



The Pottering Pig

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Lalita is the pet pig of Mini Singh the potter. Mini loves his pig and lets her do whatever she wants to do!

Now pigs do all sorts of pig-headed things. And that's what Lalita does as well.



Harrumph! Harrumph!

Lalita pushes stones all over the neat paths.



Harr harr harr!
She snorts and digs
up the garden.



Grrrrr grrrrr grrrrr!

Lalita tears up all the newspapers. Even the one Mini hasn't read yet.



**Phurrrr phurrrr
phurrrr!**

She blows bubbles into
her water bowl and
spills water all over!



Chapaak! Jhapaak!
Lalita chews up all
the lilies and scares
the fish in the pond.



"Lock her up," says Mini's Aai.

"Tie her up," says Mini's Tai.

"Never ever!" says Mini. "She never ever messes with my pots and jugs."



One day, Mini comes to work bright and early. He whistles happily to Lalita.

“Harrumph, harrumph,” she grunts back.



His happiness vanishes when he sees...
Broken bowls, shattered jugs
Cracked cups, smashed teapots
Everywhere!

Mini gets angrier and angrier and **angrier!**





He ties Lalita up under the shady bougainvillea.



Lalita doesn't understand why she is tied up. She whines and whimpers. She cries and sighs. But Mini is too angry to listen.



All day Mini works angrily and Lalita stays tied up. Then, Mini hears a noise.
It isn't a **harrumph**, it isn't a **harrr**.
It isn't a **grrr**, it isn't a **phurrr**.
And it isn't a **chapaak** or a **jhapaak**!



MEOOWWW!
CRASH!
MEOOOWWW!
THUNK!

It is a large, orange cat!

It is the large, orange cat that knocked over the pots and jugs.



Mini unties Lalita.

"Harrumph, harrumph," she grunts.

Lalita chases the cat. Round and round, and right out of the pottery!



Then Lalita goes right back
to doing pig-headed things.
Because that's what pigs do.



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(English)

Lalita is the pet pig of Mini Singh the potter. She is a naughty pig and is always in trouble. One day, Mini finds all his beautiful pots broken, and blames Lalita. Find out what happens next in this story inspired from a real-life pig called Lalita. She lives in Pune with a real-life potter.

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