

ALADDIN

a one act comedy

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Cast of Characters

Abanazaar	An evil magician after 'the Power' Owner of the Power that Abanazaar seeks	(Male)
Dream Master	A lost wanderer & Abanazaar's new sidekick	(Either)
See Ling	The Empress's Advisory Council	(Male)
Percy Gung Ho	A Chinese widow & owner of the local laundry	(Male)
Widow Twanky	Widow Twanky's foolish son	(Female)
Wishee Washee	Widow Twanky's other son & our hero	(Either)
Aladdin	The Empress's beautiful daughter	(Male)
Princess Lotus Blossom	The Empress's other beautiful daughter	(Female)
Princess Jasmine	A handsome prince & Jasmine's fiancé	(Female)
Prince PawPaw	The fearless ruler of all China	(Male)
Empress Ying Yang	The inhabitant of the lamp	(Female)
Genie	Genie's dotting assistant	(Male)
Miss FunnyPenny		(Female)
Chorus	Interviewer, Peasants, Tarquin the Monster	

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SCENE 1: Dream Master's Home Square

(Dream Master is upstage in darkness. Enter Abanazaar - under spotlight)

Abanazaar

Dream Master, Dream Master show me where I can get the power. I have toiled hard, worked to the bone, got a full set of Nectar points - I deserve the power!

(Dry-ice rises/smoke rises as the Dream Master walks through and enters into light)

Dream Master

No! You have not yet proven yourself ultimately worthy of the power. How do I know you will put the power to good use. I have let it lie dormant in the Home Square for a thousand years. Why should I let you have it?

(Stage lights come up. Enter Interviewer)

Interviewer

Tell me Abanazaar what would you do, should you be lucky enough to win the power?

Abanazaar

Well, if I won the power I would use it to stop all wars and fix the big hole in the O-Zone layer.

Interviewer

Well, thank you Abanazaar. **(Exits)**

Abanazaar

Isn't that good enough? You must tell me so that I can truly live.

Dream Master

Very well. If you are as good as your word. I will share the power with you. In China's most ancient city, you will find a cave, wherein lives a lamp that will give to you the power to change the world, in the way you have promised.

Abanazaar

Excellent, precisely what I want.

Dream Master

But to realise the great power of this lamp, to recover it you have to use a fearless, young boy, the son of a widow. One who has no wealth, no power and will help you bring all the good you want to the world. You will find such a boy in the vast empire of China, but that is all I can tell you. Now leave me, you have had far too much of my time, but remember the lamp must be used for good...
(Fades out as he exits)

Abanazaar

Where will I find this boy? It's not much to go on is it? But worry not, find him I shall...
I'll soon rule the Universe you ignorant shower
Once I have this lamp in my power
So with lightening strike and thunder crash
Take me to China as quick as a flash...

(With lightening effect and a loud crackle of laughter as Abanazaar exits)

SCENE 2: On The Way To China

(Enter Abanazaar - a little bit dazed after a long journey from the Home Square to China)

Abanazaar

(Shouting off) Come along boy, do stop dragging your feet, I said you could hitch along only when I thought you could be some use to me. **(Aside)** I didn't realise this wasn't the boy I wanted until it was too late, now I'm stuck with him...
(Enter See Ling - with rucksack)

See Ling

My feet hurt. You didn't tell me we were walking to China. I thought you were a great Magician with great powers. Why couldn't we fly here or something?

Abanazaar

I am a great Magician! The greatest! But I've told you See Ling, 'til I'm blue in the face, that I can't have the all seeing power until I have recovered the lamp from the cave, where it has laid for thousands of years. But I need the young, fearless, Widow's son to recover it. Why I thought you, with a name like See Ling was that boy, I'll never know.

See Ling If it's been there for thousands of years, it's not going to disappear while we have a rest and a cup of tea, is it?

Abanazaar You can rest as much as you want when the lamp is mine, but until then, we keep going.

See Ling Are you sure that this is the right way?

Abanazaar Of course, I do!
(Dream Master "floats" in - behind Abanazaar)
Ooo, you do make me jump when you do that!

Dream Master I sense you are having trouble with my instructions?

Abanazaar Instructions! You get more instructions with an MFI kitchen! Am I going in the right direction?

Dream Master Your feet take you the right way. You are almost upon end, wherein dwells the widow who lives by the water. She has two sons. The one you seek is called Aladdin. Take care on your journey. **(He "floats" off)**

Abanazaar Excellent. Come on. See Ling we have no time to lose

See Ling I hope this flipping lamp is going to be worth all the bother.

(They Exit)

SCENE 3: Peking Square

(Peasants onstage. Enter Percy Gung Ho)

Gung Ho Kow tow, you peasants. Know you not that I am. Percy Gung Ho, personal assistant and confidante to her Mightiness, the Empress Ying Yang of all China - Kow tow, I say, why aren't you kow towing?

Peasant 1 We are kow towing.

Gung Ho You could have fooled me.

Peasant 2 My kow won't go any towar.

Gung Ho You are impertinent. I'll have you arrested and your heads will be chopped off.

Peasant 3 You can't do that, you know. The new laws say you can't chop people's head off.

Peasant 4 Except looking at the Princesses.

Peasant 5 And we're not looking at the Princesses, are we?

Gung Ho Ah, but you might be any moment, if you're not careful. The Princesses will be passing this way in a short while, on their way to the Royal Baths. Believe me, any of you found looking at them will be arrested and executed immediately.

Peasant 6 So, are the Princesses ugly?

Gung Ho Ugly!? Of course they aren't ugly!

Peasant 1 Then why can't we look at them?

Gung Ho Because you are too low and unworthy for your eyes to be allowed to rest upon the beautiful faces of the daughters of Her Mightiness, the Empress Ying Yang of all China, that's why. So be warned, it is an offence punishable by death.

Peasant 2 Quick, there is someone coming, it must be the Royal Party. Hide your faces!

(All prostrate themselves on the floor)

(Enter Widow Twanky & Wishee Washee - with laundry)

Widow Twanky We'll hang it up here Wishee. I'll just reach across the street. I've got to get it dry somehow or the Empress will be... **(Sees everyone on the floor)** Hey, what's all this?

Wishee Washee They must have lost something. **(To Dim Sum)**
Excuse me, have you lost something?

Peasant 3 It's the washer woman Widow Twanky and
Wishee Washee.

Peasant 4 We thought you were the Princesses.

Widow Twanky Well yes, I do understand you making the
mistake. **(Preens herself)**

Peasant 5 They're coming this way.

Widow Twanky Are they really? If the Royals are coming I need
to look my best, do I need more make up,
Washee?

Wishee Washee Well now you mention it, you could do with a pinch.

Widow Twanky Oooh, have I time?

Wishee Washee No I meant - you could do with a pinch **(Pinches
Widow Twanky's cheek)**

Widow Twanky You're so cheeky! Do you know Aladdin would
never do this to me and...

Wishee Washee Yes, but he's never here when you need him to be
is he?

(Enter Aladdin)

Aladdin Hello mother, Hi Wishee.

Wishee Washee Where have you been, while I've been working my
fingers to the bone helping Mother?

Aladdin I've been fishing, I thought I'd catch us a nice
fish for tea.

Widow Twanky Ooh lovely, you're such a good lad. Did you catch
anything?

Aladdin I certainly did **(Produces small fish in a jar)**

Wishee Washee Is that all? It's taken you all day to catch that?
You call that a fish?

Aladdin No, I call this a fish! **(Goes off and pulls long rope/fishing wire with the jaws music plays, until a painted shark appears around the wing)**

Wishee Washee **(Jumps into Widow T's arms) Help Mum!**

Widow Twanky Get down, the Princesses will be here in a minute... and you Postman, whoever you are, go deliver that fish to Mr. Ibbut's fish shop, it'll go down nicely with a few chips.

Peasant 4 Mr. Ibbut?

Wishee Washee Yes, Hal's place, you know Hal Ibbut!

(Exit Peasants - with shark)

Aladdin The Princesses. Are they coming here? I must stay and see them.

Widow Twanky You can't, seeing them isn't allowed.

Aladdin Well I'm going to have a peep

(Fanfare sounds)

Gung Ho That's it, they're here. The Princesses are coming and no-one is allowed to see them.

(All prostrate on floor)

(Enter Princess Lotus Blossom, Princess Jasmine & Prince PawPaw)

Gung Ho Kow Tow I say, let no-one look upon the loveliest faces in all of China, Princess Lotus Blossom and Princess Jasmine.

Lotus Blossom Well really! I must say I don't want anymore of this eye shutting stuff.

Princess Jasmine I agree with Lotus Blossom. Do shut up Gung Ho.

Prince PawPaw

But Jasmine, dearest, Your Mother, the Empress, is most anxious that the faces of your Royal Highnesses should not be exposed to common gaze of the peasants.

Princess Jasmine

Oh PawPaw, you are a drip sometimes.

Lotus Blossom

And what rubbish, and from what I can see they look rather nice to me **(To Jasmine)** Especially that one over there **(Points to Aladdin)**

Princess Jasmine

Which one? Oh yes I see

(Aladdin opens his eyes, gets up, kneels and kisses Lotus Blossom's hand)

Gung Ho

Get back in your place peasant, or I'll have your head.

Aladdin

Your Highness, Prince Aladdin at your service.

Lotus Blossom

You see Gung Ho, he's a Prince, he's allowed to look.

Gung Ho

He's not dressed like a Prince.

Aladdin

I am, my beautiful Princess, living for a short while, among the rough and poor so that I may appreciate more, my high standing position.

Lotus Blossom

Oh, how commendable.

Prince PawPaw

Sounds 'iffy' to me.

(Enter Empress Ying Yang)

Empress

What is the cause of this noise and confusion? I was attempting to take a stroll in the Palace Garden whilst dictating the 203rd chapter of my book **(Sees Aladdin)** What is he doing? Have his head now!

Lotus Blossom

It's OK Mummy, he's a Prince.

Empress Not dressed like that he's not. Have his head.

Lotus Blossom Go my Prince, run for your life. I will explain who you are.

(Aladdin runs off)

Empress Get him Gung Hoer, after him or I may have your head

Gung Ho At once, Your Majesty **(He runs off - after Aladdin)**

Empress You shouldn't be here my daughters. Prince PawPaw why do you mean by bringing my daughters here?

Prince PawPaw I'm very sorry, Your Majesty, I did try to persuade them not to come.

Princess Jasmine Oh Mummy, it wasn't PawPaw's fault, Lotus Blossom and I were just passing through on our way to the Royal Baths.

Lotus Blossom Yes, we really don't mind being looked at Mother. In fact, I quite like it.

Gung Ho **(Returning - panting)** I'm sorry, Your Majesty, he got away.

Wishee Washee Look at the state of him, he couldn't catch a cold!

Gung Ho That's it, take him away, take him away.

Widow Twanky You can't do that!

Gung Ho Why not?

Widow Twanky You need planning permission for a Chinese Takeaway!

Empress This is ridiculous, he must be found and executed immediately

Lotus Blossom But Mummy, he's a Prince, living for a brief while

among the rough and poor, it's all right for him to look at us.

Empress

Rubbish! I'm not having that.

Lotus Blossom

But Mother, he is!

Princess Jasmine

Mummy, my instincts tell me that Lotus Blossom is right and I always trust my instincts.

Empress

I still think something is wrong.

Gung Ho

My dear Empress I really do think you should not concern yourself, I'm sure Prince PawPaw has everything under control.

Prince PawPaw

Yes, I'm sure there is no money business afoot, well I'm not that sure, but if there is any monkey business I'm here to protect them.

Empress

Stop using coarse expressions, PawPaw. It does not become you.

Prince PawPaw

Oh, I'm sorry, Your Majesty, I was simply trying to...

Empress

PawPaw, I really will have to reconsider the question of your engagement to my daughter Jasmine. Come along now all of you, Gung Ho and I will accompany you the rest of the way

(Exit Empress, Princess Lotus Blossom, Princess Jasmine, Prince PawPaw & Gung Ho)

Widow Twanky

Well, that's a fine old mess he's in, we're all in now. Whatever will we do?

Wishee Washee

Hey Mum, did you see that Princess Jasmine? I think she fancies me, I'm sure she was giving me the old come on.

Widow Twanky

You haven't listened to a word I've just said have you? Come on!#
(They Exit)

SCENE 4: A Path In China

(Enter Peasants as Princess Lotus Blossom, Princess Jasmine & Prince PawPaw enter)

Lotus Blossom

Oh Jasmine, I can't stop thinking about Prince Aladdin, where do you think he's from?

Princess Jasmine

I know you can't. I think I have hooked that other drip though, the one with the washerwoman. How will I get rid of him?

Prince PawPaw

You do want to get rid of him, don't you?

Princess Jasmine

PawPaw, you can be so jealous. Of course I do. Despite my Mother's current thoughts, I still have every intention of marrying you.

Lotus Blossom

(Sees Peasants) Excuse me, do you happen to know - oh come on, I said no more face hiding **(Peasants look at her)** Do you happen to know where I can find Prince Aladdin?

Peasant 1

Prince Aladdin? **(All smirk)** Oh yes, he can still be found among the rough and the poor, living down at the laundry

Lotus Blossom

What a caring, thoughtful Prince he is. We will go find him at once, thank you all very much.

(Peasants exit)

Prince PawPaw

But Lotus Blossom, I'm afraid your mother will chop off my head if she finds we've been there. You know what she said last time.

Lotus Blossom

PawPaw, I see you are still waiting that delivery from the spine shop. We are going and that's final.

Princess Jasmine

Lotus Blossom will you be alright here for five minutes, PawPaw and I are going to look in the jewelers...

Lotus Blossom

Yes, go on, I'll be fine, see you back here soon.

(Exit Prince PawPaw & Princess Jasmine)

(Enter See Ling)

See Ling

(Shouting off, to Abanazaar) Keep up can you; I've never known anyone get so many stones in his shoe. I need a rest. We've been walking for ages and I haven't seen anything that was of interest to me **(Double taking)** that is until now. What a doll! **(Moves smarmily to Lotus Blossom, who is daydreaming)** Ahem! Excuse me, what is a beautiful girl like you doing in a beautiful place like this all on her own? Until now I feel as though my life hasn't started. Please, please, please will you marry me, we can settle down, have a couple of kids, I'll get a nice car and an executive job in town and...

Lotus Blossom

(Looks aghast) Hang on, just a minute, slow down will you **(Almost laughing)** Look, what you said was very flattering, but I'm afraid you're a little late; my heart is already with another.

See Ling

Oh, how can that possibly be **(Moves closer and speaks confidentially, looking both ways)** Look I can't say too, but I'm soon to be coming into lots of riches, cash, money, power and more besides. I could make you very happy.

Lotus Blossom

I'm sure you'd try **(Laughing)** Oh look there's Jasmine and PawPaw **(She waves to wings and runs off)** Sorry, I can't stop, nice meeting you, bye.

(See Ling is left alone. Enter Abanazaar)

See Ling

Abanazaar, I'm in love.

Abanazaar

Really, what with?

See Ling

With the lovelies, prettiest, shapeliest creature I have ever seen

Abanazaar

Is she dear?

See Ling

The dearest

Abanazaar

(Clips See Ling) Well you can't afford her then! Let's be off.

(They Exit)

SCENE 5: Widow Twanky's Laundry

(Widow Twanky & Wishee Washee are onstage)

Widow Twanky

I can't stop thinking about our Aladdin - where is he, my poor little boy? What am I saying? Fancy, "living among the poor and the rough" he said, wait till I catch him. Come on; let's get all this work done. Give me some of those things for ironing, and stop moping. What's the matter with you?

Wishee Washee

I'm thinking of her. I'm sure she smiled at me.

Widow Twanky

How can you think of those Princesses at a time like this? It's because of them our Aladdin's in trouble. Oh dear, what if they chop his head off? I've only just took him to the dentist!

Wishee Washee

Don't worry Mum, they won't catch him.

Widow Twanky

How do you know? We've not had word from him all day.

(Aladdin peeps round wing)

Aladdin

Is it safe to come in Mother?

Widow Twanky

Oh Aladdin! You're safe! **(She runs to him and hugs him)** Just a minute. I've got a bone to pick with you, what was it you said, living among the rough and poor, of all the ungrateful little...

Aladdin

I'm sorry Mother **(Cheesy smile)** I only did it to protect us all.

Wishee Washee

And get inside the good books of that Princess Lotus Blossom. Mind you, I'm onto a sure thing with Jasmine, you should have seen the way she looked at me.

Aladdin

I'm going to save up and marry Lotus Blossom one day.

Widow Twanky

Stop talking rubbish, the pair of you. Aladdin here you are, no money, chased by the police and

talking about marrying a Princess who thinks you're a Prince. Of all the Chinese noodles you two are the noodliest.

Wishee Washee

Talking of noodles is it nearly Chop Suey time, I'm starving.

Widow Twanky

I haven't time to get you anything, go and get some apples from the tree.

Aladdin

I'll go. **(Exits - to go and get some)**

(Enter Prince PawPaw, Princess Jasmine & Princess Lotus Blossom - in disguise)

Lotus Blossom

Widow Twanky...

Widow Twanky

Good afternoon my good people. What can I do for you? Always glad to welcome new customers. Our price list is over there, excluding VAT and it's 5p extra if you want me to use soap.

Lotus Blossom

Well, I'm not sure, I er...

Widow Twanky

Come on, make up your mind, I haven't got until tomorrow's sunset, you know.

Prince PawPaw

Just a moment, you can't speak to their Royal Highnesses... **(Jasmine clips him)**

Princess Jasmine

You daft...

Widow Twanky

Royal Highness, just a minute who are you?

Princess Jasmine

(All removing disguise) It's us again, we're sorry for deceiving you

Wishee Washee

It's her **(He swoons in to Widow Twanky's arms)**

Lotus Blossom

Please forgive us for disturbing you Mrs Twanky, but I had to come and see my Prince Aladdin and I heard he was still living among you.

Widow Twanky

Course he's "among" us, he's my s...

Wishee Washee **(Interrupting)** ...saviour, he's our saviour, we all love Prince Aladdin.

Lotus Blossom I was so worried about him when my mother tried to arrest him this morning.

Widow Twanky So you should be. I don't know what I'd do without my two dear sons Wishee Washee and Aladdin.

Prince PawPaw Excuse me; did you say Aladdin was your son?

Princess Jasmine Are you a Queen, Mrs Twanky?

Widow Twanky Oh heck! Course I'm not love, and my Aladdin's just a poor son of a washerwoman
(Lotus Blossom starts to cry on Jasmine's shoulder. Enter Aladdin - with apples)

Aladdin Here we are food for the five thousand... **(Sees Lotus Blossom)** Princess, my dear Lotus Blossom, whatever is the matter? **(Wishee & Widow Twanky try to sneak off)** Stop right there, you two! **(They freeze)** Please, Lotus Blossom!

Princess Jasmine Oh, I think you've done enough damage!

Lotus Blossom No, it's alright, leave it to me Jasmine. **(To Aladdin)** I believed you. I believed you were the most caring Prince in the world. I wanted to love you, and I did. But you deceived me. How could you?

Prince PawPaw You are the lowest of tricksters, and I have a good mind to... Hold my jacket, Jasmine.

Princess Jasmine Oh PawPaw, settle down. You know if he took you up on it you wouldn't know what to do.

Prince PawPaw No, I have every intention of challenging this boulder to a duel.

Princess Jasmine That's very sweet, but...

Wishee Washee Yes, very sweet **(Mimicking)**

Prince PawPaw Are you suggesting **(To Wishee)** that I do have

the courage? Because if you are then...

(PawPaw and Wishee almost come to blows)

Lotus Blossom

(Still crying) I want to go home!

Princess Jasmine

Oh come on. Aladdin is not worth it!

Aladdin

(Stuttering) No, er, please, I didn't mean, please come back

Lotus Blossom

I never want to see you again!

(Exit Princess Lotus Blossom, Princess Jasmine & Prince PawPaw)

(Enter Abanazaar & See Ling)

Abanazaar

(Aside) Perhaps this old hag is the widow I seek... Excuse me madam, but I am looking for a widow who is described to me as sophisticated, charming, elegant... in short, like a good wine, one who has got better with age. Given this description, would you, perchance be this woman, she who has a son called Aladdin?

Widow Twanky

(Entranced with description & smooth words)
Yes, yes, that's me!

Aladdin

I am Aladdin sir, but how do you know of me?

Abanazaar

Oh, my dear boy, you're the very image of him... **(Aladdin, Twanky & Wishee look puzzled)** tell me did you never hear of your father talk of his long lost brother?

Aladdin

No sir, never.

Abanazaar

Then behold, I am the long lost brother he never spoke of, and this is my son, your cousin, See Ling. Embrace me nephew. **(He hugs a bemused Aladdin)**

Widow Twanky

Get off him! **(Breaks them free)** It's alright you claiming to be my long lost brother-in-law, but can you prove it? Can you identify yourself?

Abanazaar But of course, do you have a small mirror about your person.

Widow Twanky A small mirror (**Takes one from her person**) like this one do you mean?

Abanazaar Exactly yes (**He takes it**) Now, you wish me to identify myself (**Looks into mirror**) Yes, that's me alright. What further proof could you need?

Widow Twanky Well, I don't know, I'm not sure you are who you say

Abanazaar Oh, very well have it your way, disown your millionaire brother-in-law if you will

Widow Twanky Millionaire! Of course, now I remember him never talking about you. He hardly ever stopped talking about you, did he? (**Gets Wishee & Aladdin to back her up**)

Abanazaar Oh good. But alas my purse is momentarily empty. But soon, very soon we shall have all the riches ever dreamed of and more. For a few miles away, my great treasure store lies hidden secreted in a vast cavern containing more jewels than the desert has grains of sand.

Aladdin Gosh, how soon can we get there?

Abanazaar I am glad you are keen Aladdin my boy as I need your help to retrieve it. We must leave now, if that is okay with your Mother.

Widow Twanky Yes, yes go on get yourselves off!

Abanazaar See Ling, you will have to stay here as Aladdin and I need to travel quickly and lightly. You can stay with your other cousin and share a takeaway or something.

(Enter Gung Ho & Empress Ying Yang)

Gung Ho Make way for Her Might...

Empress (**Cutting in**) Oh do be quiet Gung Ho. Where are my daughters and that no good Prince, PawPaw. (**Seeing Aladdin**) I might have known you'd have something to do with it. Arrest him.

