Fench Guard

The wooden rabbit, Sire! technology.

(The KNIGHTS are very impressed)

ROBIN

Wow.

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#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.)

TAUNTER

Qu'est ce-que c'est?

FRENCHIE

What?

TAUNTER

What is thees?

FRENCHIE

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

TAUNTER

A what?

FRENCHTE

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.

BEDEVERE

We all leap out... of the ...oh, dear... I forgot a bit. Supposing we were to build a large wooden badger...?

ARTHUR

Shut up.

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(The TAUNTER appears again over the battlements.)

#16 RUN AWAY!

TAUNTER

The rabbit, she is empty! You have sent us an empty rabbit! That is too much for we French. Now we will make you pay from your very bowels. Fetchez le catapult!

(A FRENCH KNIGHT appears)

FRENCHIE

Fetchez le catapult!

TAUNTER

And... Fetchez la vache!

FRENCHIE

Fetchez la vache!

ARTHUR

What's a la vache?

BEDEVERE

Sire, if I'm not mistaken, la vache means "the cow."

PATSY

What could they possibly do with a cow?

(A life size cow comes flying over the ramparts of the castle, landing on PATSY and knocking him flat on his back. The FRENCH KNIGHTS appear on the battlements laughing and taunting the ENGLISH. They have long straight heraldic trumpets.)

FRENCHIES

HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA HA, HA, HA, HA YOU ENGLISH ARE ALL BUGGER FOLK