

RIAZ

You're all gung ho to take on the  
world but your plan is to nap?

Aladdin finishes preparing his body to nap under the tree.  
Rashid spies on Aladdin.

ALADDIN

Glad you see it my way. Now can you  
kids go play somewhere else?

Riaz wants to continue the debate but you can't argue if the  
other party is asleep so she gives up and gathers the other  
kids and departs off the far side of the stage that Aladdin  
came from.

Aladdin is sleeping against a tree. Aladdin's mother enters.

MOTHER

Now where is that good for nothing  
son of mine?

She looks around the house for Aladdin but is unable to find  
him. Looking up, she addresses the audience.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

I don't suppose you've seen my son,  
Aladdin? A boy about so high (she  
indicates his height). He's got  
work to do and like usual when  
there's work to do, he's nowhere to  
found.

During this, Aladdin wakes up and listens in on what his  
mother is saying.

The mother makes her way to the tree Aladdin has been  
sleeping under and begins to cautiously circle it, but  
Aladdin circles as well - always staying on the opposite side  
of the tree, out of sight. At some point during this ever  
speeding chase around the tree, Aladdin sneaks out and sits  
at the front of the stage as his mother continues to circle  
the tree on her own. Shortly after this, the mother spies  
Aladdin and with great annoyance pulls him back up to where  
she can address him.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

Aladdin, always disappearing when  
there's work to be done! Really,  
how do you expect to get through  
life always being lazy?

ALADDIN

(good natured)

Aww, Ma. I was just taking a nap.  
How do you expect me to get through  
life without having some rest now  
and then?

MOTHER

Now Aladdin, don't start with me  
now. You can nap, and play, and  
have all the fun you want, but  
right now we have to worry about  
what we're going to eat tonight.

Mother reluctantly pulls her wedding ring off and hands it to  
Aladdin.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

Here, go into town and sell this  
ring and buy food for tonight.

Aladdin is taken back.

ALADDIN

But mother, this is the ring father  
gave you when you got married!

MOTHER

(mournfully)

Yes, I know, son. But we must eat  
and without work there is no other  
way.

ALADDIN

(defiantly)

Mother, I shall do as you say and  
sell this ring today, but I promise  
you - never again! Never again  
shall we be without food! Never  
again shall you sacrifice such  
things! One day we will live like  
the Sultan himself!

MOTHER

(amused)

Oh, Aladdin, always the dreamer.  
And just how do you propose you'll  
provide all this?

ALADDIN

I don't know, but I will. Somehow.  
I promise.