

(INSERT NAME OF COURT)
Judge (INSERT NAME)
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Summary: Criminal Mock Trial of J.G. Giant versus Yack in the Frijol Stalk

Prosecution: The prosecution charges Yack with theft, for stealing J.G. Giant’s golden coins, golden chicken and eggs, and golden maracas; trespassing, for entering his property without permission; breaking and entering, for using force to enter and steal; and attempted murder, for trying to kill him, but failing. He argues that Yack stole from him on three occasions and then viciously and mercilessly tried to kill him.

Defense: The defense argues Yack is innocent of all charges. He didn’t steal because he merely was taking back property that belonged to his father; didn’t trespass or break and enter because he was invited in by the giant’s wife; and didn’t commit attempted murder because he didn’t know the giant was on the beanstalk when he chopped it down. He was running for his life—away from the child-eating giant.

Witnesses for Prosecution: Dumbo testifies he saw Yack running away with the giant’s treasures and heard the giant singing friendly lyrics, proving he didn’t intend to eat Yack. He admits, however, he hears through his feet, which were bandaged that day. He also admits testifying based on what he was told and to help his only friends.

Witness for Defense: Yacki testifies she and her husband, Yackote, were wealthy until he lost his golden items in a questionable deal with the giants and died unexpectedly. It was after his father, Yackotote, helped cut-off communication with the dangerous giants. She says Yack unwittingly re-established the connection with his frijol stalk.

Closing Arguments: The prosecutor says Yack clearly stole from the jolly giants, trespassed, and broke and entered into their home. Even if the property were his, he should not have taken the law into his own hands. If the giants were such a threat and supposedly ate children, why did Yack return three times? As soon as he got the loot, he didn’t give a hoot about his magic beans and chopped down his own frijol stalk. He meant to send the giant to an early death and make the giantess a lonely widow. Yack should be removed from his negligent mother and sent to the Youth Village.

The defense shows that Yack re-established connections with the giants only after he sold their beloved cow for some magic frijoles. When his mother tossed them out, they grew into the giant frijol stalk that led him unexpectedly to the giant’s home. There he saw his father’s golden items, which he identified from photos, and heard the giant threatening to eat him, consistent with his fearsome reputation. To regain what was rightfully his, he risked his life. He chopped down his frijol stalk to support and protect his mother, not knowing the giant was on it. His innocence is obvious.

--Senator Judith Zaffirini