LEADING PLAYER
Boy, when you frolic, you really frolic, don't you. How do you feel now?

PIPPIN
Empty and vacant.

LEADING PLAYER
Oh, I don’t know. That looked like fun to me, what you were doing.

PIPPIN
But it wasn’t fulfilling. When am I gonna try something completely fulfilling?

LEADING PLAYER
Look, you just started. There’s a whole lotta things you can try!

PIPPIN
Like what?

LEADING PLAYER
Like taking a look at this: (SHE hands PIPPIN a newspaper)

PIPPIN
(Reading the paper)
“Peasants revolt. King slays thousands.” Wait... “Peasants protesting a rise in taxes were slaughtered yesterday by Charlemagne's soldiers.”

(To LEADING PLAYER) No, this can’t be true.

LEADING PLAYER
Now would a newspaper print anything that wasn't true?

PIPPIN
But my father would never slaughter people just for protesting.
LEADING PLAYER

Why not? He's the king? (She takes the newspaper from him, opens to another headline)

Now let’s see... Ah. “Charlemagne, today, has given orders that non-believers be given the choice between baptism and beheading.”

PIPPIN

(Taking the newspaper)

What? Wait a minute... forcing people to believe? Telling them what to think? Something’s got to be done about this.

LEADING PLAYER

You are absolutely right.

PIPPIN

We're surrounded by injustice and tyranny:

LEADING PLAYER

And prejudice. Don't forget about prejudice!

PIPPIN

You know, I'm finally beginning to see what my father really is. He forces people to fight and die over land that doesn’t even belong to them.

LEADING PLAYER

That's right.

PIPPIN

Well I think this has got to stop. It has gotta stop! Yeah, I think it's time for a change!
LEADING PLAYER

Pippin, it is time for a change.

PIPPIN

You know, it doesn’t matter that he’s my father. We can’t just sit around and wait for someone else to take action. Otherwise one day we will look around and ask what happened, and what happened is we failed to act!

LEADING PLAYER

(Testing the bullhorn) Testing, testing.

(She hands the bullhorn to PIPPIN)

PIPPIN

(Speaking into the bullhorn)

It is time to make a better world for all people, not just the rich and the powerful! This tyrant must be overthrown.

(The crowd cheers)

Terror and bloodshed must be ended. We need a leader with the you and the courage to seep out the old order!

(More cheers) Down with Charles! Up with... ME!