

NARRATOR

And so, the Baker proceeded to the castle, but not before visiting Jack and his mother.

(KNOCK on JACK'S DOOR; BAKER ENTERS)

#43 – Act II Opening, Part 4

JACK

Look, Milky-White. It's the butcher.

BAKER

The baker.

JACK

The baker..

JACK'S MOTHER

What can we do for you, sir?

BAKER

I'm here to investigate the destruction that was wrought upon our house today.

JACK'S MOTHER

(Defensive)

Jack has been home with me all day.

NARRATOR

The Baker told Jack and his mother that he feared there was a Giant in the land.

JACK

I can recognize a Giant's footstep! I could go to your house –

JACK'S MOTHER

You'll do no such thing!

BAKER

Any help at all –

JACK'S MOTHER

I am sorry, but you'll get none from us.

(Opens the door for the BAKER)

No one cared when there was a Giant in my backyard! I don't remember *you* volunteering to come to my aid.

BAKER

A Giant in your backyard is one thing. A crushed home is quite another.

JACK'S MOTHER

(Change of tone)

Look, young man. Giants never strike the same house twice. I wouldn't worry.

BAKER

I am taking the news to the castle, nonetheless.

(EXITS)