

Genie-us

Pre-reading

Look at the first sentence from the story 'Genie-us'

If you want to marry my daughter,' said the king, 'you must prove yourself worthy of her hand.'

1. Who do you think the king is talking to? What other characters might there be in the story?

2. What kind of story do you think this is going to be?

- A spy story
- A love story
- A fairy story
- A detective story
- A science fiction story
- A true story



Why did you choose the one you did?

3. Look at the questions about the story. You already know the answer to the first one. Try to guess what the answers to the other questions might be before you read the story itself.

1. What did the king say to the poor man who wanted to marry his daughter?
If you want to marry my daughter, you must prove yourself worthy of her hand.

2. What did the poor man agree to do?

3. What did the princess think of all this?

4. Where did the poor man go?

5. What did he do?

6. What did he find?

7. What happened next?

8. What did the king say?

9. What did the princess say?



4. Vocabulary

Here is some vocabulary that you might find useful while reading the story. Match the meanings with the words or expressions.

wicked	walk with confidence
rushed	hold strongly
chuckled	emerged quickly
the cheek of it	▲very bad
poor as a church mouse	a noise of contempt
weedy	easy to fall over; feet slide
struggled up	don't want any more
slippery	no money at all
hideaway	insignificant person
burst out	weak, pathetic looking
snorted	went very quickly
grabbed	impertinence
fed up with	laughed quietly
strode	climbed with difficulty
creep	place of concealment