

Literature • Fairy Tale

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The tale of Aladdin is known all over the world. While this story has different versions, it usually follows a similar structure and plot. **Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp** describes how Aladdin came to possess a magic lamp and the problems he overcame to keep it and its rewards.


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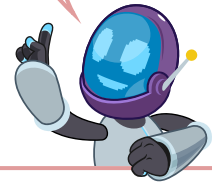
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Focus Question

What problems did Aladdin face throughout the story? How did he solve each problem?



Words to Know

cavern	murmured
gleaming	peddler
impressed	potion
kingdom	transformed
magician	

Connections

Writing

What would you wish for if you received a magic lamp? Write a paragraph about your wish and share it with the class.

Math

If Aladdin has 40 golden trays and each tray holds 25 jewels, how many jewels does Aladdin have in total?

A boy named Aladdin grew up with his mother in a small village. His father passed away when he was very young. Aladdin's family didn't have much.

One day, a **magician** arrived in the **kingdom**. He wandered through the streets, looking for a foolish boy.

"You there, your face looks familiar," the magician called to Aladdin. "Tell me who your father is."

"My father is Mustapha, but he's been dead for many years," Aladdin replied.

"Oh, dear me, it can't be true," cried the magician. He hugged Aladdin close and pretended to weep. "My nephew, you and your mother must need money for food. Are you working?"



"I just finished school and am looking for work," Aladdin answered.

"Meet me tomorrow, I'll buy a shop and make you a shopkeeper," the magician promised. In the morning, the magician led Aladdin out of the city, across the countryside, into the mountains, and to a cliff.

"Uncle, why are we out here?" Aladdin asked, looking around.

The magician ignored him and built a small fire. He waved his hands and **murmured** mysterious words. Before Aladdin's eyes, the earth opened up to reveal a deep **cavern**. He saw a passageway leading down stone stairs into darkness.



"Now, Nephew, you must do exactly as I say. Go down the stairs and into a golden hall. You will come to a fruit orchard with a path leading to a small lamp sitting on a stone. Blow out the flame, empty the oil, and bring the lamp to me," the magician ordered.



Once Aladdin entered the orchard, he couldn't resist plucking a bright red apple. Amazingly, the apple **transformed** into a solid ruby in his hands! He plucked a bunch of golden grapes from a vine, which changed to a cluster of pearls. Lemons turned to diamonds, and limes to emeralds. Aladdin also noticed a **gleaming** ring nestled among the grapes, which he immediately placed onto his finger.

Aladdin piled the lamp on top of the treasure in his arms and returned to where his uncle waited.

"Uncle, my load is heavy; help me up," he panted.

"Give me the lamp!" demanded the magician.

"I told you, Uncle, my hands are full," Aladdin pleaded.

"Foolish boy! Give me the lamp or stay down there forever!" The magician knew the lamp's magic would not work if he took it from someone by force.

"But Uncle!" protested Aladdin. Before he could finish, SLAM! the cavern flew shut, trapping Aladdin inside.





Aladdin wiped a tear trickling down his cheek and his hand fell against the lamp. Instantly, a frightful jinni stood before him. The Jinni of the Lamp announced, “What would you have? I must obey whoever holds the lamp.”

Aladdin was shocked, but immediately replied, “Bring me home!”

Word Wise

Jinni is the Arabic word for *genie*. Some people who study the origin of words think that the word came from the Latin word *genius*. Romans used the word to refer to a spirit that guarded people and places. The English and French term *genie*, which is used for supernatural beings in European cultures, comes from the Latin word.

In no time, Aladdin stood at his front door. His worried mother wept with joy to see him.

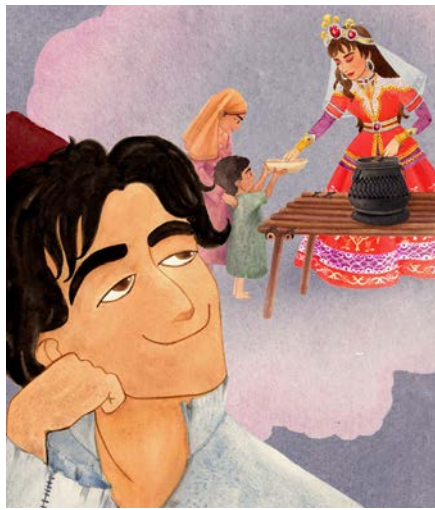
His mother polished the old lamp Aladdin had brought with him, and the Jinni of the Lamp appeared.

“What would you have?” the Jinni of the Lamp declared.

His mother was frightened, but Aladdin knew what to do. “Bring us a satisfying feast!” he shouted.

In an instant, the Jinni of the Lamp brought dozens of solid silver trays overflowing with food. When Aladdin and his mother finished, enough food still remained for many days. They would never be hungry again!





Aladdin and his mother would have lived like this forever. It all changed once Aladdin saw Princess Buddir, the Sultan's daughter, outside the palace one day. She was giving food to

hungry children. Her kindness and beauty struck Aladdin.

"Mother, I must marry the princess. Please go see the Sultan on my behalf," Aladdin begged.

"Have you lost your senses?" cried his mother.

"Only my heart," Aladdin replied.

Though she grumbled that she would never be allowed to see the Sultan, Aladdin's mother agreed to help her son. She piled the tray with gleaming jewels wrapped in rags. The Sultan's guards would have thrown her out, but the Sultan was curious about the bundle. He ordered Aladdin's mother to unwrap it.



Aladdin's mother bowed low, holding up the rag bundle. "Sultan, my son begs for your daughter's hand in marriage."

The Sultan burst out laughing. "Just show me what's in your bundle."

Aladdin's mother unwrapped the package, and the jewels glittered in the sunlit hall. The Sultan's jaw fell open.

"I am very **impressed**. Perhaps your son is worthy after all. Tell your son that he has seven days to deliver forty solid gold trays piled high with gems."

Aladdin's mother went home and repeated the Sultan's demands. Instantly, the Jinni of the Lamp produced trays of gold and jewels.

Aladdin's mother brought the jewels to the palace. "Again, I am impressed," the Sultan murmured. "Now, tell your son to have a splendid palace built by the end of the week."

When Aladdin's mother arrived home, she relayed the Sultan's demand. In a flash, Aladdin ordered the Jinni of the Lamp to build a magnificent palace in the garden across from the Sultan's window. The Jinni of the Lamp even ran a soft red carpet from the door of Aladdin's palace to the door of the Sultan's.

Aladdin dressed in the finest silk and rode to the Sultan's door on a beautiful horse.

And so it was that Aladdin and the princess were married. All the kingdom came to the wedding. Aladdin and Princess Buddir enjoyed happiness for many years.



Aladdin and Princess Buddir would have lived like this forever. However, Aladdin had a habit of throwing gold to everyone he met. Soon, rumors about a generous young man reached the magician.

The magician disguised himself as a **peddler**. He filled a basket with shiny lamps and approached the palace door one day when Aladdin was out. "Who would like to exchange old lamps for new ones?" he called. Princess Buddir peered out the window.

"Won't Aladdin be surprised when he finds a shiny new lamp instead of that dull one?" she said aloud to herself. She took the magic lamp and brought it to the peddler. Immediately, the magician rubbed the lamp and summoned its jinni.

"What would you have? I must obey whoever owns the lamp," the Jinni of the Lamp declared.

"Take this princess, her palace, and servants and send us all to a distant desert!" the magician cackled. With a flash, the palace vanished.

When Aladdin returned home to find his wife and palace gone, he was distraught. He wept into his hands, accidentally rubbing the ring he had discovered in the cavern.

“What would you have? I am the Jinni of the Ring, and I must obey whoever wears the ring,” the Jinni of the Ring said.



“Please, return my palace as it was!” Aladdin begged.

“Only the Jinni of the Lamp can undo what the Jinni of the Lamp has done,” the Jinni of the Ring responded.

“Then take me to my palace,” Aladdin demanded. Before he could blink, Aladdin

stood at the front door of his palace, which now sat in a distant desert. He snuck inside and shed tears of joy with his wife.



Princess Buddir told Aladdin about the magician and his trick to steal the lamp. “I have a plan to get our lamp back,” whispered Aladdin. He handed the princess a **potion** that made its victims sleepy.

Princess Buddir then invited the magician to dine with her. She secretly added the powder, and soon the magician was nodding in his soup.

“Why don’t you give me that old lamp?” she suggested. The magician, numbed by the potion, handed her the magic lamp.

The princess summoned the Jinni of the Lamp immediately.

“Take us and the palace back to the Sultan’s kingdom, and leave this horrid magician in the desert where he will never find his way out!” she ordered.

In the blink of an eye, they all returned home safe and sound. Aladdin's mother was happy that her son and his wife were finally safe. The Sultan was pleased to see his daughter again. After the Sultan passed on the crown to Aladdin and Princess Buddir, they ruled the kingdom for many happy years.



The Origin of the Aladdin Story

The tale of Aladdin was originally told by a Syrian storyteller named Hanna Diab in Paris to a French writer named Antoine Galland. Galland included it in a collection of stories with Middle Eastern origins that he published in 1704, *The Arabian Nights* or *One Thousand and One Nights*.

Glossary

cavern (*n.*) page 4

a large cave or a room in a cave

gleaming (*adj.*) page 5

shining softly

impressed (*adj.*) page 10

feeling admiration or respect

kingdom (*n.*) page 3

a country, state, or other community that is governed by a king or a queen

magician (*n.*) page 3

a person who entertains others by performing magic tricks

murmured (*v.*) page 4

said something in a quiet, low voice that is hard to hear

peddler (*n.*) page 12

a traveling salesperson who sells and trades many kinds of objects

potion (*n.*) page 14

a liquid mixture that is supposed to have medicinal, magical, or poisonous effects

transformed (*v.*) page 5

changed in form or appearance