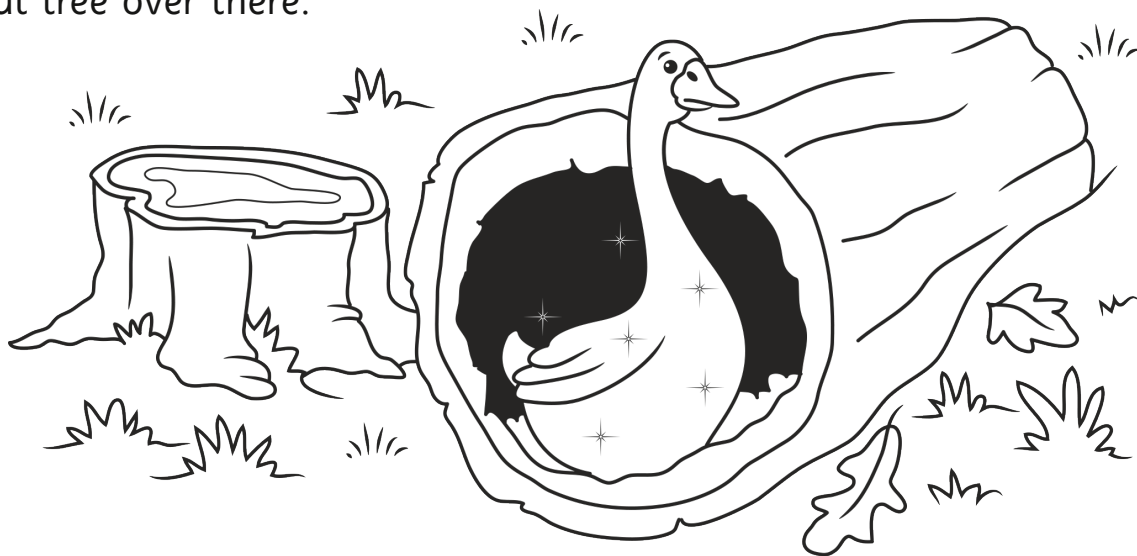Once upon a time, there was a young man called Jack. Jack was very silly but kind-hearted. One day, Jack's mother sent him into the woods to chop wood.

In the woods, he met a little old man.

"Hello," said Jack. "Would you like to share my bread with me?" "Yes," said the man. "Thank you. And then I will help you cut down that tree over there."

When the little old man and Jack cut down the tree – my, oh, my – inside the tree stump was a goose with feathers made of pure gold. Jack turned to the little old man but he was gone. Jack picked up the goose and started to walk home.

As Jack passed a field of cows, a milkmaid saw the goose and secretly tried to steal a feather. But as soon as she touched it – BAM – she was stuck solid. Jack looked at the girl in horror. The milkmaid's two sisters tried to pull the girl off the goose and – BAM – they were stuck too. Jack kept on walking home, and the girls had to run to keep up.