

(Short NUMBER. Suggest "Recipe" at end of which TWANKEY exits R, blowing Jasmine a kiss.)

ABA. (off L.) New lamps for old! New lamps for old!

PRINCESS. What an amazing coincidence!

ABA. (off.) Throw out that old lamp and get yourself a shiny new one!

PRINCESS. This is my chance to be useful.

ABA. (off) New lamps for old!

PRINCESS. I can do better than look after Aladdin's lamp. I can get him a new one!

(ABANAZAR enters L, disguised as a pedlar, (false nose and beard?) with a tray of shiny new lamps.)

ABA. (aside) Yes, it's me - too bad there was no security at the tradesman's entrance! (To PRINCESS) New lamps for old! New lamps for old!

PRINCESS. Hello.

ABA. Hello, my dear. What a horrible, dirty old lamp!

PRINCESS. Will you really change it for a brand new one?

ABA. Of course I will. The dirtier the better. That's how I like them.

PRINCESS. Really?

ABA. You wouldn't believe how dirty I like them! Hand it over now. That's it.

PRINCESS. (starts to hand it over, but stops) But Aladdin did say to take great care of it.

ABA. But think how pleased he'll be to get a new one.

PRINCESS. Are you sure?

ABA. Yes, of course I'm sure!!

PRINCESS. Alright, then -

(The PRINCESS hands over the lamp.)

ABA. I've done it! (Rips off false beard.) At last the lamp is mine!
(to PRINCESS) And so are you! (Rubs lamp.)

(PYRO. PRINCESS screams. GENIE appears L.)

GENIE. My master calls, I must obey.
Oh, no, not you, this ain't my day!

ABA. Well, what a pity, I'm so sad
That your new master's turned out bad!

GENIE. Just cut the chat, I'll do as bid.

ABA. And it's my urgent wish you did.
So cast your mind to distant lands,
To sunny Egypt's desert sands.
To there, take me, take her, and this palace too!

PRINCESS. Don't touch me!!

GENIE. Forgive me. This I hate to do.

(GENIE makes magic passes. THUNDER, LIGHTNING,
HURRICANE WINDS ETC. BLACKOUT.)

ABA. (to AUDIENCE.) Hello, (Local town)! Yes, boo and hiss all you like, it's music to my ears. Isn't it, Tiddles? Enough! Now we really must press on, because we've just got to the really good bit. This is the big sloppy love scene starring me and the lovely Jasmine. I can't wait! (Lobs cat overhead into wing. Cat SOUND EFFECT.) And just in case she proves immune to my charms, I've laced this wine with a special love potion which will make her fall head over heels in love with me! But first I want to make her love me for myself. (Claps hands. Two chorus GUARDS bring on a blindfolded PRINCESS L.) And here she is! Now, my dear, I promised you I had a special surprise (Gestures and the blindfold is removed.) – and here it is!

PRINCESS. Aladdin!

(ALADDIN struggles against his bonds and gag.
ABANAZAR waves away CHORUS who exit L.)

ABA. There you see - he's so happy, he's speechless!

PRINCESS. You disgusting, horrible, beastly –

ABA. Temper, temper. It's an awfully sharp blade! (Playfully strokes it.) So, unless you want to see two Aladdins, just be nice. Be reasonable. Because I'm in the mood for love, Jasmine!

PRINCESS. No!

ABA. Yes!

PRINCESS. Go away!

ABA. Oh, Jasmine, ever since I first saw you, I've wanted you, needed you, craved you –

PRINCESS. No, you haven't!

ABA. Yes, I have! Marry me, Jasmine, make me complete!

PRINCESS. But I hate you!

ABA. You're just saying that. Can't you see how similar we are? How much we share!

PRINCESS. We've got nothing in common at all.

ABA. We're identical! Like the two halves of the same melon!

PRINCESS. But I don't like melons.

ABA. That proves it, neither do I!