

## (1) Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

Long ago, in a busy city in Crown Kingdom, there lived a kind but curious boy named Aladdin. He lived in a small and simple house with his mother, who worked hard every day. Although they were poor, Aladdin often dreamed of having a better and more comfortable life.

One day, while he was walking through the crowded market, a strange man noticed him and smiled. "I am your long-lost uncle," the man said, though it was not true. "Come with me, and I will show you a secret cave filled with gold and treasure."

Aladdin felt excited but also a little unsure. Still, he followed the man far into the hills. Soon, the man moved a large rock and revealed a dark opening. "Go inside and bring me the old lamp," he said. "Do not touch anything else, or you may be in trouble!"

Inside the cave, Aladdin saw piles of gold and shining jewels. "Oh my, look at all these riches!" he whispered. After searching, he found a dusty lamp on a small table and quickly ran back.

"Give me the lamp now!" the man shouted.

"No, help me out first!" Aladdin replied.

The man, who was a wicked sorcerer, became furious. He closed the cave with a heavy rock, trapping Aladdin inside. Frightened and alone, Aladdin rubbed the lamp with his sleeve. Suddenly, a cloud of smoke appeared.

"I am the Genie of the Lamp," the giant said. "Because you freed me, I will grant you three wishes. What do you want?"

Aladdin's eyes grew wide. "I wish to return home to my mother!" he cried.

In a flash, he was back in his house. Later, he used his second wish to become a prince because he wanted to marry Princess Jasmine. At the palace, the Sultan said, "You are a brave and honest young man." Jasmine liked Aladdin for his kindness, not his wealth.

However, the sorcerer returned and tricked Jasmine into trading the magic lamp. "Take this palace and the princess far away!" he ordered the Genie.

Aladdin was heartbroken when he saw his home was gone. Determined to fix everything, he traveled far and found the sorcerer. Using his clever thinking, he took the lamp back. "I wish for my palace and Jasmine to return at once," he said.

Everything returned to normal. Aladdin smiled at the Genie. "I have one wish left," he said. "I wish for you to be free."

"Thank you, Aladdin! You are a true friend," the Genie said as he flew into the sky. Soon after, Aladdin and Jasmine were married and ruled with kindness. Aladdin learned that honesty and kindness were the greatest treasures of all.