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You hope that the minotaur isn't too bright, so you hide behind a nearby rock, hoping to avoid his deadly axe. Your results are nowhere near excellent, though — the beast sees you and grabs you by your collar, lifting you straight into the air. You've been captured!

The minotaur drags you through the maze toward its lair. Your heart pounds as you see the bones of its previous victims strewn about the floor. It throws you on the ground and licks its lips in anticipation of eating you for dinner, and you cast your eyes about the chamber trying to think of a way to escape.

The monster's muscles ripple as it lifts its deadly weapon above its head. In desperation, you point over its shoulder and yell, "Behind you!" The minotaur turns its head, and you leap to your feet and run past it. You can't believe it — the oldest trick in the book worked! This time, you manage to outrun the minotaur and escape the maze.

Once you're sure he's not following, you stop and exhale a big sigh of relief. Feeling lucky to be alive, you continue on the path, which now leads toward a dark forest. You also seem to be much closer to that gleaming castle you saw earlier; it's now just to the right and up a small slope.

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*If you enter the castle,  
turn to page 7.*

*If you go down the  
path, entering the dark  
forest, turn to page 18.*