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## FANTASTIC MR FOX

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## CHAPTER ONE

**THE THREE FARMERS**

**D**own in the valley there were three farms. The owners of these farms had done well. They were rich men. They were also nasty men. All three of them were about as

**NASTY  
and MEAN  
AS ANY MEN  
YOU COULD MEET.**

Their names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean.



Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was enormous.

This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper.





Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was pot-bellied and so short his chin would have been underwater in the shallow end of any swimming pool in the world. His food was doughnuts and goose livers. He mashed the livers into a **DISGUSTING PASTE** and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy ache and a beastly temper.

Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all.



'Boggis and Bunce and Bean  
One fat, one short, one lean.  
These **HORRIBLE** crooks  
So **DIFFERENT** in looks  
Were none the less equally mean.'

That is what the children round about used to  
sing when they saw them.

