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Long, long ago, in a faraway kingdom, a girl lived with her father, stepmother and two stepsisters. She was named Cinderella, because her stepmother made her work in the kitchen where the fire spattered her with ashes and cinders.



On the way, he met a strange-looking man with a wild, long beard and penetrating eyes.

“What a fine animal,” said the man. “Here’s a bargain for you, boy: you give me the cow, and I’ll give you these.” And putting his hand in his pocket, he drew out five large, shining beans.

“Not enough!” began Jack.





You and that silly old cat are nothing! We don't want either of you here."

The youngest son had loved his father, and his home. Now he had neither. Sad and lonely, carrying the cat and with only a few coins in his pocket, he left home forever.

"Don't worry," said a voice.