

# ALADDIN

Tip! Tap! Tip! Tap! As I crept into Cave of Wonders I heard the sound of water dripping from the damp roof of the cave. The smell of the humid air filled my nostrils. Babu was gibbering worriedly while grasping on to the magic carpet's corner. I admired the hundreds of thousands jewels and gold, but one thing stood out to the rest. It had a colossal staircase leading to it. 'This must be what the strange man was talking about,' I thought to myself. Carefully, I stepped up the stairs making sure I didn't trip - the stairs had sharp rock edges. As I was about to reach the top, I peered back to check on Babu as I realized he didn't come up with me. \*Gasp!\* "No!" I shouted as the magic carpet was holding Babu from grabbing the forbidden gem. The more he got closer, the stronger his urge became to grab the gem. Suddenly, he snatched the gem out of the hands of a gold statue of a genie. I quickly took the lamp, sprinting down the stairs.

Everything started to melt when suddenly a mysterious voice appeared. "You have touched the forbidden treasure and now you will never see daylight again!" Unexpectedly, everything quickly started to melt. It was over. From out of nowhere, an intense heat filled the room nearly burning my skin. Before long, the floor was transformed into a pool of lava, which engulfed the column I was standing on. A flying chunk of debris from the wall hit me at a staggering speed sending me into the pool of lava. Hundreds of thoughts filled my head: was this it? Will I not live another day to see? Will I actually not see the daylight again? But then a miracle happened, I opened my eyes to see I wasn't being eaten by lava, it was the flying carpet. He saved me soon to see Babu was balancing on a tiny rock. Slowly I realized that one by one the rocks around him were being turned into magma. "We have to save him!" I ordered the carpet. Swiftly, he swerved down in the direction of Babu. I let out my hand so he could grab onto it. However, were so caught up on saving my animal companion that we hadn't realized that a gigantic wave of burning hot lava was chasing us. "Through there!" I shouted as I knew there was a way out. Unknowingly, I was sent flying towards what used to be a staircase from the entrance. I had hit my head on the corner of a stair...

I looked down and saw that a large rock landed on the magic carpet. The faint sound of breathing filled my ears, "Help me please," I asked the strange man from before.

“Give me the lamp first!” he told me firmly. I reached into my pocket and handed him the lamp but for no particular reason he just randomly started laughing. “You foolish boy!” he shouted. I was tricked! From out of nowhere Babu bit his dry, skinny arm. Forcefully, he threw my pet monkey into the collapsing cave. With evil burning in his eyes, he looked strait into my soul. “Good riddance child,” he told me right before he threw me of the ledge. Swoosh! The carpet had saved me yet again with Babu hugging my arm. We landed somewhere that hadn’t melted. Once we got off, Babu dug something out of his little coat, it was the lamp! Trying to keep it in we all burst into laughter thinking of how annoyed the mysterious man would be.

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