

# Parvati

From very early on in the story we realise that Ash is a special boy and highly tuned in to the sinister side of Lord Savage, whilst his aunt and uncle remain oblivious. When Ash first meets Jackie, Jat and Mayar, he knows straight away that they are not all they seem. Sarwat Chadda, brilliantly offers us little clues to their demon side when they are in human form. Jackie, for example, licking her lips at the dead buffalo. Jat's skin seems to be made for a man a bigger size. A pair of sunglasses hide Mayar's eyes. There are even clues that Parvati isn't all she seems.

**Based on the descriptions, can you draw a picture of Parvati in human form and Parvati in demon form? What clues are there that she is a Rakshasas?**

## **Human Form:**

“The scales formed a high collar around her neck, but a few rose to her face, flecking her cheeks with pale green. Her eyes were long sloping slits, larger than a human's and bisected by her irises.”



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## **Demon Form:**

“A living line slithered across the roof. The moonlight shone on its dark green scales, glistening like oil. Two green eyes blinked in the darkness...Its tongue flickered between its ivory fangs. Its hood spread as it swayed. A cobra.”

