

Act 1 Scene 4***The palace front cloth out, full Palace set***

Princess Jasmine enters followed by her father the Sultan and the Vizier. They are arguing, servants scatter.

Sultan:

[Pushing one of the servants out of his way who drops a tray]
Will you get out of the way. And clear up that mess.

Vizier:

Yes, clear it up at once.

Jasmine:

I still don't see why I have to stay here in the Palace, especially when it will soon be the festival everyone will be there.

Sultan:

But not you Jasmine.

Jasmine:

But why?

Sultan:

Have you forgotten what happened to your mother?

Vizier:

Tragic, quite tragic,

Jasmine:

Of course not.

Sultan:

Oh she was so excited to be going to the festival. Who would have known that it would end in tragedy, oh how I miss her.

Jasmine:

So do I.

Vizier:

Me too!

Sultan:

One minute she was enjoying the celebrations and the next

Vizier:

Poof.

Sultan:

And she was gone, never to be seen again. Who knows what happened to her, all I have is her memory.

Jasmine:

But we all know what happened to her father.

Sultan:

You are forbidden to speak of her.

Vizier:

Forbidden.

Jasmine:

Just because she ran off with a magic carpet salesman you have to get a grip and move on.

Sultan:

I wonder where she is now.

Jasmine:

Honestly father! You know full well where she is.

Vizier:

Didn't they buy a condo in Orlando?

Sultan:

Oh yes, I vaguely remember that.

Jasmine:

So, can I go to the Festival?

Sultan:

No, and that's my final word.

Vizier:

Quite right Sultan

[Sultan and Vizier exit]

Jasmine:

[calling] Rana, Amira.

[Her two handmaids appear]

Rana:

Princess, what was all of that shouting about?