

PRINCESS. (**Looking on down R and entering**) Oh, dear. I hope father doesn't get too upset. But it's very boring being a princess with no one to talk to. I was hoping to meet a real, live ordinary person. But everybody seems to have gone.

ALADDIN. (**poking head out from laundry basket.**) Hello!

PRINCESS. Oh. Hello.

ALADDIN. Are you the Princess?

PRINCESS. Yes. Yes I am. Who are you?

ALADDIN. I'm a real, live ordinary person.

PRINCESS. Oh.

ALADDIN. (**climbing out of basket**) Well, not too ordinary, I hope. My name's Aladdin. In fact, I could be someone to talk to.

PRINCESS. Isn't it very dangerous? If you were seen talking to me you'd be in terrible trouble.

ALADDIN. I'm not too worried about that. (**Joking.**) I laugh in the face of danger!

PRINCESS. So do I. But then, I'm a princess, so nothing's very dangerous for me.

ALADDIN. (**climbing out of basket.**) You look very normal for a princess. It's a shame your Dad, the Emperor, won't let anybody meet you.

PRINCESS. Yes it is.

ALADDIN. Because I'm sure you'd have lots of friends if he did.

PRINCESS. Really?

ALADDIN. Well, you could be my friend.

PRINCESS. I think I'd like that. And –

ALADDIN. Yes?

PRINCESS. Maybe you could be mine.

ALADDIN. Good. Because, actually, I think I'd rather like that too.