

NI KNIGHT

We are the Knights Who Say... Ni!

ARTHUR

No! Not the Knights Who Say Ni!

NI KNIGHT

The same! We are the keepers of the sacred words: Ni Peng, and Ni-wom!

VOICE

Ni-wom!

ARTHUR

Those who hear these words seldom live to tell the tale!

PATSY

Oh, great.

NI KNIGHT

The Knights Who Say Ni demand a sacrifice!

ARTHUR

Oh, Knights of Ni, we are but simple travelers lost in these woods.

NI KNIGHT

Ni! Ni! Ni! Ni!

ARTHUR

Oh, ow!

NI KNIGHT

We shall say 'ni' again to you if you do not appease us.

ARTHUR

Well, what is it that you want?

NI KNIGHT

We want... a shrubbery!

NI KNIGHTS

A shrubbery! A shrubbery!

ARTHUR

Where the hell are we going to find a shrubbery?

NI KNIGHT

If you do not find us a shrubbery, you must cut down the mightiest tree in the forest with... a herring.

(The KNIGHT produces a large herring from his costume.)

NI KNIGHTS

A Herring! Herring! Herring!

(PATSY and ARTHUR exchange glances)

ARTHUR

All right. We'll find you a shrubbery.

NI KNIGHT

Good! You must return here with a lovely shrubbery or else you will never pass through this wood alive!

(The KNIGHTS all exit)

ARTHUR

Where are we going to find a shrubbery?

PATSY

Well, maybe we can build one? Out of cats.

ARTHUR

Don't be ridiculous. Where are we going to find cats? This is a total disaster. You think it would be easy: one, round up a bunch of knights; two, seek and find the Holy Grail; and five...

PATSY

Three, sir.

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ARTHUR

Three, go home! But no. I'm so depressed.

PATSY

Cheer up, Sire. You know what they say...

ARTHUR

What do they say, Patsy?