

**Sheikh Yabuhmbuhm    Audition Piece**

*(The heroes have been shipwrecked on an Island shore and are brought to meet it's ruler!)*

**Advisor**        Your Majesty, strangers have been found upon the island.

**Sheikh**         Strangers eh? I wonder who they might be? I mean, really, is that a good idea to let them in? They might be lost or they might be pirate plunderers or might be door to door salesmen. What do you think?

**Advisor**        Let's see what they have to say first.

**Sheikh**         Of course, of course... Let's see what they have to say first! Yes!

**Advisor**        Bring forward the prisoners!

*(Jack/Susan, Sarah, Alderman and Captain enter.)*

**Advisor**        Don't just stand there, you must kneel before the Sheikh!

**Jack/Susan**    Before the Sheikh does what?

**Advisor**        Just kneel down you fool. *(They do.)*

**Sheikh**         Now then, what are you doing here?

**Jack/Susan**    Kneeling; he just told me to!

**Alderman**     Don't listen to him your majesty, he is an idiot. Please forgive us; we have travelled from far off shores.

**Sheikh**         What shores?

**Sarah**          Cheers, I'll have a gin 'n' tonic!

**Alderman**     Don't listen to her either. We sailed from England you majesty. We came looking for goods to stock my shop back home. But our ship was sunk in a terrible storm.

**Alice**          And we ended up here. We're sorry to intrude, we had no choice.

**Sheikh**         Intrude? Not at all, it's very nice to have visitors. And please get up, no need to stay down there. Or is there? Shouldn't they stand, or sit in a comfy chair or hop up and down on one leg? What do you think?

**Advisor**        I think standing would be just fine for them.

**Sheikh**         Excellent idea, yes. Please rise.

**Alderman**     Thank you.

**Sheikh** And you've survived a shipwreck eh? Well you must be starving. Let's get you something to eat. What shall we have; sandwiches, pizza? Oh I don't know!

**Advisor** What their majesty means is; we're happy to share what little we have...

**Sheikh** Yes that's it!

**Sarah** Little you have? Well excuse me but this palace is magnificent!

**Jack/Susan** You Sir, must be well minted!

**Sheikh** With wealth yes, I have all the gold and jewels I could wish for. But alas, my kingdom is overrun by rats!

**All** Rats?

**Sheikh** Yes, they've taken over the entire country, stealing our food supplies and leaving my people to starve.