

# Traditional tale: 'Jamil's Clever Cat'

From 'Jamil's Clever Cat' by Fiona French  
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Jamil the weaver lived on the poor side of town. He had a cat called Sardul, a very clever cat. Each night, while Jamil was asleep, Sardul wove material for his master to make into tunics and saris.

One morning, Jamil sighed and said, 'Oh Sardul, if only I could marry the princess who lives in the palace! Then you and I would not have to work our fingers and paws to the bone, and I would be a very happy man.'

Sardul thought for a minute. Then he said, 'Give me the best waistcoat and the most beautiful sari we have made, Master, and I can make your dream come true.'

## Get started

Copy the sentences and complete them using words from the story.

1. Jamil the weaver lived on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ called Sardul.
3. Sardul wove \_\_\_\_\_ for his master to make into \_\_\_\_\_ and saris.



## Try these

Ask a teacher for help with any words in the story you do not know. Write a sentence to answer each question.

1. What did Sardul do at night?
2. What did Jamil do with the material Sardul wove?
3. Why did Jamil want to marry the princess?
4. Why was Jamil lucky to have Sardul?



## Now try these

1. What do you think Sardul's plan might be? Make notes about his plan.
2. Draw a picture of Jamil and Sardul meeting the princess. Add a sentence to show what the princess is thinking.

