

Scene 4: Outside the Cave

(Aladdin enters)

Aladdin: Well this is where Uncle Abanazer told me to meet him. He's a strange man – probably a **[football team]** supporter. I hope he keeps his promise and rewards me with gold and jewels - just as soon as I find him that lamp.

(Abanazer enters, unseen by Aladdin)

Abanazer: **(In response to boos)** Keep it down, fools. You wouldn't want Aladdin to hear you booing his dear old uncle would you? Remember, I am an evil magician - I could turn you all into a prawn cocktail... and that's just for starters. **(Laughs to himself)**

Aladdin: **(Noticing Abanazer)** Something funny Uncle?

Abanazer: Aladdin, you made it. Are you alright boy? You look a little queasy.

Aladdin: My mum gave me a whole load of cake to give me strength for my long trek up the mountains. I had chocolate cake, lemon cake, cheese cake, coffee cake...

Abanazer: Then what did you have?

Aladdin: Stomach ache!

Abanazer: Never mind all that. Look, here we are - the entrance to the Cave of Wonders. Oh drat, I didn't plan on the cave being shut.

Aladdin: You mean we've come all this way for nothing? But you promised me riches beyond my wildest dreams.

Abanazer: Enough moping, boy. Your old uncle here is a clever sorcerer. Watch and learn... **(Casting a spell)** Reveal to us what we cannot see.
I command you - Open Sesame!

(The entrance to the cave opens, smoke erupts from within)

Aladdin: Woah!

Abanazer: Now waste no more time, Aladdin. Get inside and find me that lamp!

Aladdin: Very well, Uncle. And what about the gold and jewels?

Abanazer: Yes, yes - they're all yours - just find me the lamp!

Aladdin: What do you think boys and girls? Should I get Abanazer the lamp?

Abanazer: Oh yes he should! **(Etc)** Ignore them Aladdin. Don't let them ruin your chance to become rich and marry the princess. In you go!

Aladdin: Alright. I'll do it!

(He enters the cave, more smoke immerses)

Abanazer: He's in, he's in!

Aladdin: *(Rushing back out)* I'm out, I'm out!

Abanazer: What's the matter?

Aladdin: I saw something scary in the cave.

Abanazer: What was it?

Aladdin: One of the stage crew with a smoke machine.

Abanazer: Don't be idiotic. Get back in there.

(Aladdin re-enters the cave)

Abanazer: He's in, he's in!

Aladdin: *(Rushing back out)* I'm out, I'm out!

Abanazer: What is it this time?

Aladdin: I'm starting to wonder if this is a good idea after all.

Abanazer: Nonsense, there's no turning back now. I must have that lamp. If you're so scared, take my ring for protection. One rub and the magical spirit from within will guide you to safety.

(He passes Aladdin the ring)

Aladdin: A magic ring? Thanks Uncle, now I've nothing to fear. Well then, here it goes! Wish me luck!

(Aladdin enters the cave)

Abanazer: *(Aside)* He's going to need all the luck he can get. *(Calling to Aladdin)* What can you see, boy? Tell me, can you spot the lamp?

Aladdin: Not yet Uncle, give me a chance! Woah, you were right about this cave being full of jewels though.

Abanazer: Forget the jewels and locate the lamp.

Aladdin: Why are you so hung up about a rusty old lamp?

Abanazer: This is no time for questions, boy - just bring it here, you good for nothing scoundrel.

Aladdin: Why should I help you? All you do is bark orders at me.

Abanazer: This is your last warning, Aladdin. Fetch-me-the-lamp!

Aladdin: No - I won't do it!