ARTHUR

I command you, in the name of the Knights of Camelot, to open the doors of this sacred castle, to which God himself has guided us!

TAUNTER

Well, I burst my pimples at you and call your door-opening request a silly thing, you cheesy lot of second-hand electric donkey bottom biters. Thppt!

(Blows a raspberry)

FRENCHIES

Thppt.

(The hands of the FRENCH KNIGHTS make very rude gestures between the battlements.)

ROBIN

They're using rude gestures, sir.

The fiends. They

What do we do, B

BEDEVERE

Well, I believe it's time for Plan B, Sire. My secret weapon.

ARTHUR

If you do not cease to taunt us, we shall be forced to bring out our secret weapon.

TAUNTER

Oh, no. Oh, gee We are so scared. Oh, hey, did I mention before to you... Thhppt.

(The TAUNTER runs his head across, up and down the battlements before disappearing.)

ARTHUR

Right that's it. They have a nasty shock coming to them. Bedevere. What the hell is that?

(BEDEVERE pulls a large wooden rabbit in from stage right.)

BEDEVERE

The wooden rabbit, Sire! It's the very latest in modern technology.

(The KNIGHTS are very impressed)

ROBIN

Wow.

#14B THE RABBIT

ARTHUR

How does it work?

BEDEVERE

Well, the beauty of it is its simplicity. We just leave it here and walk away.

(The ENGLISH withdraw. The FRENCH HEADS appear one by one horizontally in the gateway. The last head slides underneath the others. They contemplate the Rabbit.)

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What?

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TAUNTER

What is thees?

FRENCHIE

C'est un lapin, un grand lapin de bois.

TAUNTER

A what?

FRENCHIE

A rabbit. A large, wooden rabbit.

TAUNTER

Oh, a large, wooden rabbit. How very very very nice. What is it doing here?

FRENCHIE

Perhaps it is Art.

MAYNARD (CON'T)

counting shalt be three. Four shalt thou not count, nor neither count thou two, excepting that thou then proceed to three. Five

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is right out. Or reached, then lotowards thy foe, it." Amen.

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Amen.

And now the Cong Hand Off My Knee

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STARD ...

ARTHUR

There's no time for that. Right! One... two... five!

BEDEVERE

Three, sir.

ARTHUR

Three!

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(ARTHUR throws the Holy Hand Grenade at the mound.)

[SFX: Explosion]

(The grass mound falls forward revealing rock with the carved letters A101. [See Appendix for alternatives.] A SOOTY PUPPET OPERATOR stands revealed, holding a hand puppet rabbit blackened by soot. He points off stage right. ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS turn and stare where he is pointing and he quickly scampers off.)

BEDEVERE

Behold, Sire, the clue. Aioi!

ARTHUR

Aioi? That's a bit cryptic isn't it?

BEDEVERE

Pehaps it's Hebrew - ay- oy!

LANCELOT

Oh! Maybe it's aioli?

ARTHUR

What's that?

LANCELOT

Aioli is a delicious garlic mayonnaise, Sire.

BEDEVERE

Maybe he was passing out aiiiiooooiii...

ARTHUR

Well, he'd hardly bother to carve that in the rock.

GALAHAD

Could it be an eye for an eye?

ARTHUR

Oh, that's good.

BEDEVERE

Sire, I wonder if it could be a number.

ARTHUR

Well, it could be, but how would that help?

BEDEVERE

Well, we need to find something numbered A101.

ARTHUR

A101.

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(They are staring straight into the audience.)

GALAHAD

It's probably right under our feet.

#27C HAND OF GOD

ARTHUR

(Prays)

O Lord, we are a bit stumped on the clue thing and we beseech thee to give us a hand.

[SACRED MUSIC]

(A large finger of God descends, pointing down into the audience.)

Of course. It is in the audience. Row A, Seat 101!

(PATSY runs into the audience and asks a PATRON to stand, cleverly discovering a Grail! The Portcullis descends.)

PATSY

It's you! Stand up, peasant. Oh, look, Sire! We have found the Grail.

BEDEVERE

How very clever. It was through the Fourth Wall.

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Oh, absolutely,

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Welcome. What i

VICTIM

Jeffery Greenblatt.

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[Every night changes to the REAL PERSON]

ARTHUR

Jeffery Greenblatt your name will be revered here forever in [local city name, along with two local city celebrities. One