

Yellowbrick Publications

Present

Aladdin

A Pantomime in 1 Act

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Aladdin Dramatis Personae

Hanky
Panky
Hunky
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Widow Twankey
Genie of the Ring
Princess Jasmine

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Scene 1, The Twankeys' Laundry

DANCE 1, Villagers

HANKY Hello, boys and girls.
Is there anyone out there? I said hello boys and girls.

HUNKY That's better. Hey, Hanky, perhaps we should introduce ourselves.

HANKY Sure. Well, I'm Hanky Twankey and this is my twin brother, Hunky Twankey. *(Shows his muscles, oohs and aahs)*

HUNKY We live here in a little room above this laundry with our mum and two brothers, Panky and Aladdin. You see, we're very poor and it's all we can afford. *(Gestures for sympathy)*

HANKY We're much poorer than that, actually! *(Gestures for more sympathy)*
(Enter a whimpy Panky)

PANKY Hi, gang!

HANKY Panky, Where on earth have you been? We've been here for ages.

PANKY I had a bit of bother with my transport.

HUNKY What's that? Did your skate-board break down?

PANKY Much worse than that. I borrowed Aladdin's donkey, you know, the one with only three legs.

HANKY Sounds more like a wonky to me!

HUNKY Just a minute! I think I can hear someone trying a key in the back door.
(Panky goes to hide, Hunky goes to look)
It's alright, it's only Mum, Widow Twankey.

HANKY Look, boys and girls, Mum likes to have a good welcome when she arrives home. Could you help us?

PANKY All you have to do is shout out 'hello Twankey' every time she makes an entrance. Do you think you can do that for us?
(Reaction)

HANKY Quiet now, she's coming in.
(Enter Widow Twankey. Panky gestures to audience.)

ALL Hello, Twankey!

TWANKEY Ooh, hello everyone. Aren't you just lovely to give me such a warm welcome. *(Hanky gives her a Hanky to wipe her tears)*
You know, I don't really deserve it. *(Big blow of her nose)*
You see, I'm not really feeling myself at the moment. I haven't slept for ten whole days.

PANKY Really? You must be very tired.

TWANKEY Not at all, I sleep at night.
You see, we're so poor we can hardly make ends meet.

HANKY Yes, only today I said to Panky, 'If you've got a pound in one pocket and a pound in the other pocket what have you got?'
Someone else's trousers on!

TWANKEY I wanted to cheer myself up so I went out to buy a dress. A lot of ladies do that, you know when they are feeling down.

HANKY Show us the dress then, Mum.

TWANKEY There is no dress. The manager of the first shop said he doesn't give

estimates....and in the second shop they recommended I go to the camping shop and buy a tent! *(She wails. Others Aah!)*

PANKY Perhaps you should take up gambling.

HUNKY Yes, then you can change your name to Betty.

HANKY I know, I've got a mathematical joke that should cheer you up.
(Others groan and hide faces)

What do you get if you cut a potato in half and then divide each half into ten pieces?
(Panky works the answer out in great earnest, using his fingers)

TWANKEY I don't know. What do you get?

HANKY Chips! *(Falls about laughing at his own joke. Others groan)*

TWANKEY What sort of sons are you anyway, if you can't remember your own Mum's birthday? *(Blows nose and sniffs)*

PANKY Gosh, we're really sorry, Mum. We've been so busy trying to catch up with all this laundry from the palace that we clean forgot your birthday is today.

HUNKY How old are you this year anyway?

TWANKEY *(Pause, then modestly state)* Twenty-two.

HANKY How can you be twenty-two? I'm almost twenty-four.

TWANKEY Have you forgotten? Twenty years ago I made a new year's resolution; instead of getting older, I decided to lose one year off my age every birthday. Hence, I am a youthful twenty-two.

PANKY I get it. Instead of having a birthday you have an UNBIRTHDAY.

SONG 1 The Unbirthday Song

(Enter Aladdin)

ALADDIN Hi Mum, hi fellas!

OTHERS Hello, Aladdin!

ALADDIN Hello boys and girls. I see you've met my family. Aren't they just weird?

TWANKEY Aladdin, where have you been all this time? I expect you've been chasing some new girl. When you're not chasing girls you're dreaming about them.

ALADDIN Well, as a matter of fact you're right, Mum.

TWANKEY I knew it!

ALADDIN I have met the most wonderful girl this time.

HUNKY *(Aside)* That's what he always says.

ALADDIN No, wait. We only met last week but we have fallen in love already.
(Twankey encourages the audience to aah!)

PANKY *(Joking)* When's the wedding?

ALADDIN How did you know I've already proposed to the princess? *(Realises he has given it away. Much reaction to this news. Twankey faints and is caught by Hunky)*

PANKY But Aladdin, surely you know that anyone who so much as looks at Princess Jasmine is punished by death. Do you not fear for your life?

ALADDIN Why should I be afraid? The princess will protect me. I would like to give her a ring but I haven't any money.

HUNKY Ring her after six, it's cheap rate.
PANKY I know! What about that old ring of mother's....I'm sure she would let you have it. *(Goes to get ring)*
ALADDIN What a good idea! All it needs is a little polish. *(Takes the ring)*
Shall I do it now?
HANKY No, wait Aladdin! I really don't think you should.
ALADDIN Oh yes I should.
OTHERS Oh no you shouldn't.
ALADDIN What do you think, girls and boys; should I rub the ring?
(Reaction)
Right then. Here we go. *(Rubs the ring. There is a flash and the Genie appears)*
GENIE Oh Master, you have summoned me from the sleep of a thousand years. What is your wish? You only have to utter the words and it shall be fulfilled.
ALADDIN Wow, it's a genie and I'm his master. I wish....I wish...
HANKY Bless you!
ALADDIN What do I wish? I know, I wish that I were rich and could marry the princess.
GENIE Cor strewth! That's a bit hard isn't it? I mean, I usually get requests for instant Chinese meals or for mothers-in-law to lose their tongues.
(Meanwhile, Panky is fanning Twankey to wake her up)
HUNKY What sort of a genie are you anyway? You don't seem to have much power.
GENIE I'm a limited sort of genie. How would you feel if you had been asleep for a thousand years?
(Genie waves his hands at Twankey and she recovers)
HUNKY Cor, did you see that?
GENIE There you are, you see. I do have some powers.
TWANKEY Why, thank you young man. I say, you wouldn't be free this evening, would you? *(Hanky looks into the wings)*
HANKY Hey, look! There's a crowd approaching. Many villagers and some of the Emperor's soldiers.
(Three members of the palace guard enter: Nasty, Mean and Wicked, plus a crowd.)
NASTY Bow, bow, you common pigs. Don't you recognise the palace guard?
HUNKY Palace guard? You look like a circus act!
MEAN Silence, you fool, or you will pay with your head.
HANKY Funny sort of currency they use in the royal palace.
WICKED All those present are required to pay heed to a decree, issued this very day by the Emperor, Wun Bad Pong. *(Some snigger at the name)*
NASTY Is there a woman present by the name of Widow Twankey?
TWANKEY Yes handsome, that's me. My real name is Dorothy, but my friends call me Dotty for short. You can call me...
MEAN Hold your tongue, wench, or it will be severed from your throat!
TWANKEY So-rry!
WICKED In order to increase the royal revenue, the rent for this laundry will be increased forthwith to the sum of two gold shillings each year. *(Gasps)*

of horror)
PANKY You horrible little man! Why, you're no different from the rest of us.
NASTY Silence, you pig. If you insult me, you insult the Emperor.
MEAN The first instalment is due in advance, one gold shilling.
WICKED You have three days to pay....or else..... (*Mimes throat cutting*)
NASTY Or else..... (*Copies the mime*)
MEAN Or else..... (*The guards sweep out, the crowd murmur, Twankey weeps*)
ALADDIN Mother, don't upset yourself. I will not let the Emperor treat you so!
Princess Jasmine will not stand for it. If she truly loves me she will
help us. I will go to her at once. (*Exits*)
TWANKEY Aladdin, be careful. Your life may be in danger.
HUNKY Such bravado!
HANKY Such confidence!
PANKY Such foolishness! What can he hope to gain by going to the palace? He
is more likely to lose his head.
TWANKEY Don't mock the boy. He truly believes his princess will help us.
Perhaps she will!
SONG 2 Let's Get Together

End of scene