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Кот в сапогах / Puss in Boots

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There was a miller whose only inheritance to his three sons was his mill, his donkey, and his cat. The division was soon made. The eldest took the mill, the second the donkey, and the youngest took the cat.

The poor young fellow was quite comfortless because he received so little. “My brothers,” said he, “may make a handsome living by joining their shares together, but for my part, after I have eaten up my cat and made myself a muff from his skin, I must then die of hunger.”

The cat, who heard all this but pretended otherwise, said to him serious, “Do not be so concerned, my good master. If you will give me a bag and have a pair of boots made for me that I may scamper through the dirt and the brambles, then you shall see that you are not so poorly off with me as you imagine.”

The cat’s master did not believe him very much. However, **he had often seen him play a great many cunning tricks to catch rats and mice**,¹ such as hanging by his heels or hiding himself in the meal and pretending to be dead, so he did take some hope that he might give him some help in his **miserable condition**.²

¹ **he had often seen him play a great many cunning tricks to catch rats and mice** – он часто видел, как тот проделывал разные уловки, чтобы поймать мышей и крыс

² **miserable condition** – жалкое положение



After receiving what he had asked for, the cat gallantly pulled on the boots and slung the bag about his neck. **Holding its drawstrings in his forepaws,**³ he went to a place where there were a lot of rabbits. He put some bran and greens into his bag, then laid down as if he were dead. He waited for some young rabbits to come and look into his bag.

³ **Holding its drawstrings in his forepaws** – Держа шнурки в передних лапах

Soon, a rash and foolish young rabbit jumped into his bag, and the master cat immediately closed the strings, then took and killed him **without pity**.⁴

Proud of his prey, he went with it to the palace, and asked to speak with his majesty. **He was shown upstairs into the king's apartment**⁵ and, making a **low bow**,⁶ said to him, "Sir, I have brought you a rabbit from **my noble lord**,⁷ the Master of Carabas" (for that was the title which the cat was pleased to give his master).

"Tell your master," said the king, "that I thank him and that I am very pleased with his gift."

Another time he went and hid himself in a grain field. He again held his bag open, and when **a brace of partridges**⁸ ran into it, he drew the strings and caught them both. He presented these to the king, as he had done before with the rabbit. The king received the partridges with great pleasure and gave him a tip. The cat continued, **from time to time**⁹ for two or three months, **to take game**¹⁰ to his majesty from his master.

One day, when he knew **for certain**¹¹ that the king would be taking a drive along the riverside with his daughter, the most beautiful princess in the world, he said to his master, "If you follow my advice, your fortune is made. All you must do is to go and bathe yourself in the river at the place I show you, then leave the rest to me."

The Marquis of Carabas did what the cat advised him to, **without knowing why**.¹² While he was bathing, the king passed by in his coach, and the cat began to cry out, "Help! Help! My Lord Marquis of Carabas is going to be drowned."

At this noise, the king put his head out of the coach window and saw that it was the cat who had so often brought him such good game, so he commanded his guards to help the Marquis of Carabas. While they were drawing the poor Marquis out of the river, the cat came up to the coach and told the king that while his master was bathing, some rogues had stolen his clothes, even though he had cried out, "Thieves! Thieves!" several times **as loud as he could**.¹³ In truth, the cunning cat had hidden the clothes under a large stone.

The king immediately commanded the officers of his wardrobe to run and fetch one of his best suits for the Lord Marquis of Carabas.

The king received him very courteously.¹⁴ And because the king's fine clothes gave him a striking appearance (**for**¹⁵ he was very handsome and well proportioned), the king's daughter took a secret inclination to him. The Marquis of Carabas had only to look at her a couple of times, and **she fell head over heels in love with him**.¹⁶ The king asked him to enter the coach and join them.

The cat ran **on ahead**.¹⁷ Meeting some countrymen **who were mowing a meadow**,¹⁸ he said to them, "My good fellows, if you do not tell the king that the meadow you are mowing belongs to my Lord Marquis of Carabas, **you shall be chopped up like mincemeat**."¹⁹

⁴ **without pity** – без сожаления

⁵ **He was shown upstairs into the king's apartment** – Его провели наверх в покои короля

⁶ **low bow** – низкий поклон

⁷ **my noble lord** – мой благородный лорд

⁸ **a brace of partridges** – пара куропаток

⁹ **from time to time** – время от времени

¹⁰ **to take game** – приносить добычу

¹¹ **for certain** – наверняка

¹² **without knowing why** – не зная почему

¹³ **as loud as he could** – так громко, как мог

¹⁴ **The king received him very courteously**. – Король принял его очень вежливо.

¹⁵ **for** – так как

¹⁶ **she fell head over heels in love with him** – она влюбилась в него по уши

¹⁷ **on ahead** – вперед

¹⁸ **who were mowing a meadow** – которые косили луга

The king asked the mowers whose meadow it was that they were mowing.

“It belongs to my Lord Marquis of Carabas,” they answered altogether because the cat had frightened them.

“You see, sir,” said the Marquis, “this is a meadow which always yield a plentiful harvest every year.”

The master cat, still running on ahead, met with some reapers and said to them, “My good fellows, if you do not tell the king that all this grain belongs to the Marquis of Carabas, you shall be chopped up like mincemeat.”

The king, who passed by a moment later, asked them whose grain it was that they were reaping.

“It belongs to my Lord Marquis of Carabas,” replied the reapers, which pleased both the king and the marquis. The king congratulated him for his fine harvest. The master cat continued to run ahead and said the same words to all he met. The king was surprised at the big estates of the Lord Marquis of Carabas.

The master cat came at last to a castle, the lord of which was an ogre, the richest **that had ever been known**.²⁰ All the lands which the king had just passed by belonged to this castle. The cat, who found out who this ogre was and what he could do, asked to speak with him, saying he could not pass so near his castle without having the honor of paying his respects to him.

The ogre received him as civilly as an ogre could do and invited him to sit down. “I have heard,” said the cat, “that you are able to change yourself into any kind of creature. You can, for example, transform yourself into a lion, an elephant, or the like.”

“That is true,” answered the ogre, “and to convince you, I shall now become a lion.”

¹⁹ **you shall be chopped up like mincemeat** – вы будете изрублены на фарш

²⁰ **that had ever been known** – которого когда-либо знали



The cat was so terrified to see a lion so near him that he leaped onto the roof, that was even more difficult for him because his boots didn't help him to walk on the tiles. However, the ogre resumed his natural form, and the cat came down, saying that he had been very frightened indeed.

"I have further been told," said the cat, "that you can also transform yourself into the smallest of animals, for example, a rat or a mouse. But I can scarcely believe that. I think that that would be quite impossible."

“Impossible!” cried the ogre. “You shall see!”

He immediately changed himself into a mouse and began to run about the floor. As soon as the cat saw this, he fell upon him and ate him up.

Meanwhile the king, who saw this fine castle of the ogre’s as he passed, decided to go inside. The cat, who heard the noise of his majesty’s coach running over the drawbridge, ran out and said to the king, “Your majesty is welcome to this castle of my Lord Marquis of Carabas.”

“What! My Lord Marquis,” cried the king, “and does this castle also belong to you? There can be nothing finer than this court and all the stately buildings which surround it. Let us go inside, **if you don’t mind.**²¹”

The marquis gave his hand to the princess and followed the king, who went first. They passed into a spacious hall, where they found a magnificent feast, which the ogre had prepared for his friends, who were coming to visit him that very day but dared not to enter, knowing the king was there.

His majesty was perfectly charmed with the good qualities of my Lord Marquis of Carabas, as was his daughter, who had fallen violently in love with him. Seeing the vast estate he possessed, the king said to him, after having drunk five or six glasses, “It will be your own fault, my Lord Marquis, if you do not become my son-in-law.”

The marquis, making several low bows, **accepted the honor which his majesty conferred upon him**²² and that very same day married the princess.

The cat became a great lord and never again ran after mice, except for entertainment.

²¹ **if you don’t mind** – если вы не возражаете

²² **accepted the honor which his majesty conferred upon him** – принял почет, которым одарил его король

Упражнения

1. Ответьте на вопросы:

1. How many sons did the miller have?
2. What did the eldest son take?
3. What did the cat ask his new master for?
4. How did the cat catch the rabbit?
5. What title did the cat give to his master?
6. Was the king pleased with the gifts?
7. Who was passing by the riverside?
8. Did the meadow belong to the Marquis of Carabas?
9. How did the ogre die?
10. Whom did the Marquis of Carabas marry?

2. Расставьте предложения в правильном порядке:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- a) "Sir, I have brought you a rabbit from my noble lord, the Marquis of Carabas".
- b) He commanded his guards to help the Marquis of Carabas.
- c) "There can be nothing finer than this court and all the stately buildings which surround it," said the king.
- d) After receiving what he had asked for, the cat gallantly pulled on the boots and slung the bag about his neck.
- e) The cat became a great lord and never again ran after mice, except for entertainment.
- f) There was a miller whose only inheritance to his three sons was his mill, his donkey, and his cat.
- g) The king was surprised at the big estates of the Lord Marquis of Carabas.

3. Заполните пропуски:

on ahead	lord	the mill	advice
entertainment	fault	the donkey	
don't mind	son-in-law	game	

1. The eldest took _____, the second _____, and the youngest took the cat.

2. The cat continued, from time to time for two or three months, to take ___ to his majesty from his master.

3. If you follow my _____, your fortune is made.

4. The cat ran _____.

5. Let us go inside, if you _____.

6. It will be your own ___ my Lord Marquis, if you do not become my _____.

7. The cat became a great _____ and never again ran after mice, except for _____.

4. *Поставьте глаголы в Present Indefinite:*

1. The poor young fellow was quite comfortless.

2. He went to a place where were a lot of rabbits.

3. He again held his bag open, and when a brace of partridges ran into it, he drew the strings, and caught them both.

4. The cat, who found out who this ogre was and what he could do, asked to speak with him.

5. The cat became a great lord.

5. *Узнайте слова:*

llmi	
tboso	
chcoa	
rgoe	
tlscae	
nso-ni-wla	
cvidae	
nbelo	
demawo	
esugrow	

6. *Скажите иначе:*

1. The only inheritance of the miller to his three sons was his mill, his donkey, and his cat.

2. The king received him very courteously.

3. I can scarcely believe that.

4. Let us go inside, if you don't mind.
5. Meanwhile the king decided to go inside.

7. *Соотнесите английские слова с переводом:*

meanwhile	окружать
possess	вина
fault	совет
fall upon	тем временем
surround	развлечение
entertainment	узнать
find out	парень
fellow	владеть
for certain	наверняка
riverside	удача
son-in-law	нападать
advice	берег реки
fortune	зять

8. *Заполните таблицу формами неправильных глаголов:*

be (БЫТЬ)	was, were	been
see (ВИДЕТЬ)		
speak (ГОВОРИТЬ)		
know (ЗНАТЬ)		
give (ДАВАТЬ)		
go (ИДТИ)		
come (ПРИХОДИТЬ)		
run (БЕЖАТЬ)		
eat (ЕСТЬ)		
have (ИМЕТЬ)		
put (КЛАСТЬ)		
take (БРАТЬ)		
catch (ЛОВИТЬ)		
bring (ПРИНОСИТЬ)		
hear (СЛЫШАТЬ)		

Волшебная лампа Аладдина / The Story of Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp

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Once upon a time there lived a poor tailor. He had a son Aladdin. This boy was very idle; he wanted to **do nothing but play**²³ all day long. Soon his father **fell sick**²⁴ and died.

One day Aladdin was sitting in the street and playing with his friends, a stranger **came along**.²⁵ The stranger was a magician. And he asked Aladdin, “Boy, are you not the son of the tailor?”

Aladdin answered, “Yes, O my master, but my father is dead.”

The magician began to weep. Aladdin asked the stranger, “Did you know my father?”

The stranger replied, “My boy, your father was my brother! And now he is dead. O my son, where is your house, and where is your mother?”

Aladdin showed him the way to their house, and the sorcerer gave him some coins, “Take this money, give it to your mother and tell her that your uncle came.”



When the uncle saw the poor woman, he said, “I am your husband’s brother. Forty years ago I left this city and travelled around the world. I visited India and China, and Arabia, and Egypt. I studied magic there.”

²³ **do nothing but play** – не делать ничего другого, как играть

²⁴ **fell sick** – заболел

²⁵ **came along** – подошёл

The woman answered, “Indeed, my husband had a brother. But I always thought he was dead.”

“No, that’s not true, I’m alive! Please tell me about this boy.”

“This is my son, and he is very lazy. He doesn’t like to work; he wants to play all day long.”

“That’s a pity,” said the magician. “But tomorrow I will show him something useful.”

The next day the magician took Aladdin to the market and bought him a new dress. Then he led Aladdin from garden to garden till they came to a hill. Aladdin asked his uncle, “My uncle, where do we go? We came to the mountain. There are no more gardens ahead, so **let us turn**²⁶ and go back to the city.”

But his uncle replied, “No, my son. This is the road, and it is not an end of the gardens.”

At last²⁷ they came to two mountains. The stranger said, “**Gather up**²⁸ thin dry sticks to make a fire.”

Aladdin collected small dry sticks. His uncle burnt an incense and said mysterious words. Aladdin tried to **run away**,²⁹ but the magician caught him and **gave him a blow**.³⁰

The poor boy asked, “Why do you beat me?”

His uncle answered, “My son, obey me, and shortly you will forget all your troubles.”

Suddenly the earth opened. There appeared a square flat stone with a brass ring in the middle.

The wizard said to Aladdin, “If you do what I tell you, you will become richer than **all the kings put together**.³¹ **There is buried here a treasure**³² which is deposited in your name. No one else may touch it. Put your hand to the ring and raise the stone, only you have the power to open it. This treasure is immense. It is all for you and for me.”

So poor Aladdin said, “O my uncle, command me and I will obey you.”

And the wizard said to him, “You are like my own child! Go to that ring and lift it. And repeat your name and the names of your father and mother.”

So Aladdin said the names of his parents and lifted the stone. Before him **lay**³³ twelve steps.

The wizard said to him, “Aladdin, descend carefully there. You will find a place divided into three large halls. In each hall you will see four golden jars. Don’t touch anything, or you will die. Leave them and go on to the fourth hall. You will find a door. Open the door, enter, and you will see a garden full of fruit trees. Then you will see a ladder of about fifty steps. Come to a niche in a terrace. There stands a lighted lamp. Bring it to me.”

He gave a ring to Aladdin, and said, “My son, this ring will guard you. You will become the richest man in the world!”

So Aladdin went down into the cave. He found the halls and the golden jars. Then he came to the garden and went through it till he found the ladder. He climbed the ladder, took the Lamp, and went down into the garden.

The trees were all covered with precious stones instead of fruit. Each tree was of a different kind and had different jewels, of all colours, green and white and yellow and red and other colours. Aladdin gathered pockets full of them and said, “I will gather these glass fruits and play with them at home.”

²⁶ **let us turn** – давай повернём

²⁷ **at last** – наконец, в конце концов

²⁸ **Gather up** – Собери

²⁹ **run away** – убежать

³⁰ **gave him a blow** – стукнул его

³¹ **all the kings put together** – все цари, взятые вместе

³² **There is buried here a treasure** – Здесь лежит сокровище

³³ Обратите внимание на схожие по написанию глаголы: to lie (прошедшее время lay) – лежать, to lie (прошедшее время lied) – лгать, to lay (прошедшее время laid) – класть.

When he came to the steps, he was unable to climb them by himself, without help. And he called to the magician, “O my uncle, give me your hand and help me to get up.” The wizard replied, “Give me the Lamp, it is very heavy.”

But Aladdin answered, “No, the Lamp is not heavy at all. Give me only your hand, and **when I am up**,³⁴ I will give you the Lamp.”

But the wizard wanted only the Lamp and became very angry. The wizard cried, “You silly boy! You will stay here **for ever**!³⁵” He said magical words and threw the stick into the fire. Immediately the earth closed again. Aladdin remained under the ground. The magician was just a stranger and no uncle of Aladdin. He read in his magic books about a wonderful Lamp. This Lamp could make him the most powerful man in the world. He heaped the earth over Aladdin. Then he went away.

But **as for**³⁶ Aladdin, he began to call his uncle. He shouted, and no one answered him. Then he understood that the stranger **was no uncle at all**.³⁷ So Aladdin began to weep.

Then he began to **look for**³⁸ an exit. The doors were shut. But he noticed the ring! The false uncle gave him a ring and said, “This ring will guard you from all danger.”

So Aladdin rubbed the ring. Immediately a Jinn appeared before him and cried, “Here I am, your slave, between your hands. Ask what you want, for I see the ring of my master.”

³⁴ **when I am up** – когда я окажусь наверху

³⁵ **for ever** – навсегда

³⁶ **as for** – что касается

³⁷ **was no uncle at all** – не был никаким дядей

³⁸ **look for** – искать



When Aladdin saw the Jinn, he was very afraid. But the Jinn said, “Ask what you want, I am your servant, for the ring is on your hand.”

Aladdin said, “Deliver me from this place!” And the earth opened, and **he found himself outside**.³⁹

Aladdin came back home. He told his mother what happened and showed her the Lamp and the fruits.

Aladdin said to his mother, “Ah, my mother, that false uncle wanted to kill me! He is a sorcerer, a liar.”

In the morning his mother said to him, “We don’t have anything to eat.”

Aladdin replied, “Mother, give me the Lamp. I think we can sell it.”

She brought the Lamp. But it was very dirty, so she said, “We need to clean and polish it.”

She took a handful of sand and began to rub the lamp. Instantly a great Jinn appeared. “I am the Slave of the Lamp. What do you want?” The mother was very afraid and could not say a word.

Aladdin said, “O Slave of the Lamp, I am hungry. Bring me something to eat!” The Jinn brought him a magnificent tray, made of pure silver. On the tray there were twelve golden dishes of various delicious foods and two silver cups of clear water.

So they began to eat. After that Aladdin said, “The false uncle didn’t want gold or silver. He ordered me to bring him the Lamp. He knew its great value. But he tried to kill me, and he went away, so now this Lamp is mine. It will make us rich.”

When they ate all the food, Aladdin sold one of the golden plates. Then the Jinn gave him another set of plates. Thus they lived happily for many years.

And he learned that the “fruits” which he gathered in the Treasury were not of glass or crystal. These things were precious stones. And he knew that he was very rich.

One day Aladdin heard an order from the Sultan, “Let all the people close their stores and shops and stay home! The daughter of the Sultan will go to and from the bath.”

When Aladdin heard this order, he said, “All the people talk of her beauty. I want to see her face!” But this was very difficult because **she always went veiled**.⁴⁰

So Aladdin began to think about how to see the face of the daughter of the Sultan. **It seemed best to him**⁴¹ to stand behind the door of the bath so as to see her face when she came in. He went to the bath before her and stood behind the door. When the daughter of the Sultan appeared, she lifted her veil, and Aladdin saw her face. It was like a sun or a pearl of great price. He **fell in love with her at first sight**.⁴²

He returned to his mother. His mother spoke to him, but he did not reply and did not eat. So she asked, “O my son, what happened to you? Are you sick?”

Then Aladdin turned to his mother and said to her, “O my mother, I am well and not sick at all. But I saw the daughter of the Sultan. I fell in love with her. I want to marry her!”

When his mother heard his words, she feared, “O my son! You are mad. She is the Sultan’s daughter.”

Aladdin answered, “No, I’m not mad. I will win the lovely princess! I cannot live without her. I will marry her.”

His mother said to him, “But who will tell Sultan about it? You can not tell him yourself. You must **find a right person**.”⁴³

Aladdin answered, “I have you! Please ask the Sultan about his daughter.”

³⁹ **found himself outside** – очутился снаружи

⁴⁰ **she always went veiled** – она всегда была под вуалью

⁴¹ **It seemed best to him** – Ему показалось, что будет лучше всего

⁴² **fell in love with her at first sight** – влюбился в неё с первого взгляда

⁴³ **find a right person** – найти подходящего человека

His mother said, “**Cast away**⁴⁴ this thought and think whose son you are. You are the child of a poor tailor. And I am very poor, too. So how can you ask about marriage to a daughter of the Sultan?”

But at last she agreed to go.

His mother took a napkin and laid in it the magic fruits from the magical garden. They shone like the most beautiful jewels. She entered the palace hall. But the Sultan did not notice her.

She went every day and stood in the same place.

On the sixth day the Sultan said to his vizir, “Every day I see a woman. She carries something in a napkin. Who is she? Call her next time, I will see what she wants.”

Next day the Sultan said to her, “**Good woman**,⁴⁵ tell me what you want.”

She told him about her son’s love for the princess.

The Sultan asked her kindly what she had in the napkin. She unfolded the jewels and presented them to him.

The Sultan was very amazed. The vizir wanted the princess for his own son. So he begged the Sultan to withhold the woman for three months. During that time his son could make a richer present.

The Sultan told Aladdin’s mother, “I will think about it. But you must not appear before me again for three months. After that your son can marry my daughter.”

Aladdin waited patiently for nearly two months. But one day he heard the news: the son of the grand-vizir was going to marry the Sultan’s daughter.

Aladdin rubbed the Lamp. The Jinn appeared and asked, “What is your will?”

Aladdin replied, “The Sultan **broke his promise**⁴⁶ to me. The vizir’s son is going to marry the princess. My command is: tonight you must bring here the bride and bridegroom.”

“Master, I obey,” said the Jinn.

Aladdin went to his room, where the Jinn transported the bed with the vizir’s son and the princess.

“Take this **newly-married man**,⁴⁷” said Aladdin, “**put him outside**⁴⁸ in the cold and return in the morning.”

“Fear nothing,” Aladdin said to the princess. “You are my wife. Your father promised you to me. **No harm will come to you**.⁴⁹”

The princess was very afraid. She passed the most miserable night of her life. Aladdin lay down beside her and slept very well.

In the morning the Jinn returned the bridegroom. He laid him in his place and transported the bed back to the palace.

The Sultan came to say his daughter good-morning. The unhappy vizir’s son jumped up and hid himself. The princess could not say a word.

The Sultan asked, “What happened?”

The princess told how during the night the bed travelled to a strange house. The Sultan did not believe her. He **considered it an idle dream**.⁵⁰

⁴⁴ **cast away** – отбрось, выбрось

⁴⁵ **Good woman** – зд. Добрая женщина

⁴⁶ **broke his promise** – нарушил своё обещание

⁴⁷ **newly-married man** – молодожён

⁴⁸ **put him outside** – выстави его на улицу

⁴⁹ **No harm will come to you** – С тобой не случится ничего плохого

⁵⁰ **considered it an idle dream** – счёл это глупым сном

The following night **exactly the same thing happened**.⁵¹ The vizir's son was very afraid and said, "Your Majesty, I don't want to marry anymore. Please let me go."

The Sultan was very surprised but cancelled the wedding.

When the three months **were over**,⁵² Aladdin sent his mother to remind the Sultan of his promise.

The Sultan did not want to see Aladdin. So he asked the vizir's advice. The vizir said to him, "Just demand more jewels!"

The Sultan then turned to Aladdin's mother and said, "Good woman, I remember my promises. But your son must first send me forty basins of jewels carried by forty slaves. Tell him that I wait for his answer."

The mother of Aladdin went home. She thought that **all was lost**.⁵³

"Please calm," her son said, "I will do that for the princess – and even more!"

He called the Jinn. **In a few moments**⁵⁴ the eighty slaves arrived. Each was carrying two basins of wonderful jewels.

Aladdin sent them to the palace. The slaves entered the palace and stood before the Sultan.

The Sultan was very glad and said, "Good woman, tell your son that I wait for him **with open arms**.⁵⁵"

She came back home joyfully. But Aladdin first called the Jinn.

"I want a beautiful dress," he said, "a white horse, and twenty slaves. And ten thousand pieces of gold in ten purses." The Jinn answered, "No problem, my Master."

Aladdin mounted his horse and passed through the streets. The slaves were strewing gold.

When the Sultan saw Aladdin, he came down from his throne and led him into a hall. He wanted to marry him to the princess **that very day**.⁵⁶

But Aladdin refused, and said, "I must build a palace for her."

At home he said to the Jinn, "Build me a palace of the finest marble, with jasper, agate, and other precious stones."

The Jinn finished the palace by next day.

The Sultan sent musicians with trumpets and cymbals to meet them. The air resounded with music and cheers.

At night the princess said good-bye to her father. She was charmed at the sight of Aladdin.

The next day Aladdin invited the Sultan to see the palace.

Aladdin became the captain of the Sultan's armies. He won several battles for him but remained modest and courteous. They lived in peace and content for several years.

But far away in Africa the magician remembered Aladdin. He discovered that Aladdin escaped from the cave, married a princess and was living in great honour and wealth!

He decided to steal the Lamp. He travelled night and day till he reached the capital. When he was passing through the town, the people everywhere were talking about a marvellous palace.

"Forgive my ignorance," he asked, "**what is this palace you speak of?**"⁵⁷

"Did you not hear about Prince Aladdin's palace," was the reply, "the greatest wonder of the world?"

The magician saw the palace and became half mad with rage.

⁵¹ **exactly the same thing happened** – произошло то же самое

⁵² **were over** – закончились, прошли

⁵³ **all was lost** – всё пропало

⁵⁴ **In a few moments** – Через несколько мгновений

⁵⁵ **with open arms** – с раскрытыми объятиями

⁵⁶ **that very day** – в тот же день

⁵⁷ **what is this palace you speak of?** – что это за дворец, о котором вы говорите?

He bought a dozen copper lamps and put them into a basket. Then he went to the palace, crying, “**New lamps for old!**”⁵⁸

Aladdin was not at the palace at the moment. The princess sent a slave **to find out what the noise was about.**⁵⁹

“Your Majesty,” replied the slave, “an old fool offers to exchange fine new lamps for old ones.”

Another slave said, “We have a very old lamp, let’s change it.”

But this was the magic Lamp, which Aladdin left there. The princess did not know its value. She went and said to the magician, “Give me a new lamp for this.”

The wizard immediately exchanged the lamps. After that the wizard went away and rubbed the Lamp. The Jinn appeared. The magician ordered the Jinn to carry him, together with the palace and the princess, to a lonely place in Africa.

The next morning the Sultan did not see the Aladdin’s palace: it disappeared! He sent **thirty men on horseback**⁶⁰ to fetch Aladdin in chains.

“Where is my palace and my daughter?” asked the Sultan.

Aladdin could not say a word.

“**I must have my daughter back!**”⁶¹ And you must find her or lose your head.”

Aladdin begged for forty days to find her. For three days he asked everyone what became of his palace. Nobody knew the answer.

He came to the banks of a river and rubbed the magic ring he still wore. Another Jinn appeared.

“Save my life, Jinn,” said Aladdin, “and bring my palace back.”

“That is not in my power,” said the Jinn. “I am only the Slave of the Ring. You must ask the Slave of the Lamp.”

“But you,” said Aladdin, “can take me to the palace and set me down under my wife’s window.”

He at once found himself in Africa, under the window of the princess. That morning the princess rose earlier than usual. As she was dressing, one of her women saw Aladdin. The princess ran and opened the window. They were very happy to see each other again.

“Please forgive me,” said the princess. “I didn’t know anything about the Lamp. So I gave it to the wizard. He is very evil, and he wants to marry me.”

⁵⁸ **New lamps for old!** – Меняю новые лампы на старые!

⁵⁹ **to find out what the noise was about** – выяснить, по поводу чего такой шум

⁶⁰ **thirty men on horseback** – тридцать конных стражников

⁶¹ **I must have my daughter back!** – Я должен вернуть свою дочь!

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