



ALADDIN

Synopsis

Aladdin Twankee lives in Peking with his widowed mother and his brother, Wishee Washee. They are poor and work long hours in the family launderette to make ends meet. Aladdin is a dreamer with big ambitions and believes with all his heart that he will marry the girl of his dreams. Unfortunately for him, that girl is Princess Jasmine, the rules state that she must marry nobility and the emperor would never allow her to marry a penniless laundry boy.

When a stranger arrives in Peking claiming to be his long-lost uncle, Aladdin is suspicious, and with good reason. The stranger is Abanazer, an evil sorcerer, who needs Aladdin's help to get his hands on a magic lamp that's been hidden away in a cave for hundreds of years.

Abanazer persuades Aladdin to trust him and promises him riches beyond his wildest dreams if he agrees to retrieve the lamp from the magical Cave of Wonders. Aladdin hopes that his newfound wealth will convince the emperor he would make a suitable suitor for Jasmine, so he agrees to the plan.

It soon becomes clear that Abanazer's scheme is far more dangerous than Aladdin was led to believe. What seems to be a simple task, turns into a daring adventure which takes Aladdin on a fast and furious magic carpet ride to a whole new world.

To make his fortune and win the hand of his girl, Aladdin must face all sorts of daring shenanigans, involving ghosts, magic, and powerful genies.

Characters

Aladdin Our hero. Aladdin lives with his brother and widowed mother, together they run the family launderette.

Princess Jasmine The Princess lives in a palace and longs for adventure.

Widow Twankee (The Dame) Aladdin's mother struggles to raise her sons and keep the family business afloat.

Wishee Washee Aladdin's brother has a big heart but a small brain. His intentions are good but not everything he does goes quite to plan.

Abanazer A clever and wicked sorcerer. Abanazer uses his power for all things evil.

Feng Shui Works in Twankee's Launderette and likes everything to be organised.

Tofu Abanazer's sidekick. He acts tough but he's really a bit of a softy.

Kebab Abanazer's sidekick. He also acts tough but he's really a bit of a softy.

Sweet Jasmine's handmaiden. A sweet natured girl who always sees the positives.

Sour Jasmine's handmaiden. A sour natured girl with a bit of an attitude.

Emperor Lee Ding The Emperor. A rather overprotective father.

Jeanie – The Spirit Of The Ring A genie with reasonable powers and the ability to perform small to medium spells.

Razzle Dazzle (Razz) The genie of the lamp, with incredible powers. Razz can grant three wishes to the master of the magic lamp.

P.C Yin A laid back and easy-going police officer.

P.C Yang A very particular police officer and a stickler for the rules.

Phone Voice part only (At end.)

Chorus 4+ Villagers, traders, keepers of the cave, dancers.

Act 1

Scene 1 The Journey to Peking (Front of tabs into Peking)

Scene 2 An Overprotective Father (Front of tabs)

Scene 3 Long-Lost Uncle (Inside Twankee's Laundrette)

Scene 4 Shopping! (Front of tabs)

Scene 5 Wash and Go (Twankee's Laundrette)

Scene 6 Are We Nearly There Yet? (Front of Tabs)

Scene 7 Trapped! (The Cave of Wonders)

Act 2

Scene 1 Aladdin's Return (The laundrette)

Scene 2 Perfect Timing! (Front of tabs)

Scene 3 New Lamps for Old (In the Palace)

Scene 4 The Dungeon (Front of Tabs)

Scene 5 The Rescue (Abanazers Palace in Egypt)

Scene 6 There's No Such Thing as Ghosts! (Front of tabs)

Scene 7 Happy Ever After (Peking)

Song Suggestions

Act 1

Song 1 Keep on Moving - Five

Song 2 Dear Future Husband - Meghan Trainor/To Be Loved - Lizzo

Song 3 9 to 5 – Dolly Parton/Money, Money, Money - Abba

Song 4 A Whole New World - from Aladdin

Song 5 You Two - from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Song 6 Simply the Best – Tina Turner/The One And Only – Chesney Hawkes

Act 2

Song 7 Come fly With Me - Frank Sinatra

Song 8 I'd Do Anything – From Oliver

Song 9 Fabulous Baby (Genie) - from Sister Act

Song 10 I'm Your Man - Wham!

Song 11 It must be love – Madness/Especially For You – Kylie & Jason

Song 12 You Can't Stop The Beat – from Hairspray/Reach – S Club

Aladdin

Act 1

Scene 1

The Journey to Peking

Front of tabs.

There's a treasure chest DSL with a ring on the top.

SFX Evil intro. Abanazer enters with Tofu and Kebab.

Abanazer Finally, this is it, Boys.

Tofu Where are we, master?

Abanazer The tomb of King Ding Ding, Tofu; the greatest King ever to rule Egypt.

Kebab Why are we here, master?

Abanazer For the ring, Kebab.

Tofu & Kebab *(Together.)* The ring?

Abanazer Yes, the ring, you buffoons.

Tofu What ring, master?

Abanazer The ring of King Ding Ding.

Kebeb Is there such a thing?

Abanazer You mean, such a thing as the ring of King Ding Ding?

Kebab Yes.

Abanazer Of course, it's extremely bling.

Tofu So, you want this thing, that's very bling, they call the ring of King Ding Ding.

Abanazer Yes, find it and bring it to me.

Kebab So, you want us to bring you this thing, that's very bling, they call the ring of King Ding Ding?

Abanazer *(Angry.)* Just get on with it.

Tofu Ooh, temper!

Kebab Someone woke up on the wrong side of the bed!

Tofu and Kebab look around. Tofu spots the chest; he picks up the ring and takes it to Abanazer.

Tofu Is this it, master?

Abanazer (*Snatches the ring.*) At last! The ring of King Ding Ding. Now I, the great Abanazer, will be the most powerful sorcerer ever.

Kebab What's so special about this ring, master?

Abanazer It's magic, Kebab. This ring will make me a household name. (*Evil laugh*)

SFX Thunderclap

Tofu Cool! (*Indicates audience.*) Master, who are all those people?

Abanazer This rabble? They must be from (*Insert town.*) - on the Nile, Awful place! Full of undesirables! (*Audience boo.*) Oh, stop your booing, I don't care what you think. One quick rub of my ring can take me away from all of this. (*Evil laugh.*) Don't believe me, eh? I'll show you. (*He rubs the ring.*)

SFX Whoosh. Jeanie appears.

Kebab Wow, how did you do that?

Abanazer With a little rub of my ring.

Jeanie Phew! Am I glad to be out of that ring, it so cramps my style! Hi, I'm Jeanie, the spirit of the ring, and you are?

Abanazer I am the great, Abanazer.

Jeanie You're not that great if you need me.

Abanazer With your help, I will be the most powerful sorcerer ever. I want to be rich and famous; I want a magnificent palace, precious jewels and a lifetime supply of Ben and Jerrys (*Aside.*) Other ice cream brands are available. Oh, and I want to win Traitors.

Jeanie Don't we all. (*Points to Tofu and Kebab*) Who are they?

Abanazer They're Tofu and Kebab, they're not important.

Tofu & Kebab (*Offended.*) Rude!

Abanazer Now, get on with it.

Jeanie I think you have me confused with someone else.

Abanazer You're a genie, aren't you?

Jeanie Yes, but I'm not qualified to do those things. I only scraped through magic school with one GCES.

Tofu Don't you mean, GCSE?

Jeanie No, I mean GCES. A Genie Certificate for Easy Spells.

Abanazer Then what are you capable of?

Jeanie I can escape a locked box or pull a rabbit from a hat, I dabble a little in time travel and I'm a member of the magic semi-circle.

Abanazer The magic semi-circle?

Jeanie Yes, I only ever get half a trick right.

Abanazer But, I want to be rich and powerful!

Jeanie Sorry mate, not my thing!

Abanazer Then whose *thing*, is it?

Jeanie There is only one genie powerful enough to grant those kinds of wishes.

Abanazer Who is that?

Jeanie The great and mighty, Razzle Dazzle; genie of the magic lamp.

Abanazer And where can I find this genie of the lamp?

Jeanie In the lamp!

Abanazer (*Impatiently.*) Obviously! Where's the lamp?

Jeanie In China.

Abanazer (*Impatiently.*) Where in China, you fool?

Jeanie Alright, keep your knickers on! Legend says, the magic lamp is surrounded by riches, deep within the Cave of Wonders, high in the Chow Mein Mountains of Peking.

Abanazer Take me there, now.

Tofu (*Excited.*) Ooh, can we visit the Great Wall of China? My mum once had a china teapot, it was full of cracks!

Abanazer It wasn't the only crackpot in the house! The wall isn't made of china, you twit.

Jeanie But, it's miles way.

Abanazer Is that a problem?

Jeanie I can attempt to get us somewhere in the vicinity... or thereabouts.

Abanazer Excellent! Soon the lamp will be mine and then I, the great Abanazer, will be the most powerful sorcerer in all the world. (*Evil laugh.*)

SFX Thunderclap.

Jeanie I hate to burst your bubble, but it doesn't work like that.

Abanazer What do you mean?

Jeanie The lamp is protected by an ancient spell, to keep it from falling into the wrong hands. Only one who is honest and pure of heart can enter the cave and retrieve the lamp.

Abanazer Where will I find someone honest and pure of heart in this day and age?

Jeanie There is one fellow; his name is Aladdin. He alone can enter the cave.

Abanazer That does change things a bit.

Jeanie Any other requests?

Abanazer Yes, take me to Aladdin.

Jeanie What makes you think that he will help you?

Abanazer Tofu and Kebab can be extremely persuasive when they need to be.

Tofu (*Menacingly.*) Extremely persuasive.

Kebab (*Menacingly.*) We'll convince him, master.

Jeanie I refuse to be part of this dastardly plan.

Abanazer You have no choice, Jeanie. I wear the ring; you must do as I say. It's in the contract!

Jeanie (*To audience.*) Blast, he has a point!

Abanazer Take us to Peking and make it snappy! (*Evil laugh.*)

Jeanie Fine, do as I say. Close your eyes. (*Abanazer, Tofu and Kebab close their eyes.*) Tap your heels together three times, and say, 'There's no place like Peking!' Ready, Steady, go!

ACT 2

Scene 1

Aladdin's Return

Front of tabs.

Aladdin enters dressed in all his Royal finery. The lamp hangs from his belt, and he carries a bag filled with sweets. Jeanie and Razz follow, Jeanie carries a rolled-up rug.

Aladdin Boy, it's good to be out of that cave! And look, I'm a Prince! Now we need to get back to Peking. Any suggestions?

Jeanie (*Holds up the rug.*) Magic carpet?

Aladdin I was thinking of a private jet. Where did you get that?

Jeanie The Cave of Wonders.

Razz It's comfortable, reliable, and very economical.

Jeanie And it's kind to the environment!

Aladdin Magic carpet it is then!

Razz What's in the bag, Aladdin?

Aladdin Sweets, the keepers gave them to me for the journey.

Jeanie It's prohibited to take sweets into Peking, you'll have to pay a sugar tax!

Aladdin What shall I do with them?

Razz You could give them to the audience.

Jeanie They don't want them, do you?

Audience responds.

Jeanie, Razz & Aladdin. Oh no you don't.

Audience responds.

Jeanie, Razz & Aladdin. Oh no you don't.

Jeanie You've convinced me, and they did tell the keepers of the cave to set you free, Aladdin.

Aladdin You're right. *(To audience.)* You've earned these.

Jeanie Let's hand them out, we have a flight to catch.

Sweets are distributed.

Jeanie Right, hop on and off we go.

Jeanie rolls out the carpet and they step on. SFX Ignition turning and engine hum. SFX Intercom 'bing bong'.

Jeanie I am Jeanie, and I am your Captain today. Welcome aboard this Easy Rug Magic Carpet flight 001, to Peking. Our flight time is approximately two minutes, unless we stopover due to excess applause! We will be flying at an altitude of *(looks down from stage)* about three feet and travelling faster than the speed of light. If you need to evacuate in an emergency, there are several exits on this this Axminster A380. Your life vest is located under your seat, along with a spare pair of knickers, just in case! Could you please make sure your seat backs and tray tables are in the upright position and that your seat belt is correctly fastened. Enjoy the flight!

Song 7

SFX Intercom 'bing bong'.

Jeanie Welcome to Peking. The local time is *(Insert time.)* The local weather is sunny, and the local pub is *(Insert local pub.)* Thank you for choosing to fly with Easy Rug, we look forward to seeing you back on board soon.

They step off the rug and roll it up.

Aladdin That was different!

Razz How do you usually travel?

Aladdin By train.

Razz Eurostar?

Aladdin Good of you to say, but I'm no Brad Pitt!

Jeanie I once travelled on the Orient Express ...it was murder!

Razz I've got one of those VW motor homes.

Jeanie Camper?

Razz (*Camp voice.*) I've got one of those VW motor homes.

Aladdin Come on, let's get back to the laundrette. I can't wait to see mum and Wishee's faces when I tell them the news.

They turn to face the curtain which opens on the village square. Wishee enters, hurrying along with his head down and a laundry bag over his shoulder. He bumps into Aladdin.

Wishee Sorry Sir, my fault. I wasn't looking where...

Aladdin Hello, Wishee.

Wishee Aladdin? Is that you? What's with the posh gear?

Aladdin It's Prince Aladdin.

Wishee Yeah, right! And I'm Lord Wishee.

Razz That's no way to speak to a prince.

Aladdin Razz, this is my brother, Wishee, the one we're looking for.

Wishee (*Sings.*) Hello, is it me you're looking for?

Razz Greetings.

Aladdin And this is Jeanie.

Jeanie Delighted.

Wishee (*Sings.*) You've got a friend in me.

Aladdin What's with the singing, Wishee?

Wishee I'm taking your advice, Aladdin. I'm not giving up on my dream so I'm practicing being a pop star at every opportunity.

Aladdin Good for you, Wishee.

Wishee Abba songs are my favourite. (*Sings.*) Mamma Mia, here I go again. Where have you been, Aladdin? Mum was worried sick when uncle returned without you.

Aladdin He's not our uncle, Wishee, he's an imposter!

Wishee He told us you left him stranded and he was lucky to escape with his life.

Aladdin Actually, it was the other way round.

Twankee calls from off stage.

Twankee *Wisheee.*

Twankee enters with Feng Shui.

Wishee Mum, look who's home.

Twankee Aladdin!

Twankee rushes to Aladdin. They embrace and she checks him over.