

SIDE 1 • ALADDIN, JASMINE, FORTUNE TELLER, STREET VENDOR

*In the Agrabah Marketplace.*

ALADDIN

You, uh, dance very beautifully.

JASMINE

Oh, uh, thank you. Is it always like this here?

ALADDIN

First time in the marketplace, right? I'd bet my shirt on it.

JASMINE

Oh? What makes you think it's my first time here?

ALADDIN

Gee, I don't know...solid gold earrings, satin clothes, not a speck of dust on your shoes...?

JASMINE

Oh. So I guess it is kind of obvious. *(Sees FORTUNE TELLER)* Ooh! Is she a fortune teller?

ALADDIN

Uh, sure is! *(To FORTUNE TELLER)* Excuse me! Would you kindly tell this beautiful young lady about her future with me? Uh, I mean - about her future?

FORTUNE TELLER

AHHHOHH! I'll bet you wanna know about LOVE!

JASMINE

How did you know?

FORTUNE TELLER

I see someone - strong and uh - brave! Ooh, with lots of - money.

ALADDIN

No!

FORTUNE TELLER

No? Oh, no...money *problems*. It's kinda complicated.

JASMINE

Everything about my life is complicated. *(To ALADDIN...)* Hey, look, an apple!

STREET VENDOR

You better be able to pay for that!

*JASMINE screams, frightened.*

STREET VENDOR

Who does she think she is? Stealing my apples! I oughta call the guards on you!

ALADDIN

Hey, now...relax. Please.

STREET VENDOR

I've killed people for less!

ALADDIN

But...my sister isn't well. She's a little - crazy!

STREET VENDOR

She does not seem crazy.

ALADDIN

*(to JASMINE)*

Um...crazy!

JASMINE

*(adopting a crazy-person voice)*

Huuuuuuuhhh! Why's that monkey talking to us?

FORTUNE TELLER

What monkey?

JASMINE

*(pointing at STREET VENDOR)*

The one in the turban.

ALADDIN

Ohh - she's getting worse. I better get her to the doctor.

FORTUNE TELLER

Be careful! That girl might be more than you can handle, Aladdin!

ALADDIN

I'll do my best. *(To Jasmine...)* Come on, sis!

*Scene.*

SIDE 2 • SULTAN, JASMINE, JAFAR, IAGO

SULTAN

Jasmine, you shouldn't have been out in the marketplace all by yourself! It's dangerous.

JASMINE

I wasn't by myself, I told you. And the boy I met - his name was Aladdin - he was very nice - and he's been arrested!

SULTAN

I've told you: the law is the law! You'll marry the most eligible prince that comes our way, and - need I remind you - time is running out!

JASMINE

This boy was not a prince, father. Although he was a much better example of a real man than any of them have been!

SULTAN

Well, let's summon him. And see what he has to say for himself.

JAFAR

Pardon me, sir. I'm afraid I've already had the boy punished accordingly.

JASMINE

Punished for what?

IAGO

Kidnapping the princess! Bah-hah-hah-haaaah!

JASMINE

He didn't kidnap me, I ran away!

SULTAN

Jafar?! What is the meaning of this?

JAFAR

Whatever *actually* happened is sadly irrelevant. The boy's sentence has already been carried out.

IAGO

*(like a parrot)*

Carried out! Carried out!

JASMINE

What sentence?

JAFAR

Why death, of course. It's the law.

IAGO

Oh, I love our laws, your majesty!

JAFAR

And the sentence is clear, Sire.

JASMINE

What? How could you? (To SULTAN, crying...) But father, he did nothing wrong!

SULTAN

Jafar, this - this is an outrage. From now on you are to discuss sentencing of prisoners with me.

JASMINE

And when I'm Queen, I will have the power to get rid of you!

*Exit JASMINE, sobbing.*

SULTAN

I'd better go talk to her.

*Exit SULTAN.*

JAFAR

*(yelling after SULTAN)*

My most abject apologies...(sinister)...your Majesty. If only I'd gotten that lamp!

IAGO

*(mocking JASMINE in girly voice)*

"When I'm Queen, I will have the power to get rid of you! Boo hoo hoo!" *(Normal voice now...)* Girls get so moody over the smallest things! Chipped nails, bad hair, PEOPLE MURDERING THEIR BOYFRIENNNNNNNNDS!

*Scene.*

SIDE 3 • JASMINE, 2 ATTENDANTS, ALADDIN

*JASMINE, pacing the floor and her three ATTENDANTS, seated.*

ATTENDANT 1

Jasmine, you can't just leave!

ATTENDANT 2

Where will you go?

JASMINE

Anywhere. Anywhere but here.

ATTENDANT 1

Wait. Is it really all that bad? You marry some prince and he'll be over on his side of the palace, you'll be on your side of the palace -

ATTENDANT 2

I mean, look at this place! It's huuuge!

ATTENDANT 1

She's right. I mean, I know you don't need our opinions, but if it was *me*...

JASMINE

Stop! I will not be auctioned off to some arrogant, self-centered show off!

*Enter ALADDIN as Prince Ali.*

ALADDIN

Well I hope you're talking about some *other* arrogant, self-centered show off, because if not, this'd just be - awkward.

JASMINE

Yes.

ATTENDANT 1

Well, we were just leaving.

ATTENDANT 2

Do we gotta?

JASMINE

Go.

*ATTENDANTS exit.*

ALADDIN

Alone at last.

JASMINE

*(pretending to be upset...)*

And here in my private chambers? I'll call the guards!

ALADDIN

Princess! Obviously I've crossed the line, which, believe me, was not my intention. I humbly beg your forgiveness.

JASMINE

*(now sweet, curious)*

Wait a moment...are you sure we haven't met before?

ALADDIN

You and me? That's impossible.

JASMINE

It's just that, you remind me of someone I met in the marketplace. But no. You couldn't be him.

ALADDIN

Me, in the marketplace? Well, I - say, did I mention how beautiful you look tonight?

JASMINE

Oh brother. You're just like the rest. Only after my fortune!

ALADDIN

I can assure you, princess...I'm after so much more than that!

JASMINE

Guards!

*Scene.*

## SIDE 4 • ALADDIN AND GENIE

*ALADDIN is on the ground after being knocked unconscious. He has the Genie lamp.*

ALADDIN

Uh. My head. Hello? Help? Anybody? Hello! What's so great about this thing anyway? *(He rubs the lamp, then big smoke and thunder...)* Geez! Whoa! What the heck is - ?

*Enter GENIE.*

GENIE

How's that for a surprise entrance?!

ALADDIN

Uh, who are you?

GENIE

Who am I? Who am I!? Well, isn't it obvious? *(Pointing to different people in the house.)* You get a wish, you get a wish, you get a wish! YOU get a new car! Sorry, kid. I been inside that lamp a long time. I'm a little disoriented.

ALADDIN

You're from...inside the lamp?

GENIE

Yessireee, baby! And you rubbed the lamp. Which makes you Master of the Lamp.

ALADDIN

Master of the lamp?

GENIE

Yeah, isn't that great? Okay, so the deal is - you get three wishes.

ALADDIN

Wow! No wonder everyone wants to get their hands on this thing!

GENIE

You got that right!

ALADDIN

So, three wishes, huh?

GENIE

Okay, but wait. There's rules, see? Rule number one, I can't kill anybody. Rule number two, I can't bring anybody back from the dead. And rule number three...I can't make anybody fall in love with anybody else. Get it?

ALADDIN

Oh. So then, you're saying you've got limitations.

GENIE

Limitations?

ALADDIN

I mean - you probably couldn't even get us out of this cave! Huh. Maybe I better not wish for anything *too important*.

GENIE

Whoa! So that's how it's gonna be? This all powerful Genie can't get us out of this cave? Well, watch this!!!

*GENIE snaps his fingers. Lights, thunder and spectacle as the cave door opens up.*

GENIE

How do you like me now?

ALADDIN

Wow! Thanks Genie! Oh, and when we get outside, you can start granting me my three wishes.

GENIE

Hold it! You've only got two wishes left.

ALADDIN

Oh no! I never officially wished to get out of the cave. You did that on your own!

GENIE

What? He tricked the Genie! Ain't nobody got time for that!

*Scene.*



SIDE 5 • ALADDIN, KASSIM, BABKAK, OMAR, GUARD

ALADDIN

Hey guys. That was all just a big misunderstanding.

KASSIM

Yeah, right. What'd you steal this time?

ALADDIN

Steal? I don't know what you're talking about, Kassim.

BABKAK

Come on, Al - it's us! You taught us every swindle we know. The bait and switch, the grab and go...

KASSIM

Hey, what was that Egyptian one?

BABKAK

The pyramid scheme...?

OMAR

Oh, yeah!

KASSIM

Face it, you're the best thief this side of the River Jordan.

ALADDIN

I told you guys, all that's behind me. Ever since my mother died, I'm done.

OMAR

Maybe we should all clean up our act!

KASSIM

Hey now...there's no reason to feel guilty. The way I see it we're just stealing from the rich and giving to the poor.

BABKAK, OMAR, KASSIM

And we're the poor!

ALADDIN

Guys, really. When people see me, I don't want the first thing they think of to be "thief."

KASSIM

People don't think that!

*Enter GUARD.*

GUARD  
Thief!

KASSIM  
Of course, I could be wrong!

GUARD 1  
Out of the way! Prince Abdullah approaches.

ALADDIN  
Hey! How about some manners!

OMAR  
Um, Aladdin...maybe now's not the time?

ALADDIN  
Quiet, Omar. These guards can't do anything.

*GUARD pulls his sword and places it on ALADDIN'S neck.*

GUARD  
Silence! The prince is on his way to win the heart of Princess Jasmine...you fool.

ALADDIN  
I'm the fool? Nobody has been able to woo the Princess. What makes him better than all the rest?

GUARD  
I should kill you for such shamelessness!

ALADDIN  
Hey! I'm just a nobody who lives in the street. What good would killing me do?

*GUARD drops the sword.*

GUARD  
You're right! You're too insignificant. You are an embarrassment to your family name, street rat!

*Exit GUARD.*

ALADDIN  
Oh yeah? Well the joke's on you - 'cause I don't even *have* a family!

*Scene.*

## Character notes for Sides

**Aladdin:** the hero of the story. A likable guy with a penchant for mischief and stealing so he can eat. He misses his mom, who has passed away. He has big dreams but fears he'll die a poor beggar like most everyone else in Agrabah.

**Genie:** the wish-granter from the lamp. Genie is funny and outrageous, makes a lot of jokes but what he wants (his freedom) is no joke at all.

**Jasmine:** the princess with an attitude. She is suspicious of the old ways, in particular the rules that she should be married off to the richest prince her father can find.

**Sultan:** the "king" of the land, Jasmine's father. Is a bit of a buffoon, blinded by love for Jasmine but can't see who she really is or what she really wants.

**Jafar:** the Sultan's grand vizier, a man of some importance in the royal structure, most of it in his own mind. He believes he will ascend to being Sultan if he can clear everyone out of his way, especially Jasmine.

**Iago:** a silly little sidekick to Jafar, gender-neutral, and super wacky. When playing Iago, go to extremes.

**Attendants:** Jasmine's "castle girls," her friends and advisors. They look after her but don't really have any say in her decisions.

**Fortune Teller:** a gypsy woman who looks into her crystal ball and tells the future. Is probably wrong but who cares? This can be played with a lot of comedy.

**Street Vendor:** sells stuff on the street to whoever will pay. Food, stuff and junk. He's very serious about his job!

**Babkak, Omar and Kassim:** Aladdin's three best friends. Babkak is the practical one, Omar is the scaredy-cat and Kassim has big dreams but is lazy.