

3. Soon the procession arrived at the palace. The Emperor was seated on his throne, and the black slaves laid their golden trays on the carpet in front of him, and knelt down behind them. Then they uncovered every tray, and showed the wonderful jewels spread out upon them.

4. When this had been done, Aladdin's mother stepped forward, and said to the Emperor, "My son has lost no time in carrying out your command. He hopes the present I have brought will be accepted by your daughter."

5. The Emperor was quite surprised with the splendour of the gold and stones before him, and said, "Go, my good woman, and tell your son that I wait with open arms to receive him; the sooner he comes the better I shall be pleased."

6. As soon as Aladdin's mother had gone, the Emperor ordered his servants to carry the trays of jewels to the Princess's room, and say he would come and look at them with her.

7. Aladdin's mother hurried home, and, full of joy, gave her boy the Emperor's message. "My son," she said, "you are to have your wish; the Emperor will let you marry the Princess, and he waits for you now, in his palace."