



MEGASAURUS

(abridged)

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ing Limalot was in trouble. His tiny once-happy Beandom was in trouble. In fact, all of the tiny bean-shaped bears in his Beandom were in trouble, too.

Whether they were green like lima beans, or red like pinto beans, they were all in terrible trouble.







There was a monster in Beandom. It was so big that it made the earth tremble with each pounding step, and the trees sway when it roared. Its teeth were longer than a man's hand. It was a —

MEGASAUROS

and its favorite food was BEANS!

The king summoned his three wisest advisors. They were owls, of course (because everyone knows about wise old owls) and asked for their advice.



Howel the Owl stepped forward and said,

“YOUR MAJESTY, WE MUST FIND A DIFFERENT FOOD FOR MEGASAURUS, SO HE WILL NOT EAT BEANS. WE WILL FEED HIM PANCAKES.”




The illustration shows several tall stacks of pancakes on the left side of the page, with some shorter stacks on the right. The pancakes are golden-brown and stacked neatly. The stacks vary in height, with the tallest ones on the far left and shorter ones towards the right.

The king asked Howl the Owl, "WILL YOU HELP THE BAKERS MAKE THE PANCAKES?"

Howl the Owl shook with fear. "Y-Y-YES YOUR MAJESTY," he replied. After all, it was his idea.

The king summoned all the best bakers in the land. Great stoves were built and the bakers and Howl the Owl made pancakes as fast as they could. Soon there was a growing mountain of pancakes rising higher and higher by the hour.



An illustration at the top of the page shows a large, grey, scaly creature with a small, dark, round object in its mouth, sitting in a nest. The nest is made of brown earth and is surrounded by green grass.


*Suddenly the beans felt the earth tremble and heard a terrible roar. The trees began to sway. The **MEGASAURUS** was coming! He sniffed the air and with one swoop of his mighty arm, **MEGASAURUS** picked up the pancakes and swallowed them in one gulp. Then, he scooped up Howl and all the bakers and swallowed them, too! And the rest of the beans? They scurried to hide until **MEGASAURUS** went away.*







King Limalot quickly summoned his two remaining owls. Towel the Owl stepped forward.



YOUR MAJESTY, WE MUST
DRIVE MEGASAURUS OFF
WITH BOWS AND ARROWS.

The king asked Towel the Owl, “WILL YOU STAND WITH THE ARCHERS AND FIRE UPON MEGASAURUS?”

Towel the Owl shook with fear. “Y-Y-YES YOUR MAJESTY,” he replied. After all, it was his idea.

The king summoned all the best archers in the land. They practiced until they could all hit the bull’s eye of a target three hundred paces away—bean paces, that is.





*Suddenly the beans felt the earth tremble and heard a terrible roar. The trees began to shake. The **MEGASAUROS** was coming! They fired their arrows—so many that they darkened the sky. Their aim was true, and every arrow hit **MEGASAUROS**. He looked like a pin cushion, but the arrows did not harm him.*

*Instead, the arrows made him angry! **MEGASAUROS** blasted such a roar it knocked over Towel the Owl and the archers. **MEGASAUROS** fell upon them and swallowed them whole. And the rest of the beans? They scurried to hide until **MEGASAUROS** went away.*



*King Limalot quickly summoned his last remaining owl.
Vowel the Owl said:*



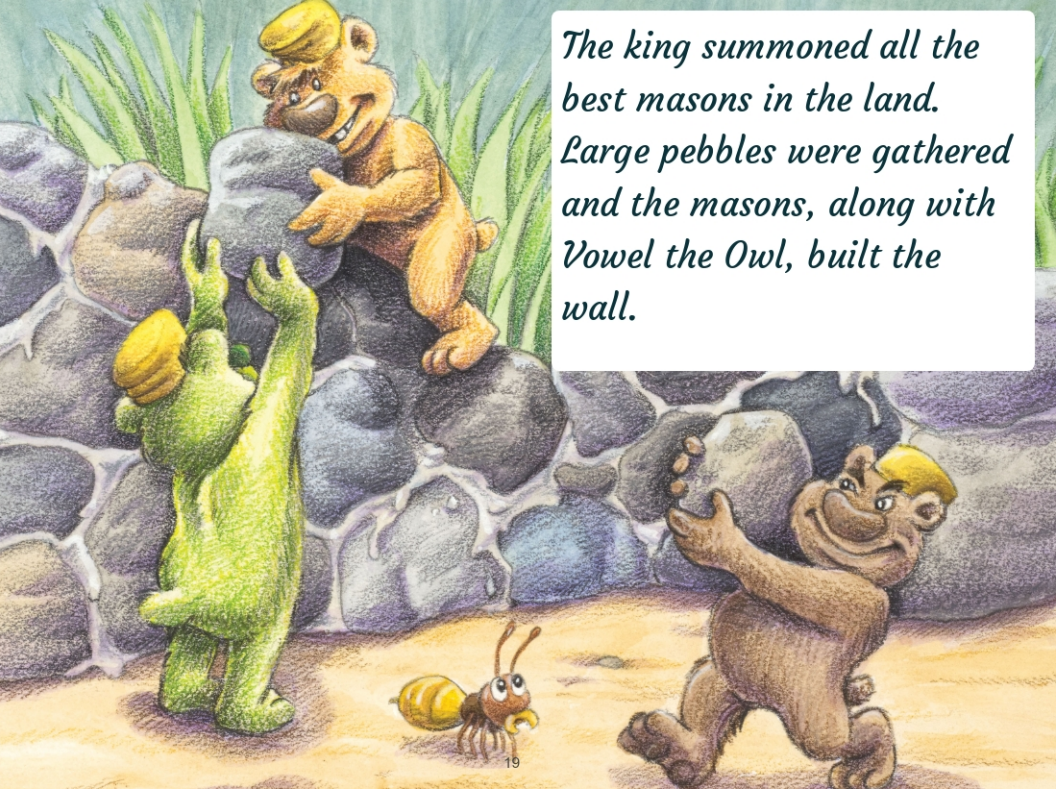
“YOUR MAJESTY, WE MUST BUILD A BIG
WALL AROUND BEANDOM.”

The king asked Vowel the Owl,

“WILL YOU HELP BUILD THE WALL?”

*Vowel the Owl shook with fear “Y-Y-YES YOUR MAJESTY,”
he replied. After all, it was his idea.*

The king summoned all the best masons in the land. Large pebbles were gathered and the masons, along with Vowel the Owl, built the wall.





*Suddenly the beans felt the earth tremble and heard a terrible roar. The trees began to shake. The **MEGASAURUS** was coming! **MEGASAURUS** crashed through the wall, and the pebbles came tumbling down! He scooped up Vowel the Owl and all the masons, and swallowed them whole. And the rest of the beans? They scurried to hide until **MEGASAURUS** went away.*



King Limalot was desperate. He summoned all of his citizens and asked if anyone would help. L. Joe Bean, a servants son, came forward and said, "I WILL RID THIS LAND OF MEGASAURUS."

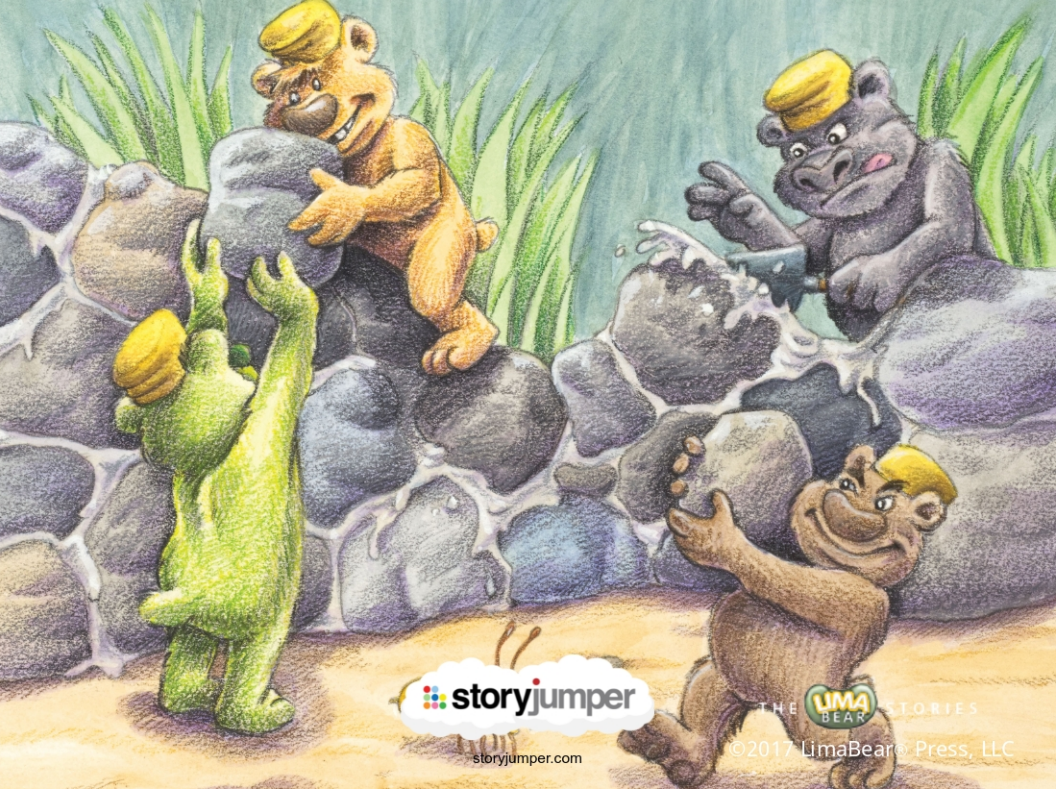
L. Joe Bean whispered a plan to the king.

"WILL YOU CARRY OUT THIS PLAN YOURSELF?" the king asked.

"YES, YOUR MAJESTY," L. Joe Bean said. "AFTER ALL, IT IS MY IDEA."



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