

Beans

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Jack dreamed
that at the marketplace
he traded in his cow
for a briefcase and
business suit,
and that he climbed a
stalk of steel and concrete
and fought with a giant that
would have ground him into
dust if he had slipped
a step climbing.
He dreamed of getting
his ultimate goose and
of being disillusioned
when he found that it
was just a nervous stomach
and Tums.

Jack awoke drenched
in a cold sweat.
And at daybreak he took his
cow to the marketplace and
traded it for
some beans.