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Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp

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IN AN ANCIENT CITY LIVED A HANDSOME YOUTH NAMED ALADDIN. HIS FATHER HAD DIED AND HIS MOTHER WASHED CLOTHES FOR A LIVING

ALADDIN WAS A GOOD SON, HELPING HIS MOTHER ALL HE COULD, BUT LIFE WAS HARD..

AS HE WALKED THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE, HELPING HIS MOTHER TO CARRY THE LAUNDRY, HE WAS OFTEN JEERED AT BY UNKIND BOYS...

ONE DAY, A WICKED MAGICIAN SAW IN ALADDIN JUST THE LAD HE NEEDED, AND DETERMINED TO GET TO KNOW HIM.

BY BRIBING SOME BOYS IN THE MARKETPLACE WITH GOLD COINS, THE MAGICIAN LEARNED ALL ABOUT ALADDIN AND WHERE HE LIVED.

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE MAGICIAN CAME UPON ALADDIN AT THE WELL NEAR HIS HOME. AND RAN TOWARD ALADDIN, SMILING BROADLY...

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PRETENDING TO BE OVERCOME WITH JOY, THE MAGICIAN STARTED TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT HIS FATHER. ALADDIN WAS ALMOST SPEECHLESS.

WHEN ALADDIN TOLD HIM THAT HIS FATHER WAS DEAD, THE WICKED OLD SCHEMER BURIED HIS FACE IN HIS HANDS, AS THOUGH HEARTBROKEN.

AND ALL HIS EFFORTS TO COMFORT HIS "UNCLE" WERE USELESS. THE MAGICIAN SEEMED TO BE OVERCOME WITH GRIEF...

PROMISING TO COME TO SUPPER THAT NIGHT, THE MAGICIAN PUT SOME COINS INTO ALADDIN'S HAND, AND LEFT.

THAT EVENING, ALADDIN'S MOTHER SERVED THE "UNCLE" A DELICIOUS MEAL OF ROAST DUCK, BOUGHT WITH THE MONEY HE HAD GIVEN THEM.

ALL THAT EVENING, THE MAGICIAN PRAISED ALADDIN HIGHLY, AND HINTED AT A GREAT THING IN STORE FOR HIM...

AND AS PART OF HIS PLAN, THE CRAFTY SCHEMER BROUGHT FORTH BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES FOR THE YOUTH.

ALADDIN'S MOTHER WAS SO PROUD OF HER HANDSOME SON THAT SHE DID NOT QUESTION ANYTHING THE "UNCLE" SAID.

FINALLY THE MAGICIAN LEFT, PROMISING TO RETURN EARLY THE NEXT DAY TO TAKE ALADDIN TO A WONDERFUL SURPRISE HE HAD PREPARED FOR HIM...

THE NEXT MORNING, THE MAGICIAN LED ALADDIN OUT INTO THE MOUNTAINS... THE PATH WAS ROUGH AND WILD.

IT TOOK THEM THROUGH A DARK FOREST, WHERE THE TREES SEEMED TO ASSUME MANY STRANGE SHAPES...

AT LAST THE MAGICIAN TOLD ALADDIN, THAT A WONDERFUL TREASURE OF GOLD, DIAMONDS, RUBIES AND EMERALDS LAY UNDERGROUND...

FOLLOWING HIS "UNCLE'S" INSTRUCTIONS, AND USING ALL HIS STRENGTH, HE PULLED UP A LARGE BUSH AND A CLOD OF EARTH WITH IT...

---LEAVING A HOLE BIG ENOUGH TO WALK INTO! AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE WERE STEPS LEADING INTO WHAT SEEMED A BOTTOMLESS PIT.

BEFORE ALADDIN COULD GET OVER HIS SURPRISE, HIS "UNCLE" TOLD HIM TO GO DOWN INTO THE CAVE BELOW THE STEPS, AND BRING UP A LAMP THAT HE WOULD FIND THERE.

BUT ALADDIN WAS WARNED NOT TO LET HIS CLOTHES TOUCH THE WALLS OF THE CAVE OR HE WOULD DIE.

THE STONE STAIRWAY WENT DOWN AND DOWN! IT GREW DARKER AND DARKER AS ALADDIN DESCENDED!

THEN AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS, HE SAW A STRANGE LIGHT---AND FOLLOWED IT THROUGH A DOORWAY.

ALADDIN FOUND HIMSELF IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN, WHERE EVERY FLOWER WAS A RUBY OR AN EMERALD--- AND THE FRUITS HANGING ON THE TREES WERE PEARLS OR PRECIOUS STONES. HE STOOD IN ASTONISHMENT AT THE WONDER OF IT.

HE COULD NOT HELP PICKING A FEW ROSES CARVED FROM A SINGLE RUBY— ---AND DAISIES WITH DIAMOND PETALS!

HE PICKED A LITTLE FRUIT FROM EVERY TREE, AND STUFFED HIS POCKETS! ALL THE FRUIT WERE GEM STONES WORTH A FORTUNE! BUT ALADDIN DID NOT KNOW THIS!

HE WAS SO EXCITED THAT HE ALMOST FORGOT WHY HE HAD COME. SUDDENLY, THE MAGICIAN'S VOICE REMINDED HIM.

AT THE END OF THE GARDEN PATH STOOD THE LAMP ON A TABLE--BUT ALADDIN COULD NOT SEE WHAT HIS "UNCLE" COULD WANT WITH SUCH A PLAIN LITTLE LAMP.

BUT OBEYING HIS "UNCLE", ALADDIN PICKED UP THE LAMP AND STARTED BACK TO THE LONG STAIRWAY...

NEAR THE DOOR HE SAW A FINE GOLD RING ON A GOLDEN STAND. ALADDIN WAS STRONGLY TEMPTED TO SEE IF IT WOULD FIT HIM!

PUTTING DOWN THE LAMP, HE TRIED ON THE RING. JUST THEN, THE MAGICIAN'S VOICE CAME DOWN THE STAIRWAY, VERY ANGRY.

ALADDIN HURRIED TO DO HIS "UNCLE'S" BIDDING, THEN STOPPED AGAIN AS THE PRECIOUS STONES BEGAN SPILLING OUT OF HIS POCKETS...

THE MAGICIAN GREW FURIOUS! HE WANTED ALADDIN TO HAND HIM THE LAMP SO HE COULD CARRY OUT HIS PLAN TO SEAL THE YOUTH IN THE CAVE...

BUT HIS ANGER ONLY MADE ALADDIN STUBBORN. THE YOUTH BEGAN PICKING UP THE GEMS AND TOLD HIS "UNCLE" HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT

ALADDIN'S WORDS SO ANGERED THE WICKED MAGICIAN THAT HE LOST HIS TEMPER COMPLETELY. PULLING A MAGIC WAND FROM HIS ROBE, HE SPOKE SOME STRANGE WORDS --- AND THE EARTH CLOSED!

AT FIRST, ALADDIN DID NOT QUITE KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED... THEN HE BECAME TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED.

THINKING OF HIS MOTHER, AND THE LITTLE HOUSE WHERE THEY LIVED, ALADDIN BECAME VERY SAD. A TEAR DROPPED ONTO HIS LAMP.

BECAUSE HE HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO, ALADDIN RUBBED THE TEAR SPOT OFF THE LAMP---

--- AND SUDDENLY A GENIE APPEARED! ALADDIN COULD HARDLY BELIEVE HIS EYES! AT FIRST HE THOUGHT HE WAS DREAMING!

BUT WHEN THE GENIE EXPLAINED THAT ALADDIN WAS NOW HIS MASTER THE YOUTH DECIDED TO TEST HIM...

...WITH THE FIRST WISH THAT CAME TO HIS MIND! HE DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING WOULD HAPPEN, BUT ---IF HE *COULD* GET OUT---

ALL AT ONCE, THERE WAS A THUNDERCLAP, AND ALADDIN FOUND HIMSELF STANDING RIGHT WHERE THE HOLE IN THE GROUND HAD BEEN — — — IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!

IT WAS NOT A DREAM, AFTER ALL! EVERYTHING WAS THE SAME, EXCEPT THAT THERE WAS NO HOLE--- AND NO MAGICIAN!

ALADDIN STUFFED THE LITTLE LAMP INSIDE HIS SHIRT, AND STARTED BACK TO TOWN... HE GREW ANGRY AT THE THOUGHT OF THE WAY HE HAD BEEN BURIED ALIVE.

WHEN HE REACHED HOME, HIS MOTHER NEARLY FAINTED AT THE SIGHT OF THE BEAUTIFUL STONES HE HAD FOUND... SHE DID NOT BELIEVE HIS STORY OF THE UNDERGROUND GARDEN.

SHE TIED THEM UP IN A CLOTH AND HID THEM BEHIND A LOOSE BRICK IN THE CHIMNEY PLACE.

THREE DAYS LATER, ALADDIN'S MOTHER STARTED TO POLISH THE LITTLE OLD BRASS LAMP.. AS SHE RUBBED IT...

---SUDDENLY THE SMILING GENIE APPEARED TO HER! SHE GAVE A SQUEAK OF FRIGHT, BUT COULD NOT ANSWER HIM!

ALADDIN WAS NOT FRIGHTENED AT ALL, THIS TIME. HE GAVE THE GENIE A QUICK COMMAND.

THERE WAS A THUNDERCLAP--- AND SUDDENLY ON THE TABLE LAY A WONDERFUL DINNER FOR TWO--- ON PLATES OF SOLID GOLD.

THE POOR LADY WAS TOO ASTONISHED TO SAY A WORD, AT FIRST

THEN HER SON EXPLAINED THAT THE POWERFUL GENIE ALWAYS APPEARED WHEN ANYONE RUBBED THE LAMP.

ALADDIN'S MOTHER DECIDED SHE COULD SELL ONE OF THE GOLD PLATES FOR ENOUGH MONEY TO LAST THEM ALL SUMMER..

BUT ALADDIN WAS MORE INTERESTED IN GOING FISHING.

THE FISH WERE BITING WELL---WHEN HE HEARD LAUGHING VOICES BEHIND SOME TALL BUSHES.

HE PEEKED THROUGH THE BUSHES, AND SAW---

THE KING'S YOUNG DAUGHTER AND HER FRIENDS, WADING IN THE STREAM FOR FUN---THE PRINCESS IN THE LEAD! ALADDIN HAD NEVER SEEN ANYONE SO LOVELY AS THE PRINCESS.

ALADDIN TOOK GOOD CARE NOT TO BE SEEN BY THE GIRLS, BUT AFTER THEY HAD GONE AWAY.

---HE DIDN'T WANT TO FISH ANY MORE! WITH HIS FISHING POLE DRAGGING IN THE DUST, HE WALKED SLOWLY HOME

FOR THE NEXT WEEK, ALADDIN MOONED AROUND THE HOUSE, AND NOTHING SEEMED TO PLEASE HIM ANY MORE

AT LAST HE STOOD UP---AND SMACKED A FIST AGAINST HIS PALM. HE HAD MADE UP HIS MIND TO MARRY THE KING'S DAUGHTER!

WHEN ALADDIN TOLD HIS MOTHER, SHE NEARLY FAINTED! TO ASK FOR THE KING'S DAUGHTER WAS LIKE ASKING FOR THE MOON!

BUT ALADDIN HAD A PLAN...HIS MOTHER WAS TO TAKE THE PRECIOUS STONES FROM THE SECRET GARDEN, AND GIVE THEM TO THE KING.

THE NEXT DAY ALADDIN'S MOTHER WENT TO THE KING'S PALACE, TREMBLING INSIDE! SHE HAD ARGUED HALF THE NIGHT WITH ALADDIN--- BEFORE SHE AGREED TO GO.

SHE STOOD WITH THE FINE PEOPLE WHO HAD COME TO SEE THE KING, AND WISHED SHE WERE BACK HOME

AT LAST HER TURN CAME.. IN HER HANDS SHE CLUTCHED A JEWEL BOX, BOUGHT WITH ONE OF THE SMALLEST DIAMONDS

KNEELING BEFORE THE THRONE SHE OPENED THE BOX

THE KING LOVED PRECIOUS STONES BETTER THAN ANYTHING---EXCEPT HIS DAUGHTER. AND HE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH BEAUTIFUL ONES.

TREMBLING SO THAT SHE COULD HARDLY SPEAK, ALADDIN'S MOTHER EXPLAINED THAT HER SON WANTED TO MARRY THE PRINCESS.

THE KING SPUTTERED! HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ALADDIN--- AND BESIDES, HIS DAUGHTER WOULD MARRY NOBODY BUT THE RICHEST MAN IN ALL THE WORLD!

HE SAID THAT IF ALADDIN REALLY HOPED TO MARRY HIS DAUGHTER, HE MUST SEND THE KING FORTY GOLDEN BOWLS HEAPED UP WITH DIAMONDS AND EMERALDS AND RUBIES!

ALADDIN'S MOTHER HURRIED OUT OF THE THRONE ROOM, FOLLOWED BY THE LAUGHTER OF ALL THE COURT

WHEN SHE REACHED HOME, SHE TOLD HER SON OF THE KING'S IMPOSSIBLE DEMAND ---FORTY BOWLS FULL OF PRECIOUS STONES!

BUT ALADDIN WAS NOT BOTHERED AT ALL! HE GRINNED AT HIS MOTHER, AND PICKED UP THE OLD BRASS LAMP!

HE RUBBED IT AND WHEN THE GENIE APPEARED ALADDIN GAVE HIM A LONG LIST OF ORDERS

A SHORT TIME AFTERWARD, THE KING LOOKED OUT OF HIS PALACE WINDOW AND GAVE A SHOUT OF SURPRISE!

WHAT HE SAW WERE FORTY HANDSOME SERVING MEN CARRYING FORTY BIG GOLDEN BOWLS, HEAPED WITH GLITTERING GEMS, AND MARCHING STRAIGHT TOWARD HIS PALACE!

THE KING HURRIED TO HIS THRONE ROOM TO RECEIVE THE FORTY SERVANTS, AND THEIR GIFTS... NEVER HAD THE KING DREAMED THAT THERE WERE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL STONES IN THE WORLD

THE KING HEMMED AND HAWED... AT LAST HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIS DAUGHTER TO ALADDIN IN MARRIAGE---IF THE GIRL HERSELF AGREED! HE NAMED A DAY FOR ALADDIN TO CALL ON HER.

AS SOON AS THE CHIEF SERVANT RETURNED WITH THE KING'S PROMISE, ALADDIN WAS DELIGHTED!

HE AGAIN CALLED THE GENIE AND GAVE THE BIGGEST ORDER OF ALL!... HE TALKED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES! THE MOMENT HE STOPPED...

A MAGNIFICENT PALACE STOOD WHERE THE OLD SHACK HAD BEEN. THE PILLARS WERE OF GOLD AND SILVER, AND THE ARCHED WINDOWS WERE OUTLINED WITH GLITTERING DIAMONDS.

WHEN THE DAY CAME THAT HE WAS TO CALL ON THE PRINCESS, ALADDIN WAS DRESSED LIKE A PRINCE... HE MOUNTED A SPLENDID WHITE HORSE, OUTSIDE HIS NEW PALACE---

--- AND RODE THROUGH THE CITY, AS A RED VELVET CARPET UNROLLED MAGICALLY BEFORE HIM.

HE SOON REACHED THE PALACE OF THE KING, WHERE HIS ROYAL FATHER-IN-LAW-TO-BE WAS WAITING TO GREET HIM.

IN HIS FINE CLOTHES, ALADDIN LOOKED MORE HANDSOME THAN EVER... THE KING WAS ALREADY FEELING PROUD TO HAVE SUCH A SON-IN-LAW--- AND A RICH ONE BESIDES!

AND WHEN THE PRINCESS AMINA SAW HIM, SHE KNEW ALADDIN WAS THE PRINCE SHE HAD ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT.

WITHIN A FEW DAYS THEY WERE MARRIED AMID GREAT POMP AND CEREMONY

--- AND WENT TO LIVE IN THE MAGNIFICENT NEW PALACE THE GENIE HAD BUILT!

FOR MANY MONTHS ALADDIN AND HIS PRINCESS LIVED HAPPILY, AND HAD EVERYTHING THEY WISHED FOR.

AT LAST THE NEWS OF THE YOUNG PRINCE'S GREAT WEALTH AND POPULARITY REACHED THE WICKED OLD MAGICIAN! HE LOOKED INTO HIS CRYSTAL BALL TO SEE IF IT WERE REALLY TRUE!

WHEN HE KNEW IT WAS SO, HE FLEW INTO A TERRIBLE RAGE, FOR HE REALIZED ALADDIN HAD LEARNED THE SECRET OF THE LAMP.

THEN HE TOOK SHIP AND SAILED TO ALADDIN'S COUNTRY.

WHEN HE REACHED THE CITY, HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A PEDDLER SELLING LAMPS---AND SPIED UPON ALADDIN

NEXT, HE WENT TO ALADDIN'S PALACE, SHOUTING THAT HE WOULD TRADE *NEW* LAMPS FOR *OLD* ONES. IN THIS WAY HE HOPED TO LEARN IF THE *WONDERFUL LAMP* WAS KEPT THERE.

A SERVANT GIRL IN THE PALACE HEARD HIM SHOUTING, AND LAUGHED TO HERSELF.

SHE DECIDED TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD! SHE KNEW WHERE THERE WAS AN OLD, BRASS LAMP...

THE GIRL HURRIED TO ALADDIN'S BEDROOM, AND TOOK DOWN THE LAMP FROM A HIGH SHELF... SHE NEVER DREAMED THAT IT HELD THE SECRET OF ALL ALADDIN'S RICHES.

BUT THE OLD PEDDLER --- WHO WAS REALLY THE MAGICIAN IN DISGUISE --- KNEW THE LAMP VERY WELL INDEED! HE ALMOST SNATCHED IT OUT OF HER HANDS

THE MAGICIAN DID NOT TRADE ANY MORE LAMPS THAT DAY! HE HURRIED AWAY TO BE BY HIMSELF --- AND THINK OF THE REVENGE HE WOULD HAVE

AND ALADDIN, OUT HUNTING, A DAY'S JOURNEY FROM HOME, HAD NO IDEA OF THE UGLY SURPRISE WAITING FOR HIM.

AT MIDNIGHT, THE MAGICIAN SUMMONED THE GENIE, AND TOLD HIM TO CARRY ALADDIN'S PALACE --- AND EVERYONE IN IT --- TO AFRICA! — — —

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, THE KING WENT TO THE WINDOW FOR A LOOK AT THE GOLDEN DOME OF ALADDIN'S PALACE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN! BUT HE *COULD NOT FIND IT!*

HE COULD NOT BELIEVE, AT FIRST, THAT THE WONDERFUL NEW HOME OF HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER WAS NO LONGER THERE!

WHEN HE FINALLY *DID* BELIEVE IT, HE FLEW INTO A RAGE! HE SAID ALADDIN MUST HAVE TAKEN HIS DAUGHTER AND THE NEW PALACE AWAY BY MAGIC.

LATER THAT DAY, ALADDIN AND HIS HUNTING COMPANIONS RODE BACK TO TOWN---LITTLE GUESSING WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

SUDDENLY SOLDIERS APPEARED AND SEIZED THE BRIDLE OF ALADDIN'S HORSE... THEY TOLD HIM NOTHING, EXCEPT THAT THE KING HAD ORDERED HIM TAKEN PRISONER.

HE WAS BOUND, AND MARCHED INTO THE THRONE ROOM WHERE THE KING WAS WAITING FOR HIM.

THE KING WAS FRANTIC! THINKING ALADDIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF HIS DAUGHTER, HE ORDERED HIS SON-IN-LAW TO BRING HER BACK..

...OR BE THROWN INTO PRISON! NOT KNOWING WHAT THE KING WAS TALKING ABOUT, ALADDIN COULD MAKE NO REPLY!

BUT AFTER HE HAD BEEN LOCKED UP IN PRISON, HIS GUARD TOLD HIM HOW THE PALACE HAD DISAPPEARED IN THE NIGHT--- AND THE PRINCESS WITH IT!

THAT NIGHT, ALADDIN COULD NOT SLEEP. HE FELT SO UNHAPPY THAT HE TWISTED HIS HANDS TOGETHER---RUBBING THE RING THAT HE HAD TAKEN, LONG AGO, FROM THE SECRET CAVERN.

AS HE DID SO, ANOTHER GENIE SUDDENLY STOOD BESIDE HIM, READY FOR ORDERS...FOR A MOMENT, ALADDIN DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

THEN HE REMEMBERED THE RING HE HAD TAKEN FROM THE SECRET GARDEN BELOW THE GROUND. HE GAVE A GLAD COMMAND...

NO SOONER HAD HE SPOKEN THAN HE FOUND HIMSELF STANDING UNDER HIS PALACE WINDOW--LOOKING UP AT HIS PRINCESS-WIFE! SHE DID NOT SEE HIM, BECAUSE SHE WAS WEEPING, BUT WHEN HE SPOKE———

SHE LOOKED DOWN WITH A GLAD LITTLE CRY AND RAN QUICKLY TO GREET HER BELOVED HUSBAND.

ALADDIN LOST NO TIME IN CLIMBING UP TO THE WINDOW---BUT AMINA WARNED HIM TO BE QUIET, LEST ANY OF THE SERVANTS SHOULD HEAR, AND TELL THE MAGICIAN!

WHEN HE HAD TOLD HIS STORY, THE PRINCESS OBJECTED STRONGLY TO HIS PLAN... SHE REMINDED ALADDIN THAT THE WICKED MAGICIAN STILL HAD THE *LAMP*---AND WAS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SPOIL EVERYTHING.

SHE SAID THAT THE MAGICIAN WAS AWAY FROM THE PALACE JUST NOW, AND THEY MUST MAKE PLANS TO GET THE LAMP AWAY FROM HIM.

ALADDIN THOUGHT AND THOUGHT! HE KNEW THAT THEY MUST TAKE THE LAMP WITHOUT THE MAGICIAN KNOWING IT---OR ELSE THE MAGICIAN WOULD RUB THE LAMP AND COMMAND THE GENIE.

ALL AT ONCE THE IDEA CAME TO HIM! HE WOULD GO TO THE NEAREST TOWN AND BUY SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE THE WICKED MAGICIAN SLEEP.

ACTING ON THE SUDDEN IDEA, ALADDIN CLIMBED QUICKLY DOWN FROM THE WINDOW

--- AND CREPT AWAY THROUGH THE BUSHES UNTIL HE WAS AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM ANY OF THE MAGICIAN'S SERVANTS, WHO MIGHT SEE HIM.

HE FOUND A TOWN, ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY, AND WENT STRAIGHT TO AN *APOTHECARY'S SHOP* HOPING TO FIND WHAT HE NEEDED.

TO HIS JOY THE APOTHECARY SAID HE KNEW WHAT ALADDIN MUST USE AND AGREED TO MAKE A LITTLE OF IT.

HE TOOK A LONG TIME, BUT AT LAST BROUGHT OUT A TINY BOTTLE, FOR WHICH HE ASKED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY.

ALADDIN RUBBED HIS *RING*... AND THE GENIE OF THE RING APPEARED

ALADDIN ORDERED A PURSE WITH A *HUNDRED* PIECES OF GOLD!

INSTANTLY A LARGE LEATHER POUCH APPEARED IN MID-AIR.

ALADDIN PLACED IT IN THE HAND OF THE APOTHECARY, AND TOOK THE LITTLE PHIAL! THE APOTHECARY WAS TOO SURPRISED TO SAY A WORD.

IT WAS WELL AFTER DARK WHEN ALADDIN CAME IN SIGHT OF THE PALACE! HE HOPED THAT THE MAGICIAN HAD NOT EATEN SUPPER YET!

HE REACHED THE WINDOW OF THE PRINCESS' CHAMBERS WITHOUT BEING SEEN, AND CALLED TO HER SOFTLY.

SHE GREETED HIM EAGERLY, AND TOLD HIM THAT THE MAGICIAN WOULD COME UPSTAIRS AT ANY MINUTE---TO HAVE SUPPER WITH HER!

ALADDIN TOLD HIS WIFE TO PUT THE POWDER INTO THE MAGICIAN'S CUP OF TEA WHEN HE WASN'T LOOKING... THEN, WHEN THE WICKED MAGICIAN WAS ASLEEP, THEY WOULD GET THE LAMP.

THEY HAD HARDLY FINISHED TALKING WHEN THEY HEARD THE MAGICIAN COMING... AMINA PUSHED ALADDIN INTO A CLOSET, WHERE HE COULD NOT BE SEEN.

THE PRINCESS WAS WAITING, WITH DOWNCAST EYES, AS THE MAGICIAN ENTERED. SHE HAD ALREADY EMPTIED THE POWDER INTO ONE OF THE CUPS.

WITH A SHAKING HAND SHE HANDED THE MAGICIAN THE CUP WITH THE APOTHECARY'S POWDER IN IT! SHE HOPED THAT HE WOULD NOT NOTICE THE TASTE AND GROW SUSPICIOUS.

BUT THE OLD SCHEMER WAS SO PLEASED WITH HIMSELF THAT HE NEVER DREAMED OF THE PRINCESS PLAYING A TRICK ON HIM....

---UNTIL THE POWDER SUDDENLY BEGAN TO WORK! FIGHTING HIS SLEEPINESS, THE MAGICIAN PULLED THE LAMP HALFWAY OUT...

THEN HIS EYES SHUT, AND HIS MOUTH OPENED IN A LONG SNORE.

ALADDIN BENT OVER THE MAGICIAN---BUT HE COULD NOT TAKE THE LAMP WITHOUT A HARD PULL! AND A HARD PULL WOULD MAKE THE *MAGICIAN'S* HAND RUB THE LAMP! THAT WOULD NEVER DO, BECAUSE...

---THE GENIE WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING AGAINST THE ONE WHO POSSESSED THE LAMP.

VERY, VERY GENTLY---ONE FINGER AT A TIME--- PRINCESS AMINA LOOSENED THE SLEEPING MAGICIAN'S GRIP.

AT LAST SHE HAD IT---AND THEIR ENEMY SLEPT ON!

NOW THEY WERE SAFE, THEY WONDERED JUST WHAT TO DO! SHOULD THEY DISPOSE OF THE WICKED MAGICIAN--- OR---?

THE PRINCESS THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN---

THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, ALADDIN'S FATHER-IN-LAW, THE KING, STOOD IN HIS WINDOW GAZING OUT ACROSS THE CITY TOWARD THE VACANT LOT WHERE ALADDIN'S PALACE HAD BEEN.

MEN AND WOMEN STOPPED TO STARE AT THE EMPTY SPACE, WHERE THE MARBLE WALLS AND GOLDEN PILLARS HAD GLEAMED, ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE.

SUDDENLY LIGHTNING FLASHED---AND THE PALACE OF ALADDIN APPEARED AGAIN--- AS IF IT HAD NEVER BEEN MOVED...

STARING IN SURPRISE, THE KING ORDERED HIS CHIEF COURTIER TO *MAKE CERTAIN*...

THEN HE CHANGED HIS MIND... HE WOULD GO HIMSELF, AS FAST AS A HORSE WOULD TAKE HIM ACROSS THE CITY!

HE RACED THROUGH THE STREETS, WHICH WERE ALIGHT WITH THE TORCHES AND LANTERNS OF PEOPLE RUNNING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

REACHING THE PALACE OF ALADDIN, HE MADE SURE IT WAS REAL BY RUSHING UPSTAIRS..

THE KING TOOK AMINA IN HIS ARMS, FEARING SHE MIGHT VANISH AGAIN!

AND, BEFORE THE KING COULD TURN UPON ALADDIN, THE PRINCESS POINTED TO THE SLEEPING MAGICIAN--- EXPLAINING WHAT HE HAD DONE.

THE KING WAS FURIOUS WHEN HE HEARD THE TRUTH! HE SNATCHED A SWORD AND WAS ABOUT TO FINISH THE MAGICIAN...

---BUT ALADDIN CAUGHT HIS ARM! HE TOLD THE KING HE HAD A BETTER SCHEME FOR GETTING RID OF THEIR WICKED ENEMY.

DRAWING THE LAMP FROM UNDER HIS SHIRT, ALADDIN HELD IT UP IN PLAIN VIEW...

---AND RUBBED IT WITH THE MAGIC RING ON HIS OTHER HAND!

INSTANTLY *BOTH* GENII APPEARED AND ASKED FOR HIS ORDERS...

ALADDIN TOLD THEM TO SHUT THE MAGICIAN UP FOREVER IN THE UNDERGROUND GARDEN WHERE HE HAD FOUND THE *LAMP* AND THE *RING*.

TO HIS ASTONISHMENT, BOTH THE GENIE OF THE LAMP AND THE GENIE OF THE RING REFUSED! THEY ADDED THAT BY ASKING THEM TO TAKE SUCH A WICKED PERSON INTO SUCH A SACRED PLACE...

--- ALADDIN HAD LOST THE RIGHT TO COMMAND THEM ANY MORE!

BUT THEY SAID THAT BECAUSE ALADDIN HAD MEANT NO WRONG, THEY WOULD CARRY THE MAGICIAN ANYWHERE HE TOLD THEM TO!

ALADDIN TOLD THEM TO TAKE THE MAGICIAN TO THE HIGHEST, LONELIEST MOUNTAIN TOP IN ALL AFRICA AND PLACE HIM INSIDE A ROOM CUT OUT OF THE SOLID ROCK... WITH FOOD AND WATER TO LAST THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

WITH ALADDIN'S LAST WORD, THE MAGICIAN AND THE TWO GENII VANISHED--- AND THAT WAS THE LAST EVER SEEN OF THEM.

TO HONOR ALADDIN AND CELEBRATE HIS DAUGHTER'S SAFE RETURN, THE KING ANNOUNCED A WHOLE WEEK OF MUSIC AND FEASTING.

THERE WAS DANCING IN THE STREETS, DAY AND NIGHT...

AND, EVERY AFTERNOON THE ROYAL YOUNG COUPLE SCATTERED HANDFULS OF GOLD COINS AMONG THE CHEERING CROWDS.

BUT WHAT THEY GAVE TO THE POOR WAS LITTLE COMPARED TO THE WEALTH THE GENIE HAD PLACED IN THEIR TREASURE VAULT...

...AND EACH KNEW THE TREASURE WAS SMALL COMPARED TO THE JOY THEY SHARED TOGETHER. SO IT WAS THAT THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

The Donkey and The Ox

BUT THE FARM OWNER HAD A MAGIC HAT, WHICH HELPED HIM TO UNDERSTAND THE TALK OF ALL ANIMALS... AND HE WAS LISTENING!

THE NEXT DAY THE DONKEY WAS MADE TO PLOW, IN PLACE OF THE OX--- UNTIL HE WAS COMPLETELY TIRED OUT!

THAT NIGHT THE DONKEY WAS TURNED OUT OF HIS STABLE--- TO FIND HIS OWN FOOD! BUT HE WAS TOO TIRED TO EAT.

THE NEXT DAY THE OX WORKED HARDER THAN HE HAD EVER WORKED BEFORE---GLAD TO BE BACK IN HARNESS INSTEAD OF IN THE BUTCHER SHOP!

The Land of Story Books

By Robert Louis Stevenson

At evening when the lamp is lit,
Around the fire my parents sit;
They sit at home and talk and sing,
And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun, I crawl
All in the dark along the wall,
And follow round the forest track
Away behind the sofa back.

There, in the night, where none can spy,
All in my hunter's camp I lie,
And play at books that I have read
Till it is time to go to bed.

These are the hills, these are the woods,
These are my starry solitudes:
And there the river by whose brink
The roaring lions come to drink.

I see the others far away
As if in firelit camp they lay,
And I, like to an Indian scout,
Around their party prowled about.

So, when my nurse comes in for me,
Home I return across the sea.
And go to bed with backward looks
At my dear land of Story-books.

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The Land of Aladdin