Ali Baba And The Bongo Bandits

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CAST LIST

N.B. In the following list, the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each role has. An asterisk (*) before the character's name indicates that this character ALSO has solo or featured sung lines.

The Narrator		The Palace Guards	
*Alakazam	(47)	Chief Achoo	(30)
		Guard Apu	(13)
The Baba Shop Quartet		Guard Aleik	(13)
*Ali Baba	(62)	Guard Azit	(12)
Flossy Baba	(64)	Guard Azha	(11)
Humphrey The Camel	(0)		
*Genie Of The Ketchup	(38)	The Rich Sheiks	
		Sheik Aleg	(6)
The Sultan's Household		Sheik Yahand	(6)
Sultan Pepper	(65)	Sheik Yabuti	(6)
*Princess Satsuma	(65)		
Grand Vizier	(74)	The Bazaar Traders	
Booboo The Monkey	(0)	Abdul The Snake Charmer	(5)
Semolina	(6)	Fatima The Fortune Teller	(3)
Tapioca	(5)	Kindle The Bookseller	(6)
Figgy	(5)	Nando The Chicken Seller	(2)
		Taffeta The Cloth Seller	(2)
The Bongo Bandits		Senna The Perfume Seller	(2)
*Balthazar Bongo	(60)	Clementine The Fruit Seller	(2)
Dusty Sandals	(58)		
Sandy Sandals	(54)	The Citizens Of Old Baghdad	
Izzi	(4)	Bish	(5)
Wazzi	(4)	Bosh	(4)
Azzi	(4)	Baz	(5)
Mufti	(4)	Gaz	(4)
Tufti	(4)	Jib	(4)
Shifti	(4)	Jab	(4)
Gonk	(4)		

SPEAKING ROLES BY NUMBER OF LINES

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Grand Vizier	74
Sultan Pepper	65
*Princess Satsuma	65
Flossy Baba	64
*Ali Baba	62
*Balthazar Bongo	60
Dusty Sandals	58
Sandy Sandals	54
*Alakazam	47
*Genie Of The Ketchup	38
Chief Achoo	30
Guard Apu	13
Guard Aleik	13
Guard Azit	12
Guard Azha	11
Semolina	6
Sheik Aleg	6
Sheik Yahand	6
Sheik Yabuti	6
Kindle The Bookseller	6
Tapioca	5
Figgy	5
Abdul The Snake Charmer	5
Bish	5
Baz	5
lzzi	4
Wazzi	4
Azzi	4
Mufti	4
Tufti	4
Shifti	4
Gonk	4
Rosh	4

3az	4
lib	
lab	
Fatima The Fortune Teller	
Nando The Chicken Seller	
Taffeta The Cloth Seller	2
Senna The Perfume Seller	2
Clementine The Fruit Seller	2

CAST LIST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (WITH LINE COUNT)

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Abdul The Snake Charmer	5
*Alakazam	47
*Ali Baba	62
Azzi	4
*Balthazar Bongo	60
Baz	4
Bish	5
Bosh	4
Chief Achoo	30
Clementine The Fruit Seller	2
Dusty Sandals	58
Fatima The Fortune Teller	3
Figgy	5
Flossy Baba	64
Gaz	4
*Genie Of The Ketchup	38
Gonk	4
Grand Vizier	74
Guard Aleik	13
Guard Apu	13
Guard Azha	12
Guard Azit	11
Izzi	4
Jab	4
Jib	4
Kindle The Bookseller	6
Mufti	4
Nando The Chicken Seller	2
*Princess Satsuma	65
Sandy Sandals	54
Semolina	6
Senna The Perfume Seller	2
Sheik Alea	6

Sheik Yabuti	6
Sheik Yahand	6
Shifti	
Sultan Pepper	
Taffeta The Cloth Seller	2
Tapioca	5
· Tufti	4
Wazzi	4

Non Speaking Roles:- Booboo The Monkey, Humphrey The Camel (Back), Humphrey The Camel (Front)

CHARACTERS IN EACH SCENE

Scene One

Alakazam

Chorus

Bazaar Traders

Citizens

Rich Sheiks

Izzi

Wazzi

Azzi

Palace Guards

Grand Vizier

Booboo

Sultan Pepper

Princess

Satsuma

Handmaidens

Flossy Baba

Ali Baba

Humphrey

Scene Two

Alakazam

Dusty Sandals

Sandy Sandals

Bongo Bandits

Chorus

Scene Three

Alakazam

Sultan Pepper

Grand Vizier

Booboo

Palace Guards

Rich Sheiks

Balthazar

Bongo

Handmaidens

Scene Four

Alakazam

Princess

Satsuma

Ali Baba

Humphrey

Chorus

Dusty Sandals

Sandy Sandals

Palace Guards

Bongo Bandits

Scene Five

Alakazam

Dusty Sandals

Sandy Sandals

Bazaar Traders

Citizens

Flossy Baba

Genie

Grand Vizier

Booboo

Palace Guards

Ali Baba

Scene Six

Alakazam

Genie

Ali Baba

Princess

Satsuma

Flossy Baba

Chorus

Scene Seven

Alakazam

Sultan Pepper

Handmaidens

Grand Vizier

Booboo

Dusty Sandals

Sandy Sandals

Palace Guards

Bongo Bandits

Genie

Princess

Satsuma

Flossy Baba

Ali Baba

Scene Eight

Sultan Pepper

Grand Vizier

Booboo

Bazaar Traders

Rich Sheiks

Citizens

Humphrey

Princess

Satsuma

Ali Baba

Flossy Baba

Palace Guards

Genie

Alakazam

Handmaidens

Chorus

LIST OF PROPERTIES

Scene One	
3 x Bowls of jewels	The Rich Sheiks
Pipe and snake	
Crystal ball	Fatima The Fortune Teller
2 x Large books, including "How to Hide from Guards"	Kindle The Bookseller
2 x Rubber chicken	
Silk	Taffeta The Cloth Seller
Perfume	
Carrier bag	Clementine The Fruit Seller
5 x Spears	The Palace Guards
Gong and mallet	
Brown paper bag	Princess Satsuma
Stick with beards hanging from it	Alakazam
Rolled up carpet	Flossy Baba
Carpet with hole	Flossy Baba
Scene Two	
Cave Of Wonders	Set on stage
"Back Of Beyond" signpost	Set on stage
2 x Bags of coins	Mufti & Tufti
2 x Large Iollipops	Shifti & Gonk
3 x Bowls of jewels	Izzi, Wazzi & Azzi
Scene Three	
Throne	J
Royal Ruby	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
5 x Spears	
Gong and mallet	•
Blackened envelopes	
Rubber duck covered in cloth	
Tea-cosy covered in cloth	
Garden gnome covered in cloth	
Brown paper bag	
Large key	
Cardboard thought bubble "Mwa, ha, ha, ha!"	Alakazam

Cave Of Wonders	Set on stage
"Back Of Beyond" signpost	Set on stage
Rolled up carpet	Ali Baba
2 x Bags of treasure	.Dusty Sandals & Sandy Sandals
Royal Ruby	Sandy Sandals
5 x Spears	The Palace Guards
7 x Bags of treasure	The Bongo Bandits
Scene Five	
Pipe and snake	Abdul The Snake Charmer
Crystal ball	
"History of Sausages" book	
"How to Save Your Son" book	
2 x Rubber chickens	
Silk	Taffeta The Cloth Seller
Perfume	Senna The Perfume Seller
Carrier bags	
Giant ketchup bottle	
5 x Spears	
Gong and mallet	
Scene Six	
Scene Six Cave Of Wonders	Set on stage
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PRODUCTION NOTES

Welcome to Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits! I am sure you will enjoy rehearsing and performing this musical comedy, but to aid you in your production it may be helpful to consider the following notes.

CASTING

The script is written for 44 characters (including the three non-speaking roles: Booboo the Monkey and the two-person role of Humphrey the Camel). These range from principal parts to smaller supporting roles. For productions with fewer cast members, condensing of characters is possible. This can be done in numerous ways, but the following example reduces the cast number to 29:

- Remove Guard Azha (reallocating lines between other Guards)
- Remove Handmaiden Figgy (reallocating lines between other Handmaidens)
- Remove Bandits Tufti and Gonk (reallocating lines to Mufti & Shifti respectively)
- Remove Traders Taffeta, Senna & Clementine (reallocating lines between other Traders)
- Remove all Citizens (reallocating lines between the Traders)
- Enlist two willing adults to play the role of Humphrey The Camel

To expand the cast, unlimited chorus parts may be used as additional Citizens, Traders, Guards, Bandits (there should be forty of them, after all!) and Handmaidens, possibly redistributing some lines. An off-stage choir can also be used for chorus backing on songs. When casting, bare in mind that Booboo should be a smaller actor whilst bandits Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi should be the most 'un-identical' identical triplets in history (Azzi being the tallest and Wazzi being the shortest). Flossy Baba may work equally well portrayed by a brave boy in 'pantomime dame' fashion, or indeed an adult male if you wish to reduce the cast further and a willing volunteer can be found!

COSTUMES

The traditional styles of ancient Arabia can be used to great effect when costuming this show, with plenty of harem pants and head-gear! These are cartoon characters, so rather than attempt historical or cultural accuracy, try to achieve a fun and colourful look that sets the show firmly in the ancient time and place of its origins. For example, some characters, including Ali himself, wear a Turkish fez which, although not traditionally Arabian, works brilliantly on stage - and forms the basis of several jokes!

Colourful costuming is essential, but to avoid the 'explosion in a paint factory' look, just pick out a few bright colours such as red, emerald green, black, white and gold, and try to stick to those as a colour scheme. It is also useful and effective to colour-code costumes. For example, Alakazam, the traders and citizens could wear red harem pants, a baggy emerald green t-shirt worn over the pants and a gold sash tied around the waist, whilst the bandits could wear black harem pants, red and black stripy tops worn over the pants, a black sash & waistcoat and a red fez. Balthazar Bongo needs to look slightly different to the rest of his gang, but it is important to stick to the same colours – he could wear black & red striped harem pants, a black top and a black or red sash and a red fez. The comical characters of

Dusty and Sandy could be enhanced in "sand dance" fashion, with knee-length white trousers, red and white stripy socks, white sleeveless vest, red braces and a red fez, finished off with optional matching moustaches!

White and gold are excellent colours to show power and wealth and are therefore obvious choices for the Sultan, Princess & also the Sheiks. The Princess could be dressed entirely in gold with harem pants and a crop top with lots of sequins and thin glittering material as a head scarf or veil. The Sultan and the Sheiks could be dressed similarly with white harem pants and tops with gold accessories. The Sultan could also have a gold turban and a large tummy by way of a cushion. The Sheiks could have traditional head scarves, large black beards and a fun addition can be dark sun glasses which gives them the wealthy celebrity look! All the servants to the Sultan could be dressed in black and gold. The guards could be dressed completely in black, with harem pants, long sleeved tops and black fezzes but with a gold waist band or sash to show their connection with the wealthy Sultan. The handmaidens could wear black harem pants and crop tops with a gold sash round their waists, and gold sequin head and arm bands. The evil Grand Vizier requires a dramatic black costume, with a large cloak and black hood, turban or other headdress. Booboo's costume can be easily created by either wearing brown trousers and a top and hood although ready-made furry monkey costumes are easily available for purchase. Either way, face paints are a must! Genie costumes are also available to purchase, but the look can be achieved simply by making harem pants in a glittery material with a bright t-shirt, sash and turban. Ali & Flossy Baba can be dressed similarly to the traders and citizens but in contrasting colours to set them apart. Last but certainly not least, you need to consider Humphrey the camel. Humphrey is a traditional 'pantomime cow' style costume requiring two actors in fury trousers beneath a fury cover and camel headpiece, with a tail and furry slippers completing the look. Often the actors remain standing rather than bending over, their heads creating the humps. This important costume is often borrowed or hired, but is also really great fun to make!

STAGING

This production can be staged effectively with very simple scenery. A desert backcloth of sandy dunes and palm trees against a blue, coloured or even dark and starry sky would work for the desert scenes, with moveable cut-out flats of stylised Arabian buildings placed in front and portable market stalls brought on for the bazaar scenes. Palace scenes can be achieved with painted flats or screens positioned in front of the backcloth to resemble palace walls, and the Sultan's throne positioned centrally in front. The scenery can be painted realistically, but as this is a fun comedy, consider a splash of cartoon creativity using unusual shapes and bright colours with black outlines. Large moveable pieces of scenery play an important part in this production, and creative use can be made of large pieces of sturdy cardboard or plywood. The Cave Of Wonders should be a free-standing scenery flat painted as rock and positioned to one side of the stage. An opening for the cave entrance should be cut out in the middle, large enough for two actors to kneel in, and covered with a flat 'boulder' capable of sliding open and closed when those magic words are uttered! The "The Back Of Beyond" sign should be large enough for the audience to see clearly with the top section able to turn so that "The Front Of Beyond" can be seen on the reverse. The Genie's ketchup bottle is humorous and eye-catching if it is oversized, so it might be better to create one rather than just pop to the supermarket! The Bandits' jars work well made from one plywood flat painted to be a line of large ornate jars. The Bandits can carry the flat, crawling on behind it, but it may need to be free-standing with a small pair of legs to give stability when the Bandits are popping up and down behind.

CHOREOGRAPHY

Each musical number is designed to have movement, and even simple choreographed moves will bring the songs to life. For maximum effect, the whole cast is intended to perform most of the songs and dances on stage as chorus, whether they are in the preceding drama or not. Of course this is at the discretion of the director and can depend on available space. Choreography of musical numbers is left to the creativity of your own director/choreographer so that moves can be designed to more accurately to match the ability of the individual cast. However, excellent example choreography and useful advice for all the musical numbers in this show can be found on the highly recommended Choreography DVD.

MUSIC

All the music required to stage this production, including sound effects, is found on the Backing Track and Vocal Track CDs. Incidental music including Overture, Play On, Play Off and Scene Change tracks, are provided to allow cast and chorus entrances, exits and scene changes to occur smoothly without pauses, resulting in a slick performance. A vocal recording is provided as a guide and to enable the swift learning of songs. The backing tracks without vocals are ideal to use in rehearsals and performances. Directors may, if they wish, allow a choir or separate character to accompany or replace a soloist in a song or section intended for a soloist. This may be necessary if certain cast members are unable to perform the solo themselves or a larger chorus is required to be employed more fully. In Scene Seven, a quick succession of sound effects are used when bandits pop in and out of jars, and these are included on the CD. However, due to the speed of repetition at times it may be more practical to use a live swanee whistle. However, I highly recommend the use of 'sound cue' software which allows for instant playback at the touch of a tablet screen or computer keyboard. This can aid smooth and seamless playback of all sound cues for an entire show and is often easier, more flexible and more reliable than using a CD player.

AND FINALLY.

This musical comedy is intended to be a fun show to rehearse and perform, so remember to enjoy yourselves and your audience will, too! My very best wishes for a successful and enjoyable production.

Craig Hawes

SCENE ONE: THE OLD BAGHDAD BAZAAR

TRACK 1: OVERTURE

(As the House Lights dim, the overture music begins. At the end of the overture, the curtain rises to reveal The Old Baghdad Bazaar, a traditional Arabian market. Lighting is dim and atmospheric, and mysterious Arabian music underscores the opening dialogue. The Chorus are frozen in position on stage, possibly facing the back and in shadow. A spotlight centre stage reveals mysterious trader Alakazam, our narrator, who notices the audience and addresses them.)

ALAKAZAM: Salaam! A thousand welcomes, weary travellers. Shake the

desert dust from your sandals and step this way. I see you have an eye for a bargain, well you have come to the right place. The Old Baghdad Bazaar, busiest market in all Arabia! I am Alakazam, whatever you need, I can provide. So what can I sell you today? Spices? Silk? No? Wait - how about... a story! Yes, yes, a story of vile

villains and handsome heroes! Of ruthless robbers and mystical

magic!

TRACK 2: BAGHDAD BAZAAR

ALAKAZAM: Aha, I see you are interested! Well, take a seat, my friends, as my tale

unfolds before your very eyes, right here at the Old Baghdad Bazaar!

WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY,

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY,

FOR A FOOL OR A KING.

THERE'S A THOUSAND THINGS TO BUY!

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

TAKE A WALK DOWN THE STREET, THERE'S A TASTY TREAT

LIKE CAKE AND CAVIAR, SPICES FROM AFAR, COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE BAGHDAD

(A lighting change reveals the chorus, who unfreeze, turn and join in the song and dance.)

ALL: BAZAAR! AHH! AHH! AHH!

WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY

FOR A FOOL OR A KING,

THERE'S A THOUSAND THINGS TO BUY!

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

TAKE A WALK DOWN THE STREET, THERE'S A TASTY TREAT

LIKE CAKE AND CAVIAR, SPICES FROM AFAR, COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE BAGHDAD BAZAAR! AT THE OLD BAZAAR! AT THE OLD BAZAAR! AT THE OLD BAZAAR!

(On the key change, the Chorus split into two groups who sing verse and chorus as two parts.)

GROUP 1: GROUP 2:

AHH! WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY,

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY,

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY,

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY,

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

(The two groups join back together for the end of the song.)

ALL: CAKE AND CAVIAR, SPICES FROM AFAR

COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE

BAGHDAD BAZAAR!

BARGAINS AT THE OLD BAZAAR!

TRACK 3: BAGHDAD BAZAAR PLAY OFF

(The Chorus exit as Alakazam moves forward, the Citizens move to one side and the Traders bring out their wares. The three Sheiks enter each carrying a large bowl of jewels. Three bandits Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi, position themselves unseen behind the Sheiks.)

ALAKAZAM: Ah, I see you are not the only strangers in Old Baghdad today. If I am

not mistaken, three rich Sheiks are walking this way. (Bowing to the Sheiks) Greetings, wealthy Sheiks. Let me introduce you to the

Traders of the bazaar. Abdul the Snake Charmer.

TRACK 4: SNAKE CHARMING

(Abdul walks forward playing his pipe with a large snake around his shoulders.)

ABDUL: Greatest snake charmer in hiss-tory!

ALAKAZAM: Fatima the fortune teller!

(Fatima walks forward carrying her crystal ball.)

FATIMA: I'll read your palm for a shekel! Half price for just a finger!

ALAKAZAM: Kindle the bookseller!

(Kindle walks forward holding up two large books.)

KINDLE: Read the new bestseller, "The History of Superglue". You won't be

able to put it down!

ALAKAZAM: Nando the chicken seller!

(Nando walks forward with a rubber chicken in each hand.)

NANDO: Today's special...

TRACK 5: SFX CHICKEN DRUMS

(Nando energetically uses the rubber chickens as drumsticks on an invisible drum kit in time to the music, then holds them in the air.)

NANDO: Chicken drumsticks!

ALAKAZAM: Taffeta, Senna and Clementine.

TAFFETA: (Holding up silk) Silks from Syria!

SENNA: (Holding up perfume) Perfume from Persia!

CLEMENTINE: (Holding up a carrier bag) Apples from *Asda! (* or other suitably

alliterative shop)

SHEIK ALEG: Forgive us, but we are not here to buy!

SHEIK YAHAND: We are on our way to the Royal Palace!

SHEIK YABUTI: We bring jewels as birthday gifts for his excellence, Sultan Pepper!

CITIZENS: (On their knees, bowing) Sultan Pepper!

(The Sheiks each hold up their bowl of jewels. Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi appear from behind the Sheiks and grab the jewels.)

BANDITS: Thank you!

TRACK 6: SFX ROBBERS RUN

(The Bandits exit with the jewels, running. The Sheiks point and shout, horrified.)

SHEIK ALEG: Thieves!

SHEIK YAHAND: Robbers!

SHEIK YABUTI: Bandits!

SHEIKS: Come back!

(The Sheiks run after the Bandits and exit. The Guards enter carrying spears, led by Chief Guard Achoo.)

TRACK 7: CHASE & FANFARE

ACHOO: Attention, citizens!

APU: Settle down and make way!

ALEIK: For the boss of Old Baghdad!

AZIT: The Grand Vizier!
AZHA: Mustapha Widdle!

TRACK 8: VIZIER PLAY ON #1

(The Grand Vizier enters, followed by Booboo The Monkey. Booboo carries a large gong and mallet. He bangs his gong and everyone shakes comically and uncontrollably due to the loud vibrations.)

VIZIER: Thank you, Booboo. Citizens of Old Baghdad! I, Mustapha Widdle...

BISH: You should have gone before you came!

VIZIER: Silence! I, Mustapha Widdle, Grand Vizier, the Sultan's most loyal

servant, most trusted advisor...

BOSH: Most flatulent fish face!

VIZIER: ...most flatulent fish face! (Turning to Bosh, angrily realising) Why

you cheeky urchin! Don't mess with me, I only have to utter one word

and you'll be begging for mercy!

BAZ: (Wafting his hand by his nose) His breath really is that bad!

(The crowd laugh.)

VIZIER: (Angry) I haven't come here to be insulted!

GAZ: Really?

JIB: Where do you usually go?

JAB: You should sort out the crime around here.
BISH: There are ruthless robbers running riot!
VIZIER: Ruthless robbers running riot? Rubbish!
BOSH: It's true! Ask Abdul The Snake Charmer.

ABDUL: That's right! Last week, someone stole my python and pinched my

asp!

BAZ: I saw someone steal my garden gate, so I swore at him.

ABDUL: Did he take offence? **BAZ:** No, just the gate.

GAZ: (Stepping forward) And last night, someone drew a knife on me!

Look!

(Gaz lifts his top to reveal a large knife drawn on his tummy. The crowd gasp.)

JIB: We want to see justice!

ALL: (Punching the air, shouting) Justice! Justice! Justice!

JAB: You have to take action!

ALL: (*Punching the air, shouting*) Action! Action! Action!

BISH: Capture these robbers and nickers!

ALL: (Punching the air, shouting) Knickers! Knickers! Knickers!

VIZIER: Enough of this nonsense! Today is the birthday of his excellence,

Sultan Pepper!

ALL: (Falling to their knees and bowing) Sultan Pepper!

VIZIER: You are invited to a birthday banquet at the Palace tonight. Now, the

Sultan and Princess Satsuma will be here at any moment. As it is forbidden to gaze upon the face of the Princess, my chief guard,

Achoo, will clear the streets! Achoo?

ALL: Bless you!

ACHOO: (Stepping forward) Yes, Sir?

VIZIER: Clear the streets!

ACHOO: Yes, Sir!

GUARDS: Clear the streets! Clear the streets!

TRACK 9: SULTAN PLAY ON

(The crowd murmur unhappily and exit, ushered off by the Guards. The Sultan enters. Booboo The Monkey hits his gong again and the Vizier and Sultan shake.)

VIZIER: Thank you, Booboo. (Bowing to the Sultan) The bazaar is clear, oh

exalted one!

SULTAN: Thank you, Mustapha. We won't be long. Princess Satsuma is here to

buy me a birthday present. Which reminds me, shouldn't you be

organising my surprise banquet? After all, I am the Sultan.

VIZIER: Indeed, your excellence, and a great one!

SULTAN: And I'm wise!

VIZIER: Indeed, you are a wise one!

SULTAN: And I'm always right!

VIZIER: Indeed, *(to the audience)* you're a right one! Come, Booboo.

TRACK 10: PRINCESS PLAY ON

(The Vizier & Booboo exit. Princess Satsuma enters, followed by her Handmaidens Tapioca, Semolina and Figgy. Satsuma is wearing a large brown paper bag over her head, with eyeholes and a mouth cut out.)

SULTAN: Ah, there you are Satsuma.

PRINCESS: Father, can I take this bag off my head now?

SULTAN: Certainly not, Satsuma. We can't have commoners feasting their eyes

upon your royal beauty. It's the law!

PRINCESS: Which bumbling old buffoon came up with that ridiculous law?

SULTAN: I did.

PRINCESS: Great. My one chance to see Old Baghdad... and I'm in an old bag,

Dad! Well, there's no one here. I'm taking it off! (She takes it off)

SULTAN: When your mother was alive, we ruled as Sultan and Sultana. With

her gone, you're all I've got and I must protect you. So put your bag

back on.

PRINCESS: Give me one good reason!

SULTAN: Satsuma, you are the current Sultana and that's the raisin... I mean

reason. Tapioca! Semolina! Figgy!

HANDMAIDENS: (stepping forward and bowing) Yes, your excellence?

SULTAN: The Princess will tell you what birthday present to buy me.

HANDMAIDENS: Yes, your excellence!

SULTAN: I shall leave for a moment so I don't spoil the surprise. But make sure

it's big, expensive and sparkly!

HANDMAIDENS: Yes, your excellence!

(The Sultan exits, whilst the Handmaidens gather around the Princess.)

PRINCESS: Listen - just for once, I'm going to buy father's birthday present myself,

right here at the bazaar!

TAPIOCA: What are you talking about, your highness?

PRINCESS: You know, Tapioca, some retail therapy! Bag some bargains! Shop 'til

I drop!

SEMOLINA: But your highness, you can't do that! Commoners would see your

face.

PRINCESS: Oh, Semolina.

FIGGY: No commoner can gaze upon the face of the Princess. It's the law of

your father.

PRINCESS: But I'm fed up with being a bag lady. I want to meet real people, do

normal things. And my father will never know because you, Semolina,

will wear my bag and pretend to be me!

(The Princess puts the bag on Semolina's head. Semolina shakes with fear.)

SEMOLINA: Princess Satsuma, if your father finds out...

PRINCESS: Just relax! And stop shaking - you look like a bag of nerves!

SULTAN: (Calling off stage) Satsuma! Time to return to the Palace!

PRINCESS: Coming, Father!

(The Princess pushes her Handmaidens off and they exit as she looks around her new surroundings in awe and wonder.)

TRACK 11: FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME

PRINCESS: I don't believe it! For the first time in my life I'm out on my own... in the

real world!

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME I SEE LIFE FOR REAL, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME I FEEL WHAT THEY FEEL! A PATH I MUST FOLLOW, A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB,

THROUGH THE RAIN AND THUNDER,

FULL OF WIDE EYED WONDER,

WHAT A SPELL I'M UNDER - FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, I'M OUT IN THE SUN, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME MY LIFE HAS BEGUN! I JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, NO REASON OR RHYME,

THROUGH THE RAIN AND THUNDER,

FULL OF WIDE EYED WONDER,

WHAT A SPELL I'M UNDER - FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

NOTHING IS STOPPING ME NOW, I KNOW, I FOUND THE WAY TO A NEW TOMORROW! A WORLD OF WONDER IS WAKING NOW, SO RAISE THE CURTAIN AND TAKE A BOW!

(The Chorus enter and take their positions over the music, then join in the song.)

ALL: FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME I SEE LIFE FOR REAL,

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME I FEEL WHAT THEY FEEL! A PATH I MUST FOLLOW, A MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB,

THROUGH THE RAIN AND THUNDER,

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THROUGH THE RAIN AND THUNDER,

FULL OF WIDE EYED WONDER, WHAT A SPELL I'M UNDER

PRINCESS: FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

ALL: A BRAND NEW DAY IS ON ITS WAY

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PRINCESS: FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

TRACK 12: VERY FIRST TIME PLAY OFF

(The Chorus exit as the Traders and Citizens busy themselves. The Guards enter and form a huddle.)

PRINCESS: (Happily) Oh it's wonderful to be out amongst the Citizens and

Traders and Palace Guards... (suddenly realising) Palace Guards! I

need to hide - but where?

(Kindle enters and walks across the stage carrying and selling some large books.)

KINDLE: Books for sale! Books for sale! Perfect for every situation! Books for

sale!

PRINCESS: (Stopping Kindle) I'll take one!

(The Princess takes a large book from Kindle entitled "How To Hide From Guards" and hides behind it as the Guards cross in front of her and talk to another Trader.)

PRINCESS: (Reading the title) "How To Hide From Guards"? (To the audience)

Weird! (*Reading again*) "Chapter one - Disguises. When things get hairy, a false beard works well!" But where will I ever find a false

beard?

(Alakazam enters carrying a large stick on which are hanging a large assortment of false beards.)

ALAKAZAM: False beards! Lovely false beards! Get 'em while they're fresh! What

can I get you madam? Big and bushy, short and stubby? Or today's

special...

TRACK 13: SFX GOATEE

ALAKAZAM: ...a goatee!

PRINCESS: Big and bushy, please!

ALAKAZAM: There you are madam; may it bring you much happiness and good

fortune.

(Alakazam exits, unseen by the Princess who is putting the beard on.)

PRINCESS: Thank you. Now, how much do I... oh, he's gone!

(The Guards spot the Princess in the beard and approach her menacingly. They gather around her, leaning in and staring suspiciously at the strange bearded creature before them.)

ACHOO: Hey! You there with the beard! APU: We're on the hunt for robbers.

ALEIK: And we're checking out anyone looking... suspicious!

AZIT: Anyone looking a bit... weird!

AZHA: Or... odd!

ACHOO: (Menacing) So tell me... (normal voice) have you seen anyone like

that round here?

PRINCESS: (*Pointing off stage*) Yes, over by the man who sells meat.

APU: Butcher!

PRINCESS: (Putting on a deep voice and butch pose) Over by the man who

sells meat.

APU: Butcher!

PRINCESS: I'm doing my best. *(Realising)* Oh, I see! Yes, the butcher.

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ALEIK: I heard that butcher does lovely chicken and beef.

AZIT: Does he deliver?

AZHA: No, just chicken and beef.

ACHOO: Come on lads, let's check him out.

(The Guards exit, but one comes back to compliment the Princess on her beard.)

ALEIK: Nice beard, by the way. (*He exits*)

PRINCESS: (Taking off her beard) Well, that was a close shave! Time to buy a

birthday present! (She exits)

TRACK 14: PRINCESS PLAY OFF

(Flossy Baba enters with her carpets for sale. She has a rolled up carpet over her shoulder and holds a piece of carpet with a large obvious hole in the middle. A group of Citizens gathers around her as she shouts.)

FLOSSY: Baba's Carpets, best in Old Baghdad! Come and get your carpets!

Sale now on!

BISH: What's in the sale, Flossy?

FLOSSY: (Holding up the holey rug) A lovely rug, 70 shekels - sale price!

BOSH: It's got a hole in it!

FLOSSY: Alright, 50 shekels - wholesale price!

BAZ: What will you take off for cash?

FLOSSY: The tassels!

GAZ: Who wants a rubbish rotten rug?

JIB: Carpets are so old fashioned!

JAB: Come on, let's check out the laminate flooring.

(The Citizens exit and Flossy follows calling after them, stopping at the edge of the stage.)

FLOSSY: Come on, folks. You can get any sort of weave. Get twisted! Get

tufted! *(Insultingly)* Get knotted! You know, I'm beginning to think this carpet business is flawed! Now where has Ali got to with that camel?

TRACK 15: ALI PLAY ON

(Ali Baba enters from the other side with Humphrey The Camel.)

FLOSSY: Ali Baba, where have you been? I sent you shopping hours ago!

ALI: I've had a terrible time, mum. All those people pushing and shoving. I

got stamped on in the Post Office, hammered in the blacksmith's, punched in the ticket office and kicked in the cobblers! And I don't

think Humphrey's feeling too good, are you Humph?

(Humphrey shakes his head.)

FLOSSY: I hope he hasn't caught that awful new disease - Margarineitis.

ALI: Margarineitis?

FLOSSY: I've heard it spreads really easily.

ALI: No, I think it's...

TRACK 16: SFX CAMEL BURP #1

ALI: ...indigestion.

FLOSSY: Don't tell me. He's been stuffing himself again! That camel never

stops eating. I caught him out in the garden taking leeks in my

wheelbarrow.

ALI: No wonder it's rusty!

FLOSSY: And then there's the furniture. Carpets! Curtains! You know, last night

he ate my bedside lamp.

ALI: That was just a light snack!

FLOSSY: It's your fault, Ali. You haven't trained him. At New Year he ate all the

fireworks - and did you punish him?

ALI: No, I let him off!

FLOSSY: And this morning the greedy thing swallowed my abacus.

ALI: (*Tapping Humphrey's tummy*) Well, it's what's inside that counts!

FLOSSY: Ali, it's not healthy for him to eat everything he sees.

ALI: Not everything, Mum. He can't eat yoyos.

FLOSSY: Really?

ALI: Yes. He swallows them, but they keep coming back up! Anyway, you

don't need an abacus anymore. I've trained Humph to do maths.

Watch. *Tto Humphrey*) Humph, what's one add one?

TRACK 17: SFX HOOF TAPS #1

(Humphrey slowly taps his front hoof twice along with the sound effect.)

ALI: What's two add two?

TRACK 18: SFX HOOF TAPS #2

(Humphrey slowly taps his front hoof four times along with the sound effect.)

FLOSSY: Alright, clever clogs. What's three hundred and forty two add nine

hundred and ninety nine?

TRACK 19: TAP DANCE

(Humphrey launches into a short but frantic tap dance, with legs and hooves flying everywhere.)

FLOSSY: When you've guite finished showing off, you can get your lumpy friend

round the back and give me a hand. Go on!

ALI: Alright, Mum. Come on, Humph!

TRACK 20: HUMPHREY PLAY OFF #1

(Ali exits, leading Humphrey off stage. The Princess enters, looking around and slowly making her way to the carpet stall.)

FLOSSY: (Calling off) And hurry up - we have a Carpet Shop to run,

remember? *(To herself)* Not that we're exactly rushed off our feet. I haven't sold so much as a doormat. Just face it Flossy, no one wants

to buy a carpet.

PRINCESS: I want to buy a carpet.

FLOSSY: You see, typical. No one wants to buy a... what did you just say?

PRINCESS: I want to buy a carpet.

FLOSSY: (Grabbing the Princess and growling in a desperate voice) Say it

again!

PRINCESS: (*Uncertainly*) I want... to buy... a carpet?

FLOSSY: (Manically) I love you! (Composing herself) Oh, where are my

manners? I'm Florence, Florence Baba. You can call me Flossy. (Ali

enters) And this is my son, Ali Baba.

PRINCESS: Pleased to meet you both. My name's Satsuma.

FLOSSY: Oh, like the Princess?

PRINCESS: Oh... er... yes... a little bit!

FLOSSY: When I was born and they saw my face, they nearly named me after a

fruit.

PRINCESS: Really?

ALI: Yes, haven't you heard of an Ugli fruit?

FLOSSY: Don't be cheeky! I was going to be called Peach because of my lovely

skin.

ALI: What, yellow and fuzzy?

FLOSSY: I'll have you know I have skin like Cleopatra. Every night I lie in a

bathtub of camel milk.

PRINCESS: Pasteurised?

ALI: No, just up to her belly button!

FLOSSY: Well, I'm glad you're not the Princess, dear. I hear she's really... ugly.

PRINCESS: (Crossly) Is that right?

FLOSSY: Oh, yes! Everyone knows that. It's why she wears that bag! I've heard

she's got three ears and a purple nose!

(Princess reacts, holding her nose.)

ALI: Some even say she has a big, bushy beard! A Princess with a beard,

how ridiculous!

PRINCESS: (Hiding her beard behind her back) Yes, ridiculous. Well, it's my

father's birthday and I thought a lovely new carpet would make a

wonderful present.

FLOSSY: Then you've come to the right place, my dear! You know my slogan -

"You want carpets, I've got piles!"

ALI: I think you need a better slogan, Mum. But she's right, Satsuma, you

can get anything you want - right here at the Old Baghdad Bazaar!

TRACK 21: BAGHDAD BAZAAR REPRISE

(The Chorus run into their song positions over the introduction, splitting into two groups for the first section.)

GROUP 1: GROUP 2:

AHH! WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY,

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY,

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! WHERE THE SANDS OF THE DESERT RUN DRY,

UNDERNEATH AN ARABIAN SKY,

AT THE OLD BAZAAR! SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING BORROWED OR BLUE,

YOU CAN BUY FOR A SHEKEL OR TWO!

ALL: CAKE AND CAVIAR, SPICES FROM AFAR

COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE

BAGHDAD BAZAAR!

BARGAINS AT THE OLD BAZAAR!

(Blackout.)

TRACK 22: BACK OF BEYOND #1

SCENE TWO: THE BACK OF BEYOND

(The Back Of Beyond. A rocky part of the desert. A moveable signpost reads "The Back Of Beyond". To one side is the Cave Of Wonders, its large opening currently sealed with a moveable boulder. A sign on the cave reads "Secret Cave Of Wonders - Shush, Don't Tell Anyone". Alakazam enters and addresses the audience in an overly dramatic and mysterious way.)

ALAKAZAM: Like the scorpion, our tale twists and turns like a... twisty, turny thing -

leading us through the desert dunes to this lonely, desolate place... the Back Of Beyond! But the walls of rock are not all they seem, for this is where we find forty Bandits and a Secret Cave Of Wonders! But hush; sinister strangers approach along the dusty path. Take care, my

friends, and trust no-one!

(Alakazam exits just as Dusty and Sandy Sandals enter, looking lost.)

DUSTY: Come on, Sandy. We must be getting close now.

SANDY: I hope so, Dusty. I'm fed up with this desert. It's one sandy hill after

another!

DUSTY: They're dunes.

SANDY: I don't care who they belong to, I'm still fed up. And I'm so hot, I wish

I'd brought a car door with me.

DUSTY: A car door? Why?

SANDY: Then I could open the window.

DUSTY: I don't believe it! Two days stuck with you, looking for The Back Of

Beyond! (Seeing the sign) Hey, look, Sandy - we're here! The Back

Of Beyond!

SANDY: Oh yes! And look, Dusty - (turning the sign round to reveal an

alternate sign reading "The Front Of Beyond") The Front of

Beyond!

DUSTY: So now we just need to find the Secret Cave Of Wonders.

(Dusty looks around but Sandy spots the cave and reads the sign on it.)

SANDY: (Reading) "Secret Cave Of Wonders. Shush! Don't tell anyone!" This

could be it, Dusty! I'll ring the doorbell. (He presses a doorbell on

the cave.)

TRACK 23: SFX DOORBELL

DUSTY: (After an expectant pause) No one in! Typical!

SANDY: Let's try round the back.

TRACK 24: BANDIT PLAY ON #1

(Dusty and Sandy exit as Bongo and the Bandits enter on the other side. Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi's names are pronounced to sound similar to 'is he', 'was he' and 'has he'. Mufti & Tufti each carry a bag of coins, Shifti and Gonk each carry a large lollipop and Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi carry the bowls of jewels which they stole in Scene One. All these items are hidden from view until revealed later.)

BONGO: Look lively, you fools. Let's check we're all here. Izzi?

IZZI: Yes, Bongo!

BONGO: Wazzi?

WAZZI: Here, Bongo!

BONGO: Azzi?

AZZI: Aye-aye, Bongo!

BONGO: Mufti?

MUFTI: That's me, Bongo!

BONGO: Tufti?

TUFTI: Right here, Bongo!

BONGO: Shifti?

SHIFTI: Yes, Bongo!

BONGO: Gonk?
GONK: Hello!

BONGO: Now, my light-fingered thieves, what did you steal at the bazaar? Any

jewels?

MUFTI: No, we just stole coins from piggy banks. (He and Tufti hold up their

bags of coins)

BONGO: Coins from piggy banks?

TUFTI: We thought the change would do us good.

BONGO: Useless robbers. Shifti and Gonk, I hope you had more success.

SHIFTI: Easy! Like taking candy from a baby.

BONGO: So what did you get?

GONK: (He and Shifti hold up their lollipops) We took candy from a baby!

BONGO: Call yourselves thieves? Izzi, Wazzi & Azzi, tell me you did better.

WAZZI: We bumped into three rich Sheiks. WAZZI: With birthday gifts for the Sultan.

AZZI: And now they're ours! (They hold up the stolen bowls of jewels.)

BONGO: That's more like it! Booty befitting Balthazar Bongo and his band of

bandits. Time to stash the loot where no one will ever find it! In our secret cave in a secret hideout, protected by a magical charm! Open

Sesame!

TRACK 25: SFX OPEN SESAME #1

(We hear dramatic music and the sound of sliding stone as the boulder magically moves to reveal the cave entrance in which Dusty and Sandy are giving a cheery wave and smile.)

DUSTY & SANDY: Hello!

BANDITS: (Shocked and scared) Aagghh!

BONGO: (Furious) What's this? My secret cave is encased in solid rock,

sealed by an immoveable boulder and protected by the deepest magic.

It is impregnable! How did you ever get in?

DUSTY: You left the bathroom window open!

SANDY: You should be more careful - there could be robbers about!

BONGO: Who are you fools?

DUSTY: I'm Dusty, he's Sandy.

BONGO: It's a desert - what do you expect?

SANDY: Silly Billy! That's us! Dusty and Sandy Sandals.

DUSTY: We're here about the job.

SANDY: Two thieves needed for secret gang.

(Bongo walks with Dusty and Sandy to the front of the stage whilst the other bandits put their booty in the cave, then form their line again.)

BONGO: I see. Have you any... experience?

DUSTY: Our parents were in the steel and iron business.

SANDY: Yes, Dad stole fivers, Mum ironed them!

BONGO: So you've both got the same passion for crime?

DUSTY: Oh yes, crime runs in our family! **SANDY:** And we've got the same noses.

DUSTY: Noses run in our family, too! (They both simultaneously sniff and

wipe their noses.)

BONGO: You're certainly as thick as thieves!

(The Bandits all laugh.)

SANDY: Oh go on! We're happy to do anything.

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DUSTY: To cook, to clean...

BONGO: (Evilly) To die?

SANDY: (*Misunderstanding*) To die, tomorrow - all week if you like!

BONGO: Very well, you're in. I'm Balthazar Bongo and these are my Bongo

Bandits.

(The Bandits each shout out their names and pose menacingly.)

MUFTI: Mufti!
TUFTI: Tufti!
SHIFTI: Shifti!
GONK: Gonk!
IZZI: Izzi!
WAZZI: Wazzi!
AZZI: Azzi!

(Bongo approaches Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi, who despite being identical triplets are actually as different as it is possible to be.)

BONGO: Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi are identical triplets.

DUSTY: Izzi, Wazzi and Azzi?

SANDY: How can you tell them apart?

BONGO: Simple! (*indicating Azzi*) Azzi's the tallest - he was born first.

DUSTY & SANDY: Was 'e?

BONGO: (*Indicating Wazzi*) No, Wazzi's the shortest.

DUSTY & SANDY: Is 'e?

BONGO: (*Indicating Izzi*) No, Izzi's got a birthmark on his bum.

(Izzi points to his rear)

DUSTY & SANDY: 'As 'e?

BONGO: (Losing his patience) No, Azzi's the tallest - he was born first!

(Bongo moves to the front of the stage and Dusty and Sandy follow, standing either side of him. The other Bandits gather around and they all form a hunched huddle to listen to Bongo's secret plan.)

BONGO: Now for my latest plan. We shall raid the Sultan's Palace!

BANDITS: The Sultan's Palace?

BONGO: You must each steal three bags full of treasure.

BANDITS: Yes, Sir!
BONGO: Do not fail!
BANDITS: No, Sir!

BANDITS: How much treasure?

Three bags full, Sir!

BONGO: Soon, Old Baghdad will quake at the very name of the Bongo Bandits

- the most incredible robber band!

BANDITS: (Punching the air with a triumphant shout) Aarrgghh!

TRACK 26: BONGO BANDITS

(The Chorus enter and take their positions behind the Bandits to sing and dance.)

ALL: CREEPING THROUGH THE NIGHT, KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT,

READY FOR A FIGHT, WE'RE THE FORTY THIEVES! BRAVER THAN THE BRAVE, GRAVER THAN THE GRAVE, GUARD THE SECRET CAVE, WE'RE THE FORTY THIEVES!

SO WITH A SWORD IN HAND, WE RIDE THE DESERT SAND

HAIRY, SCARY BANDITS IN A BARON LAND!

SO OPEN SESAME, AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE -

WE ARE THE MOST INCREDIBLE ROBBER BAND!

BONGO BANDITS! BONGO BANDITS! BONGO BANDITS!

DIRTY DEEDS ARE DONE, ROB FROM EVERYONE TREASURE BY THE TON, WE'RE THE FORTY THIEVES!

TAKING WHAT WE MAY, MAKE A GETAWAY,

CRIME IS SURE TO PAY, WE'RE THE FORTY THIEVES!

SO WITH A SWORD IN HAND, WE RIDE THE DESERT SAND

HAIRY, SCARY BANDITS IN A BARON LAND!

SO OPEN SESAME, AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE -

WE ARE THE MOST INCREDIBLE ROBBER BAND!

BONGO: (Shouted) Rubies!

ALL: (Punching the air) Yeah!
BONGO: (Shouted) Diamonds!
ALL: (Punching the air) Yeah!
BONGO: (Shouted) Sapphires!
ALL: (Punching the air) Yeah!

BONGO: (Shouted) Opals!

ALL: (Punching the air) Yeah!

DUSTY & SANDY: Wait! How do we pinch all that?

(Bongo puts an arm around Dusty and Sandy and sings gently to them in a rather familiar way.)

BONGO: YOU'VE GOT TO NICK A LOCKET OR TWO, BOYS,

OR MAYBE THREE OR FOUR!

(The Chorus and Bandits link arms to form a kick line.)

ALL: SO WITH A SWORD IN HAND, WE RIDE THE DESERT SAND

HAIRY, SCARY BANDITS IN A BARON LAND!

SO OPEN SESAME, AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE -

WE ARE THE MOST INCREDIBLE ROBBER BAND!

SO WITH A SWORD IN HAND, WE RIDE THE DESERT SAND

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SO OPEN SESAME, AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE -

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HEY!

(Blackout.)

TRACK 27: SULTAN'S PALACE

SCENE THREE: THE SULTAN'S PALACE

(The Sultan's Palace. The Sultan is sat on his throne polishing his Royal Ruby, an enormous red and sparkling gem stone. Mustapha and Booboo are stood to one side. Alakazam addresses the audience.)

ALAKAZAM: Unaware of the mayhem that the Bongo Bandits are about to unleash,

Sultan Pepper is relaxing in the Royal Palace, polishing his prized

possession - the Royal Ruby!

SULTAN: Oh, Mustapha, I love birthdays. It's the one day I get to show off my

Royal Ruby, finest gem in all Arabia!

VIZIER: (To Booboo) And full of mystical magic, not that the old fool knows it,

Booboo. Legend says it contains a powerful Genie that will grant my every wish. Soon that ruby and its Genie will be mine, and I shall be

Sultan!

SULTAN: (*To the ruby*) You know, you're looking more beautiful than ever

today.

VIZIER: Oh, thank you, your majesty. I'm using a new moisturiser.

SULTAN: Not you, Mustapha! I'm talking to my ruby. Now tell me, is my surprise

banquet prepared?

VIZIER: Yes, oh mighty one! A feast of finest Arabian delicacies. Pizza, jelly

and ice cream. The whole city has been invited.

SULTAN: Yes, but I don't want any of those horrible little wrinkly things on

sticks.

VIZIER: Sausages?

SULTAN: No, old people! (*Pause*) And have you booked the circus

entertainers?

VIZIER: I'm afraid they're unavailable, your majesty.

SULTAN: Unavailable? What about the sword swallower?

VIZIER: Sore throat.

SULTAN: Human cannonball?

VIZIER: Got fired.

SULTAN: Fortune teller?

VIZIER: Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

SULTAN: Mustapha! Why don't people want to celebrate my birthday?

VIZIER: There is much unrest, Sire. The Citizens are revolting.

SULTAN: I know, I've seen them.

VIZIER: I mean they are unhappy, your excellence. They say the city is

overrun with thieves.

SULTAN: Thieves spoiling my birthday? I can't have that! Call the Chief Guard.

VIZIER: (Calling off) Achoo!

SULTAN: Bless you!

TRACK 28: SFX GUARDS PLAY ON #1

(Achoo and the other Guards march on and stand in a line. Booboo hits the gong and all shake.)

VIZIER: Achoo, inform the Sultan of the recent crimes.

ACHOO: Your excellence, the Citizens are being attacked by a robber band.

SULTAN: Oh dear! They can be painful when they're flicked in your face.

ACHOO: Not a rubber band, a robber band. They stole soap, shower gel and

shampoo.

APU: And they made a clean getaway.

ACHOO: Then they stole ten dogs from the pet shop.

ALEIK: But we have no leads.

ACHOO: They even picked the pockets of tiny toddlers!

AZIT: How low can they stoop!

ACHOO: And they've just set fire to the royal post-box.

AZHA: (Handing over blackened envelopes) I'm afraid it's blackmail.

SULTAN: But who is responsible?

APU: They call themselves "The Bongo Bandits"!

ALEIK: A secret band of forty thieves.

AZIT: They'll stop at nothing to steal anything.

AZHA: Especially gold, silver and jewels!

SULTAN: Jewels! Then my Royal Ruby is in danger! *(To the ruby)* Don't worry,

my precious. I'll protect you from the Bingo Bandage.

ACHOO: Bongo Bandits!

VIZIER: It will be safe in the Palace vault, oh wise one. The door is locked with

a magical key, and the key is safely hidden far beyond the wit of any

mortal man.

SULTAN: Where?

VIZIER: Under the doormat!

SULTAN: Clever! Very well! *(To Achoo)* Which are your toughest, bravest

guards?

ACHOO: Guard Apu and Guard Aleik, your excellence.

SULTAN: Apu and Aleik? Then I have a job for them. (Striking a royal pose

and shouting his command) I need Apu and Aleik!

ACHOO: (Shouting to his Guards) The Sultan needs Apu and Aleik!

(Apu and Aleik step forward and bow.)

SULTAN: Take the Royal Ruby to the deepest vault and stand guard outside.

The rest of you, go and watch out for those Big-nosed Bluetits!

ACHOO: Bongo Bandits.

SULTAN: Them too.

TRACK 29: SFX GUARDS PLAY OFF #1

(The Guards march off and exit.)

SULTAN: (Sulking) I hate having problems on my birthday.

VIZIER: (*To Booboo*) And they've only just started! (*To Sultan*) Cheer up,

your excellence.

(Three wealthy Sheiks crave an audience to offer their gifts.)

SULTAN: Oh, I bet they've got me lovely big, shiny diamonds! Bring forth the

three Sheiks!

TRACK 30: SFX GONG #1

(Booboo hits the gong and all shake again. The three Sheiks enter carrying their new gifts, each covered in a silk cloth. Aleg carries a rubber duck, Yahand carries a teacosy and Yabuti carries a garden gnome.)

SHEIKS: (Bowing) Salaam, oh mighty Sultan.

SHEIK ALEG: I am Sheik Aleg.
SHEIK YAHAND: I am Sheik Yahand.

SHEIK YABUTI: And I am (giving his rear end a wiggle) Sheik Yabuti.

SULTAN: (To the Vizier) These Sheiks are real smoothies. And wealthy too, I

see. (To the Sheiks) Tell me, how did you make your fortunes?

SHEIK ALEG: I made my fortune in camel milk.

SULTAN: (To the Vizier) Oh - a milk shake.

SHEIK YAHAND: I made my fortune vacuuming carpets.

SULTAN: (To the Vizier) Oh - shake and vac!

SHEIK YABUTI: And I invented the Hokey Cokey.

SULTAN: (To the Vizier) Oh - shake it all about! (To the Sheiks) Well, that's

enough chit chat. What have you got me?

SHEIK ALEG: Your excellence, please accept this exquisite... (revealing the gift)

rubber duck.

SHEIK YAHAND: This finely woven... *(revealing the gift)* tea cosy.

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SHEIK YABUTI: And this beautifully crafted... *(revealing the gift)* garden gnome.

SULTAN: (*Disappointed*) Is that it? A rubber duck, a tea cosy and a garden

gnome? Not exactly gold, frankincense and myrrh, is it?!

SHEIK ALEG: Your excellence, these gifts were all we could find in the bazaar.

SHEIK YAHAND: We had brought you gifts of jewels, oh disappointed one. **SHEIK YABUTI:** But just today they were stolen by a gang of thieves!

SULTAN: Thieves? I bet it was those Dingo Biscuits!

VIZIER: Bongo Bandits.

SULTAN: Exactly. My daughter was in the bazaar this morning. Perhaps she

saw something. Summon the Princess!

TRACK 31: SFX GONG #2

(Booboo hits the gong and all shake again. Semolina enters, still wearing the Princess's bag. Tapioca and Figgy follow her.)

SULTAN: There you are, Satsuma. We are safe in the Palace, you may take off

your bag. (She removes the bag) Semolina! What is the meaning of

this?

SEMOLINA: It was the Princess' idea, your excellence.

TAPIOCA: She wanted to go shopping on her own.

SULTAN: Semolina, Tapioca, Figgy! You puddings!

FIGGY: It's not our fault - she just went off.

SULTAN: My poor Satsuma. They called her "The siren of the desert"! And she's

just gone off! What a day! Revolting citizens, stolen presents and a

missing princess!

VIZIER: Look on the bright side - at least things can't get any worse.

(Achoo and the Guards enter running in panic.)

ACHOO: We've been robbed!

VIZIER: (Rubbing his hands happily) Oh dear, they just got worse.

APU: It's the Bongo Bandits!

ALEIK: They must have found the key!

AZIT: They've raided the Palace vault!

AZHA: And stolen the Royal Ruby!

ALL: The Royal Ruby?

SULTAN: (Loudly) Clear the Palace! Lock the gates! Find my daughter! And

find... my... ruby!

TRACK 32: PANIC

(Everyone exits in a panic, leaving the Vizier and Booboo alone. Bongo enters suspiciously and approaches the Vizier holding a large key.)

VIZIER: Bongo, my helpful thief! I see you found the key. **BONGO:** Under the doormat as you foretold, Grand Vizier.

VIZIER: And the jewels?

BONGO: On the way to our secret cave!

VIZIER: Just remember, the Royal Ruby is mine - so keep it safe! And when I

am Sultan, I shall have my revenge on the old one and make that potty Pepper pot pay! (Bongo wipes the spit from his eye) How

shall we punish old Sultan Pepper, Booboo?

BONGO: (Excitedly) I could grind up his heart! Then I could grind his liver and

grind his kidneys!

VIZIER: I was talking to the monkey, not the organ grinder. (Booboo mimes

drowning in a vat of vinegar, pouring it on crisps and eating them) Excellent, Booboo. Drown the old Sultan in a vat of vinegar,

then pour it on my crisps!

BONGO: Mmmm! Sultan Vinegar crisps!

VIZIER: Then the whole of Arabia will bow before me, Mustapha Widdle, the

greatest Sultan of all time. (Laughing manically) Mwa, ha, ha, ha,

ha!

BONGO: (Copying the evil laugh) Mwa, ha, ha, ha, ha!

(Alakazam quickly enters and holds up a card thought bubble above Booboo's head reading "Mwa, ha, ha,ha, ha!" as Booboo mimes an evil laugh. Fade to blackout.)

TRACK 33: BACK OF BEYOND #2

SCENE FOUR: THE BACK OF BEYOND

(The signpost and sealed cave are positioned as before. Alakazam addresses the audience.)

ALAKAZAM: And so our plot thickens like my Aunt Fatima's onion gravy! The evil

Grand Vizier plans to be Sultan, for it was he who ordered the Bongo Bandits to steal the Royal Ruby. Meanwhile, on the other side of the city, Ali Baba escorts his royal customer and her new carpet through

the dusty desert and find themselves in The Back Of Beyond!

(Princess, Ali and Humphrey enter. Ali carries a rolled up carpet.)

PRINCESS: My father will love this carpet, Ali. It's kind of you to carry it.

ALI: Well, it should be Humphrey carrying it, but he's got the hump! Come

on, Humph, shake a leg!

TRACK 34: SFX LEG SHAKE

(Humphrey shakes his leg.)

PRINCESS: You know, Ali, they say the camel is "the ship of the desert".

ALI: The ship of the desert? Just look at him!

TRACK 35: SFX CAMEL WIND

PRINCESS: Well, he's certainly got the wind in his sails!

ALI: It's his own fault. He eats everything he sees. This morning he ate my

bedside clock.

PRINCESS: Your bedside clock? How alarming!

ALI: So now I'm just waiting for the time to pass.

PRINCESS: (Laughing) Well, I think he's lovely.

ALI: Yes, he may have a big appetite but he's got an even bigger heart,

(giving Humphrey a friendly ruffle) haven't you Humph? And that's

what makes you my bestest, lumpiest friend!

TRACK 36: HUMPHREY

(The Chorus enter over the introduction and take up their song positions ready to dance and sing.)

ALI: HUMPHREY, OH, YOU'RE ONE OF A KIND,

FUNNY FROM YOUR TUMMY TO YOUR FURRY BEHIND!

YOU'RE BRAVE AND YOU'RE FEARLESS

AND READY TO BITE -

YOU'RE MY ARABIAN KNIGHT!

HUMPHREY, OH, WE KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE - WE WILL STICK TOGETHER 'TIL THE END.

ALL: YOUR LEGS ARE LONG AND YOUR EYES ARE BRIGHT,

YOUR HUMP'S AS BIG AS YOUR APPETITE,

HUMPHREY, MY LUMPY FRIEND!

HUMPHREY, OH, YOU'RE ALL THAT I NEED,

SUPERSONIC STALLION AND THE NOBLEST STEED!

WE'RE BLOWING YOUR TRUMPET,

WE'RE WAVING YOUR FLAG,

YOUR TAIL WE'RE WANTING TO WAG!

HUMPHREY, OH, WE KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE - WE WILL STICK TOGETHER 'TIL THE END.

YOUR LEGS ARE LONG AND YOUR EYES ARE BRIGHT.

YOUR HUMP'S AS BIG AS YOUR APPETITE,

HUMPHREY, MY LUMPY FRIEND!

(Ali, Princess, Humphrey and the Chorus perform a jazzy dance during the saxophone solo.)

HUMPHREY, OH, WE KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE - WE WILL STICK TOGETHER 'TIL THE END.

YOUR LEGS ARE LONG AND YOUR EYES ARE BRIGHT.

YOUR HUMP'S AS BIG AS YOUR APPETITE,

HUMPHREY, MY LUMPY FRIEND!

YOUR LEGS ARE LONG AND YOUR EYES ARE BRIGHT.

YOUR HUMP'S AS BIG AS YOUR APPETITE,

HUMPHREY, MY LUMPY FRIEND!

(The lights change as the music becomes gentle. Ali gets close to Humphrey and sings softly to him.)

ALI: SO KEEP YOUR SULTANS AND KEEP YOUR KINGS, YOU'RE THE WIND UNDERNEATH OUR WINGS

(Humphrey lets rip and everyone reacts appropriately. The lights change back as the music resumes its speed and romps to a joyful conclusion.)

ALL: (Spoken) EURGH!

HUMPHREY, MY LUMPY FRIEND!

TRACK 37: HUMPHREY PLAY OFF #2

(The Chorus exit, dancing. Ali and the Princess make a fuss of Humphrey, then hear a shout from off stage.)

DUSTY: (Off) Come on, this way!

PRINCESS: (*In panic*) Palace Guards! We have to hide! **ALI:** Why should we hide from the Palace Guards?

PRINCESS: Because I'm the Princess and I've run away!

ALI: What?

PRINCESS: I'll explain later. Now quickly, hide!

TRACK 38: BANDITS PLAY ON #2

(Ali, Princess and Humphrey exit. Dusty and Sandy each enter carrying a bag of treasure, Sandy also holds the Royal Ruby.)

DUSTY: Look at this lovely loot from the Palace, Sandy.

SANDY: We're the first back, Dusty. How do we get in the secret cave?

DUSTY: We must move the ancient rolling stone.

SANDY: Mick Jagger?

DUSTY: No, the boulder that covers the cave. **SANDY:** I'll never move that massive rock.

DUSTY: Boulder.

SANDY: (In a strong, brave voice and pose) I'll never move that massive

rock!

DUSTY: (after an incredulous stare and pause) No, it's a boulder. We just

have to say the magic words. (dramatically, with a flourish) Open

sausages!

(They both stare expectantly at the stationary boulder.)