Jack and the Giant Mushroom

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nce upon a time there was a boy called Jack O’ Lantern. He lived with his mother in a small cottage in the countryside. They grew a very prosperous farm which had all kinds of crops. They were very wealthy and had a peaceful life until an incident occurred.

One day, a giant foot stomped and destroyed the farm. Jack and his mother were surprised and didn’t know what to say. But Jack noticed that the foot was brown and crusty. Some say that the foot was a curse; some say it was a monster but Jack believed that it was something even greater and more terrifying.

One day Jack’s mother called him, “Jack, come here!”

“Yes mother, what do you want?” Questioned Jack.

“Our chicken-cow does not lay eggs anymore, that is why we must sell him”, said Jack’s mother sadly.

“Ok mother.” answered Jack.

“It’s all because of that giant foot that destroyed all our riches!”shouted Jack’s mother.

“I will go to the city and sell our chicken-cow.” replied Jack.

During Jack’s journey to the city, he met an old man in a black coat. Jack thought that they looked very suspicious and scary so Jack just passed him.

But the man called on him, “Hey young man.”

Jack was shocked and replied, “Yes what is it?”

“Well would you like to trade your chicken-cow which my magical mushroom spores?”

“Well ok, but how will it be magical”? questioned Jack

“Just let it drain water.” answered the old man.

“Ok, bye-bye!”said Jack

Jack then went home to tell his mom about the magical mushroom spores. But instead of being overjoyed, Jack’s mother turned furious.

“I expected you to get me a new chicken-cow or even golden coins, and yet you give me magical mushroom spores!”shouted Jack’s mother.

“But…..”said Jack

“No buts!” shouted Jack’s mother.

Then Jack’s mother threw the spores out the window. Jack was very sad; he rushed to his room and slept. During the night, it rained hard and something magical happened. The spores that were thrown out grew and it became a great big giant mushroom.

“Wow!” shouted Jack.

Jack’s mother came out of the house and saw a castle. She was very shocked and she said, “Ok, Jack this is something great, I want you to climb up this mushroom and find something great.”

“Ok mother!” agreed Jack.

So Jack climbed up the giant mushroom in order to make his mother happy. Jack struggled to reach the top. When he arrived on top the air was very cloudy and misty. Jack started to walk while shivering, he was very scared. He then saw a huge and magnificent castle. Compared to Jack’s size to the castle, Jack was just like an ant. He started to enter the castle. Then he heard a loud stomp, Boom! Jack tried to figure out where the sound came from and he found out that it came from a huge gingerbread woman!

“I’m going to die!” thought Jack in his heart.

“You must not be here, if my husband sees you, you shall die.” whispered the gingerbread woman.

“Fee Fie Foe Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!” shouted the giant gingerbread man.

“You should hide here, ” said the gingerbread woman.

The gingerbread woman hid Jack inside a cupboard. Jack saw the giant playing with golden coins and eating all the food he wanted. But then, he saw something fascinating. There was a magical harp that plays music to the giant and beside the harp was a golden chicken that lays golden eggs.

“If I could get those, we will be rich again.” said Jack.

While the gingerbread man was eating, he suddenly falls asleep because of the harp’s music. This was Jack’s chance to escape, and so he did. Jack swiftly climbed down the mushroom and reported to his mother.

“Mother, on top of the mushroom is a castle which has so many treasures,” reported Jack.

“Really? It would be great if you brought some,” moaned Jack’s mother.

“Also it turns out that the crusty foot that destroyed our farm came from the giant gingerbread man from the castle!” proclaimed Jack.

“What? How dare they!” shouted Jack’s mother.

“Yes mother, which is why I will return to the castle and take their riches,” suggested Jack.

“Ok then, please be careful,” answered Jack’s mother.

The next day Jack went back to the castle on top of the giant mushroom. He entered the giant castle. The gingerbread woman then saw Jack once again.

“You shouldn’t have returned, he will sure kill you,” said the gingerbread woman.

“I know, but I had to return. Please let me hide inside the cupboard again,” asked Jack.

Before the gingerbread woman could hide Jack, the gingerbread man comes.

“Fee Fie Foe Fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!”

“Oh no!”

“Well, well a human boy? I shall eat you for lunch!”

“Oh no you won’t!”

Jack and the giant gingerbread man then was chasing each other the house. They went around the dining room, the living room and even the bathroom. Eventually they passed the kitchen where the golden chicken and the harp were left.

“This is my chance to take his riches.”

Jack climbed up the giant table, and he took the harp and the chicken. Luckily the chicken and the harp wasn’t enormous. Jack was able to carry the two things. He ran outside of the castle and started to climb down the giant mushroom. But suddenly…

“Fee Fie Foe Fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!”shouted the giant.

Jack climbed even faster, he was already half way. But the giant was also so near to him. As soon as he climbed down, he took out his match stick and lit it up. The giant mushroom burned and so did the giant gingerbread man.

“Hot! Hot! Hot! No!!!!”shouted the gingerbread man.

After the gingerbread man burned and the mushroom burned, Jack’s mother comes out.

“Jack, what happened with the mushroom?”

“Well, I took the giant’s riches like you asked me. But he came to chase me. So while he was climbing the mushroom, I burned the mushroom and the gingerbread man.”

“Wow! That’s great!”

“I know and I got the chicken and the harp.”

“With this, we can be wealthy again!”

Since this day, Jack and his mother became rich and happy. It was all thanks to Jack and his magical mushroom spores. And they lived happily ever after!