# 宜蘭縣立復興國中2016英語讀劇劇本~Forty Fortunes 幸運四十

**Adapted from a tale of Iran told by Aaron Shepard**

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| **ALL:** | **Life will be so wonderful, (Crystal Ball!!)** **It will be so Super Duper, oh, delicious!** |
| NARRATOR 1: | Once, in the royal city of Isfahan, there lived a young man named Ahmed, who had a wife named Jamell.  |
| AHMED: | (笑)If you can dig a hole, you can always earn enough to stay alive. |
| NARRATOR 4: | But that was not enough for Jamell. |
| NARRATOR 2: | One day, Jamell went to the public bath as usual. But at the entrance,  |
| WOMAN: | (哈)You can’t come in now. The wife of the King’s Royal Diviner is taking the whole place for herself.(呵…) |
| JAMELL: | Who does she think she is? Just because her husband tells fortunes?( 尾音拉高) |
| NARRATOR 1: | That evening, when Ahmed handed her the wages for the day…. |
| JAMELL: | Look at these few measly coins! Tomorrow you’ll sit in the marketplace and be a diviner! |
| AHMED: | Jamell, are you insane? What do I know about fortunetelling?( 加快速度、尾音拉高) |
| JAMELL: | That’s easy! You just look at the crystal ball and mumble something wise. (公主病)It’s either that, or I go home to the house of my father! |
| NARRATOR 2: | So the next day, Ahmed sat in the marketplace near the public bath. Suddenly, |
| MINISTER’S WIFE: | (慌張)Diviner, I wore my most **precious(打舌)** ring to the bath today, (哭)and now it’s missing. Please, tell me where it is! |
| NARRATOR 3: | As Ahmad searched for something wise to say, he spied a small hole of the lady’s cloak and saw her naked arm,  |
| AHMED: | (不好意思、悄悄話)Madam, I see a hole. |
| MINISTER’S WIFE: | A what? |
| **ALL:** | **A hole! (竊竊私語)A hole!** |
| MINISTER’S WIFE: | (喔…)Of course! **A** hole! |
| NARRATOR 1: | She rushed back to the bath and found her ring in the hole of the wall, and gave Ahmad a gold coin. |
| NARRATOR 3: | That evening, when Jamell saw the gold coin and heard the story,  |
| JAMELL: | You see? There’s nothing to it! |
| NARRATOR 1: | On that very night, forty thieves carried away forty chests of gold and jewels from the King. |
| NARRATOR 2: | The King knew the theft and commanded, |
| KING: | (生氣)Bring me all my Royal Diviners. |
| NARRATOR 2: |  (**Gabadi, Dubadi / Habadaba, Dubadaba, Di**)But no one could locate the thieves or the treasure.(其他旁白咒語聲) |
| KING: | Frauds! Throw them all in prison! |
| **ROYAL DIVINERS:** | **No!** |
| NARRATOR 1: | Later, the King heard about Ahmad and commanded him to come. |
| KING: | (慢)Diviner, my treasury has been robbed of forty chests. What can you tell me? |
| AHMED: |  Your Majesty, I can tell you there were . . . Uh . . .forty thieves. |
| **SERVANTS:** | **(踏2步)Forty thieves!** |
| KING: | Amazing! You must find the thieves and the treasure. |
| AHMED: | (慌張裝鎮定) I’ll . . . do my best, Your Majesty, but . . . but it will take some time. |
| KING: |  How long? |
| AHMED: | Uh . . . forty days, Your Majesty. One day for each thief.(尾音拉高) |
| KING: | Very well! If you succeed, I’ll make you rich.  |
| **ROYAL DIVINERS:** | **If you don’t, you’ll rot in prison’s ditch!** |
| NARRATOR 1: | Back home, Ahmed told Jamell, |
| AHMED: | I told you, Jamell! This time there’s no hope. |
| JAMELL: | (大聲、慢)Don’t be silly! Just find the chests like you found the ring. |
| NARRATOR 3: | Ahmed counted forty dried dates and said, |
| AHMED: | I will eat one of these every day till my forty days are done. |
| NARRATOR 2: | However, the King’s servant was one of the thieves, and he reported to their chief in secret. |
| SERVANT: | (跑步喘氣)There is a diviner who says he will find the treasure and the thieves in forty days! |
| CHIEF: | (奸詐聲)He’s just bluffing. You go to his house and find out what you can. |
| NARRATOR 3: | So the servant climbed up to Ahmed’s roof and listened down the stairs. |
| AHMED: | (唱)That’s one. |
| NARRATOR 1: | (快念)The thief nearly fell down the stairs and hurried back to tell the chief, |
| SERVANT: | (慌張)This diviner has amazing powers. He knew I was on the roof! I just heard him say, **(**唱**)“That’s one.”** |
| CHIEF: | Nonsense! Tomorrow night, two of you will go. |
| NARRATOR 2: | So the next night,  |
| AHMED: | (唱)That’s two. |
| NARRATOR 3: | The thieves nearly tumbled over each other and raced back to the chief.(吐氣聲) |
| SERVANT: | (慌張)He knew there were two of us!  |
| **THIEVES:** | (慌張)**Yeah! We heard him say, (**唱**) “That’s two.”** |
| CHIEF: | **(**唱**)**It can’t be! No!! **(唸)**It can’t be! |
| NARRATOR 1: | So the night after that, he sent (強調)**three of the thieves**, |
| NARRATOR 3: | and the next night  |
| **THIEVES:** | **four, (喘氣聲)** |
| **ALL:** | **then**  |
| **THIEVES:** | **five,(喘氣聲)** |
| **ALL:** | **then**  |
| **THIEVES:** | **six. (喘氣聲)** |
| NARRATOR 1: | Till the fortieth night,  |
|  | **翻 頁 翻 頁 翻 頁** |
| CHIEF: | This time, all the men go with me to the roof. |
| AHMED: | That’s forty. (瀟灑認命)The number is complete. (敲門聲3下) |
| AHMED: | (害怕)The King’s men already! |
| JAMELL: | (害怕)What can we do? I am sorry! (敲門聲4下) |
| AHMED: | (害怕)All right, all right, I know why you’re here. |
| NARRATOR 3: | He opened the door and saw forty men kneel down. |
| CHIEF: | (諂媚笑聲)Of course you know, O great diviner! But we beg you not to give us away! |
| NARRATOR 1: | Ahmad quickly realized they must be the thieves and said, |
| AHMED: | (慌張慶幸)Very well, I won’t turn you in. But you must return all the treasure. |
| **CHIEF & THIEVES:** | **(驚喜)At once! At once!** |
| NARRATOR 1: | Early the next morning, |
| AHMED: | (充滿自信)Your Majesty, my magic arts can find either the treasure or the thieves, but not both. Which do you choose? |
| KING: | (遲疑恩…)The treasure, I suppose,though it’s a pity not to get the thieves.  |
| NARRATOR 2: | Then Ahmed waved his hand in the air and called, |
| AHMED: | *Pish posh, wish wosh, mish mosh.*  |
| **ALL:** | ***Bomb!*** |
| AHMED: | By my magic, your chests have returned to their place. |
| KING: | Beautiful! (聖誕老人笑聲) From now on, you shall be my Royal Diviner! |
| AHMED: | Thank you, Your Majesty. But I have used up all my powers. (跑走大叫)**I shall never be a diviner again.** |
| **ALL:** | **Magical and beautiful,** **This is what you see!** |