

1 Henry VI

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*Enter Charles the Dauphin, the Bastard of Orleans,
[the Duke of Alençon, René Duke of Anjou, and
French soldiers]*

CHARLES

Saint Denis bless this happy stratagem,
And once again we'll sleep secure in Rouen.

BASTARD

Here entered Pucelle and her practisants.
Now she is there, how will she specify
`Here is the best and safest passage in'?

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RENÉ

By thrusting out a torch from yonder tower±±
Which, once discerned, shows that her meaning is:
No way to that, for weakness, which she entered.
*Enter Joan la Pucelle on the top, thrusting out a
torch burning*

JOAN

Behold, this is the happy wedding torch
That joineth Rouen unto her countrymen,
But burning fatal to the Talbonites.

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BASTARD

See, noble Charles, the beacon of our friend.
The burning torch in yonder turret stands.

CHARLES

Now shine it like a comet of revenge,
A prophet to the fall of all our foes!

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RENÉ

Defer no time; delays have dangerous ends.
Enter and cry, `The Dauphin!', presently,
And then do execution on the watch.
Alarum. Exeunt