

The Sultan wished to get his daughter married to a prince. However, he gladly accepted the valuable gifts from Alladin's mother. He then laid down a condition : "If your son builds a magnificent palace within eight days, I will gladly give away my daughter to him."

Alladin's mother agreed to the condition.

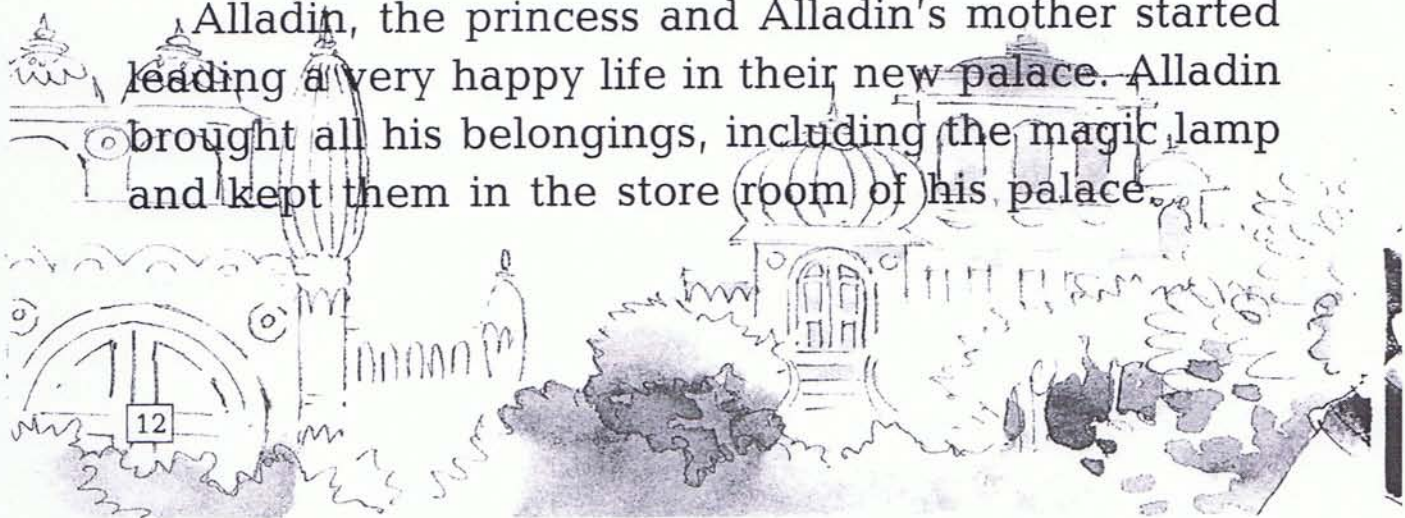
She went home and told Alladin about the condition laid down by the Sultan.

Alladin rubbed the ring against his cheek. The genie of the ring appeared before him. Alladin commanded the genie to build for him a huge and magnificent palace in front of the Sultan's palace.

In a few moments, the genie of the ring built a bigger and more beautiful palace than the Sultan's. Besides, he also laid a beautiful garden around the palace.

The Sultan and the princess were amazed to see the magnificent palace. The Sultan was assured that his daughter would be happy with Alladin. He sent for the *Kazi*. Alladin and the princess were married with great pomp and gaiety.

Alladin, the princess and Alladin's mother started leading a very happy life in their new palace. Alladin brought all his belongings, including the magic lamp and kept them in the store room of his palace.



THE NEWS OF ALADDIN'S WEALTH AND HEROES SPREAD FAR and wide. The wicked magician also heard about his prosperity. He realized that Alladin had not died in the cave that day. So, now the wicked magician disguised himself as an antique merchant and went to the city where Alladin lived.

That day, Alladin had gone on a hunting trip. The magician, disguised as an antique merchant, went to the palace shouting, "Exchange your old lamp for a new one..... Give the old one and take a new one....."



Alladin's mother heard the shouts of the antique merchant. Suddenly, she remembered the brass lamp lying in the store room. Alladin's mother and the princess did not know that the old brass lamp was actually a magic lamp. Therefore, they traded the old brass lamp for a shiny new one.

The magician rubbed the magic lamp. And lo! The genie of the lamp appeared before him. The magician commanded, "Carry this palace to Africa."

At that very moment, the genie of the lamp lifted the palace and took it to Africa.



When Alladin returned from his hunting trip, he was shocked to see that his palace had disappeared! The Sultan heard about it and he was furious with Alladin. He said, "Alladin, you have cheated me! Your game is up now. If you fail to bring the palace back within seven days, you will be sent to the gallows."

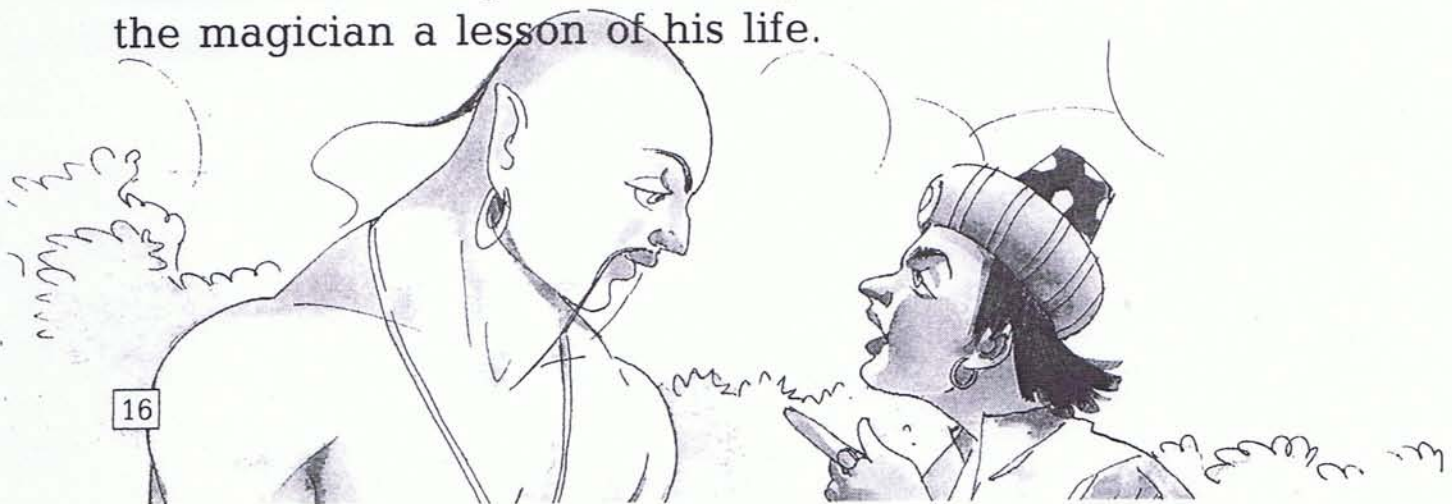
It now dawned upon Alladin that this evil act could have been done by none other than his wicked uncle.

Thinking this, Alladin rubbed the ring against his cheek. The genie of the ring appeared before him. "Get back my palace at once," commanded Alladin.

The genie of the ring said, "O master! The palace has been taken away by the genie of the lamp. He is more powerful than I am. I am helpless against him."

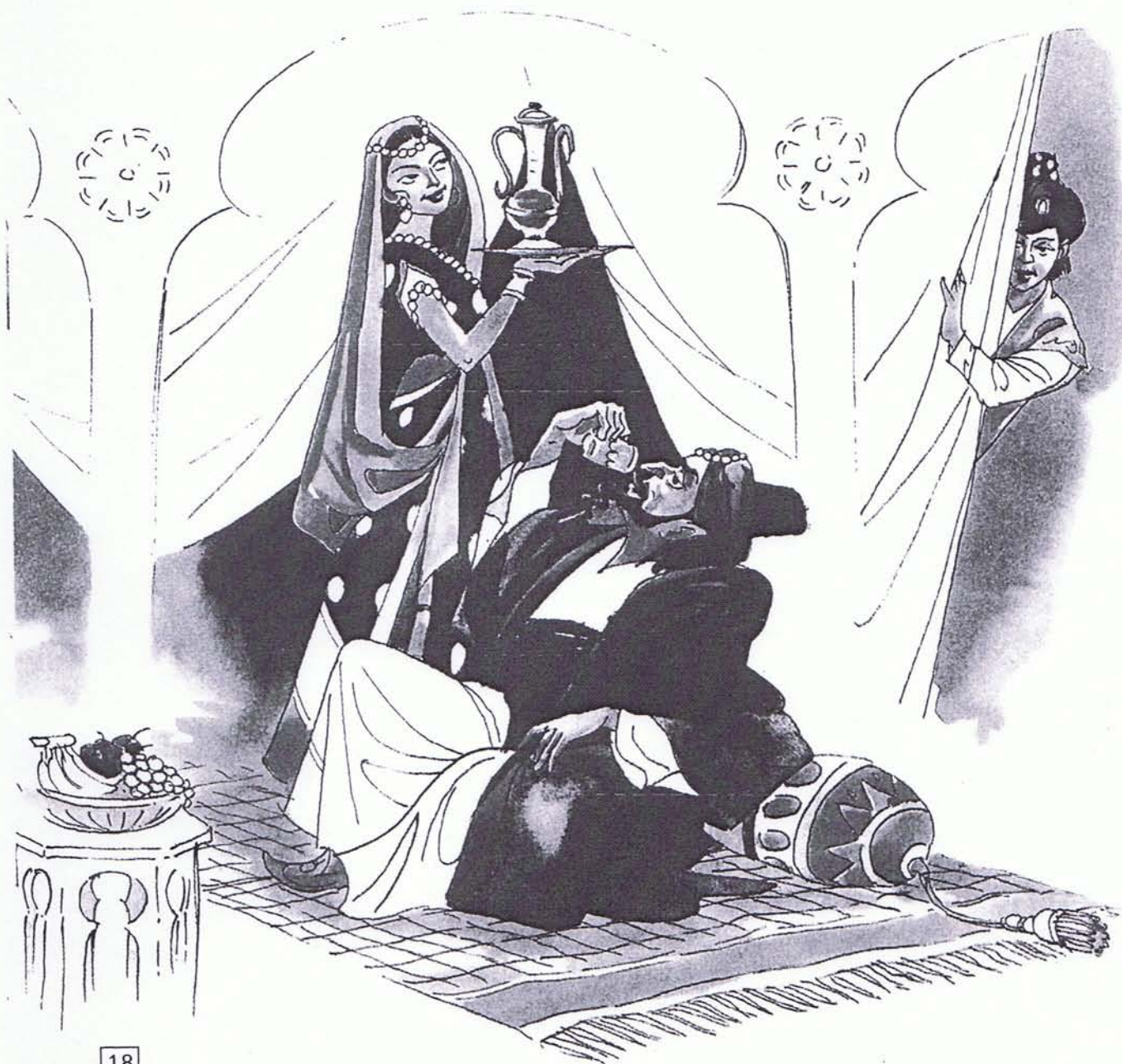
Alladin said, "All right. Take me to the place where my mother and the princess are taken away by the genie of the lamp."

In a flash, the genie of the ring landed Alladin in his palace in Africa. Alladin met his mother and the princess. They were thrilled to be together again. Alladin and the princess thought of a plan to teach the magician a lesson of his life.



In the evening, when the magician came to the palace, Alladin hid himself behind a curtain. The princess warmly welcomed the magician and spoke very sweetly to him. She gave him a drink in which she had mixed some poison. The magician gladly gulped down three glasses of the poisoned drink.

After some time, the magician fell down dead.





Alladin came into the room and took out the magic lamp from the magician's pocket and rubbed it. The genie of the lamp appeared before him. Alladin commanded, "Take this palace to its original place." In a flash, the genie of the lamp lifted the palace and put it back where it was before.

The Sultan was delighted to see everybody back safely.

After a few years, the Sultan crowned Alladin the new Sultan. With the help of the genie of the ring and the genie of the lamp, Alladin made his subjects happy and prosperous. Alladin ruled happily ever after.