ACT 1 - SCENE 1

The desert.

Jafar, the royal advisor to the Sultan, is dressed in his royal uniform as he paces in front of the curtain.

## JAFAR

(bickering to himself) Where is that little rodent? How dare he keep I, Jafar, chief advisor to the Sultan waiting?!?!

Wheezer hurriedly waddles in from stage right, half of a scarab held outstretched towards Jafar.

# WHEEZER

(wheezing, out of breath) O' Great Demanding One, I have arrived with the trinket you ordered me to risk life and limb to find.

Wheezer collapses to his knees.

Jafar whirls around to angrily face his servant.

## JAFAR

You are late!

# WHEEZER

I apologize most O' Forgiveful One, but the journey you sent me on had me facing the ten most horrid and ferocious tigers one might ever lay eyes on, negotiating my way through fields of lava, doing battle with evil bandits, and walking through no less than five deserts - (turns to audience in disbelief) I did more before 8 am than most do in a day! (gives a mock solute) You probably didn't realize this, but there was little chance that any man would have survived this journey.

JAFAR Of course I realized it, that's why I sent you instead of going myself!

Wheezer collapses to the ground, scarab still extended out in up-stretched hand.

The Sultan stands behind them for several more beats hoping for a reaction, but gives up, shrugs, and walks off right.

Lights out, curtain closes.

ACT 2, SCENE 7

The curtain opens revealing Jafar pacing in his laboratory while Wheezer sits idly by.

### WHEEZER

So Prince Ali is really the boy Aladdin and now he is to marry the princess and your plots have been exposed and now the royal guards are after you. This is awful.

# JAFAR

On the contrary, my simple minded sidekick, it's wonderful!

Wheezer does a double take, not believing what he has just heard.

WHEEZER Are you feeling alright, O' Most Illogical One of Demented Perception?

JAFAR

Think about it! If that little fleabitten urchin Aladdin is alive, and a prince no less, then he must have the lamp! That means all we have to do is steal it.

### WHEEZER

(to audience) Why do I get the feeling that when he says "we steal it" he means I'm going to steal it. (points to himself)

#### JAFAR

Good. I'm glad you volunteered. (Wheezer tries to protest, but Jafar continues, putting his arm around Wheezer's shoulder) Now, here's what we're going to do...

Lights fade out.