

## Chapter 4

## Jack Sprout Meets Pierre Le Tru

Sawdust Miller had told me that I would need to “power it up” before I could run a farm.

When I asked him what “power it up” meant, he told me to go see a tall red fox named Pierre Le Tru. His Power Paddle was on Beaver Creek, just below Fred Beaver's pond.

“He'll tell you all you need to know,” he said. “Pierre's one smart fox and we all trust him. We used to make power all different kinds of ways. Some things worked and some didn't.”

“Pierre sat us down one day and said to follow his ideas. He knew what worked from years of trying different things. He said he knew how to use the sun, wind, water and other parts of nature - things that we'd never thought about. His name used to be Pierre Le Fox. After we learned that he wanted what's best for us and our meadow, we started calling him Pierre Le Tru. What he says is true and that makes him a true friend.”