

# FANTASTIC MR FOX

## EXTRACTS: BOGGIS, BUNCE, AND BEAN!

Down 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 enormously fat. 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 duck and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would be 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 chicken paste into doughnuts. This gave him 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 the 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.