

# GEOFFREY

**Monologue #1:** *(To HENRY and ELEANOR, re: John)* And I'm to be his chancellor. Has he told you? John will rule the country while I run it. That's to say, he gets to spend the taxes that I get to raise. How nice for me...but not as nice as being king. No one ever thinks of crowns and mentions Geoff. Why is that? I make out three prizes here — a throne, a princess and the Aquitaine. Three prizes and three sons; but no one ever says, "Here, Geoff, here Geoff boy, here's a bone for you." It isn't the power that I feel deprived of; it's the mention that I miss. There's no affection for me here. You wouldn't think I'd want that, would you? *(Exits.)*

**Monologue #2:** *(To JOHN.)* John — there you are. You're angry: good. Now here's my plan. *(JOHN turns away)* John, use your head. Would I betray you? I only turned on you to get their confidence. It worked; they trust me. If you're not king, I'm nothing. You're my way to power, John. Always put your faith in vices. Trust my slyness if you think I'm sly. Make use of me, deceive me, cast me off — but not until I've made you king. We've got to make a deal with Philip; you're out and Richard's in. It's got to be a war. If we three join and fight now, we can finish Richard off and Mother, too. Well, do we do it? Is it on? We're extra princes now. You know where extra princes go.