

9. "Now, Aladdin," said the Magician, "you must do just what I tell you. Go down the steps and open the door. It will lead you into a palace with three large halls. In each hall there are four large brass-basins full of gold and silver, but you must not touch any of these. Pull your robe well up, and wrap it round you when you get to the door, so that you do not touch anything; for if you do, you will die at once."

10. "Walk through the first hall, and then the second one, without stopping. At the end of the third hall is a door which opens out into a garden. In this garden are many fine trees, all loaded with fruit, and at the far end is a ter'-race. There you will see a little hollow place in the wall, and in it a lighted lamp. Take this down, put it out, pour out the oil, and bring the lamp to me."

11. The Magician then took a ring from his finger, and put it on Aladdin's hand. "That ring," said he, "will keep you from all harm, as long as you do just what I have told you."

12. Aladdin went slowly down the steps, and opened the door. Then he pulled his cloak