

A man called Jack had a vacant shop. He rented it out to a man called John at a low rent.

John sold something special at his shop and attracted a lot of people to buy his things. He made a good profit and became rich.

Seeing John getting richer and richer every day, Jack wanted to raise the rent. “Now he has made a lot of money, he should be able to afford a higher rent. If I raise the rent, I can make more money!” thought Jack.

The next day, Jack raised the rent ten times higher! Although John was rich, he still could not afford the high rent. So he closed down his shop. The people in the neighbourhood were angry with Jack as they could no longer buy the special things from the shop.

No one wanted to rent Jack’s shop anymore because they hated Jack. Jack felt sorry but it was too late.

Moral: Greed often overreaches itself.