

Auditions for KING

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Characters (8): Four members of KING – Henry VIII, Louis XIV, Charlemagne, Tut
Four auditioning: Teddy Jupiter, Eddie Neptune, Zeddie Tatoonie, Richard the Lionheart

(The four members of KING are sitting at a table with the four people auditioning waiting in seats at the side of the stage.)

HENRY: Can I have everyone's attention please? As I'm sure you know, we are the remaining members of the band KING. Our leader singer decided to launch a solo career and left us in a lurch, so we're having auditions today for a new lead singer. Let's all introduce ourselves, guys. I'm Henry the 8th, King of England.

LOUIS: I'm Louis the 14th, King of France.

CHARLEMAGNE: I'm Charlemagne, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

TUT: And I'm Tuankhamun, pharaoh of Egypt. But you can call me King Tut.

HENRY: Alright, let's hear our first audition. Please step forward and say your name.

TEDDY: Good morning, I'm Teddy Jupiter.

LOUIS: Teddy Jupiter?

CHARLEMAGNE: Seriously?

TUT: Isn't that name kind of similar to Freddy...

TEDDY: *(interrupting)* And I just want to say how thrilled I am to be auditioning for the band that sings my favorite song, "Bohemian Rhapsody"!

HENRY: Uh, I think you're a little bit confused.

TUT: Yeah, that's not us, dude.

LOUIS: Yeah, that's Queen, and we're KING.

TEDDY: Are you sure you're not the "Bohemian Rhapsody" guys?

CHARLEMAGNE: *(annoyed)* Yeah, we're sure. Now are you going to sing something or what?

TEDDY: *(clears throat and sings)* I want to ride my tricycle. I want to ride my trike. I want to ride my tricycle. I want to ride it where I like.

HENRY: Wait a minute! That's a Queen song!

LOUIS: Yeah, that's the bicycle song!

TEDDY: I don't mean to be rude, but it was quite clearly the tricycle song.

TUT: I think we've heard enough.

CHARLEMAGNE: NEXT!

(HENRY walks dejectedly offstage and exits. EDDIE walks to the front)

HENRY: Alright, what's your name?

EDDIE: My name is Eddie Neptune.

CHARLEMAGNE: You've got to be kidding me.

TUT: Eddie, you do understand that this is the audition for KING and not Queen, right?

EDDIE: Of course!

LOUIS: We just want to be very clear, that we don't want to hear any Queen songs, okay?

EDDIE: That's fine with me.

HENRY: Okay then, show us what you've got.

EDDIE: *(clears his throat and sings)* Dah dah dah, another one rides the bus. Dah dah dah, another one rides the bus. Another comes on and another comes on. Another one rides the bus.

TUT: STOP!

LOUIS: We said NO QUEEN!

EDDIE: That's not Queen, that's Weird Al Yankovic!

CHARLEMAGNE: Yeah, but it's a parody of “Another One Bites the Dust” by Queen.

HENRY: I think we're going to pass. Thanks for coming out, though.

(EDDIE leaves the stage sadly and exits. ZEDDIE walks to the front)

HENRY: Alright, what's your name?

ZEDDIE: Zeddie Tatoonie.

(All of the KING members groan and throw their hands up, etc.)

CHARLEMAGNE: Come on, you just made that one up!

TUT: Yeah, I want to see your driver's license.

LOUIS: Let's just give him his sixty seconds and see what he's got so we can move on.

HENRY: Alright, Zeddie. What have you got for us?

ZEDDIE: *(clears his throat and sings to the tune of “We are the Champions”)* Drink milk for calcium, my friends...

TUT: STOP!

CHARLEMAGNE: GET OUT! OUT!

(ZEDDIE runs offstage quickly and exits. RICHARD walks majestically to the front of the stage)

HENRY: *(sighs)* Please tell us your name. But let me warn you, if it's Jeddy Pluto or something, you can go home right now.

RICHARD: *(In a loud, dignified tone)* I am King Richard the Lionheart, former Duke of Normandy, Lord of Cyprus, and central commander of the Third Crusade!

HENRY: Guys, I think we found our new lead singer!

TUT: Right on!

CHARLEMAGNE: Alright!

LOUIS: Yeah!

(They all gather around RICHARD and walk with him offstage)

HENRY, LOUIS, CHARLEMAGNE, TUT: *(As they exit)* Long live the KING! Long live the KING! Long live the KING! Long live the KING! Long live the KING! Long live the KING! *(keep chanting until all have exited)*