ROBINMONK/GUARD SIDES

ARTHUR (CONT'D)

And whoa there! Well done. Hello?

SIDE #1

(ARTHUR reins in the "horse" and surveys the Castle.

A GUARD appears through a window of the castle wall)

ROBIN

Hello?! Who goes there?

#3 King Arthur's Song

ARTHUR

I AM ARTHUR KING OF THE BRITONS LORD AND RULER OF ALL OF ENGLAND, AND SCOTLAND AND EVEN TINY LITTLE BITS OF GAUL

ROBIN

And I'm the Emperor of Norway. Bugger off.

PATSY

HE IS ARTHUR KING OF THE BRITONS AND WE ARE OUT SEEKING MEN VERY STRONG MEN AND VERY ABLE

ARTHUR
TO SIT AROUND OUR VERY, VERY ROUND TABLE

Start

ROBIN

What is it you want?

ARTHUR

I am looking for men.

ROBIN

I had a feeling.

ARTHUR

We have ridden the length and breadth of the land in search of knights to join me in my court at Camelot. I must speak with your lord and master.

ROBIN

What, ridden on a horse?

ARTHUR

Yes!

ROBIN

You're using coconuts!

ARTHUR What?
what:
ROBIN You've got two empty halves of coconut and you're banging them together.
ARTHUR So? We have ridden since the snows of winter covered this land, through the kingdom of Mercia through
ROBIN Where'd you get the coconut?
ARTHUR We found them.
ROBIN Found them? In <i>Mercia</i> ? The coconut's tropical!
ARTHUR What do you mean?
ROBIN Well, this is a temperate zone.
ARTHUR The swallow may fly south with the sun or the house martin or the plover may seek warmer climes in winter yet these are not strangers to our land.
ROBIN Are you suggesting coconuts <i>migrate</i> ?
ARTHUR Not at all, they could be carried.
ROBIN What? A swallow carrying a coconut?
ARTHUR It could grip it by the husk!
ROBIN It's not a question of where he grips it! It's a simple question of weight ratios! A five ounce bird could not carry a one pound coconut.

ARTHUR Well, it doesn't matter. Will you tell your master that Arthur from the Court of Camelot is here?

ROBIN

Listen, in order to maintain air-speed velocity, a swallow needs to beat its wings 43 times every second, right?

ARTHUR

Please!

ROBIN

Am I right?

ARTHUR

I'm not interested!

(LANCE appears at the opposite window)

LANCE

It could be carried by an African swallow!

ROBIN

Oh, yeah, an African swallow, maybe, but not a European swallow, that's my point.

LANCE

Oh, yeah, I agree with that... Beautiful bird, the African swallow. Lovely plumage.

ROBIN

The plumage don't enter into it. And besides, African swallows are non-migratory.

LANCE

Oh, yeah ...

ROBIN

So they couldn't bring a coconut back anyway...

ARTHUR

Will you ask your master if he wants to join my court at Camelot?

LANCE

Wait a minute, supposing two swallows carried it together?

ROBIN

No, they'd have to have it on a line.

LANCE

Well, simple! They'd just use a strand of creeper!

ROBIN

What, held under the dorsal guiding feathers?

(ARTHUR, despairing of any further sensible conversation gallops off left with PATSY)

LANCE

Well, why not? Hey! Who was that then?

ROBIN

That's a king.

LANCE

How can you tell?

ROBIN

He hasn't got shit all over him.





(BROTHER MAYNARD ENTERS with the Holy Hand Grenade

A cowled MONK [girl] ENTERS holding the Holy Hand Grenade in a Box)

ARTHUR (CONT'D)

How does it work, Brother?

MAYNARD

Start

The Book of Armaments, Chapter One, Verses Nine through twenty-seven. "And Saint Attila raised the holy hand grenade up on high, saying, 'Oh, Lord, bless this thy hand grenade that with it thou mayest blow thine enemies to tiny bits, in thy mercy.' And the Lord did grin, and the people did feast upon the lambs, and stoats, and carp, and anchovies, and orangutans, and breakfast cereals, and fruit bats, and large..."

ARTHUR

Skip a bit, Brother.

(BROTHER MAYNARD dumbly skips.

ARTHUR raises his eyes and points to the Bible)

MAYNARD

"And the Lord spake, saying, 'First shalt thou take out the Holy Pin. Then, shalt thou count to three, no more, no less. Three shall be the number thou shalt count, and the number of the counting shalt be three. Four shalt thou not count, nor neither count thou two, excepting that thou then proceed to three. Five is right out. Once the number three, being the third number, be reached, then lobbest thou the Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch towards thy foe, who being naughty in my sight, shall snuff it." Amen.

ALL

Amen.

#27B Get Your Hand Off My Knee...

MAYNARD

And now the Congregation shall rise and sing Hymn 101: "Get Your Hand Off My Knee, You Dirty Old Bastard."

End

KNIGHTS

GET YOUR HAND OFF MY KNEE, YOU DIRTY OLD BASTARD ...

ARTHUR

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

BEDEVERE

Three, sir.

ARTHUR

Three!

SIDE #3

HERBERT

I'd rather... just.....sing!
(Sings:)
WHERE ARE YOU?
WHERE ARE YOU...

FATHER

Start

Stop that! You're not going to do a song while I'm here. In twenty minutes you're getting married to a girl whose father owns the biggest tracts of open land in Britain.

HERBERT

But I don't want land.

FATHER

Listen, Alice...

HERBERT

Herbert.

FATHER

Herbert. We live in a bloody swamp. We need land.

HERBERT

But I don't like her.

#22B Where Are You? #3

FATHER

Don't like her?! What's wrong with her? She's beautiful, she's rich, she's got huge... tracts of land.

HERBERT

I know, but I want the person I marry to have... a certain... special... something...

(Sings:)

AND ANOTHER HUNDRED PEOPLE JUST CONTRACTED THE PLAGUE OR FELL INTO THE SWAMP...

WHILE ANOTHER HUNDRED PEOPLE JUST CON...

FATHER

Cut that out! Look, you're marrying Princess Lucky, so you'd better get used to the idea. Guards!

(As FATHER descends the stairs, TWO GUARDS carrying halberds ENTER)

FATHER (CONT'D)

Make sure the Prince doesn't leave this room until I come and get him.

GUARD #1

Right! Not... to leave the room... even if you come and get him.

FATHER

No, no. Until I come and get him.

GUARD #1 Until you come and get him, we're not to enter the room.
FATHER NoYou stay in the room and make sure he doesn't leave.
GUARD #1and you'll come and get him.
FATHER That's right.
GUARD #1 We don't need to do anything, apart from just stop him entering the room.
FATHER Leaving the room.
GUARD #1 Leaving the room yes.
FATHER Got it?
GUARD #1 Can he leave the room with us?
FATHER (Carefully) Noit's simple keep him in here and make sure
GUARD #1 Oh, yes! We'll keep him in here, obviously.But if he <i>had</i> to leaveand we were with him
FATHER No just keep him in here.
GUARD #1 Until you, or anyone else
FATHER No. Not anyone else, just me.
GUARD #1 Just you.
FATHER Get back.

GUARD #1
Got it. We'll remain here until you get back.
FATHER And make sure he doesn't leave.
GUARD #1 What?
FATHER Make sure he doesn't leave.
GUARD #1 The Prince?
Yes, make sure
GUARD #1
Oh, yes, of course! I thought you meant him you know, it seemed a bit daft, me having to guard him when he's a guard.
FATHER Is that clear?
GUARD #1 Oh, yes. That's quite clear. No problems.
(FATHER turns and starts to leave through the Gateway and they follow him)
FATHER Where are you going?
GUARD #1 We're coming with you.
FATHER No, I want you to stay here and make sure he doesn't leave the room until I get back.
#22C Where Are You? #4
GUARD #1 Oh, I see, right.
HERBERT But, Father!

End

You Won't Succeed On Broadway

"Spamalot"







