

Aladdin Purim Script

SCENE 1: THE FUTURE

Genie: You there, come closer! Ahhhh! Too Close, Too Close! Phew. Take a look at my wares, you might find something that will interest you! Look at this, it's a combination latke maker and paper shredder! And this! A waterproof kepah to keep the top of your head dry when it rains. Wait wait come back, don't go! You seem to be a customer of refined taste. I have just the thing. It looks just like a dirty old toy crown doesn't it? But this crown once belonged to Queen Esther of Shushan. Let me tell you the story:

Entire Cast Singing

Shushan nights
Like Shushan days
They seem to excite, take off and take flight
To shock and amaze
Shushan nights
'Neath Shushan moons
A fool off his guard could fall and fall hard
Out there on the dunes

SCENE 2: STREETS OF PERSIA

(**Esther** is watching the king and his court parade through. **Ahashverhash, Haman and Vashti** are riding by in a chariot)

Vashti: Shushan is a wonderful place my king! Look at the colors! The music! There are so many different cultures here and yet we all live peacefully together.

Achashverosh: Yes my beautiful queen. Shushan is a place where we can all be happy.

Haman: Except for the Jewish people! It would be better if they were eliminated.

Vashti: Oh Haman, you wicked old bat. Why do you always smell like gym socks? In fact the king and I have been discussing the Jewish people. We think it is high time we made them full

citizens of Shushan. They should be allowed to celebrate their religious ceremonies, they should be able to own property. If we let them prosper everyone will benefit.

Haman: What? Vashti you fool. We can never allow it!

Vashti (singing)

Here comes a wave meant to wash me away
A tide that is taking me under
Broken again, left with nothing to say
My voice drowned out in the thunder
But I can't cry
And I can't start to crumble
Whenever they try
To shut me or cut me down
I can't stay silent
Though they wanna keep me quiet
And I tremble when they try it
All I know is I won't go speechless

Achashverosh: Don't speak to my wife that way, you old creep!

Haman has a magical snake staff and he pulls it out and puts it in front of Achashverosh's face, hypnotizing him.

Haman: You will listen to me! You will banish the queen and send her into the desert. You will help me destroy the Jewish people! I am Haman the wise.

Achashverosh: Yes. Banish the queen. Destroy the Jewish people. Yes. Haman the wise.

Esther runs in front of the cart and the cart crashes. Actors fall over to show this.

Haman: Why you! You little Jewish street rat! You scared the horses!

Esther: Street rat! Today is Shabbat, and yet we have to work, because of your corrupt laws! I'm out here scavenging things to sell in the market.

Achashverosh: Listen to Haman the wise.

Haman: Get out of here street rat!

Esther: (singing)

Riffraff, street rat

I don't buy that

If only they'd look closer

Would they see a poor girl? No, siree

They'd find out

There's so much more to me

SCENE 3: SHUSHAN MARKETPLACE

Esther: There's that snake Haman! What's he doing out here in the marketplace? Shouldn't he be at the palace?

Haman: I can't believe it! That old lamp that merchant is selling! That's it! The magic lamp! Now I'll become all powerful!

Haman buys the lamp

Esther: I bet I could steal that lamp from him. I'm a talented pickpocket.

She walks up to Haman and bumps into him.

Haman: It's you! That street rat!

Esther runs away.

Esther: Smell ya later Haman!

Haman checks his pockets

Haman: The lamp! She stole my magic lamp! NOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

SCENE 4: ESTHER AT HOME

Esther: Why did Haman want this dirty old lamp anyway? I better try to clean it off a little.

Genie appears

Genie: Master! Are you my new master? Mistress?

Esther: I'm Esther!

Genie: You rubbed my lamp! You woke me up! You get three wishes! No substitutions exchanges or refunds.

Esther: I wish—I wish that my father Mordecai and I and all the Jewish people could be free, to live how we choose and practice our mitzvahs and ceremonies!

Genie: Well, how do I put this. There are a few stipulations, habeus corpus, quid pro quo, rules if you will. You see in order to grant that wish I would have to change society in Shushan, and that would mean I would have to alter the minds and feelings of everyone in Persia. Technically I have the power to do that but I don't like taking over people's free will. It's not a pretty picture. And I don't like doing it!

Esther: Wait a minute. So you are an all powerful genie and you can't give me what I want?

Genie: Well I didn't say that. Believe me you don't want to live in a world where everyone you meet is hypnotized. You really just need to change the mind of one person, the king Achashverosh.

Esther: Yeah. There's something wrong with him. Something evil. He hurt his wife, banished her I think? No one even knows why. I need to find out.

Genie: Let's just ask him.

Esther: He would never grant me an audience. Especially after the new laws enacted yesterday. The Jewish people are just street rats to him.

Genie: I can make you a princess! Then you can talk to him! All you gotta do is rub that lamp!

Well Ali Baba had them forty thieves
Scheherezad-ie had a thousand tales
But master you in luck 'cause up your sleeves
You got a brand of magic never fails
You got some power in your corner now
Some heavy ammunition in your camp
You got some punch, pizzazz, yahoo and how
See all you gotta do is rub that lamp
And I'll say: Miss Esther what will your pleasure be?
You ain't never had a friend like me!

Esther: Genie, I wish to become a princess!

SCENE 5: STREETS OF SHUSHAN

EVERYONE SINGING

Princess Esther! Fabulous she!
Esther Ababwa
Genuflect, show some respect
Down on one knee!
Now, try your best to stay calm
Brush up your friday kepah
The come and meet her spectacular coterie

Princess Esther!
Mighty is she!
Esther Ababwa
Strong as ten regular men, definitely!

She faced the galloping hordes
A hundred bad guys with swords
Who sent those goons to their lords?
Why, Princes Esther!

She's got seventy-five golden camels
Purple peacocks
She's got fifty-three
When it comes to exotic-type mammals
Has she got a zoo?
I'm telling you, it's a world-class menagerie!
Princess Esther! Fabulous she!
Esther Ababwa

Achashverosh: Come on Haman! Let's go see Princess Esther! LOL wow she is so beautiful. I wonder if she would marry me? Imagine Esther, Queen of all Shushan! That would be rad.

Haman: Now now, my king. Remember what happened with your last queen? That didn't end so well. I think it is better you stay single, and listen to me, your advisor, Haman the wise. Stay away from Esther. Why, she's not even a real princess! She's just that Jewish street rat in disguise!

Princess Esther
Yes, it is she,
But not as you know her.
Read my lips and come to grips
With reality
Yes, meet a blast from your past
Whose lies were too good to last
Say hello to your precious Princess Esther!

Haman starts hypnotizing Achashverosh with his serpent staff again

Esther: Haman stop! You have controlled him for long enough!

Esther grabs the staff and smashes it on the ground

Achashverosh: Haman! What have you done to me! Guards! Throw Haman in the dungeon and go into the desert and find Vashti! Return my queen to me!

Esther: My king, it was all a lie. I'm not a princess. I'm just a Jewish girl. Just a street rat. I had to disguise myself so I could meet you, so I could speak to you. I knew something was wrong with you. You and Vashti....

Achashverosh: Haman was using magic to control me. But that ends now. My queen.....

Vashti enters

Vashti: From this day forward, the Jewish people will be free. They will live as they wish, and honor their rituals and fulfill their mitzvot as they see fit. I would have died out there in the desert, and my husband would have been enslaved to Haman's evil sorcery his entire life if not for Esther. From now on, in all of Persia, you will be known as Queen Esther.

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