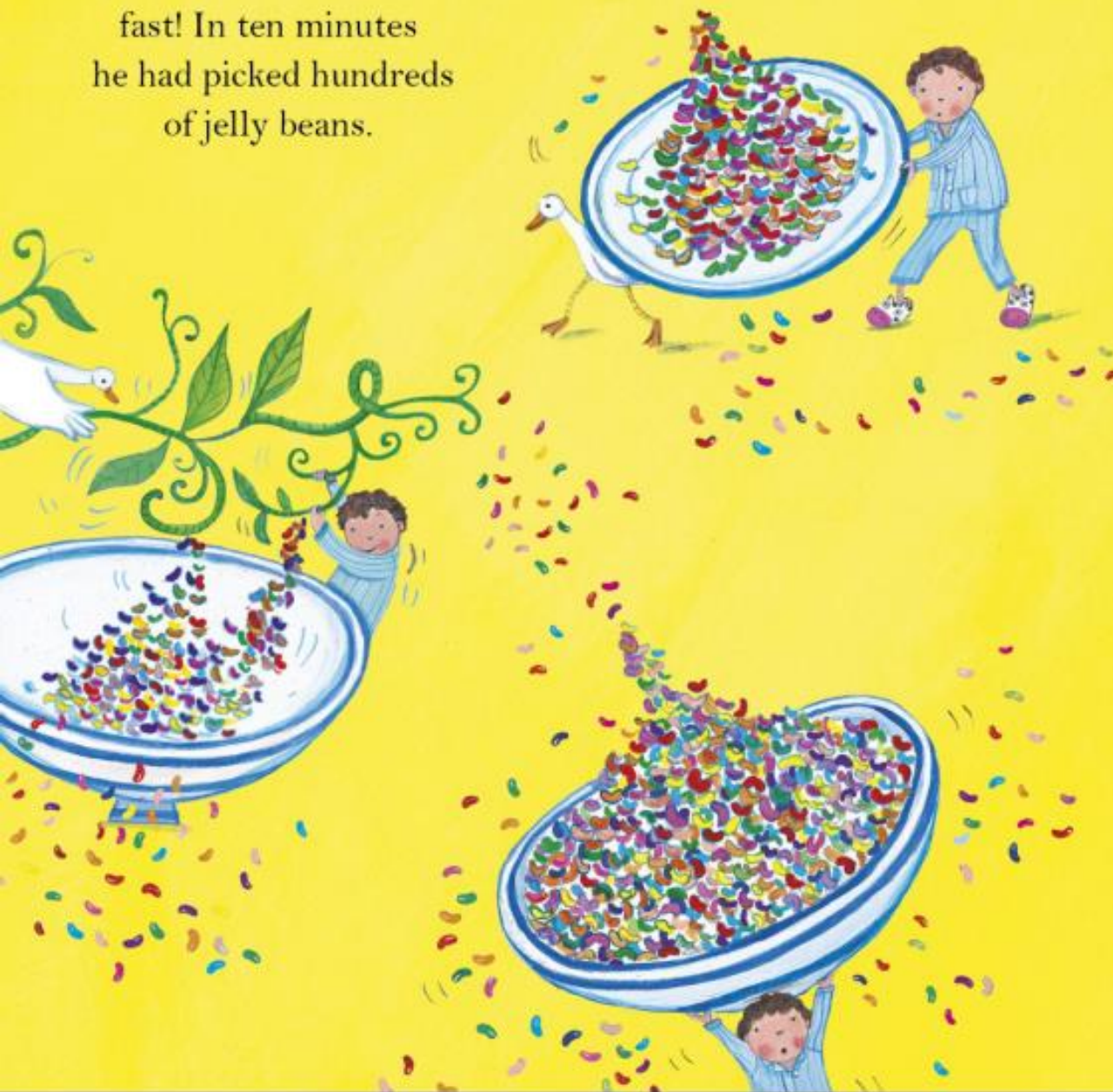
“Stop!” stuttered Jack as the giant scooped him up in his hand. “I’m very bony, and I haven’t washed for weeks. Give me ten minutes and I’ll bring you a banquet – a feast fit for a king!”

“Hmmm...” thought the giant, putting Jack back down again.

“My clock is ticking.
Tick, tick, **tick!**
Bring my feast
and make it
quick!”



Jack had never worked so fast! In ten minutes he had picked hundreds of jelly beans.



The giant had melon beans for his starter and fish and chip beans for his main course. It was all washed down with a fruity bean smoothie. The goose watched hungrily.

The giant was just about to tuck into his pudding beans when...



...the goose swallowed
them down whole!



Honk!

The giant was furious!
He grabbed the goose
and shook her.




Honk!

Honk!

Honk!

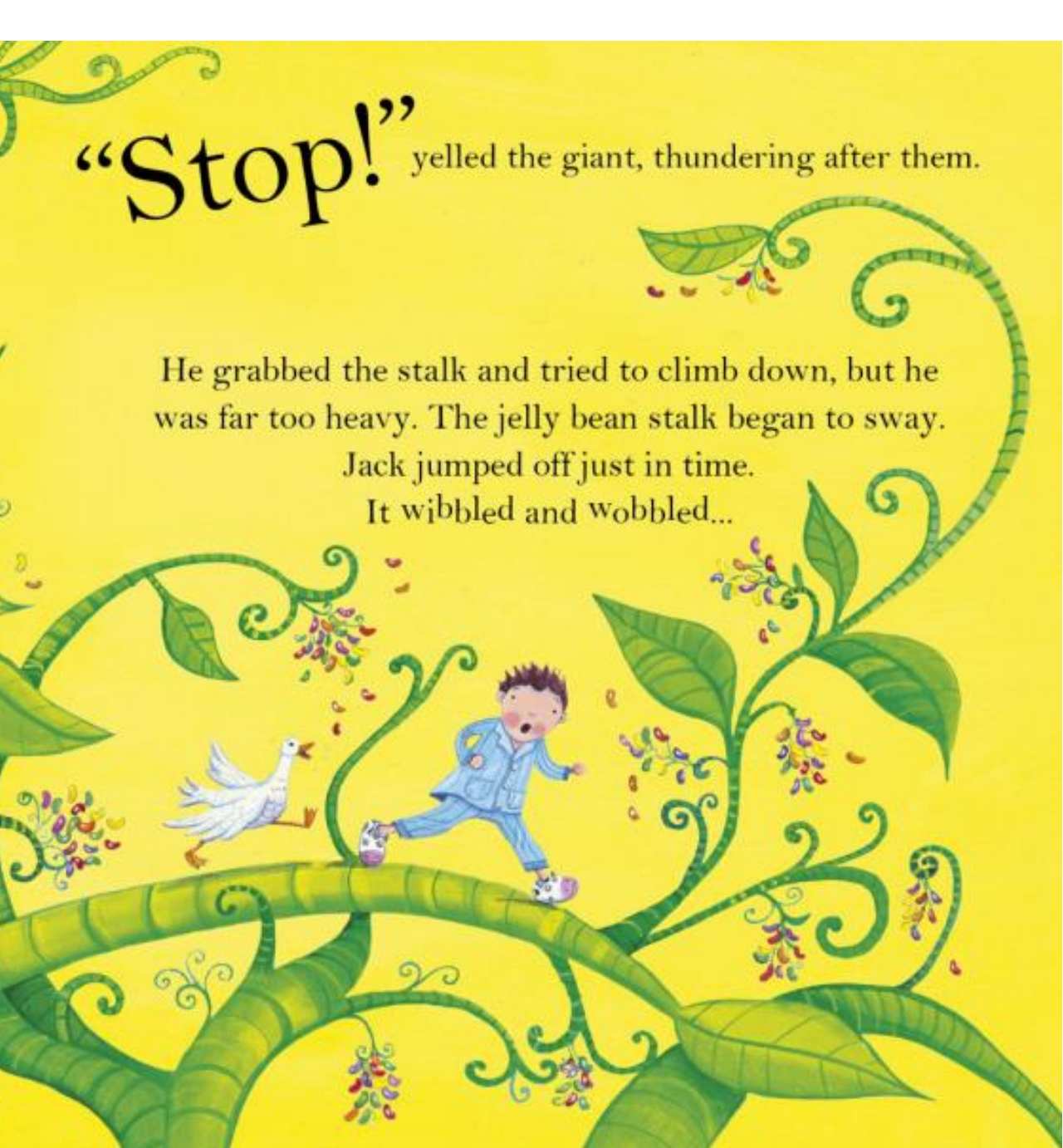
But the beans would not come out!


He threw her down to grab his carving
knife. Jack grabbed the goose and
raced for the jelly bean stalk...

A large, stylized illustration of a giant's leg and foot. The leg is wearing blue trousers and a red shoe with blue laces. The leg is positioned on a thick, green, curly beanstalk. The background is a bright yellow color with scattered green leaves and small clusters of colorful jelly beans (red, purple, blue, yellow).

“Stop!” yelled the giant, thundering after them.

He grabbed the stalk and tried to climb down, but he was far too heavy. The jelly bean stalk began to sway. Jack jumped off just in time. It wibbled and wobbled...

A smaller illustration of Jack, a young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue suit and white shoes. He is running across a thick, green, curly beanstalk. A white goose is running alongside him. The background is yellow with green leaves and small clusters of colorful jelly beans.

A colorful illustration of a young boy with freckles and spiky orange hair falling through a beanstalk. He is wearing a red plaid shirt, a green vest with a yellow pocket, blue overalls, and red boots with blue socks. He is holding onto a green vine. The scene is filled with green leaves, spiraling vines, and small colorful confetti-like particles. The background is white.

...then came crashing to the
ground far away from Jack.

CRASH!

Jack looked around and grinned.
Their garden was covered in **jelly beans**.



The goose never laid another golden egg. But she did lay delicious speckled ones, tutti-fruity ones, and tingy-tangy ones.



Jack and his mum had enough jelly beans to feed them for years! Although every so often they would find one that tasted like...

...smelly old socks!

Yuck!

