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But Aladdin still possessed the magic ring. He asked its genie to take him to wherever Halima was kept captive. Together, they gave the old man a sleeping potion, found the lamp and returned home – palace, riches and all.



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informed		wealth	
dumbfounded		imagining	
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informed	told / explained to	wealth	riches / fortune
dumbfounded	speechless / bewildered	imagining	picturing
grimy	grubby / filthy	overjoyed	delighted
materialised	appeared	exchanged	swapped
astonished	surprised / shocked	pitilessly	cruelly / heartlessly
mightier	more powerful	commanded	ordered
generosity	kindness	possessed	owned
requested	asked for	captive	prisoner