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AT LAST THE BARREL ORGAN FELL SILENT.

NO ONE STIRRED.

For a moment the tiny creaks of the mechanical toys cast their own spell. Then they slowed, jerked awkwardly and were still.

THE SOLEMN MONKEY TOOK A STIFF BOW AND

THE CURTAINS CLOSED TO LOUD APPLAUSE.

"NOW," SAID LEON,

EDGING FORWARD IN THE DARK.

"NOW IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN."

Outside in the night an owl hooted. With a swish

THE CURTAINS OPENED...





POUFF!

A CLOUD OF PURPLE SMOKE
FILLED THE STAGE

and there he was...

ABDUL KAZAM!

Sparks flew from his fingertips.

LEON COULD SMELL
THE MAGIC.