

One Act Audio Theatre Presents  
GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY  
"Cake No Frosting"

CAST

NARRATOR

MARIE ANTOINETTE

THE JAILER

THE CROWD

- 1 NARRATOR: The One Act Players Present: Great Moments in History!
- 2 NARRATOR: Paris, 1793
- 3 MARIE: This way? Through here?
- 4 JAILER: Yes, Your Majesty
- 5 MARIE: Oh, are we going for a ride?
- 6 JAILER: Yes, your Majesty.
- 7 MARIE: Splendid! Where is my carriage?
- 8 JAILER: Here, Your Majesty.
- 9 MARIE: That is not my gilded carriage. That is a tumbrel from the cowsheds.  
10 It's rather too rustic for me, I think.
- 11 JAILER: Get in, Your Majesty.
- 12 CART ALONG STREET
- 13 MARIE: Oh, it is to be an adventure, then! How delightful! I do so love  
14 adventures! Just try and stop me ... (beat) Help me up. It will be so  
15 nice to get outside again. I've been cooped up inside ever since the  
16 day I met with the ... the ...
- 17 JAILER The tribunal, Your Majesty.
- 18 MARIE: Yes! The tribunal. Well, that was the last time I was able to get out,  
19 and that's most unsatisfactory, most unsatisfactory. A Queen must  
20 feel the wind blow from time to time for proper health, you know.
- 21 JAILER: As you say, Your Majesty.

22 MARIE: Why just yesterday I said to Genevieve, "It's been far too long since  
23 I've had a picnic. Come back tomorrow and I shall command them to  
24 let us go." And do you know what she said to me?

25 JAILER: No, Your Majesty.

26 MARIE: She said, "Oh, Marie, it shall be no picnic" and ran out of the room  
27 crying. So, will our adventure include a picnic?

28 JAILER: Not exactly, Your Majesty.

29 MARIE: I do so love picnics. Once all the ladies at court went on a wonderful  
30 picnic. We were pretending to be milkmaids, you see, and we rode in  
31 a cart a lot like this one...except it was cleaner and all decorated with  
32 ribbons and flowers ... and didn't smell so awful.

33 JAILER: As you say, Your Majesty.

34 MARIE: When we got to this little park, there was a cow there, because we  
35 were all milkmaids, you see. A real, live cow. At least they told me it  
36 was a cow. Anyway, it had these things dangling down. I wouldn't  
37 touch them myself. I had my maid Cosette do it, and do you know  
38 what she said?

39 JAILER: What, Your Majesty?

40 MARIE: She said they felt just like a girl would expect them to feel. I thought  
41 that was rather clever. Vulgar, but clever.

42 JAILER: As you say, Your Majesty.

43 UNFRIENDLY CROWD NOISE

44 MARIE: Oh, look, my subjects have come out to greet me. Hello ... Hello ... So  
45 nice of you to come. Thank you, thank you. Hello ... hello. Quite a lot  
46 of them today.

47 JAILER: As you say, Your Majesty.

48 MARIE: I'll let you in on a secret. Sometimes I feel that I don't understand the  
49 masses. Why, I remember when some delegation or another came to  
50 the palace and said the people had no bread. Like I could do  
51 something! Do I look like a baker?

52 JAILER: No, Your Majesty?

53 MARIE: No, certainly not. Do you know what I told them? I thought this was  
54 rather witty, actually. I said, "Then let them--"

55 JAILER: "Eat cake."

56 MARIE: You know??

57 JAILER: Oh, yes.

58 MARIE: Does everyone know?

59 JAILER: I believe so, Your Majesty.

60 MARIE: That's just marvelous! Oh my, Louis will be thrilled. He is so worried  
61 about our legacy.

62 CART STOPS

63 MARIE: Are we there? I was just beginning to enjoy the ride. Oh, look ... what  
64 is that up on the stage? Oh! Oh! It's a swing isn't it? And so unusually  
65 high. Help me down. I love to swing. We had quite a lovely one at  
66 Versailles, just for me. The ladies used to take turns pushing me. Do I  
67 go up this way?

68 JAILER: Yes, Your Majesty

69 MARIE: I've never had a swing like this before. I don't quite see where to sit.

70 JAILER: Allow me, your majesty. You kneel here and lean forward. Rest your  
71 head there.

72 MARIE: Of course! Such an unusual swing would demand an unusual  
73 posture! Now, then, does it go back and forth?

74 JAILER: No, Your Majesty.

75 MARIE: Oh. Round and round?

76 JAILER: No.

77 MARIE: Oh. Oooo, then surely it must go up and down?

78 JAILER: As you say, Your Majesty.

79 MARIE: I knew it! Something new and revolutionary, how exciting! When  
80 does it start?

81 JAILER: Quite soon, Your Majesty.

82 MARIE: Very well. "Let them eat cake." That was really quite witty, really very  
83 amus—

84 GUILLOTINE DROPS

85 JAILER: As you said, Your Majesty.

86 NARRATOR: Tune in again for another Great Moment in History!

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