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How does the king respond to the members of the city rejecting the invitation?

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How does the king entice the new set of invitees to come to the wedding?

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