

NO ROOM

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Moira Less *Female. The main newsreader*
Laurie Carr *Male or female. Travel Correspondent*
Spokesman *Male or female. Palace spokesman on behalf of King Herod*
Kate Adie-One *Female. News reporter*
Penny Sillin *Female. A nurse*
Hilton Holiday *Male. An innkeeper*

Moira Welcome to the 11 o'clock news and here are the main headlines.
 [Sound effect – BONG] Caesar's census is in full swing causing chaos
 on the roads.
 [Sound effect – BONG] King Herod issues official denial of "royal
 baby" rumour.

 Hello, my name is Moira Less.
 Today it was a case of gridlock across the country as people answered
 Caesar's command to report to their place of birth to fill in a Census
 form.
 Our Travel Correspondent, Laurie Carr, has the details.

Laurie Thank you, Moira.
 The roads were in chaos today.
 The A.A. (that's the Ass Association) said that they had never been so
 busy and the R.A.C. (that's the Roadside Assistance for Camels)
 reported many of their members getting the hump.
 The advice from the Roman Road Police is: "There is no room for any
 more travellers. So, unless your journey is absolutely essential, stay at
 home.
 Back to you, Moira.

Moira Thank you, Laurie.
 Today in Jerusalem a palace spokesman issued a statement on behalf
 of King Herod, relating to the rumour that a royal baby has been born.

Spokesman Certain allegations have been circulating in the press suggesting that a
 brand new royal baby son has recently been born. King Herod denies
 these allegations completely. He is the King and there is no room for
 any other royals in the kingdom.

Moira Despite the royal denials, rumours have continued and seem to centre
 on the town of Bethlehem and a couple called Mary and Joseph
 Carpenter.
 We sent our reporter, Kate Adie-One, to investigate.

Kate Thank you Moira.
 It seems that Mary and Joseph went first to the Bethlehem Hospital
 where they met chief nurse, Penny Sillin.

Penny Yes, that's right. Joseph Carpenter came to us and asked for a bed for his wife Mary. I said, "You must be joking. We have a waiting list over 9 months long". I told them, "We have no room".

Kate Mary and Joseph then went to the Bethlehem Travel Lodge where they spoke to innkeeper, Hilton Holiday.

Hilton I remember them well. But I said, "I'm sorry but we're fully booked". We always are at Christmas – and what with the census – there was no hope of finding them a bed. "We have no room", I said.

Kate But that wasn't the end of the story was it?

Hilton No, I felt sorry for them, so I suggested they bedded down in our barn. I even told them a joke to cheer them up.

Kate What was that?

Hilton I said that the cows would be bound to moove over for them to make room. *[Laughs loudly at his own joke]*

Kate *[Sarcastic]* I bet that really cheered them up.

Hilton Well, no, as a matter of fact they didn't find it very funny.

Kate You surprise me.
This is Kate Adie-One for the 11 O'clock News in Bethlehem returning you to the studio.

Moira Well there we have it, ladies and gentlemen. It's a story of:
No room on the roads,
No room for a new royal baby at the palace,
And Mary and Joseph Carpenter were just an ordinary couple who only found room amongst the animals in a stable.

I'm Moira Less and that's the news at 11 o'clock.
Goodbye.