

MUM BABA

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That's it. Kamil. Take a bow. Now, would you like some water after all that dancing?

(KAMIL nods enthusiastically.)

Brilliant. Let's show everyone your irrigation. **(Takes wooden bucket from wing.)** Here's your bucket. **(To Audience.)** Now watch this. **(Takes tube from wing and pours a thin trickle of water into the bucket.)** Isn't that amazing? Irrigation in action! There you go, Kamil.

(MUM offers the water to KAMIL, but immediately gets distracted.)

Oooh, look who it is. It's Safiya!

(KAMIL'S nose follows the bucket.)

SAFIYA. **(entering)** Hello, Mum. Have you seen Ali?

MUM. No, dear. **(To Audience.)** Now, have you met Safiya? She's Ali's girlfriend and she's the apple of his eye, aren't you dear?

(KAMIL nearly manages to get to the bucket.)

(To KAMIL.) Yes, he loves you too, Kamil. **(MUM absentmindedly whisks the bucket away again.)** And do you know what?

SAFIYA. What?

MUM. One day I do so hope that wedding bells will ring because you will be such a lovely daughter in law –

SAFIYA. Mum -

MUM. **(starting to rant)** And not mean and snobby and stuck up like my other daughter in law –

SAFIYA. Mum!

MUM. Cassim's, toffee nosed wife - snooty, grumpy, hoity-toity, Lady Muck, SHARON!!!

SAFIYA. Mum!

MUM. Yes, dear?

SAFIYA. **(taking bucket from MUM)** I think Kamil wants his drink.

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MUM. Oh, yes. I quite forgot. Well, you go off with Safiya and she'll give you a nice long drink.

SAFIYA. Come on, Kamil.

(SAFIYA takes bucket and leads KAMIL off.)

MUM. That's it. Good boy. Now where was I? Oh, yes, Sharon. The one good thing about her is that she isn't here at the moment - which is just as well, because I wanted to say some 'hellos', because I've got a little list! So, can we have a great big shout from...?

(Ad lib greetings and birthdays.

SAFIYA comes back on.)

MUM. Lovely. Now, you were looking for Ali, weren't you - and the sooner you two -

SAFIYA. Mum! I would love to marry Ali! I would love to be your daughter in law - but there are just so many problems.

MUM. Like what?

SAFIYA. Like I'm a slave. Like Sharon and Cassim own me. Like they won't sell me -

MUM. But Ali wants to buy your freedom.

SAFIYA. Yes, but they want more money than he'll ever be able to afford.

MUM. Then run away!

SAFIYA. I can't run away, there's Huma.

MUM. Make her Ali's sister in law.