

## IN PANTOLAND - Jack and the Beanstalk

*[Enter BEN & SARAH, from the side.]*

BEN Ok, now we're in Pantoland. Where do we start?

SARAH Well, all we've got to do is find the right stories.

BEN I suggest we split up. We'll cover more ground that way.

SARAH We'd be safer if we stayed together...

BEN We'll be all right. The Good Fairy wouldn't let us come to any harm, would she?

SARAH I suppose not...

BEN What if I go that way *(pointing off)* and you try that direction?  
*(pointing the opposite way)*

SARAH O.K. then. We'll meet back here. Good luck, Ben. See you later!

*[Exit SARAH]*

BEN Good luck Sarah! And look out for that Witch!

*[BEN looks around, then starts to go. Enter JACK, opposite, wanders downstage, talking to himself. BEN stops at the doorway to watch and listen.]*

JACK *(feeling in his pocket)* Oh no! I've lost the list!  
Now let me think.....Let's see if I can remember what Mum wanted.

*[thinking hard and counting on his fingers]*

Fairy soap, a wobbly jelly, and curry sauce. Yes, that was it!  
I must remember all the way to the shop...

*[JACK starts moving, counting as before]*

JACK ... saucy soap, a curried jelly, and a wobbly fairy.  
No, that's not right...

BEN Excuse me.....

JACK Please don't interrupt! You'll make me forget....

BEN Sorry!

JACK *(sighs)* A curried fairy, a saucy jelly, and wobbly soap ...  
No, that's wrong, too! *(crossly)* Now I'll never remember!  
*(miserably)* As if I didn't have enough to worry about with the giant!

BEN Oh! You must be Jack!

JACK And who are you?

BEN I'm Ben.

JACK How did you know my name was Jack?

BEN Everyone knows "Jack And The Beanstalk"! You exchanged your mother's cow for some beans, didn't you?

JACK Yes. I bet you think I'm silly, swapping a cow for beans, but they were supposed to be magic beans.

BEN Did you plant them?

JACK Yes, but nothing happened. They obviously weren't magic at all.

BEN No beanstalk?

JACK No. Nothing grew at all. End of story! (*Over-the-top sad voice*) So now we only have a few pennies left. Just a handful of coins. We're ...we're so poor!

*[Ben encourages an "Ahh!" from the audience]*

JACK No, we're poorer than that!

*[The audience are again encouraged to say "Ahh!"]*

JACK Even poorer than that!

*[Another "Ahh!"]*

BEN Well I'm really sorry for you, but I am trying to help. Now tell me: what about the giant?

JACK That's the worst thing! No beanstalk grew, but the giant still came!

BEN Did he bring his magic goose? I've got to try and get hold of it somehow and take it to the Good Fairy so she can put things right.

JACK I just hope you can! All the stories are going wrong! It's absolute pandemonium\* round here!

*[\*As before, a throwing of sweets opportunity: JACK & BEN need sweets in their pockets. At an appropriate moment, the intro to 'We're The Seven Dwarfs' begins.]*

BEN (*looking off*) Hold on, there's someone coming!

*[The SEVEN DWARFS begin offstage, marching in, carrying plastic spades over their shoulders in time for 'Company... (Hic!) HALT!' They stop in a line and stand down their spades simultaneously, as if they were rifles.]*

**# 6 SONG - We're The Seven Dwarfs ( © A/B, Track 7 )**

**Dwarfs** *(one at a time)* ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX,  
**Dwarf 7** - Hic! *(three times)*

**Dwarf 7** COMPANY..... (Hic!) HALT!

**ALL Dwarfs** WE'RE THE SEVEN DWARFS  
LOOKING FOR SNOW WHITE.  
THOUGH THE WITCH HAS GOT HER  
WE'LL RESCUE HER TONIGHT.  
WE'LL FIGHT THE WITCH WITH SPADES,  
THROW SAND INTO HER EYES,  
AND TAKE SNOW WHITE AWAY.  
HIP, HIP, (Hic!) HOORAY!

DWARF 1 Have you seen her?

JACK / BEN Who?

ALL DWARFS Snow White!

JACK No - I haven't seen Snow White. This is 'Jack And The Beanstalk'.

DWARF 7 Hic! Jack And The Beanstalk?

DWARF 2 That's the wrong story.

DWARF 3 *(looking around)* Where's the beanstalk?

BEN There isn't one.

DWARF 4 *(pointing to BEN)* Who are you?

BEN Oh, I'm not actually in a story at all.

DWARF 5 This is very confusing!

BEN You're telling me! And I hope you don't mind me saying, but some of you are a little tall for dwarfs, aren't you?

DWARF 6 Well, we got in late last night, and some of us slept in a grow-bag by mistake!

DWARF 1 *(to JACK)* Isn't there a giant in your story?