

PRINCE ABDULLAH: *(To someone offstage)* Good day!

SULTAN: Prince Abdullah!

PRINCE ABDULLAH: I've never encountered such impertinence in all my life!

SULTAN: What did she do?

PRINCE ABDULLAH: The rumors about your daughter are completely unfounded. I was told she is very amiable.

SULTAN: She is very amiable.

PRINCE ABDULLAH: I was told she is very charming.

SULTAN: She is very charming.

PRINCE ABDULLAH: I was told she is very obedient.

SULTAN: She is very charming.

PRINCE ABDULLAH: I'm sorry, but marriage is simply out of the question. Good day, sir! *(Exits)*

JAFAR: Oh dear. What will you do, sire?

SULTAN: This is preposterous! Clearly I've spoiled the girl. Well, all that's going to change. From now on, I intend to reign over her with an iron fist!

JASMINE: *(Enters)* Father?

SULTAN: Yes, pumpkin?

JAFAR: *(Encouraging the Sultan)* Iron fist, sire.

SULTAN: Jasmine, what did you say to Prince Abdullah?

JASMINE: I just told him the truth: that if he marries me, he'll get an equal partner with an equal say. Why do I even have to marry at all? What's wrong with a woman running the kingdom?

IAGO: *(Aside)* Talk about living in a fairy tale!

SULTAN: Jasmine, you're a princess. The law states that you must marry a prince by the next moon. We must uphold the ancient ways, dearest. We simply must.