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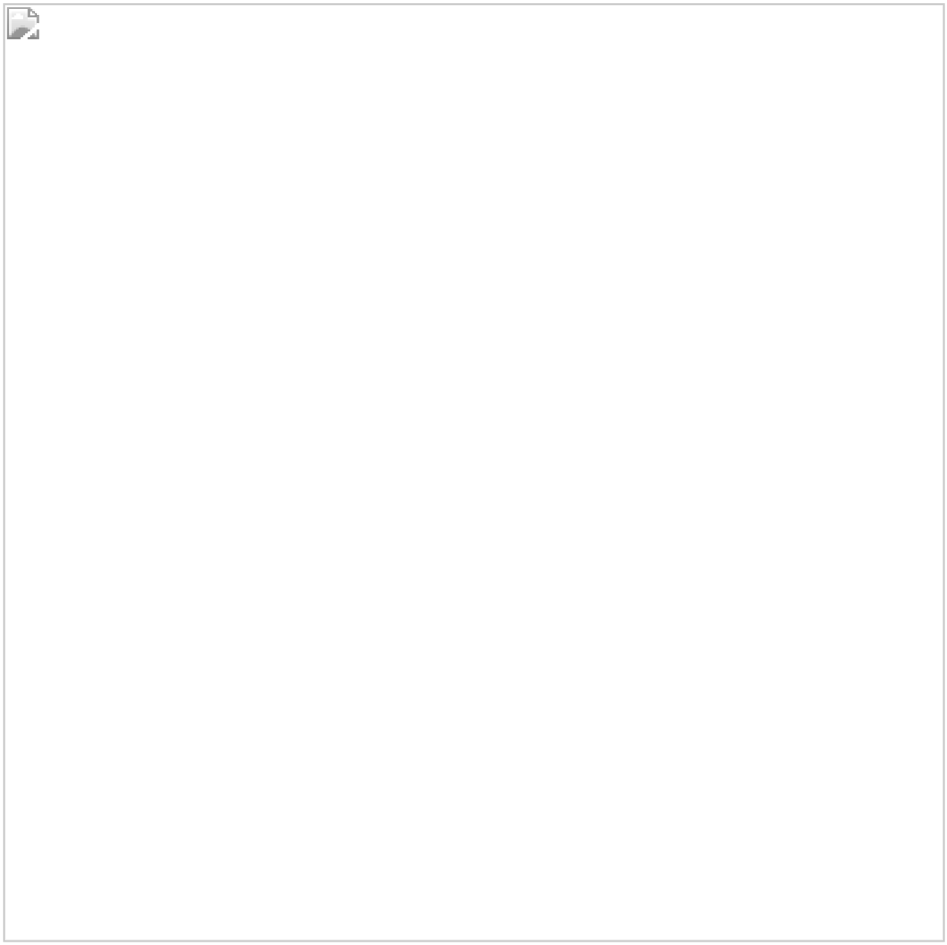
Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp

A Tale from the Arabian Nights



There once lived a poor tailor, who had a son called Aladdin. Aladdin was a careless, idle boy who would do nothing but play all day long in the streets with other idle boys.

His father was so sad about this that he died. Aladdin's mother cried and prayed, but Aladdin did not change his ways.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin played all day and did no work. What do you like to play? What helpful things do you do at home?

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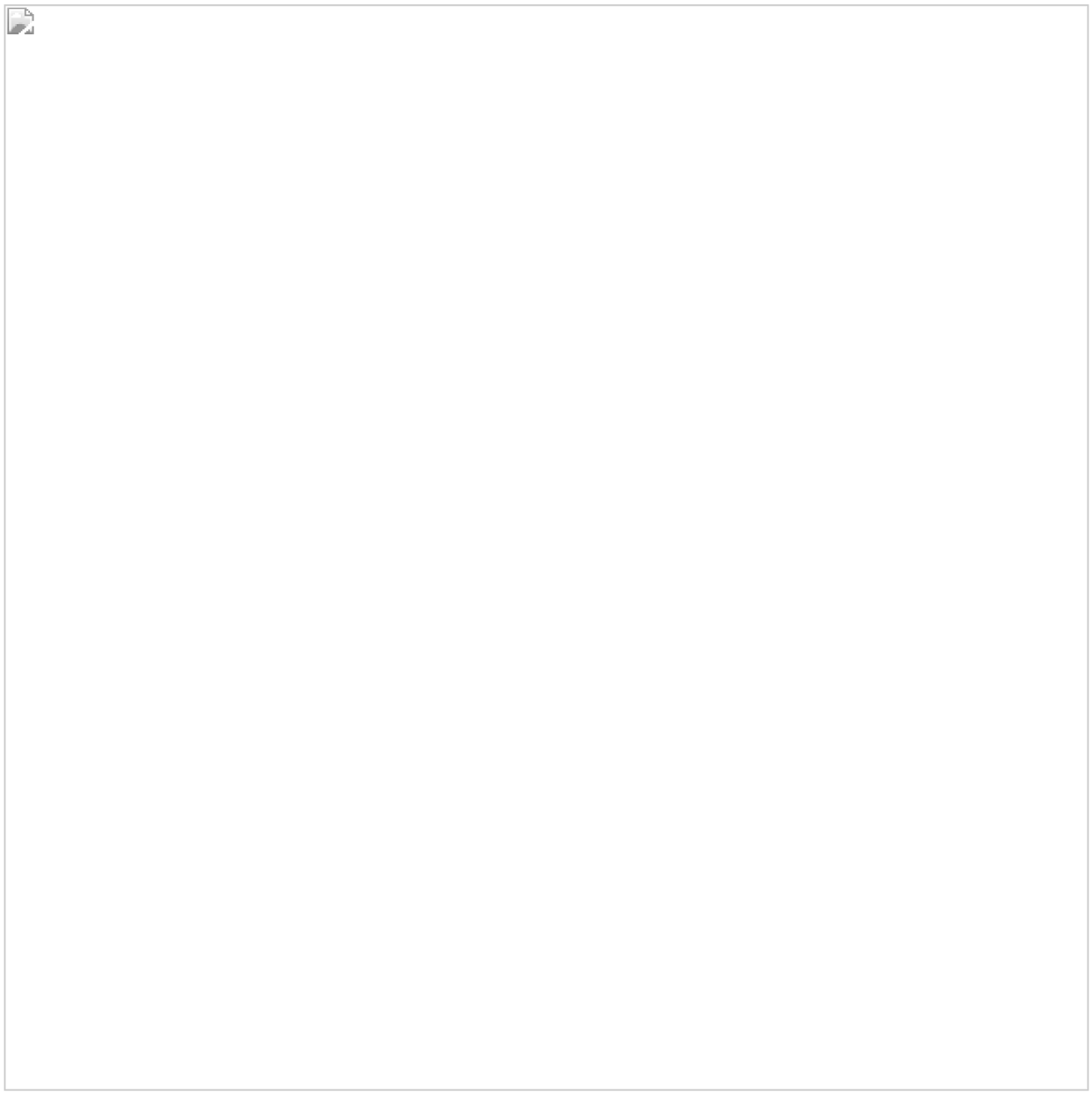
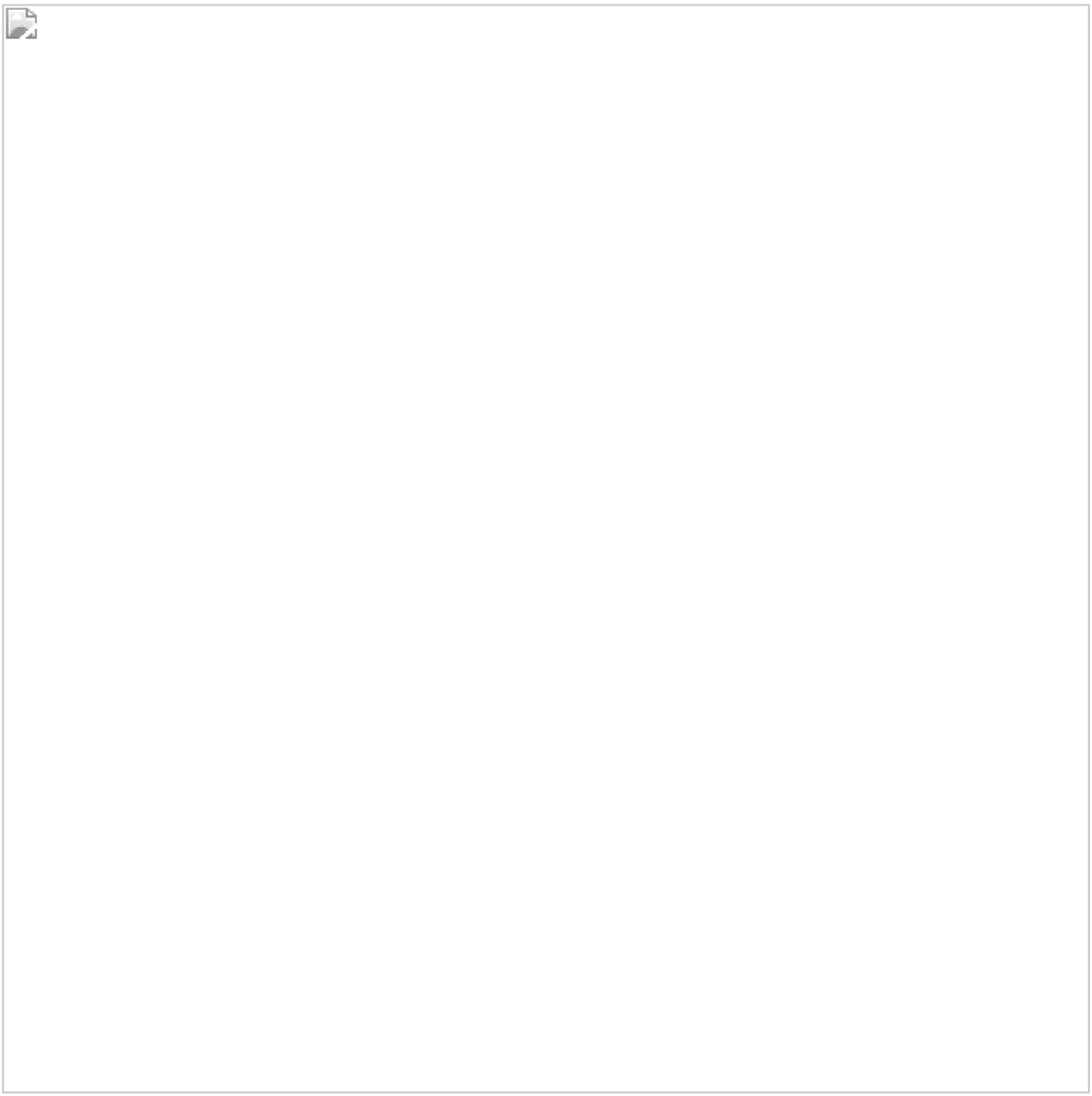


The Stranger Who Said He Was an Uncle



One day a stranger asked Aladdin if he was the son of Mustapha the tailor. “I am, sir,” said Aladdin, “but he died a long while ago.”

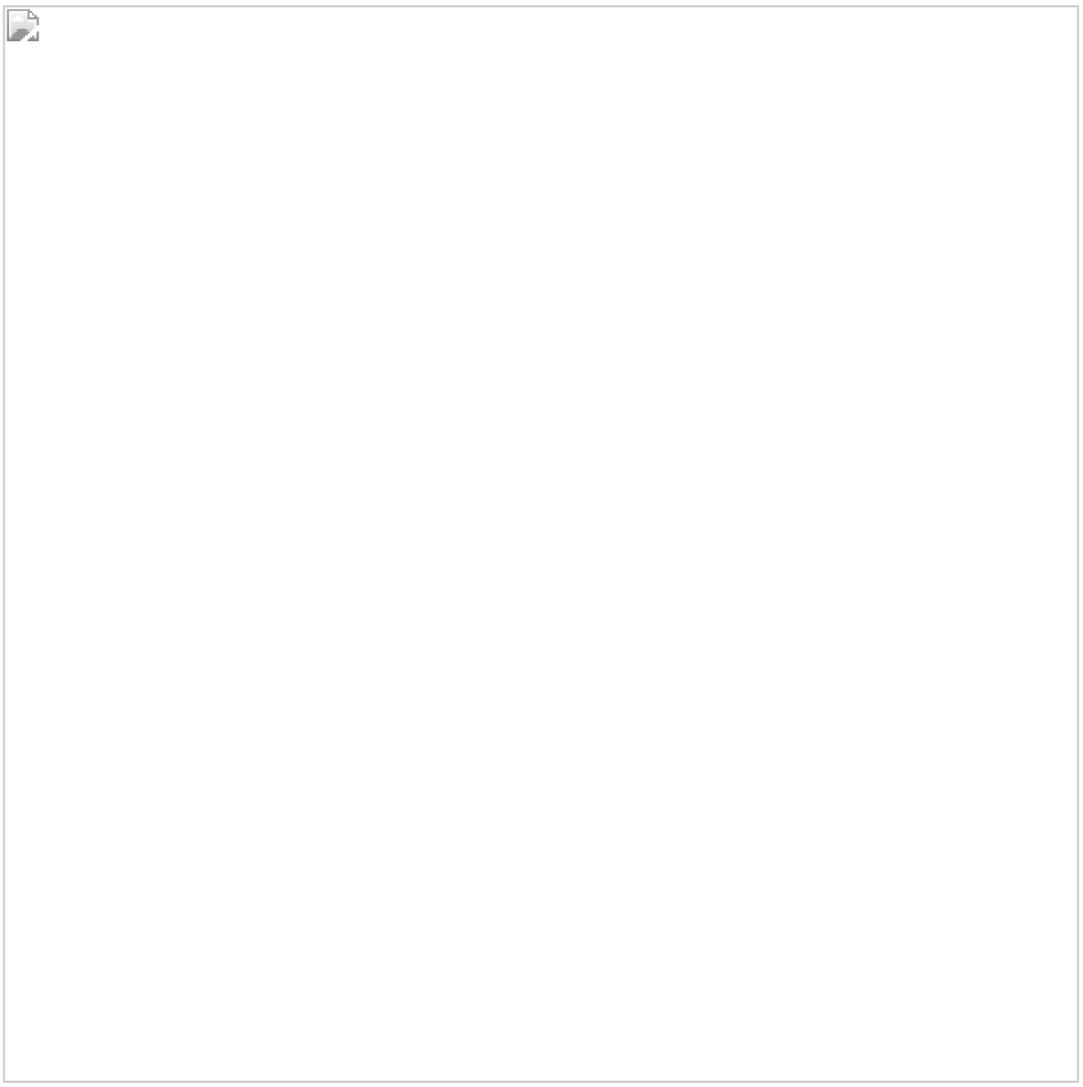
The stranger was a famous magician from Africa. He hugged Aladdin and said, “I am your uncle, and knew you from your likeness to my brother.”

Aladdin ran home to tell his mother. She had thought her husband's brother was dead, but she made supper. The uncle came with wine and fruit.

He offered to take a shop for Aladdin. Next day he bought Aladdin fine clothes and showed him the city.

TALK ABOUT IT

The uncle was nice to Aladdin, but he was not telling the truth. How can we tell when someone's kindness is real?

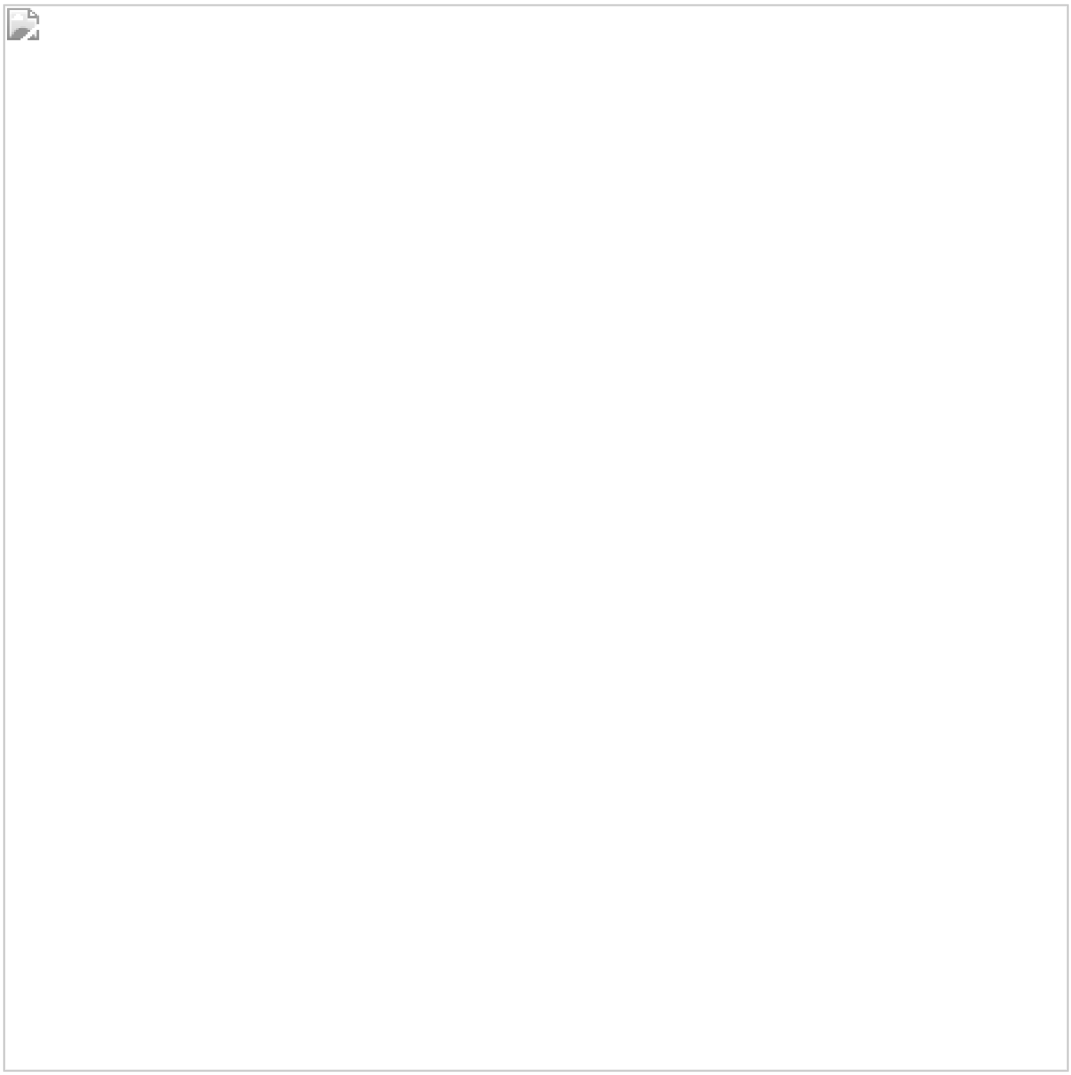


Think about it

1. Who did the stranger say he was?

- ○ Aladdin's teacher
- ○ Aladdin's uncle
- ○ The Sultan

The Stone with a Brass Ring



Next day the magician led Aladdin far out of the city, almost to the mountains, telling him stories so he would not turn back.

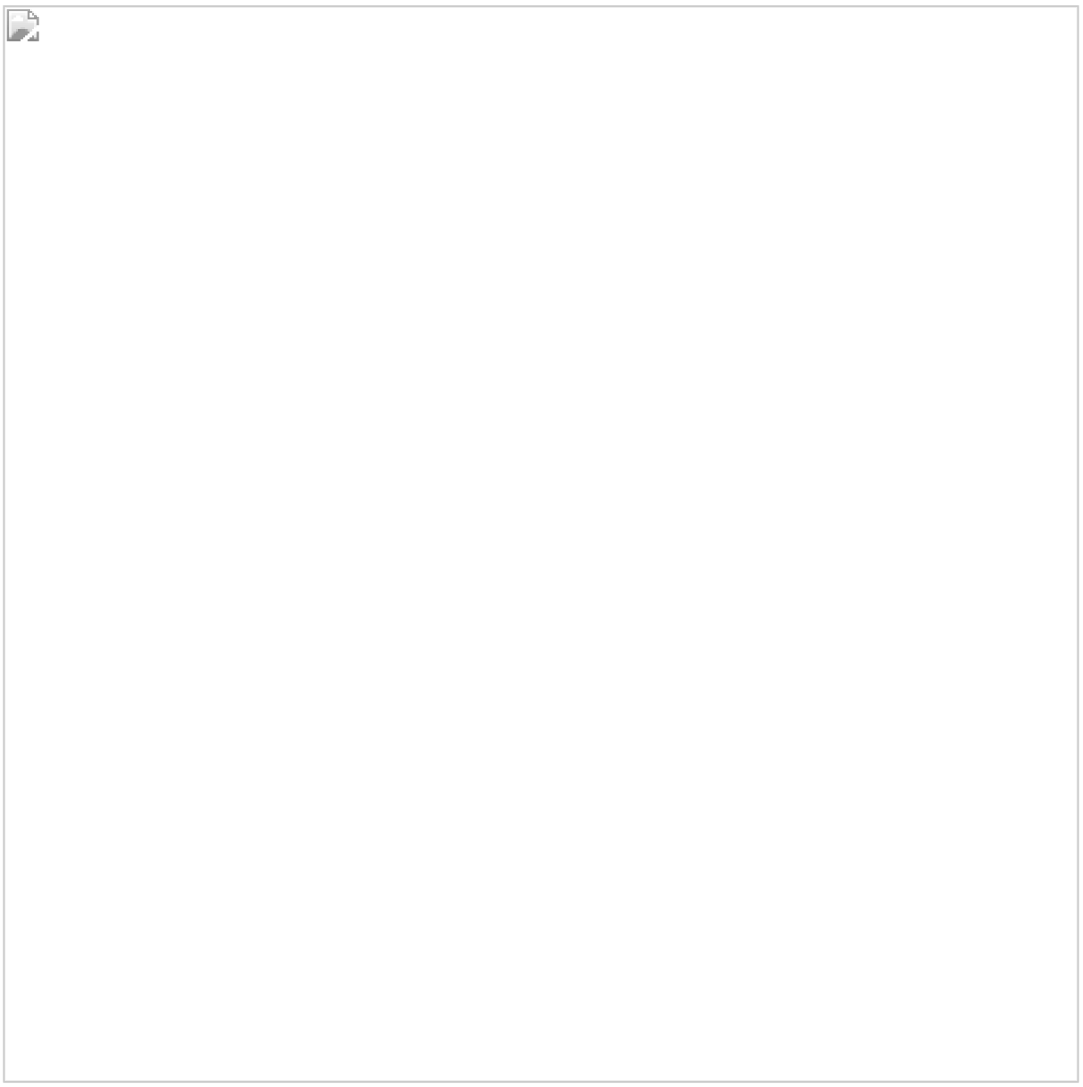
At last, in a narrow valley, the false uncle said, “We will go no farther,” and lit a fire.

He threw a powder on it and said magic words. The earth shook and opened, and there was a flat stone with a brass ring in the middle. Aladdin tried to run away, but the magician knocked him down.

“What have I done, uncle?” said Aladdin. The magician spoke more kindly: “Fear nothing, but obey me.” Under the stone lay a treasure, and it would be Aladdin's.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin was scared, and then he heard the word treasure. What would you have done?



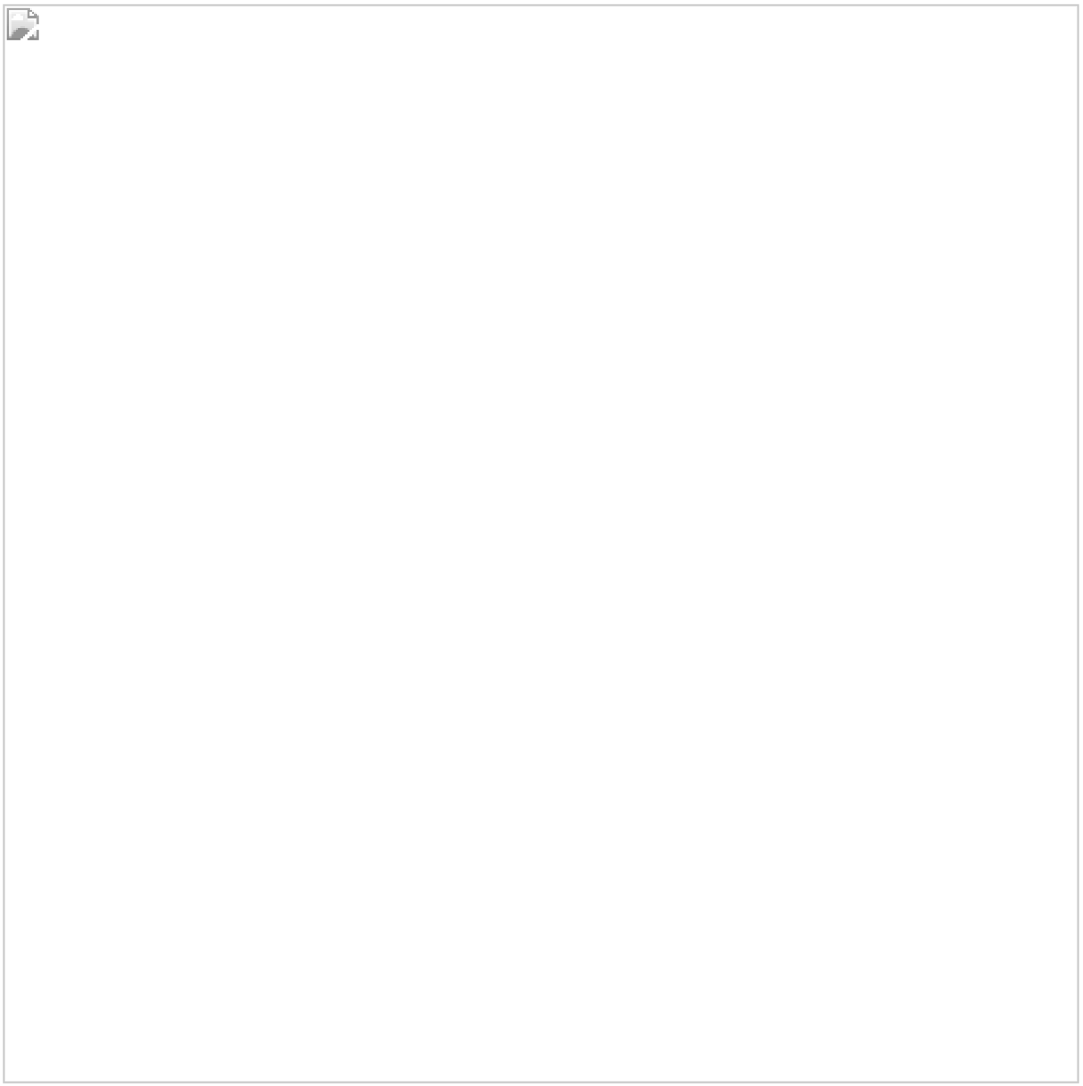
Think about it

1. What was on top of the flat stone?

- ○ A golden crown
- ○ A brass ring
- ○ A silver key

2. Why do you think the magician needed a boy to go down instead of going himself?

Down into the Garden



Steps lay under the stone. The magician told him to go down through three halls, touching nothing, into a garden of fruit trees, and bring up the lighted lamp he would find there.

The magician gave him a ring from his own finger.

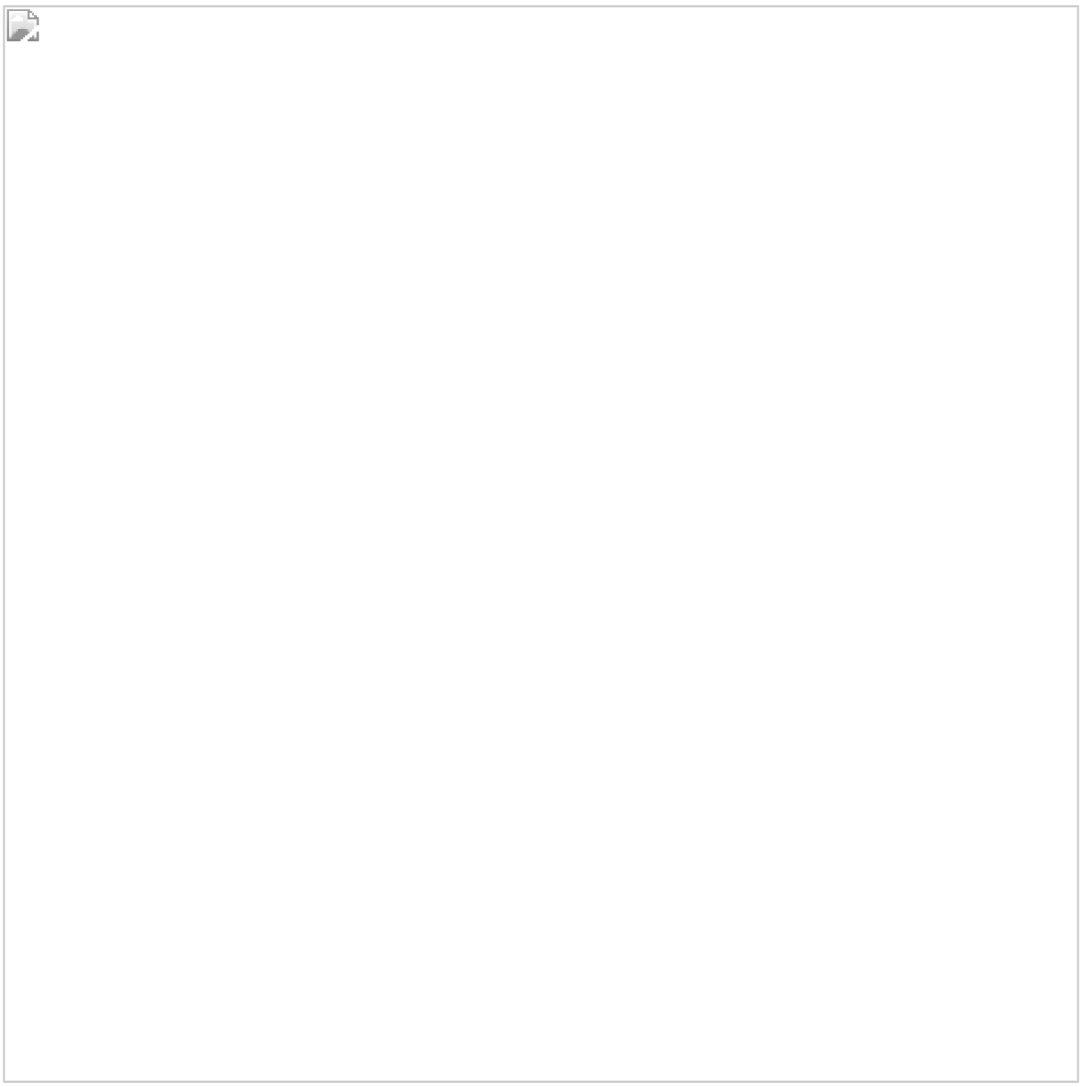
Aladdin found everything just as he was told. He picked some fruit, took the lamp, and came back to the mouth of the cave.

The magician cried, “Make haste and give me the lamp.” But Aladdin would not give it until he was out. The magician flew into a rage, threw more powder on the fire, and the stone rolled back. Aladdin was shut in the dark.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin said no to the magician. Have you ever had a feeling that you should not do what someone asked?

Down into the Garden · another picture

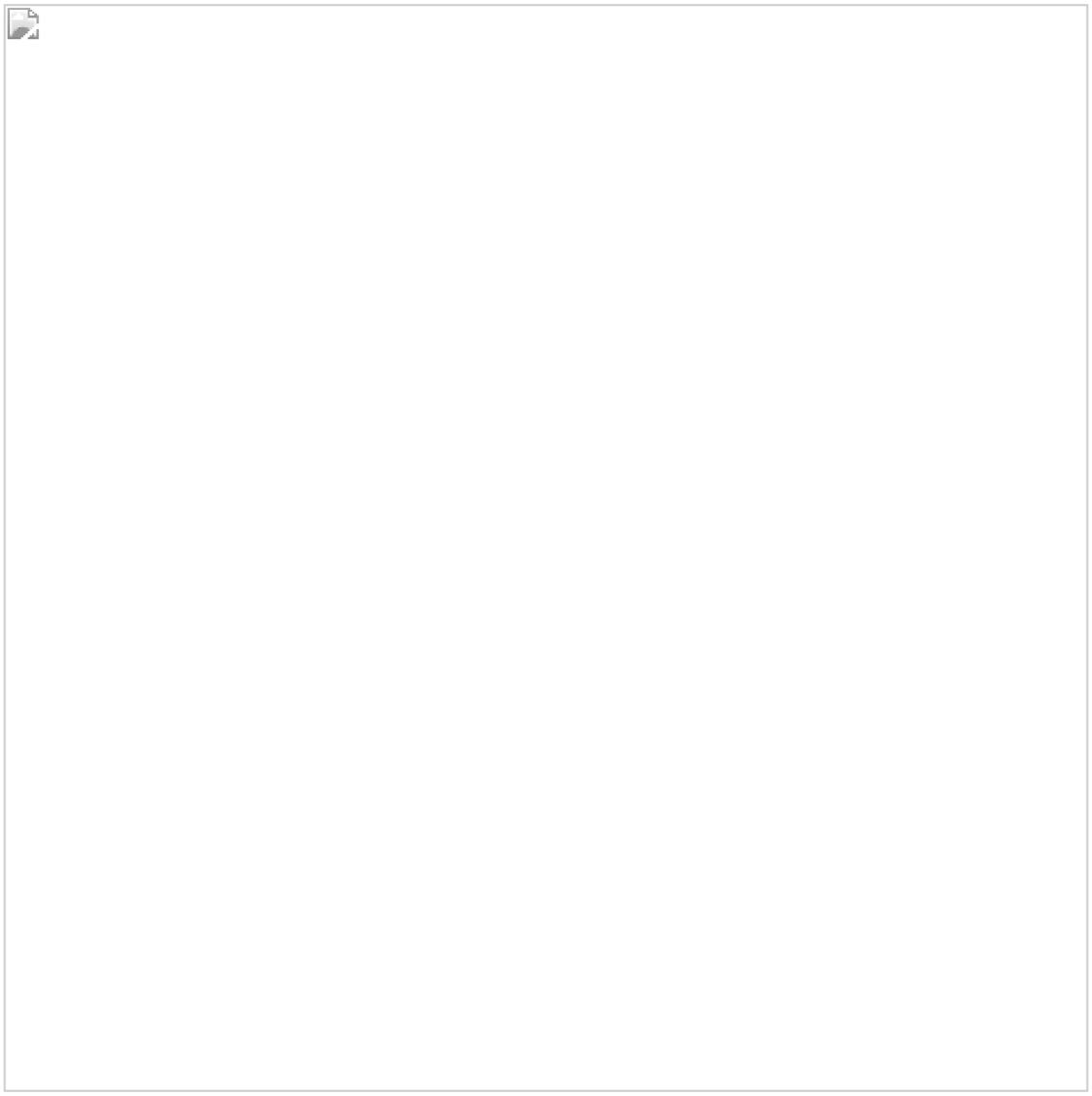


Think about it

1. What did the magician give Aladdin before he went down?

- ○ A ring
- ○ A sword
- ○ A candle

The Slave of the Ring



The magician left that country for ever. He had read of a wonderful lamp that would make him the most powerful man in the world, but he could only get it from someone else's hand.

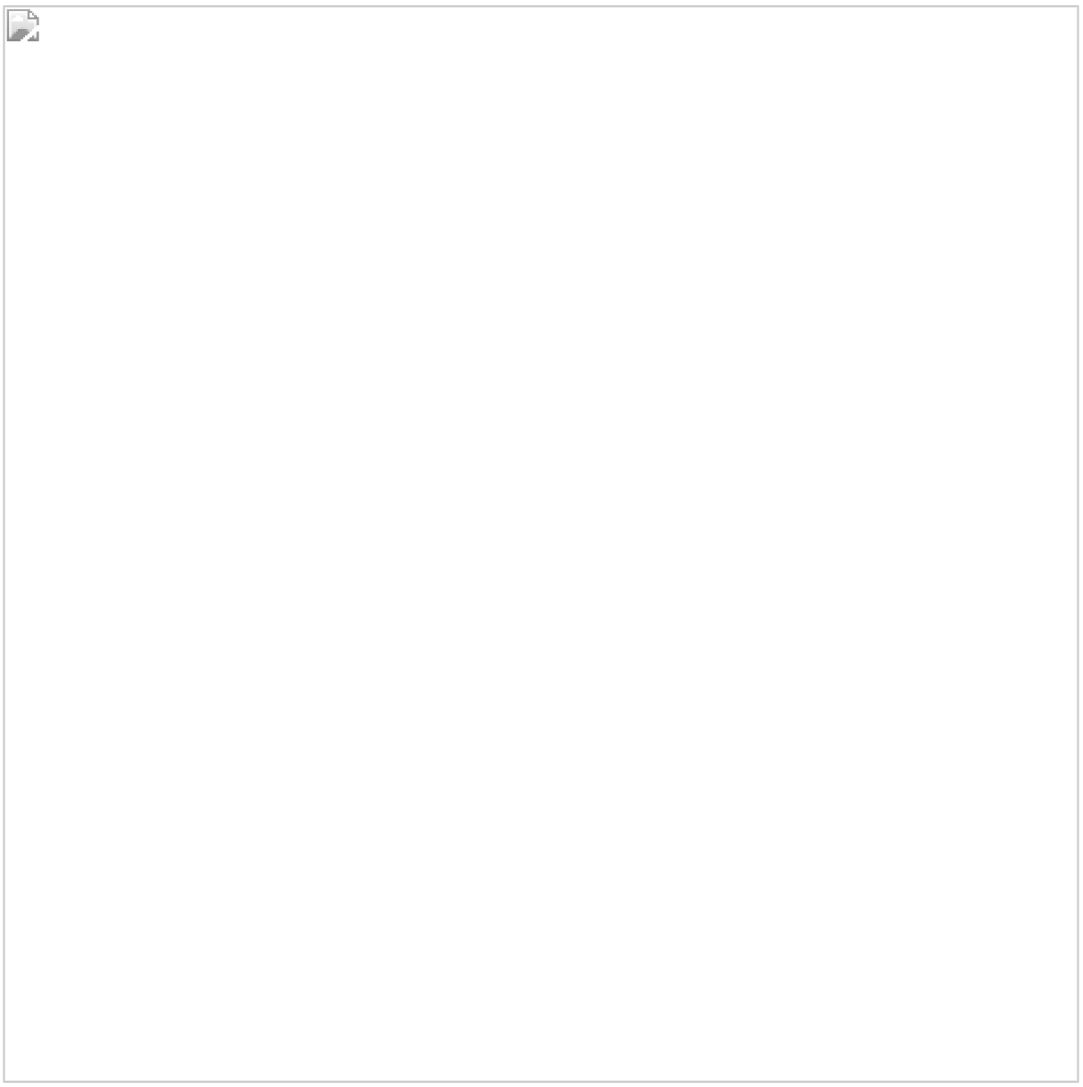
For two days Aladdin stayed in the dark, crying. At last he clasped his hands in prayer, and as he did, he rubbed the ring.

A frightening genie rose out of the earth. “What wouldst thou with me? I am the Slave of the Ring, and will obey thee in all things.”

“Deliver me from this place!” said Aladdin. The earth opened, and he was outside. He went home, and fainted at his mother's door.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin prayed when he was in the dark. What do you do when you feel stuck or alone?

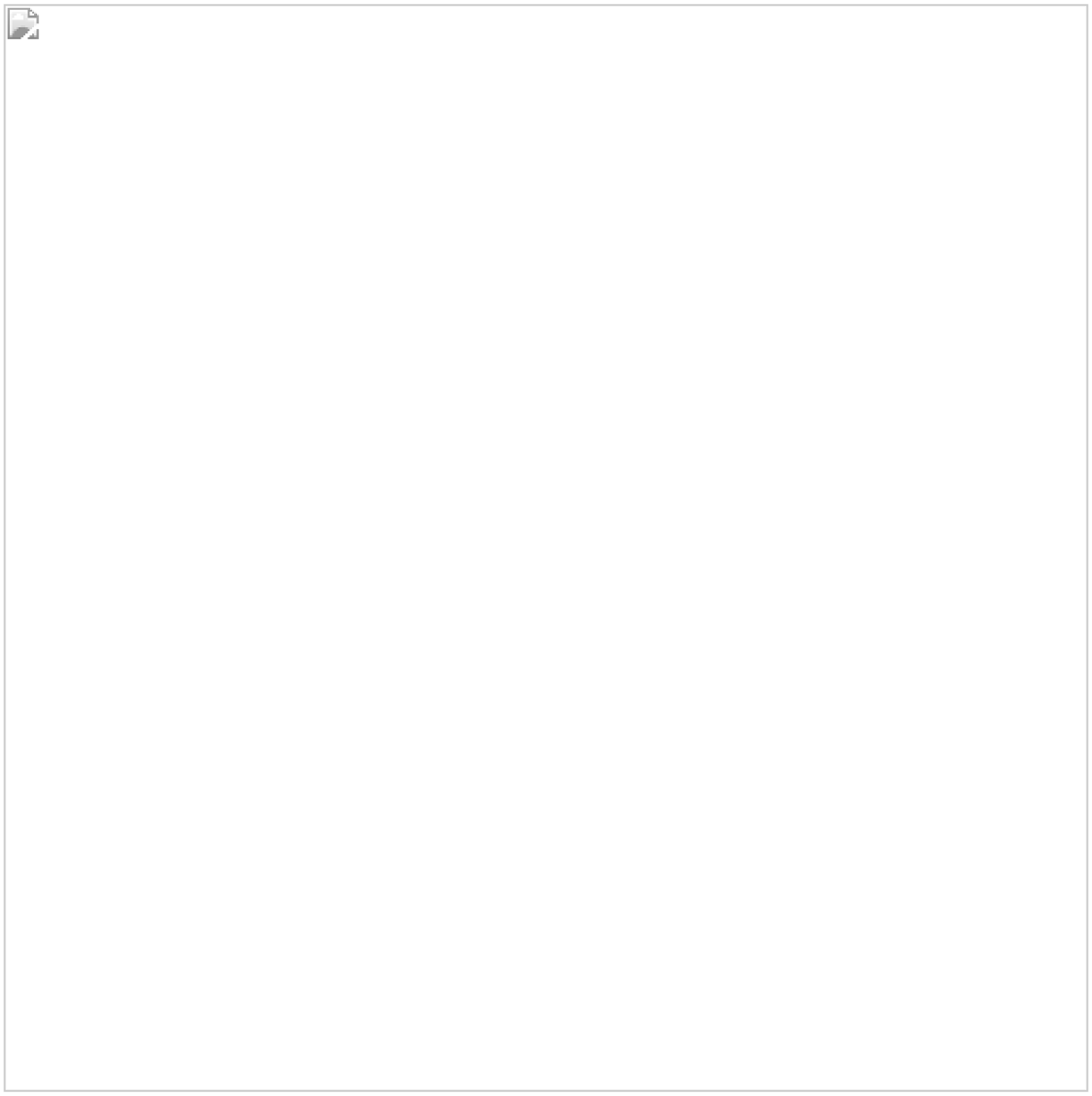


Think about it

1. How did Aladdin call the genie of the ring?

- ○ He shouted loudly
- ○ He rubbed the ring while he prayed
- ○ He blew a whistle

The Lamp in the Kitchen



When Aladdin woke, he told his mother everything and showed her the lamp and the fruit from the garden, which were really precious stones.

“Alas! child,” she said, “I have nothing in the house.” So Aladdin would sell the lamp. It was dirty, so his mother rubbed it to make it shine.

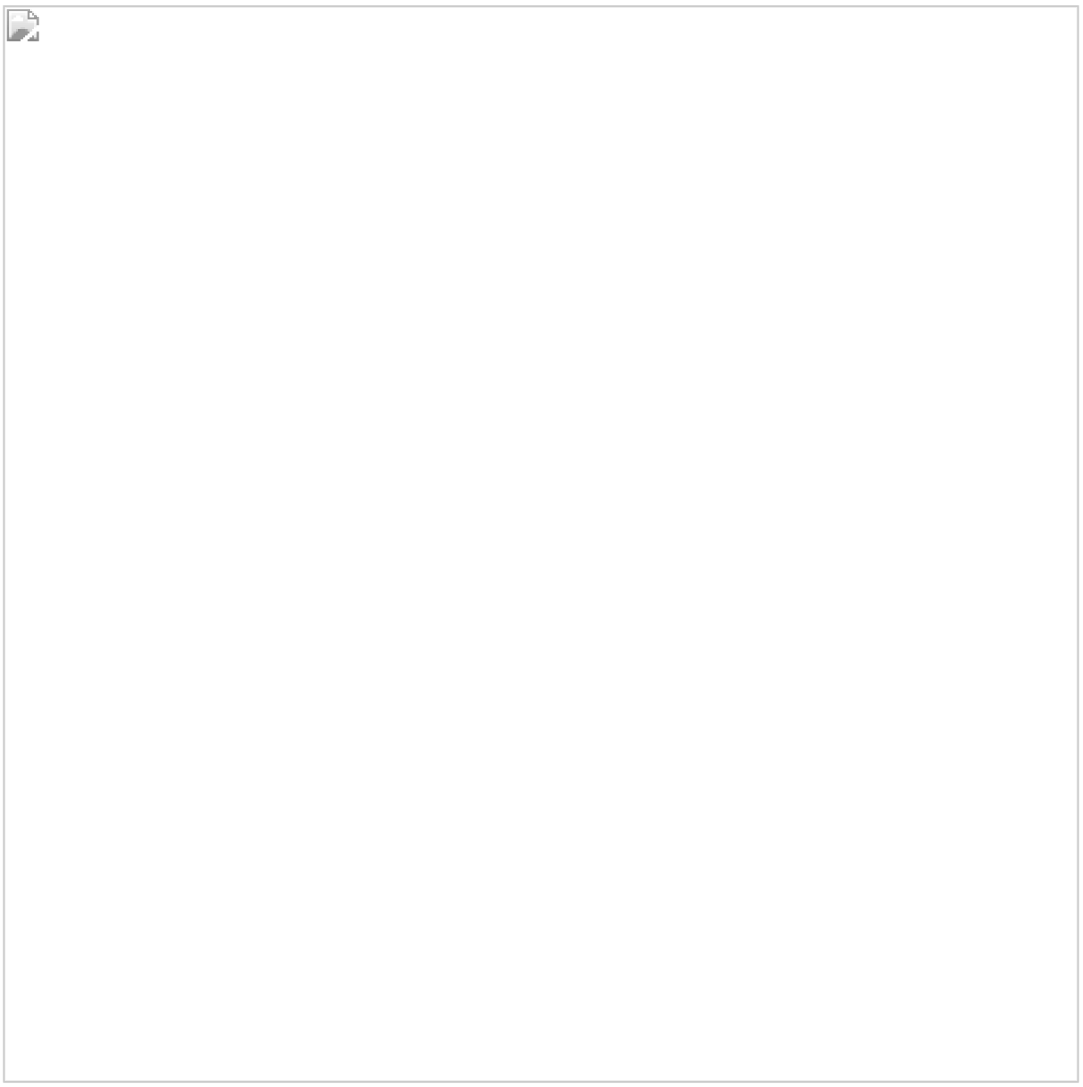
At once a genie appeared. She fainted, but Aladdin snatched the lamp and said, “Fetch me something to eat!”

The genie brought a silver bowl, twelve silver plates of food, and wine. “Ask not, but eat,” said Aladdin. When the food was gone, Aladdin sold the plates one by one, and they lived like this for many years.

TALK ABOUT IT

The lamp gave them everything they asked for. What would you ask for first? Why?

The Lamp in the Kitchen · another picture

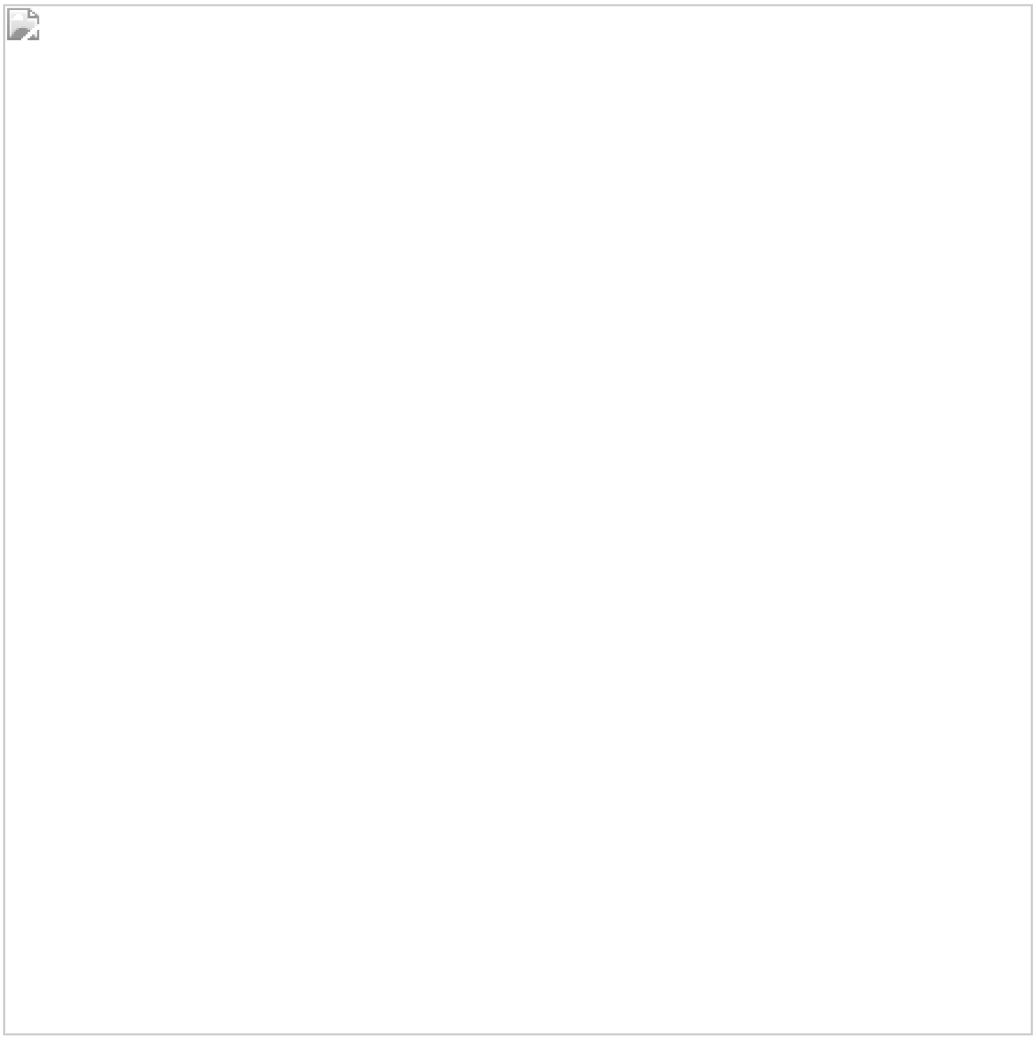


Think about it

1. What did Aladdin's mother do to the lamp?

- ○ She dropped it
- ○ She rubbed it to clean it
- ○ She hid it

The Sultan's Daughter



Aladdin once saw the Sultan's daughter, the princess, without her veil. She was so beautiful that he could think of nothing else.

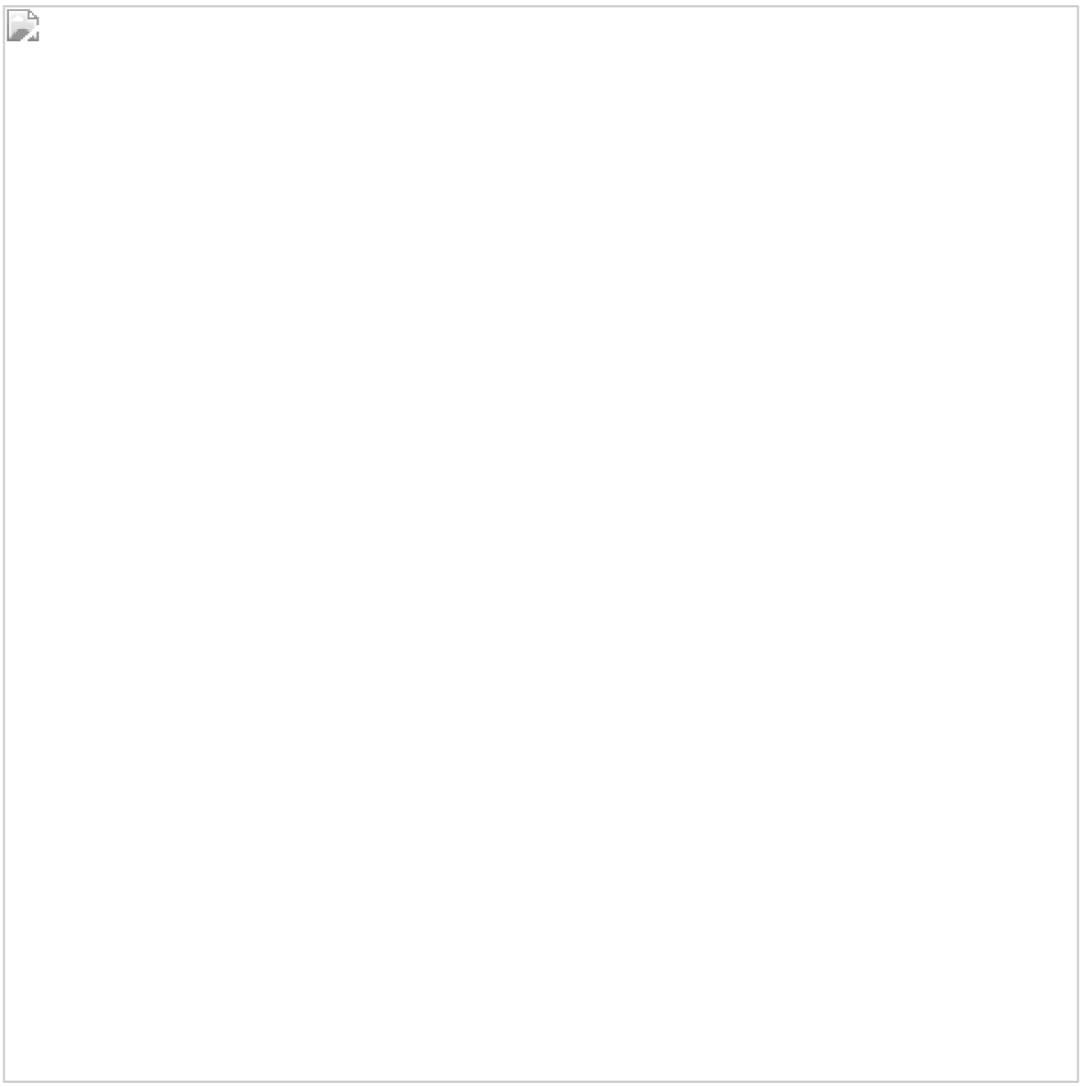
He told his mother he wanted to ask the Sultan for her hand. She laughed, but Aladdin kept asking. She took the shining fruit from the garden in a napkin and went to the palace.

She stood in the hall day after day. At last the Sultan called her. “Rise, good woman, and tell me what you want.”

She showed the jewels, and the Sultan was amazed. But the vizir wanted the princess for his son, so he asked the Sultan to wait three months. The Sultan agreed.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin's mother did something hard for her son. What is a hard thing someone has done for you?

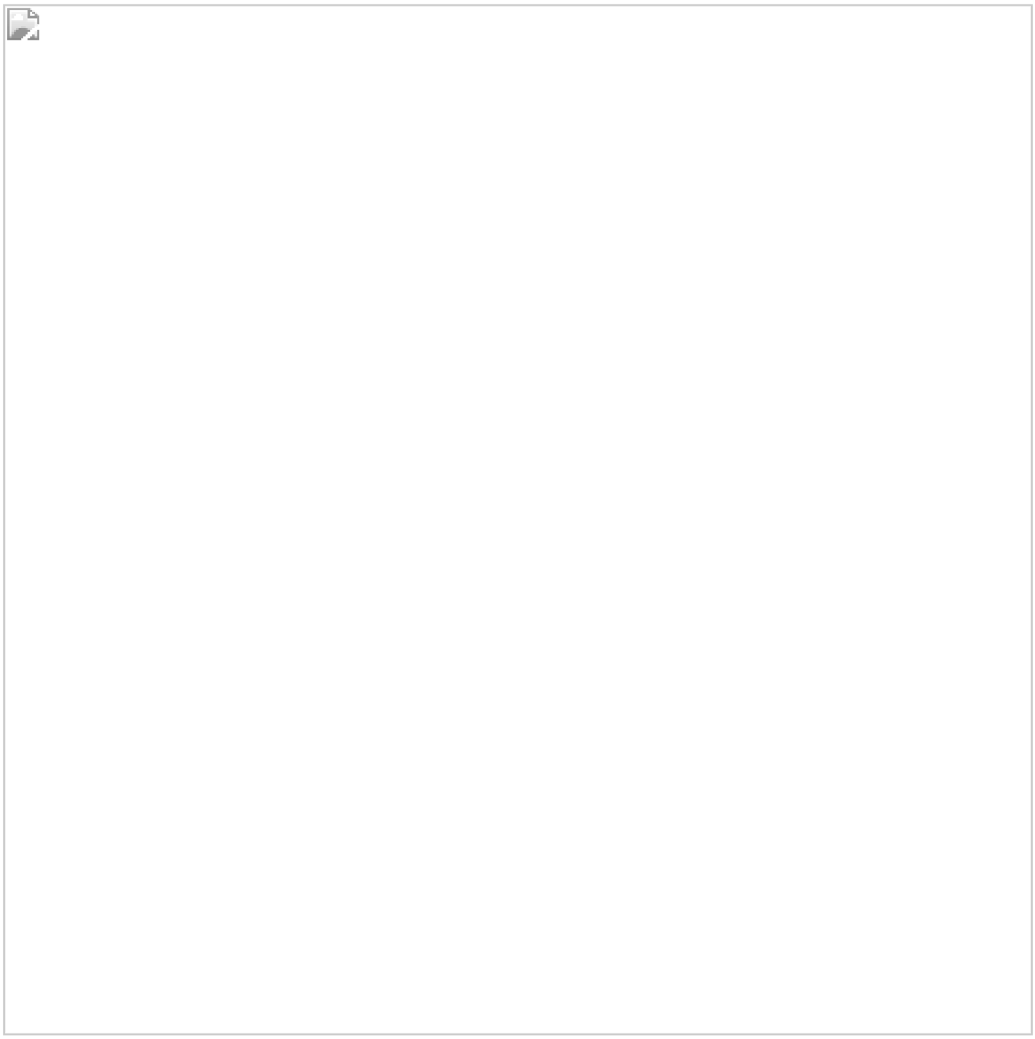


Think about it

1. What did Aladdin's mother carry in the napkin?

- ○ Bread
- ○ Shining jewels from the garden
- ○ A letter

A Promise Broken



Before the three months were over, Aladdin's mother found the city full of joy. “Do you not know,” someone said, “that the son of the grand-vizir is to marry the Sultan's daughter to-night?”

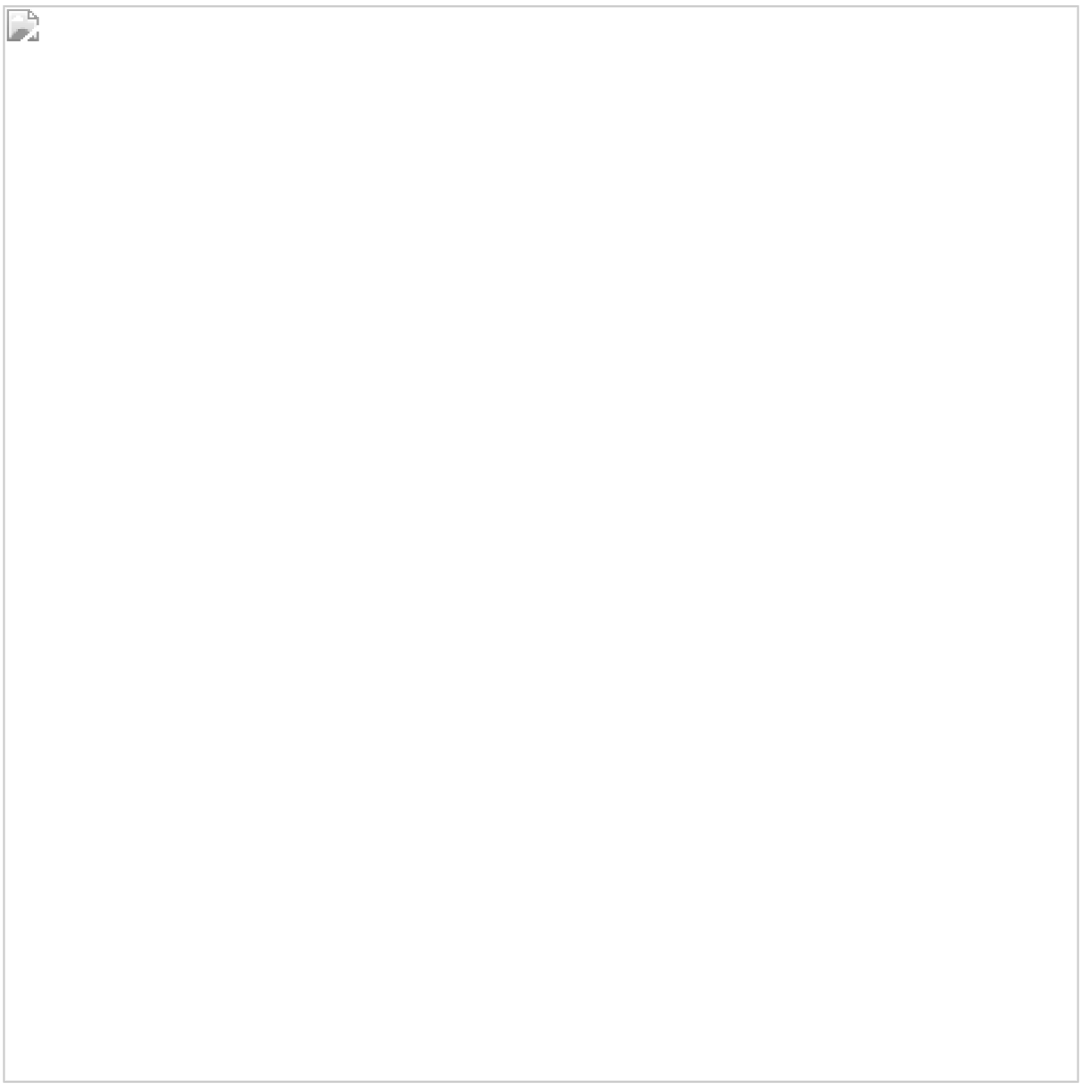
Aladdin rubbed the lamp, and at midnight the genie carried in the bride and bridegroom in their bed.

Aladdin told the genie to put the bridegroom outside in the cold until daybreak. To the princess he said, “Fear nothing,” and “no harm shall come to you.” She was too frightened to speak.

The next night was the same. The vizir's son begged to be separated from her, and the wedding was over.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Sultan broke his promise to Aladdin, and then Aladdin frightened the princess. What do you think was fair or not fair?



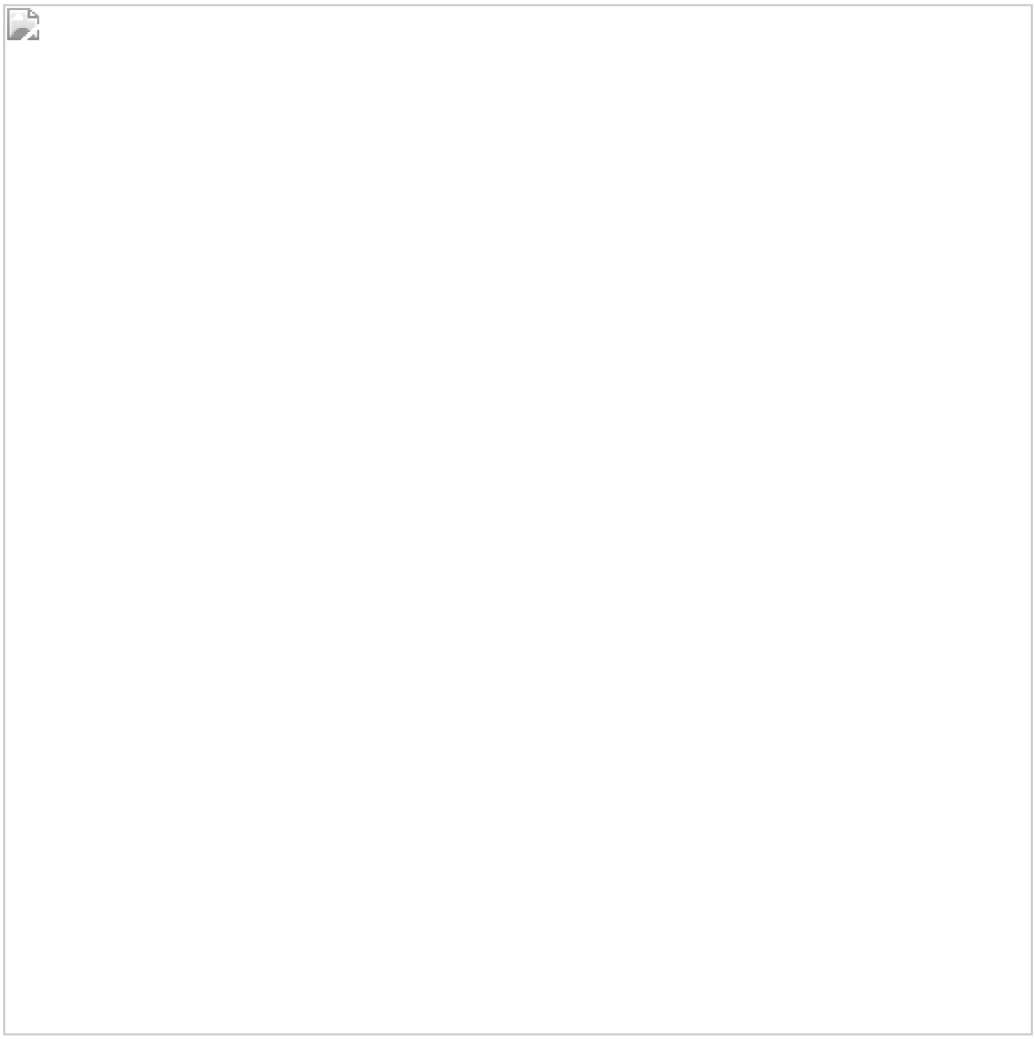
Think about it

1. How long had the Sultan told Aladdin to wait?

- ○ One week
- ○ Three months
- ○ Ten years

2. How do you think the princess felt when she was carried to a strange house? What would you want someone to tell you?

Forty Basins of Gold



When the three months were over, the Sultan did not want to keep his word. The vizir told him to ask a price no man could pay.

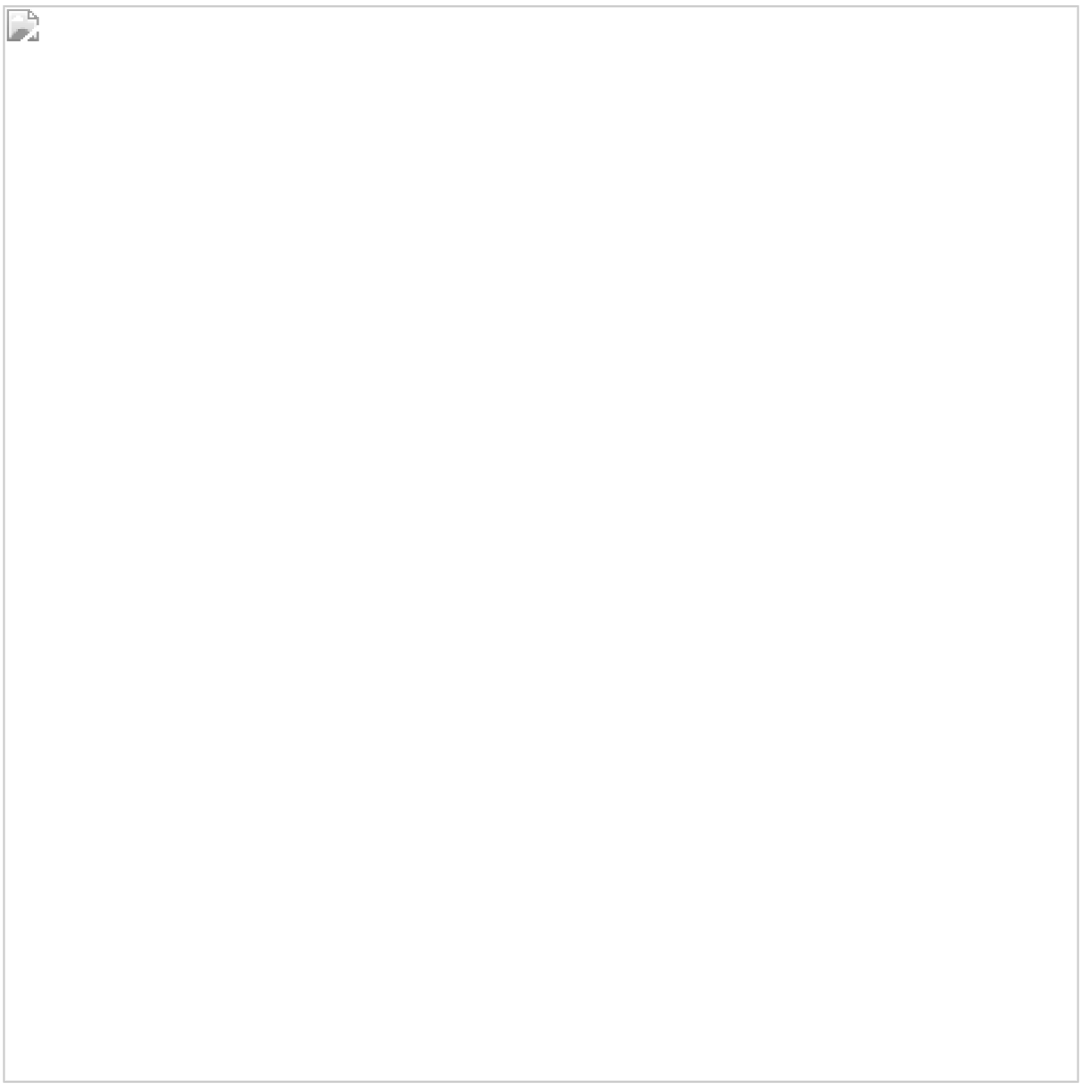
The Sultan asked for forty golden basins brimful of jewels, carried by forty servants led by forty more.

“He may wait long enough for your answer!” said Aladdin's mother. “Not so long, mother, as you think,” said Aladdin. He called the genie, and soon eighty servants filled the little house.

When the Sultan saw the gold, he said, “I wait for him with open arms.” Aladdin came richly dressed by the genie, and the Sultan wanted him to marry the princess that day.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin was ready to wait and work for what he wanted. What have you waited a long time for?

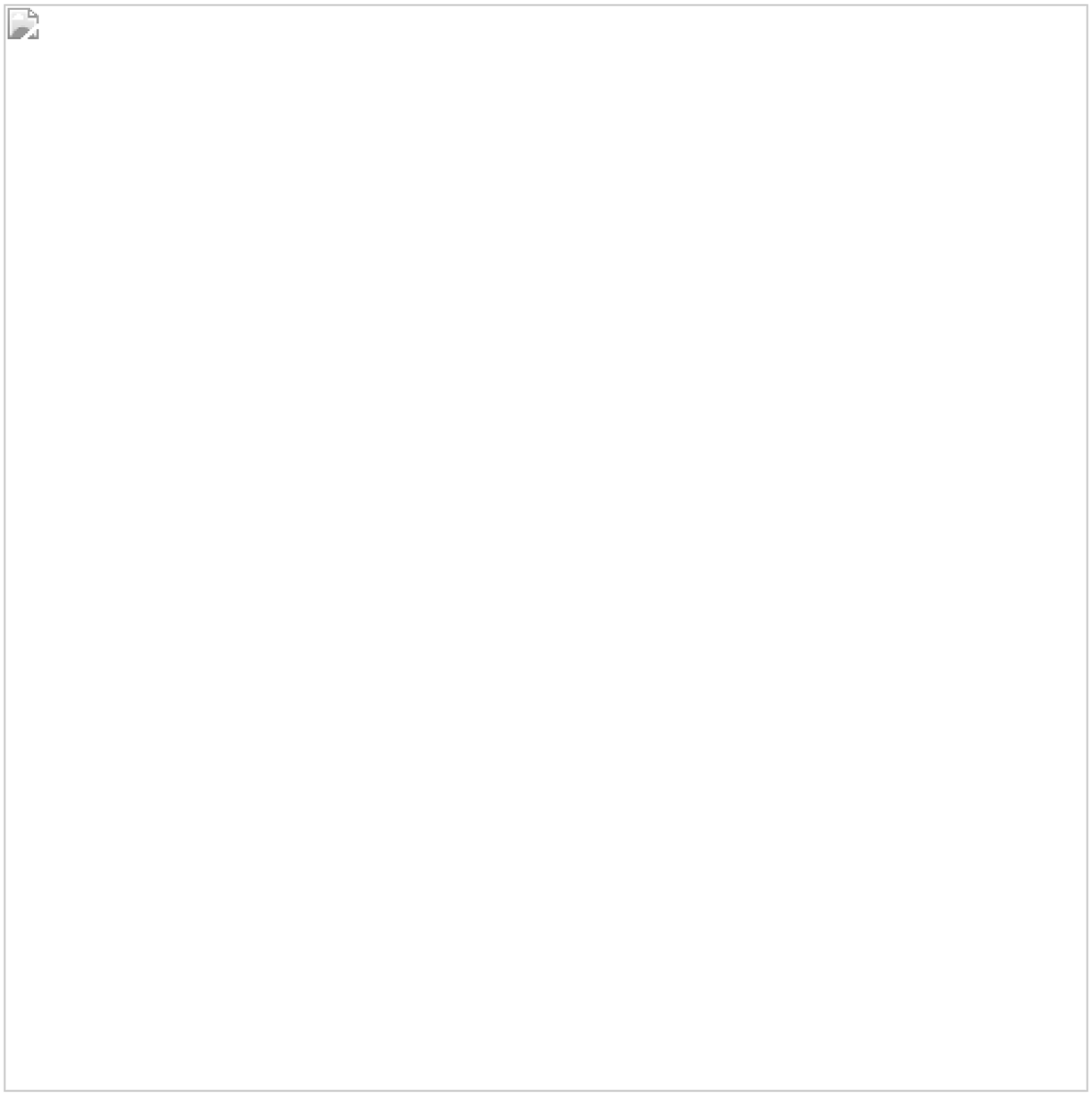


Think about it

1. How many basins of gold did the Sultan ask for?

- ○ Ten
- ○ Forty
- ○ A hundred

The Palace with One Window Left



“I must build a palace fit for her,” said Aladdin. The genie built one of marble and jewels, with four-and-twenty windows, all set with diamonds and rubies but one.

The palace was done by next day, and Aladdin and the princess were married.

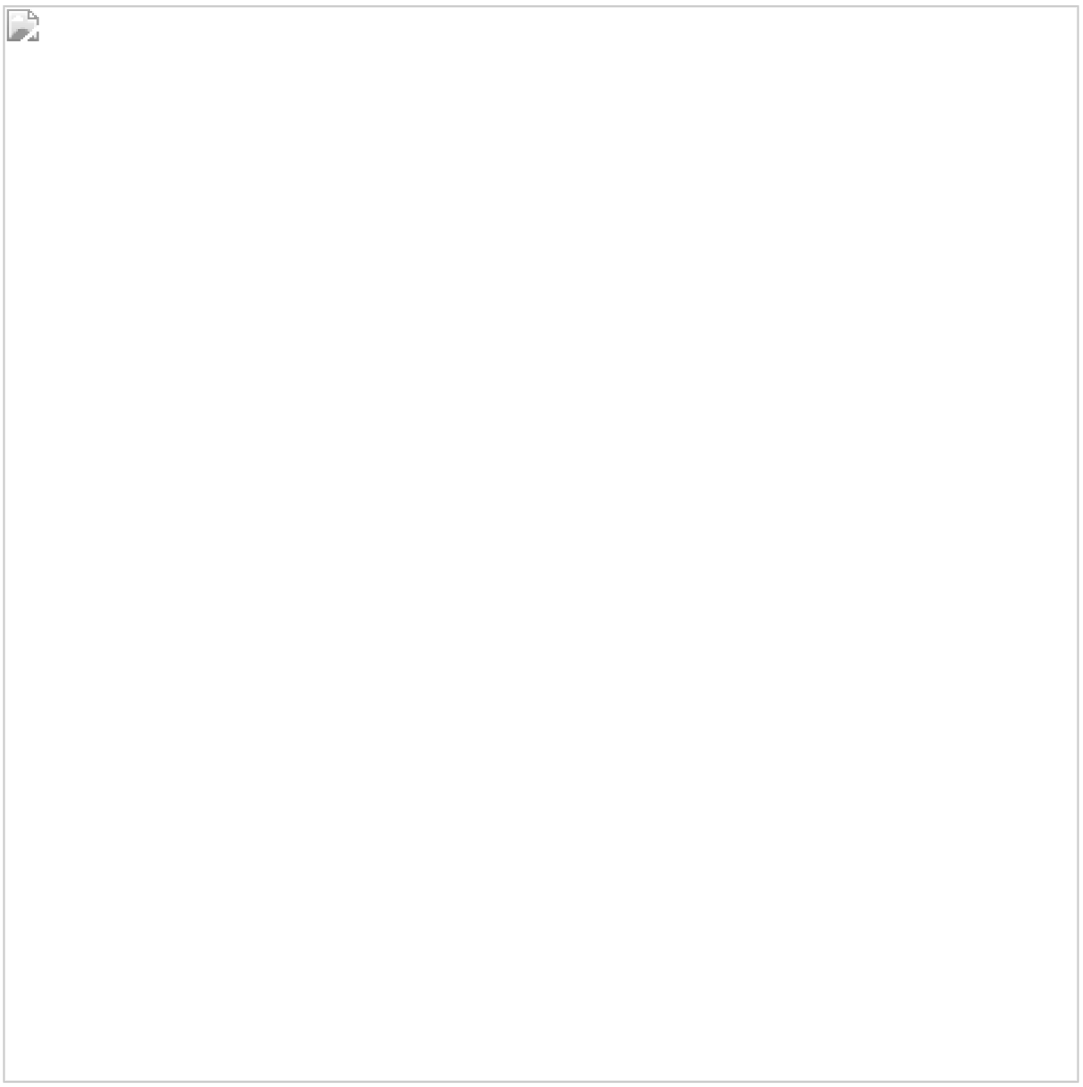
“It is a world's wonder!” said the Sultan. “Was it by accident that one window was left unfinished?”

“No, sir, by design,” said Aladdin. “I wished your Majesty to have the glory of finishing this palace.” The jewelers could not finish it, so the genie did. The people loved Aladdin for his gentle ways.

TALK ABOUT IT

Aladdin left one window for the Sultan to finish. Why do you think he did that?

The Palace with One Window Left · another picture

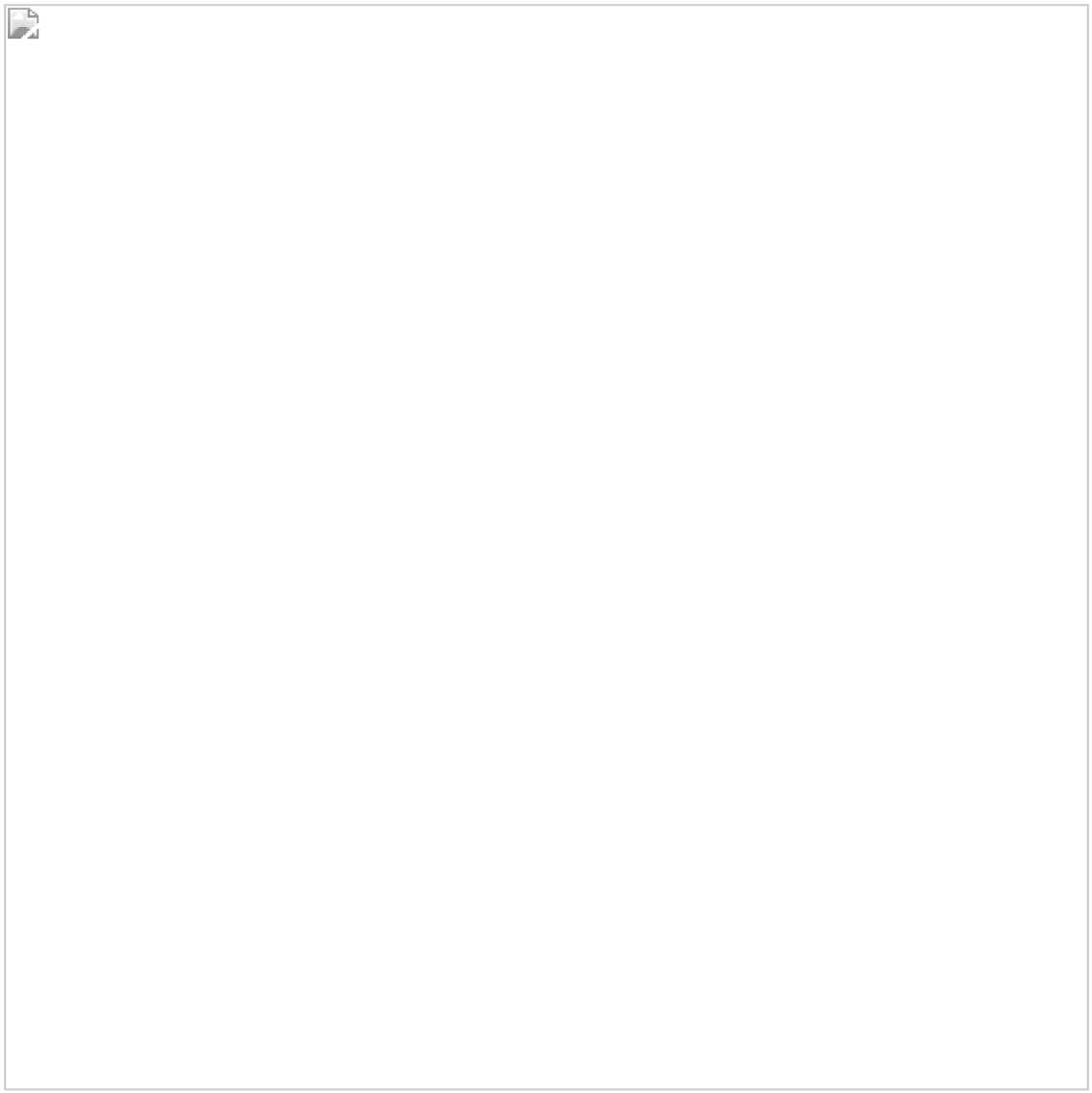


Think about it

1. How many windows were left unfinished?

- ○ None
- ○ One
- ○ All of them

New Lamps for Old



In Africa, the magician learned by magic that Aladdin was alive and rich. He knew the lamp had done it. He went to China and was half mad with rage.

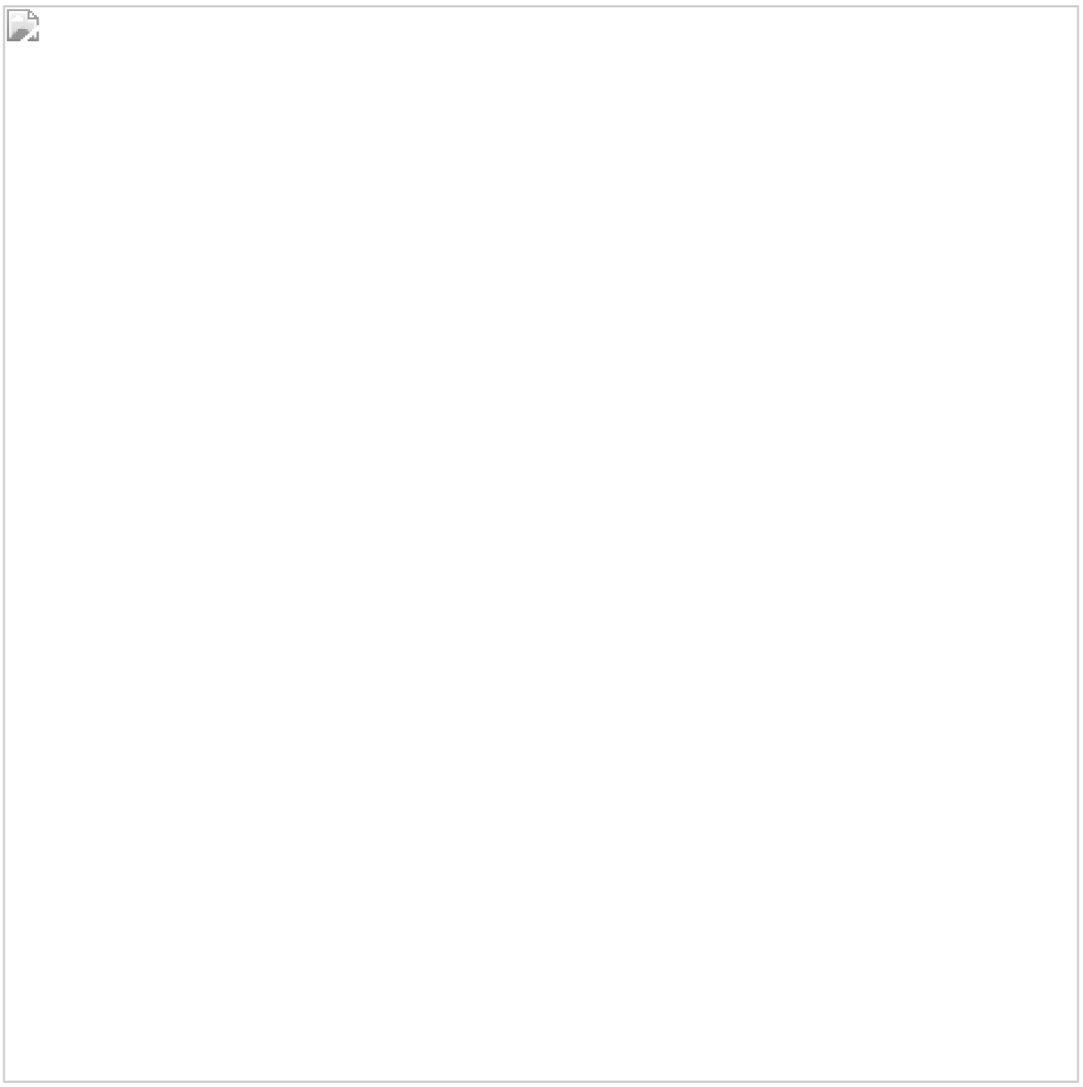
While Aladdin was away hunting, the magician bought a dozen copper lamps and went to the palace crying, “New lamps for old!” A crowd followed, laughing.

The princess did not know the old lamp on the high shelf was magic. She laughed too, and told a slave to trade it for a new one.

The magician snatched it and, that night, told the genie to carry the palace, with the princess in it, to a lonely place in Africa.

TALK ABOUT IT

The princess did not know the old lamp was special. Have you ever given something away without knowing how much it mattered?

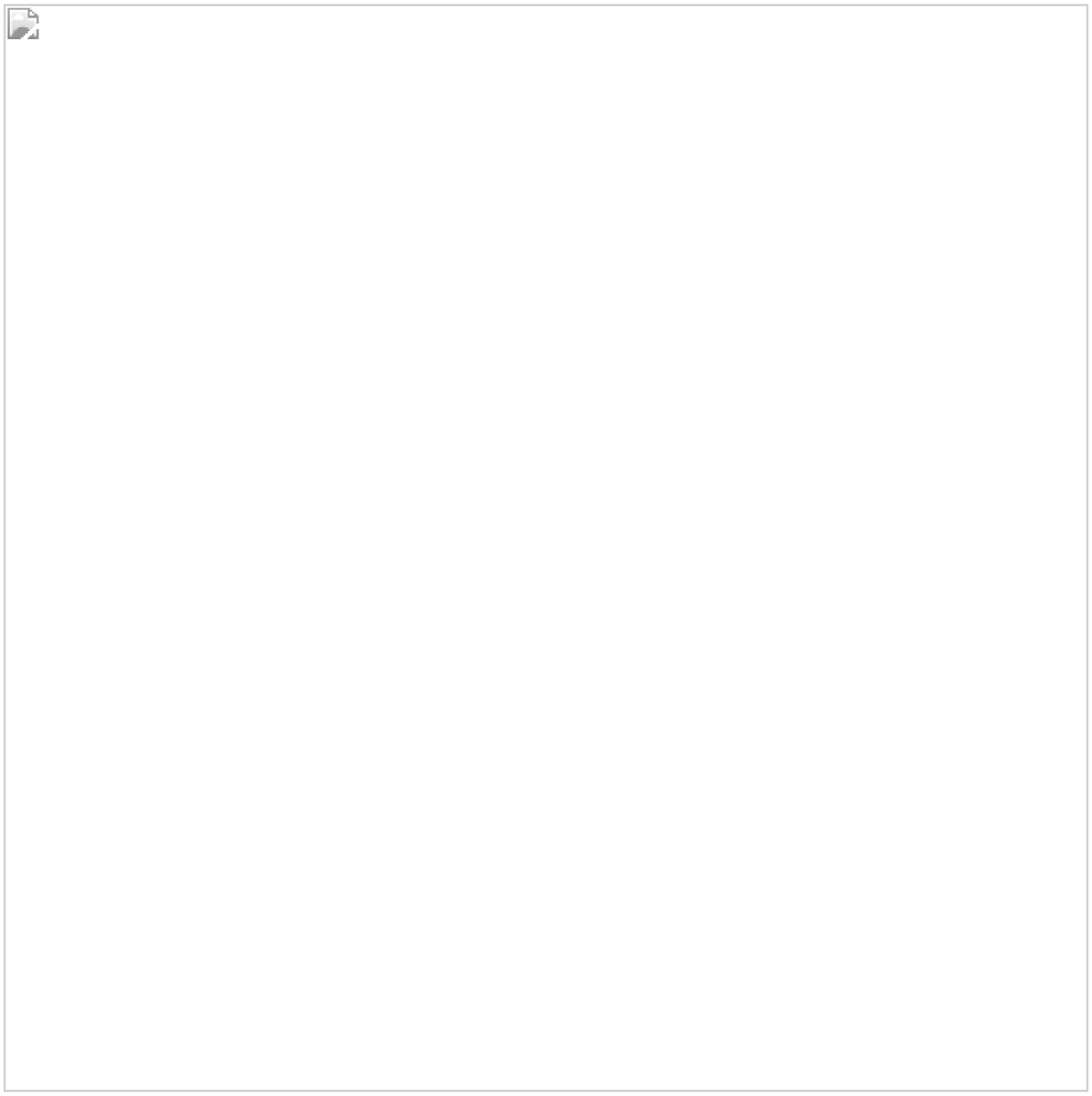


Think about it

1. What did the magician cry in the streets?

- ○ Fine silks for sale!
- ○ New lamps for old!
- ○ Come and see the magic!

The Palace Is Gone



Next morning the palace was gone, and the Sultan had Aladdin brought back in chains.

The people loved him and followed. When the Sultan ordered his head cut off, the crowd climbed the walls to save him, and the Sultan pardoned him.

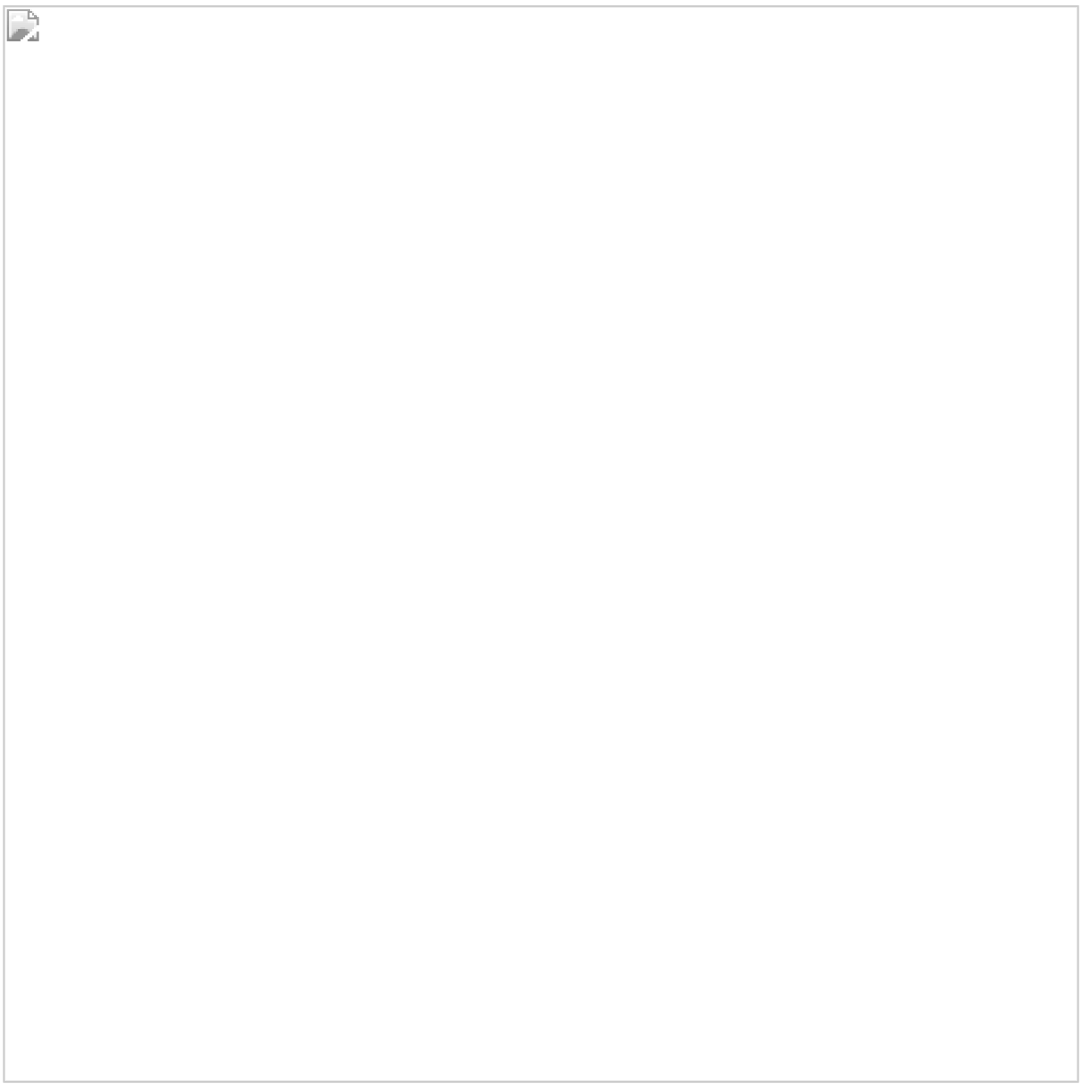
The Sultan said, “my daughter I must have, and you must find her or lose your head.” Aladdin asked for forty days.

After three days, he knelt by a river to pray and rubbed the ring. He asked for the palace back. “That is not in my power,” said the genie, but he carried Aladdin to Africa, under his wife's window, where he fell asleep.

TALK ABOUT IT

The people stood up for Aladdin. Who would stand up for you?

The Palace Is Gone · another picture

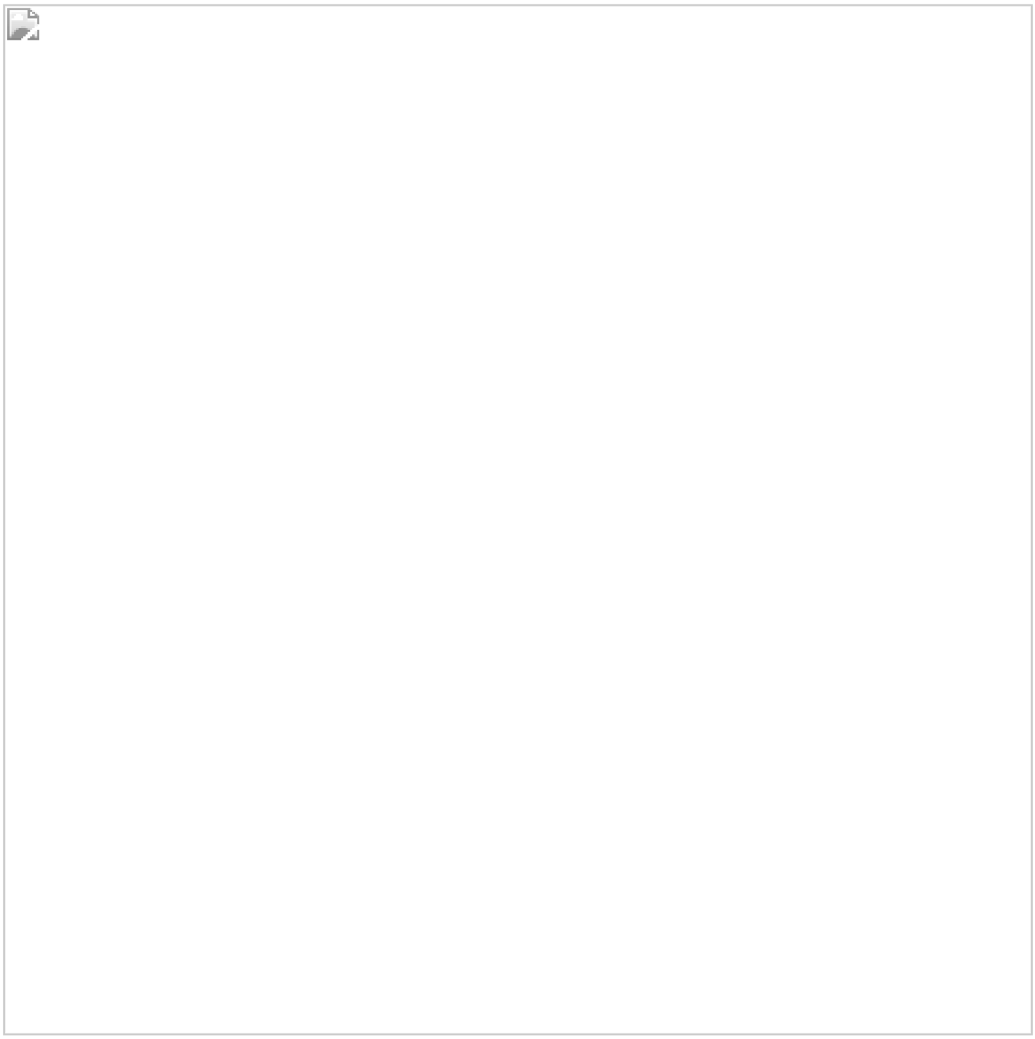


Think about it

1. Who saved Aladdin from the executioner?

- ○ The genie
- ○ The crowd who loved him
- ○ The magician

The Princess and the Plan



In the morning the princess saw Aladdin and ran to open the window. They were glad to see each other.

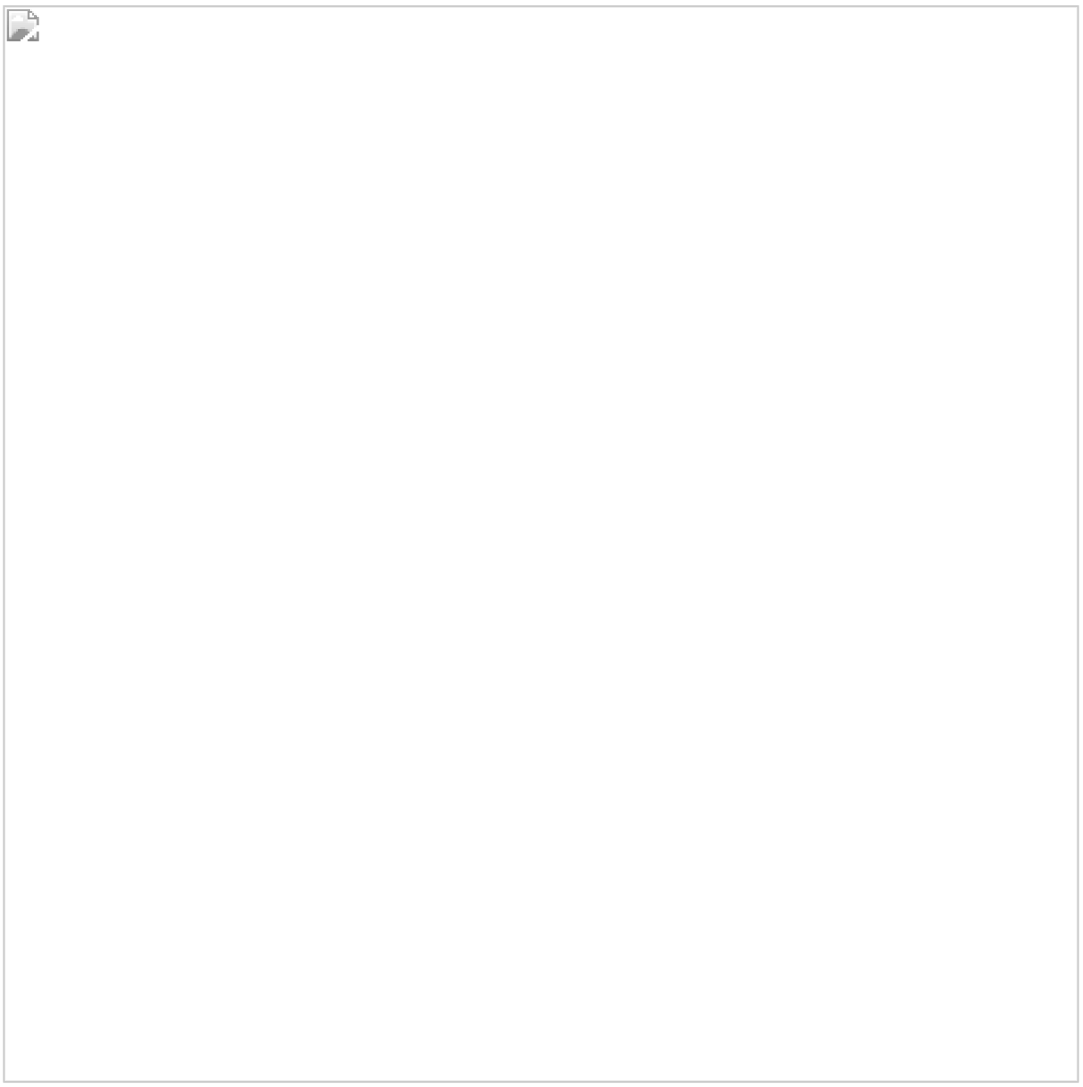
She told him how the lamp was lost. “Alas!” she said, “I am the innocent cause of our sorrows.” The magician kept the lamp in his breast and wanted to marry her.

Aladdin gave her a powder. She was to put on her best dress, invite the magician to supper, and put the powder in his cup.

She did. The magician drank, fell down, and was gone. Aladdin took the lamp from his vest, and the genie carried the palace back to China. The Sultan rubbed his eyes.

TALK ABOUT IT

The princess and Aladdin worked together. What is something you did better with a friend or sister or brother?

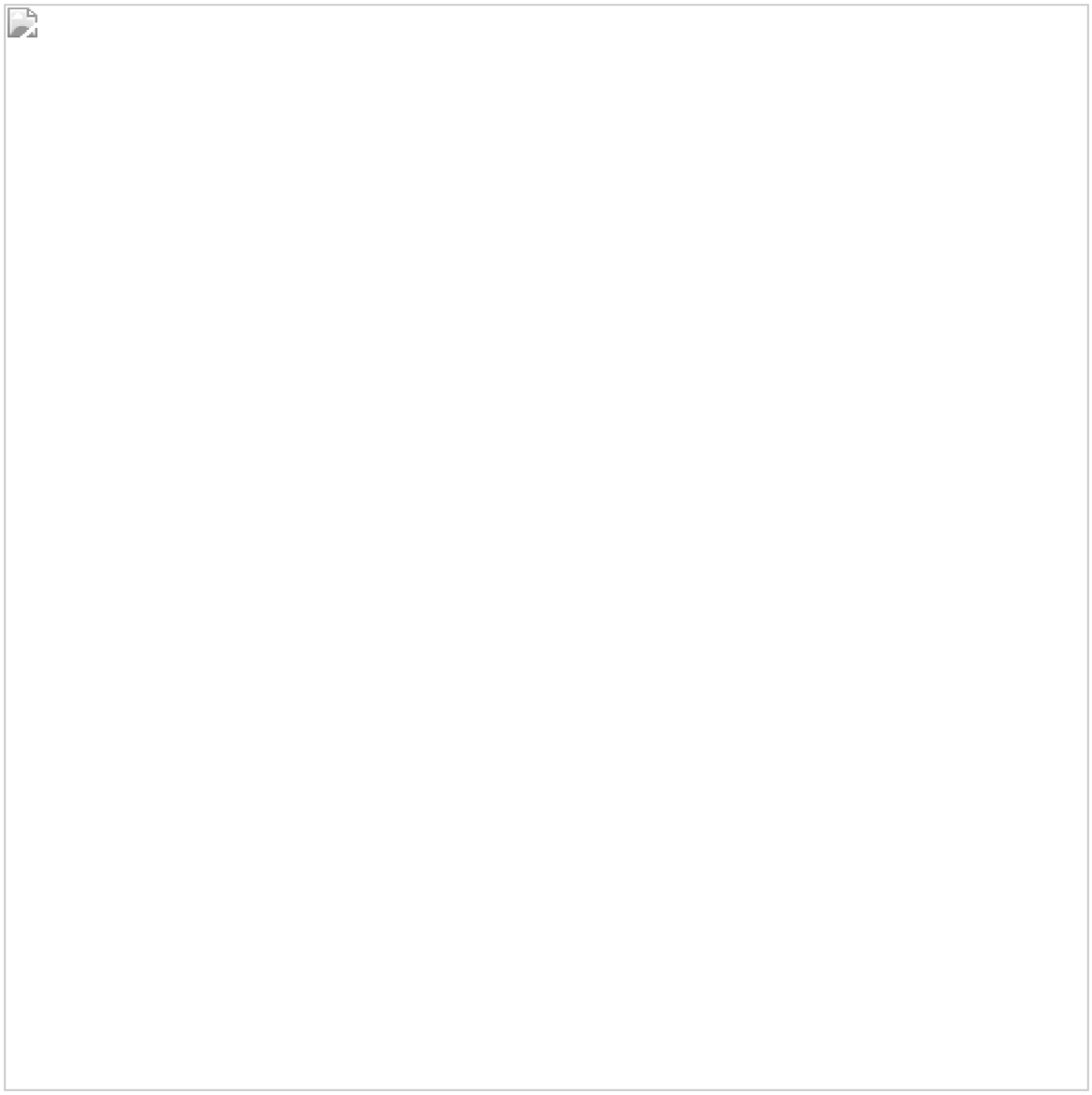


Think about it

1. Where did the magician keep the lamp?

- ○ Locked in a chest
- ○ Inside his clothes
- ○ On a shelf

The Holy Woman and the Roc's Egg



The magician's younger brother came to China for revenge. He dressed as a holy woman named Fatima, whom he had hurt, and the princess invited him to stay.

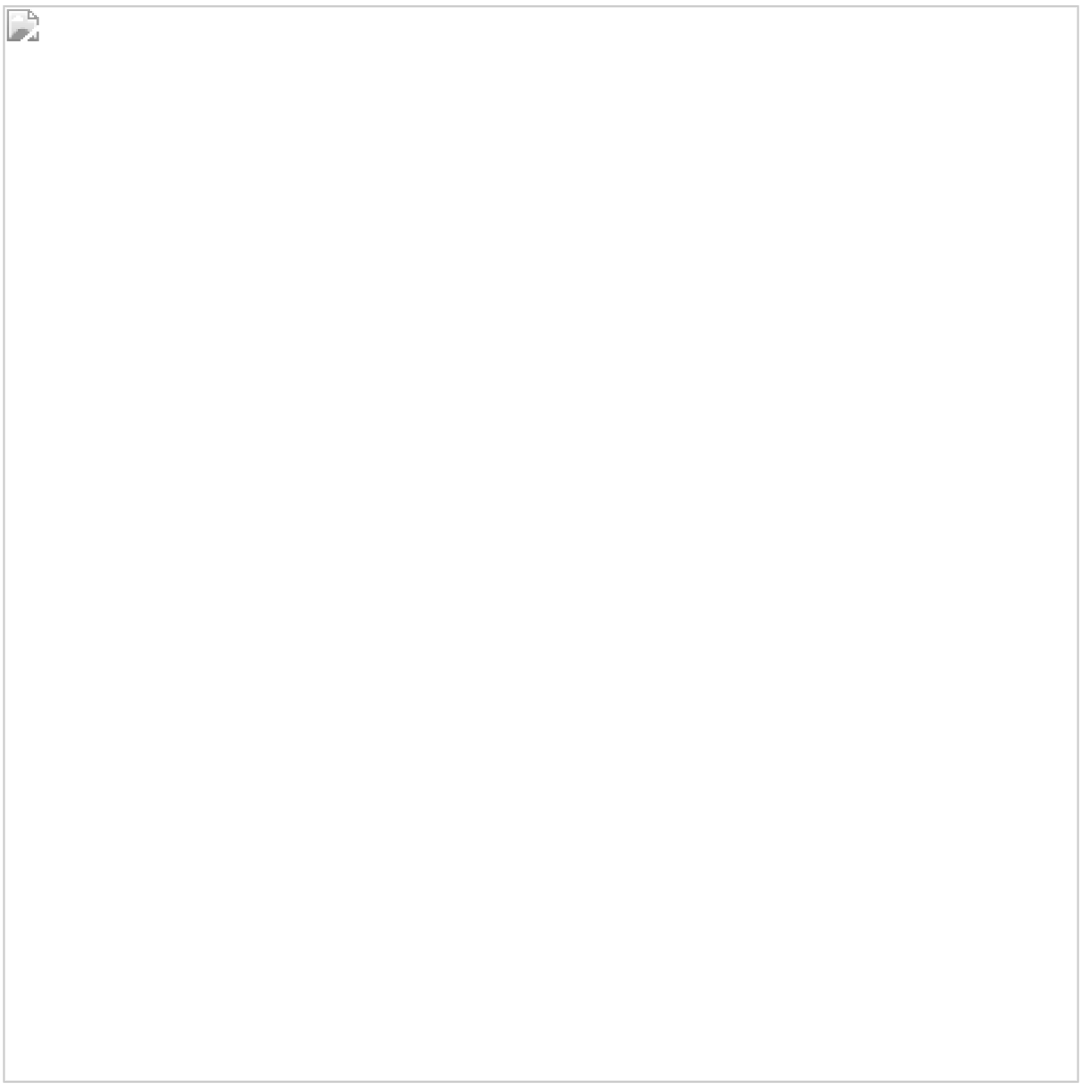
The false Fatima said the hall needed only a roc's egg hung from the dome.

Aladdin asked the genie for one. The genie gave a terrible shriek. “Wretch!” The wish, he said, came from the magician's brother, in disguise.

Aladdin sent for Fatima, and when she came close, he stopped the wicked man for good with his dagger. Then they lived in peace, and Aladdin later reigned as Sultan for many years.

TALK ABOUT IT

The wicked brother hid behind a kind face. Who do you trust, and how do you know?



Think about it

1. What did the false Fatima say the hall needed?

- ○ A fountain
- ○ A roc's egg hung from the dome
- ○ More windows

2. Aladdin began as an idle boy and ended as a Sultan. What changed along the way?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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