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Aladdin & his Wonderful Lamp

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CAST:

F Aladdin
F Wishy-Washy / Hinge / RaaRaa
M Widow Twanky / Genie / Vizier
M Abenazer / Tipsay / Emperor / Dragon1 / Servant
F Princess Soshy / Bracket / Ho/ Dragon2

Scene1 Widow Twanky's Chinese Laundry

[*Enter Wishy-Washy {from outside door}. {He is a cross between Manuel/Fawlty Towers and Benny Hill's Chinaman. He speaks and moves in quick short bursts} He is looking for Widow Twanky but since the laundry, as usual, is full of steam, he is unable to see her, so he searches around the set.*]

WISHY: Widow Twanky, Widow Twanky. I have wonderful news. Widow Twanky. Widow Twanky. Wonderful news.... Wishy-Washy no find Widow Twanky. Widow Twanky, where are you?..... [sees the audience] Oh, hello, boys and girls. [**audience: Hello; feebly**] Oh, come on! You can do better than that. Hello, boys and girls! [**audience: Hello**] That's better. My name Wishy-Washy. You like that ? Wishy-Washy. Good eh! I work here in Widow Twanky Chinese Laundry. It very good laundry. Best laundry in all China. Our motto is "Red, blue or green, we get it clean". Good, ha? Anyway, enough time wasted chatting you lot, must find Widow Twanky. I have some wonderful news for her and her son Aladdin.... Here ! I don't suppose you seen Widow Twanky, have you ?....[**audience: answers**] No ? Well, you'd know if you'd seen her. [*he demonstrates*] She very big lady who talks very loud. Sort of like Headteacher.... [*spots Headteacher*] Oh, beg pardon! No offence intended. Most humble apologies. [*bows*] Anyway, must find Widow Twanky, straight 'way. So will you help me, boys and girls ? [**audience: Yes**] Will you ? [**audience: Yes**] I can't hear you. Will you help me ? [**audience: Yes**] Good! Ok. After 3, we all shout "Widow Twanky, where are you ?". Ok! Got that ? Ready ! 1....2....3 [*with audience*] Widow Twanky, where are you ?

[*{Behind you routine & slapstick in the steam}. Widow Twanky crosses with Princess Soshy's Servant. Wishy-Washy fails to see them in the steam*]

TWANKY: Did you hear someone call ?

SERV: I'm not sure, Widow Twanky. But Princess Soshy needs to speak with you at once.

TWANKY: It's always a great pleasure to have a visit from her highness.

[*Widow Twanky and Servant exit on the opposite side. {outside door}*]

WISHY: Was someone there ? [**audience: Yes**] Was it Widow Twanky ? [**audience: Yes**] Drat. We missed her. Tut! We better shout 'gain. Ok ! And this time shout nice and loud when you see her. Ok! After 3. 1....2....3 [*with audience*] Widow Twanky where are you ?

[*Widow Twanky crosses with Princess Soshy followed by her servant {from outside door}. Wishy-Washy again fails to see them. The children misdirecting him.*]

WISHY: Over here ?

TWANKY: I thought I heard someone shouting.

WISHY: There's no one here. Are you sure ? Oh, over there ?

SOSHY: Well, it most certainly wasn't me. One has servants to do that ?

TWANKY: Of course, your highness. This way.

[*Widow Twanky, Princess Soshy and her Servant exit opposite side.*]

WISHY: There's no one here. Are you sure you saw someone ? Well, tell you what, we try one more time. And remember to tell me if you see anyone at all. Ok! After 3. 1....2....3 [*with audience*] Widow Twanky, where are you?

[*{Behind you}. This time Aladdin enters*]

WISHY: There's someone there? [**audience: Yes**] Over here ?.... There's no one here. Are you sure ? ... What over there ? No! Come on ! You pulling my leg. There's no one here. What behind me ? [*walks in circle, Aladdin behind him*] I can't see anyone. [*Aladdin give him a fright*] Argh!.....Oh, Aladdin. You give me big fright. Look everyone, this is Aladdin.

ALADDIN: Hello, Wishy-Washy. Hello, boys and girls. [**audience: Hello**]

WISHY: My good friend, I have some great news for you.

ALADDIN: Really?

WISHY: Most certainly, yes.... When I was passing through the market place, not half-hour ago, I was stopped by man who says to me. "You know where I can find a boy named Aladdin".

ALADDIN: He was looking for me ?

WISHY: Yes, and at first Wishy-Washy thinking that Aladdin been up to his old tricks.....

ALADDIN: I don't know what you mean.

WISHY: Oh, who you try fool Aladdin, everybody knows all you do all day is run around the streets playing tricks on people.... and then running away before the Policemen come; Neenaw, Neenaw; to catch you. Did you not play trick on Wishy-Washy not two minute ago ? He did, didn't he boys and girls ? [**audience: Yes**] Yes! It would do you good to be hard-working, nine-to-five, washing machine Johnnie like me. What you need is a proper job.

ALADDIN: A job. Me? No fear.

WISHY: Tut ! I don't know. Anyway it turn out that this man, you Uncle....

ALADDIN: My Uncle ?

WISHY: Yes, you Uncle. What wrong with you? I think you need your ears cleaned out, wishy-washy. [*He licks his finger and tries to stick it into Aladdin's ear*]

ALADDIN: No. No. I'm fine..... My Uncle ?

WISHY: Your father's brother come back from Africa where he been for 40 years.

ALADDIN: Well, we must tell, Mother..... I wonder where she is ? Have you seen her ?

WISHY: No. But we could shout for her. Couldn't we, boys and girls ? [**audience: Yes**] After 3 then. 1...2...3. [*with audience*] Widow Twanky, where are you ?

[*Enter Widow Twanky*]

TWANKY: Oh, hello boys and girls. [**audience: Hello**] Now, what's all this shouting about ? Can't you see I'm with a customer.

[*Enter Princess Soshy and her Servant. She holds up a pair of long-johns with holes in. Aladdin is already in love with her (and does the Perry/Harry Enfield type sighing until she leaves). Wishy-Washy bows but Aladdin doesn't.*]

SOSHY: It just not good enough, Widow Twanky.

ALADDIN: [*sigh*] Princess Soshy!

SOSHY: I mean to say, just look at them.

WISHY: Snap out of it Aladdin, you want to be sent to jail ?

ALADDIN: Oh, yes.... I mean, no ! [*Aladdin bows.*]

SOSHY: Everything's the same. Full of holes.

TWANKY: They might have been like that when they arrived ?

SOSHY: Are you suggesting that my Father, the Emperor of China, could have holes in his underwear ?

TWANKY: Well, let's face it, they're not exactly, Calvin Klein are they ?

SOSHY: I hope that that was not intended to be an insolent remark, Widow Twanky.....

TWANKY: Oh no, your highness ! [*bowing*] No, never your highness. I'm sure it was all our fault, and it won't happen again, honestly.

SOSHY: It had better not. Otherwise, you will lose your head..... and we will be taking the Royal laundry elsewhere.

TWANKY: [*feeling her neck and bowing very low*] You have my word, your highness, and..... we shall do the next lot for free, of course.

WISHY: Free ?

TWANKY: Yes.... well it's that or we could all lose our heads.

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WISHY: Free!

SOSHY: Good, then I shall return to the palace and have it prepared. [*to Servant*] Go! [*to Twanky*] But it better come back in a better state than this lot did.

TWANKY: You have my guarantee, your highness.

SOSHY: Good day.

[*Soshy stops, smiles and winks at Aladdin before exiting followed by her Servant*]

TWANKY: What's the matter with you, Aladdin. Have you never seen a Princess before ?

WISHY: Oh, yes, he seen her before.... and now Aladdin is in love.

TWANKY: With her ?

ALADDIN: Yes, she's a Princess.

TWANKY: Yes, well she might be a Princess but she's only Royalty, Aladdin... and anyone who's anyone comes to Widow Twanky's Laundry to have their washing done. [*She pulls out various bits of washing from the machines.*] I mean, look at this! Simon Cowell's trousers!..... George Bush's underpants!..... Superman's Cape! Tut! Those Kryptonite stains are dreadful to get out! Brigit Jones' Knickers! Oh, dear! I think they've shrunk in the wash. And here we have Big Cook and Little Cook's aprons. Oh, what's this ? [*looks at name tag*] Elvis Presley? Tut! We must have had this a very long time.

WISHY: Oh, no! It only come in, day before yesterday.

[*X-files music*]

TWANKY: Really?... Well I suppose the truth is out there..... And what's this ? [*she holds up an invisible cloak*]

WISHY: Oh, yes! Harry Potter was in earlier, and left his Invisibility Cloak for special cleaning.

TWANKY: Yes. Well as I said, they all come here.

ALADDIN: Oh but, Princess Soshy. Isn't she the most beautiful girl in the world ?

TWANKY: Snap out of it, Aladdin !

[***song: I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair /South Pacific & *** Love Changes Everything***].