

SCENE 4: JOURNEY INTO THE DESERT

(ALADDIN follows JAFAR out of the marketplace and into the desert. IAGO trails behind. They talk along the journey.)

JAFAR

I know you have special talents, boy, and I need your help.

ALADDIN

Special talents, huh? What kind of help?

JAFAR

There is an enchanted cave that contains many wonders.

IAGO

We call it "The Cave of Wonders"!

JAFAR

Deep within the cave there is a lamp I need you to fetch for me. But, you must be sure to touch only the lamp.

ALADDIN

What do you want with a lamp?

JAFAR

Sentimental value. We'll make it worth your while.

(shakes another bag of coins)

You've heard of the golden rule, haven't you? Whoever has the gold, makes the rules.

ALADDIN

But why me?

JAFAR

You're nimble... stealthy... skilled. Instead of thieving, wouldn't you like to use your talents to make a name for yourself? To do something that would make any mother proud?

ALADDIN

Well...

IAGO

(aside to JAFAR)

You've almost got him. Mention the girl!

JAFAR

And perhaps impress a certain... princess?