

ALI BABA

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ALI. I'm all alone.

SCHEHER. And the place had a weird and spooky feel.

ALI. This place has got a weird and spooky feel.

SCHEHER. And then he thought about Safiya again.

ALI. **(dreamily)** Safiya!

SCHEHER. But then he stopped thinking about Safiya, because he could hear the sound of approaching hoof beats coming towards him in a cloud of dust!

(FX. Hoof beats.)

ALI. Oh, crumbs!

SCHEHER. He said, and hid behind a rock.

(SCHEHEREZADE exits as ALI hides.)

ALI. **(looking into opposite wing)** There's loads of them! Who are all these people?"

MUSTAFA. **(entering)** Wait there, you forty thieves!

ALI. Forty thieves?

ALI. They were a truly vicious looking bunch. Some of them had beards...

(MUSTAFA crosses. He is followed by YESSAH, NOSSAH and the CHORUS as thieves, all with beards and laden with treasure. They exit.)

And some just had moustaches...

(YESSAH, NOSSAH and the CHORUS reappear back the other side with moustaches. They cross and exit.)

And some of them enjoyed Irish dancing.

(Repeat, clean shaven and jigging across the stage to Irish dance music.)

And some I didn't see too clearly because I was hiding. Anyway, there were thirty five. And they all went in with their treasure and then they all came out again and went back to their horses. And finally the Chief came out.