

Scene 1

The Proclamation

(The Proclaimer stands on a block and the others gather round)

Proclaimer Hear ye, hear ye, a message from the King!
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Hey you – stop your work and you children, pipe down, and, and, and ladies, stop your gossip, and can EVERYBODY SHUT UP.... Thank you. Now, where was I, oh yes, hear ye, I have a message from the King. Here ye here ye...

Voice 1 Get on with it.

Proclaimer All right, no need to shout, don't get you knickers in a twist. It is a very important message and I don't want to mess it up – alright.

Voice 1 Sorry

Proclaimer That's OK. Now, the King is fed up with everyone always escaping from his prisons, so instead he has decided to build a Labrador...

Voice 2 But that's a dog!

Proclaimer What.

Voice 2 A Labrador is a breed of dog!

Proclaimer Oh...sorry...he has decided to build a lavatory to keep all the prisoners in.

Voice 3 He's going to keep the prisoners in a lavatory, it would have to be a very big one.

(Agreement from the crowd)

Proclaimer Oh no...not lavatory... A LABYR...er..LOOBORATH...er...a LABYRINTH, yes, that's it he wants to build a labyrinth to put all the prisoners in.

All Oh, a labyrinth...what's that?

Proclaimer It's like an enormous maze! And whoever builds the best one will become the Kings number one favorite and get a big bag of gold.
So, what are you waiting for, get designing.

(All Exit)