

SAMPLE SCRIPT

SCENE TWO

King Minos sits on a throne with attendants 3 -6 and all eight guards at either side of the stage. Ariadne sits away from Minos looking bored.

Cr. Announcer 1 Daedalus, the palace architect for you Sire, and his assistant.

Daedalus enters with his assistant.

Assistant	My Lord, the latest checks have been made on the labyrinth.	
King Minos	And can the beast escape Daedalus?	
Daedalus	Sire, the passages are far too intricate. My plans are perfect, everything is secure.	
Attendants 1 and 2 rush in, breathless, and bow hurriedly to King Minos.		
Attendant 1	It's the Minotaur! The monster, Sire!	
King Minos	What about the Minotaur?	
Attendant 1	It is demanding more food!	
King Minos	More food! It has already eaten all the rabbits in the kingdom!	
Attendant 2	It says rabbits are not enough, Sire!	
King Minos	Well what does it want then?	

Attendant 1 It wants ... people.

King Minos People!

Minos looks shocked, then a touch bewildered.

All the guards, attendants and courtiers swoon in fear and surprise.

All PEOPLE!

Attendant 6 (to the court) The Minotaur wants to eat people!

The king is clearly getting more angry and exasperated. As the courtiers speak, he storms up and down with his hands clasped behind his back.

Courtier 1	Which people?	
Courtier 2	It could be us!	
Courtier 3	Uh oh, watch out, the king's getting angry.	
Courtier 4	This is too much for him!	
Courtier 5	He's going to blow!	
King Minos	(<i>stopping abruptly and shouting</i>) That's it, I've had enough! Attendants YOU can deal with it!	
Attendant 2	How, Sire?	
King Minos	(still shouting) Feed it with the goats!	
Courtier 1	(<i>to Courtier 2)</i> Last time he was like this he took the navy out on a rampage!	
King Minos	(to his naval officers, shouting) Get the ships ready!	
Courtier 1	Told you!	
Ariadne	Father! We were going to spend some time together!	
King Minos	Not now Ariadne, I'm planning my next attack!	
Ariadne sits down in a sulk, takes her mirror and hairbrush and brushes her hair.		

Naval Officer 1	Where are we going, Sire?
King Minos	Athens! We will set sail for Athens. And then we'll show those Athenians what we're made of!

Naval Officer 2 Athens it is Sire!

As King Minos and the naval officers exit, and Ariadne also from the other side of the stage, the Minotaur roars.

Minotaur (SFX) ROOOAAAAARRR!

The courtiers and guards remain, looking worried.

Attendant 3	What are we going to do?	
Attendant 1	Go and get the goats I suppose.	
Attendant 4	Let's hope the Minotaur likes them!	
Attendant 5	(to Attendant 1) But what happens when the goats are all gone?	
Attendant 1	We'll give it the sheep.	
Attendant 6	Then what happens when the sheep are all gone?	
Attendant 4	(<i>looking frightened</i>) We'll be next!	
Attendant 5	(looking more frightened) Ahhhh! We'll be next!	
Attendant 3	King Minos will have no choice, he'll have to feed us to the Minotaur!	
A look of shock and horror on everyone's faces.		