

ALADDIN (CONT'D)

Great. Trapped in a cave to starve to death despite having enough gold to buy all the food in the world. At least in the dungeon we were fed. All because of this stupid lamp. Well, maybe there's some oil left in it and I can light it and at least be able to see while I sit here and talk to myself while I starve.

Aladdin tries to pry the top off the lamp, but is unable to.

ALADDIN (CONT'D)

Hmm. It doesn't seem to want to open. Maybe there's some directions here on the side. I've just got to get rid of some of this dirt.

He begins rubbing the lamp. Lights flicker. Big magic. Music and lights. Assistant Genies dart around the stage distracting Aladdin then go completely black as a gong crashes. The lights come up to reveal the Genie entering from the audience. He climbs onto the stage and goes to Aladdin during the dialog.

GENIE

Eight thousand years in a cramped space. Free at last. Free at last. Free at last. Hey, it's great to be back ladies and gentlemen. (notices Aladdin). What? You were expecting Barbra Eden?

Aladdin

I thought you'd be...

GENIE

What? Thinner?

ALADDIN

Blue.

GENIE

Well I do get down from time to time...Hey, bub, what's your name?

ALADDIN

(still startled)

Uh...Aladdin

Genie grabs Aladdin's hand and pumps vigorously.

GENIE

Glad to meet you Aladdin. Can I call you Al? Or maybe just Din?

ALADDIN

(thoroughly confused)  
I must have hit my head when the rocks caved in.

GENIE

(rising to his feet)  
You know, you're a lot smaller than my last master.

ALADDIN

Wait a minute. Did you say master?

GENIE

(like a game show host)  
That's right! And, I'm your Genie - direct from the lamp! Right here, on the cave floor, for your wish fulfillment. Three wishes to be exact. And, ixnay on the wishing for more wishes. Three wishes, that's it. Non transferable. No exchanges. No refunds. No substitutions. And you must be present to win.

ALADDIN

Three wishes? Anything I want?

GENIE

Well almost. There are a couple limitations. (puts on glasses and pulls out a legal contract. Speaks in hurried legal tone) As you'll note in Article 5, Subparagraph 4, Paragraph 8, Page 3 of the rules in question. (leafs through pages too quickly for Aladdin to get a look at what the Genie is showing him) Rule number one stipulates I can not, and will not, for any reason kill anyone (glances up from the pages, directly at Aladdin) so don't even ask. (Returns his attention to the papers) Rule number 2, I can not make anyone fall in love with anyone else (looks up at Aladdin) although I do have the number to a great dating service.

(MORE)

GENIE (CONT'D)

(returns his attention back to contract) And finally, rule number 3 - I can not bring people back from the dead - it can be a bit gruesome (He ditches the contract and glasses, returns attention to Aladdin). Other than that, you've got it.

ALADDIN

(teasing)

Limitations. Tsk. Tsk. Tsk. Some all powerful Genie you are. I bet you can't even get us out of this cave.

GENIE

You doubt my power?!? Hold on to your seat buddy boy.

The earthquake lights and sound effects start. Then, the lights go black and the curtain closes.

ACT 1, SCENE 9

A gong crashes and lights come up. Genie and Aladdin are in front of the curtain, where Rock 1 and Rock 2 are poking through, symbolizing the cave entrance.

GENIE (CONT'D)

(like Tonto)

You doubt me now, Kemosabie?

ALADDIN

Not at all. Now about my three wishes..

GENIE

(As a school teacher)

Now class, if Aladdin had three wishes (holds up three fingers) and he takes away one wishing to get out of the cave (he folds one finger down), how many wishes does he have left?

ALADDIN

(mischievously)

I never actually wished to get out of the cave. I just asked if you could do it.