

# Defence material

## STATEMENT OF MR JACK JONES



I, JACK JONES, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I am a farmer and I live with my Mum at White Cottage, Big Forest, Storyville. My Dad died when I was little and Mum and I do it tough. We are very poor.
2. On 31 March 1997, my Mum told me to take one of the cows to market to get some money. When I got there, I met a guy with some magic beans and I swapped the cow for them.
3. My Mum threw me out of the house last night because she was angry with me and I put the beans in the earth and this morning when I woke up there was a giant beanstalk.
4. I climbed up the beanstalk to see what was there and I found this house where everything was huge. I went inside through a little door and the lady there said I could stay if I waited in the cupboard until her husband went.
5. While I was in the cupboard I looked through the crack and saw her husband at the table with a goose that laid a golden egg. I thought that if me and my Mum had that goose we would not be poor anymore so, when the man went to sleep, I grabbed the goose and the egg and I nicked out through the little door again. As I did so, the lady in the kitchen saw me and whispered words to the effect of:
 

*"Quick, run like the wind, before he wakes up. Keep that goose quiet."*

 Unfortunately, just then the goose made a honking sound.
6. As I was climbing down the beanstalk I realised that the giant had woken up and was chasing me. He was shouting things like *"I want to eat you, I want to grind you up"* and I became very frightened. I was just absolutely



panicking.

7. When I got to the bottom I ran inside to my mum and asked for the axe so that I could chop down the beanstalk. I did not know how far behind me the giant was and I was hoping to chop down the beanstalk so that he could not follow.

8. Chopping down the beanstalk took longer than I thought and by the time I got through it he was almost down. The beanstalk fell into the field and the giant fell with it and he never moved again. I did not mean to kill him, I just wanted to chop down the beanstalk so he could not follow me. I was afraid he would hurt me or hurt my mum. He was saying terrible things. I was very frightened.

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### STATEMENT OF MRS NORA JONES



I, NORA JONES, make oath and say as follows:-

1. Yesterday I sent Jack to the market to sell the cow as we had no money. He came back with a bag of what he said were magic beans and I was angry so I threw him out of the house.

2. That was the last I saw of him until this morning at about 11.00 when I heard him yelling outside. He burst into the house and said to me:

*"Mum, mum,, where is the axe?"*

I said:

*"Why Jack, what's wrong? Where have you been?"*

He said:

*"I climbed up a beanstalk and found a giant's house and then the giant chased me and he is going to eat me. I am very frightened. I must get the axe and chop down the beanstalk and kill the giant."*

3. My son, Jack, has often been in trouble and has a tendency to make up stories and tell lies. However, I had never seen Jack as upset and scared as he was this morning and I believed him. I grabbed the axe from the tool cupboard and gave it to Jack who rushed outside.

4. I followed him outside and I saw a giant beanstalk had grown in our field. Jack was chopping the beanstalk down as quickly as he could and just as he was nearly through the stalk I saw, to my horror, a large man descending the beanstalk. This man was shouting terrible things at Jack and I could see Jack was very frightened. I was also very frightened.

5. At the last minute, Jack managed to get through the stalk and it toppled to the ground causing the man to fall onto his head in our field. He stayed still where he landed and Jack ran back towards me. We went inside and Jack showed me a goose and a golden egg which he said he had found at the top of the beanstalk and he said words to the effect of:

*"It's okay Mum, we're rich now, the giant can't get us, everything will be alright."*

6. I did not know what to do so I got a message to the police and Inspector Morse came.

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