

The Golden Voyage of Sinbad



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CAST

SINBAD	/ SNAKE CHARMER	/ SWASH	/ WIND DEMON
BEN	/ CARPET SELLER / WALKER		/ WIND DEMON
SARAH	/ SPICE SELLER	/ VERMIN	/ DRAGON
ALI KAZAM	/ JUGGLER	/ PIRATE KING	
TOM	/ BELLY DANCER	/ BUCKLE	/ MERMAID

Scene 1 The Market Place , Baghdad

[*Incense. Eastern music. Market SFX. While the audience comes in, the Market is in full swing. There is a Snake Charmer, Belly Dancer, Carpet Seller, a Seller of Spices and a Juggler. Once the audience is in the Snake Charmer exits. The Market continues until SINBAD enters*]

SINBAD: Ah! the busy market place. I often come here. I love the smells and sounds. The exotic spices. The hustle and bustle of the traders. I find it all so exciting... although it must seem rather strange to you, being visitors to our fine city. Ha! I could tell by your dress that you were strangers. What we would call tourists. So, may I welcome you to the beautiful city of Baghdad. I'm sure you will have a wonderful time here. [Starts to go] Oh! My name, by the way, is Sinbad. Some call me Sinbad the Sailor. You may have heard of me. I have given up my seafaring life since they made me king here. They made me their king because I saved them from an evil magician called Ali Kazam. I pray to Allah that you will not have the misfortune to meet him. He is a thoroughly bad man and would have turned everyone into his slaves.

[*Exit BELLY DANCER*]

SPICE: Ah! Sinbad how are you ?

SINBAD: I am very well, thank you.

SPICE: May Allah be praised for your well-being.

SINBAD: Why, thank you.

SPICE: Come and see the beautiful Saffron and this Cinnamon. It has just arrived on a boat from India. And... I have the tastiest dates in the whole of Baghdad. Here! I have saved the best just for you.

SINBAD: Thank you, again. [*tastes one*] These are delicious. But there is no need to give your best produce to me.

SPICE: No need ? Do you hear that ? Sinbad says there is no need to keep our best produce for him !

CARPET: But Sinbad, how else are we to show you our thanks.

SINBAD: Your thanks ?

CARPET: Yes !

SINBAD: But what have you to thank me for. Surely it is I who should thank you for making me your king.

SPICE: But you have given us seven years of peace and freedom.

CARPET: And long may it continue. We have you to thank for everything, Sinbad. It is because of you that we can carry on our trade without fear of being robbed. Even the pirates have given up attacking ships since you convinced them to turn over a new leaf and become good guys.

SPICE: So keeping the best of our produce for you is the least we can do. Here take it. I will not hear another word.

[*Exit JUGGLER . Enter TOM, with basket and shopping list.*]

SINBAD: Well, thank you, I shall enjoy them. [*seeing TOM*] Why if it isn't young Tom and how are you today, Tom ?

TOM: Very well, Mr. Sinbad. Mother has sent me to do the shopping.

SINBAD: Has she, indeed ?

TOM: Yes, she's very busy and doesn't have time to come herself. Well, since you got rid of [*whispers*] Ali Kazam ... the pirates don't go to sea anymore. All they do is sit around the tavern all day being miserable.

SINBAD: But why don't they go to sea anymore ?

CARPET: Well, when they go to sea they have nothing to do.

SINBAD: But I made them Special Policemen and asked them to take care of the merchant ships.

SPICE: Yes, but they were the only ones who ever attacked the merchant ships and since you got rid of [*whispers*] Ali Kazam there are no baddies to fight, and no one can think of any quests or adventures they can go on and all the treasure has been found. So they gave up.

SINBAD: That's terrible !

CARPET: Only for the pirates ! Tom's mother, Sarah, is doing a roaring trade at the tavern.

SPICE: Speaking of which, what can we do for you Tom ?

[*TOM goes with the shopkeepers and starts to get the things on his enormous shopping list*]

SINBAD: [to audience] It would seem that not everything I've done has been for the best. I must try and find something for the pirates to do. It's not good for them to hang around the tavern all day. Perhaps you could help me. Will you help me, boys and girls ? [audience : Yes] I'm sure you can do much better than that. Will you help me ? [audience : Yes] Good ! Now, we need to think of things the pirates could do to keep busy. Will you think about it ? [audience : Yes] Good! Now, I will just finish my shopping and then we can walk down to the tavern with Tom. If we can cheer up the pirates, then everyone in the land will be happy again. And it's my job to see that that happens.

[*Puff of smoke. Enter ALI KAZAM*]

KAZAM: And it's my job to see that it stops. [evil laugh]

ALL: Ali Kazam ! [ALI KAZAM gives them a filthy look. They whisper bowing] ... Ali Kazam.

KAZAM: [to audience] Well ? Booo! [audience: boo]. Oh come on, you can do better than that ! Boo! [audience: boo]. That's better. Now

SINBAD: I thought we had seen the last of you.

KAZAM: Well, you thought wrong. I'm back and not only am I, notoriously, needlessly, nasty.....

ALL: Boo!

KAZAM: ...but I can make the most stupendous, sorcerer's spells

ALL: [with audience] Boo!

KAZAM: ...the most chilling, cheese-curdling curses...

ALL: [with audience] Boo!

KAZAM: ... the most mischievous, magical mayhem

ALL: [with audience] Boo!

KAZAM: ...and I have come to take over your land, so from now on I'll rule you all and use you for my own extremely evil ends.

CARPET: But why here ?

SPICE: By Allah! What have we done to deserve this ?

KAZAM: Why ? Why ? I don't need a reason. I'm an evil genius set on world domination.... and I'm starting with this town.

SINBAD: You can't just barge in here and take over.

KAZAM: I didn't come by barge, I came by magic carpet.

SINBAD: You can't take over just like that.

KAZAM: Oh ? And who's going to stop me.

SINBAD: Well, I will... with a little help from my friends.

ALL: Who us ?

SINBAD: Yes you, and them too. [*to audience*] You will help me, won't you boys and girls? [**audience : Yes.**] I'm sure you can do better than that. Will you help me ? [**audience : Yes.**] There ! So you don't frighten us !

KAZAM: Oh, yes I do.

SINBAD: Oh, no you don't

ALL: Oh, yes he does.

SINBAD: Oh, no he doesn't

KAZAM: Oh, yes I do.

SINBAD: [*with audience*] Oh, no you don't

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KAZAM: Oh!...Well, we'll just have to see about that, won't we ? I think I'll turn you all into horrible, slimy toads covered in warts.

ALL: No !

[*CARPET seller and SPICE seller run off. ALI KAZAM goes to cast his spell and then changes his mind*]

KAZAM: No ... I have a much better idea. After all what use would you all be as toads..... So, Sinbad, you want to save these pathetic, penniless people, do you?

SINBAD: Yes ! I'm not afraid of you.

KAZAM: Oh, Yes you..... let's not get into that again. Your mission, Mr. Sinbad, should you accept it, is to bring me a tooth from the terrible sea dragon of Lazar.

SINBAD: The terrible sea dragon of Lazar ?