**LEADING PLAYER**

Ladies and gentleman, this evening, for your entertainment pleasure, we present our most mysterious and miraculous tale. A stunning example of magic! And merriment! You will witness acts of lust! murder! Holy War! And a climax, ladies and gentlemen, a climax you will remember for the rest of your lives!

Our tale today concerns the first-born son of Charlemagne, and is entitled… Pippin: His Life and Times! But, before we begin, let me assure you that what you are about to see is the true life story of Pippin. You see, there have been many misconceptions about Pippin. One: that he was...a hunchback! Or that he was…enormously tall! That he was…extremely short! That he was…completely bald at the age of fourteen.

But I beg you, cast all previous misconceptions aside.