

ROBIN HOOD

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ROBIN HOOD is from a rich family with a big house. But now Sir Guy of Gisborne lives in Robin's house and Robin lives in Sherwood Forest. Robin takes money from rich people and gives it to poor people.

LITTLE JOHN, MUCH, ALLAN, WILL and **DJAQ** live with Robin in Sherwood Forest. They help him in his work.



MARIAN is from a rich family. She and Robin are old friends. She likes helping people and hates the Sheriff and Sir Guy.

THE SHERIFF governs the town of Nottingham. He takes lots of taxes from poor people so they don't have money for food. He hates Robin Hood. But can he stop Robin's work?



THE ABBESS OF RUFFORD

arrives suddenly at Nottingham Castle after an attack in Sherwood Forest.



SIR GUY works for the Sheriff. Many people are dead because of him. He hates Robin Hood but he loves Marian.

EDWARD is Marian's father. He isn't happy because Marian is working with Robin Hood and his men. It is very dangerous for Marian, and for Edward too.



FLAXTON and CEDRIC

Flaxton is a taxman. His son, Cedric, works with him.

PLACES

Sherwood Forest

The road to Nottingham goes through this big forest. Robin lives here with his men.

Nottingham Castle

The Sheriff and his guards live here.
Knighton Hall
Marian and her father, Edward, live in this big house.

ROBIN HOOD

The Taxman

At Nottingham Castle, the Sheriff is talking to two men.

We can do it.

Don't make any mistakes or you're dead.

Here's some money now. You can have £500 when I've got Robin Hood.

A nun arrives at the castle.

Help me!

What's wrong?

An attack! Men in the forest! I ...

Guards! Take her into the castle and find a doctor.

Robin's friends are in Sherwood Forest.

Stop! We're taking your money.

We are poor. We've got some food, but no money.

That is the Sheriff's. Put it back.

And what is this?

He's a taxman!

Come here, taxman!

Please, no! He isn't a taxman!

Marian is in the garden of Knighton Hall.



Marian, Sir Guy is here.

Sir Guy! Hello.

Marian and Sir Guy go into the house.



This is for you.

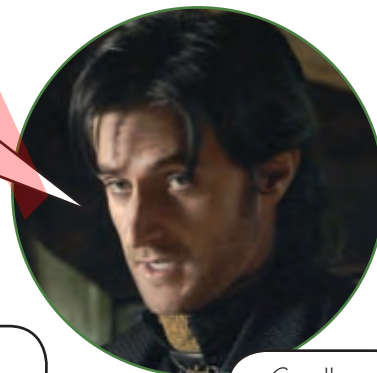
That's the second thing this week, Sir Guy! I don't ...

Please, Marian. I want to be your friend ... maybe one day your husband.



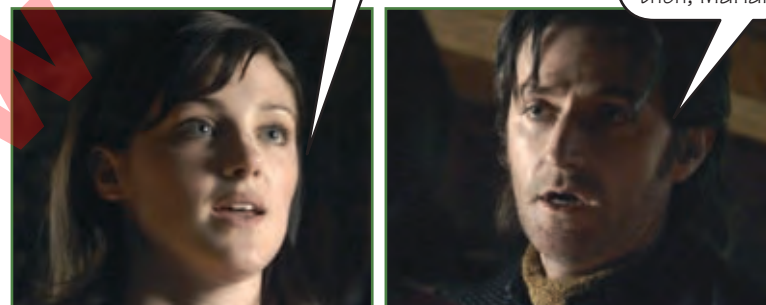
I don't want a husband, Sir Guy.

It is dangerous for a woman without a husband, Marian. Men in Sherwood Forest are attacking women on the road to Nottingham. There is an abbess at the castle today ... I want to talk to her about the terrible attack ...



Then go to her now. You have important work, Sir Guy. Please, go.

Goodbye, then, Marian.



Sir Guy is leaving. Why is he angry, Marian?

Because I don't want a husband ... I don't want him.

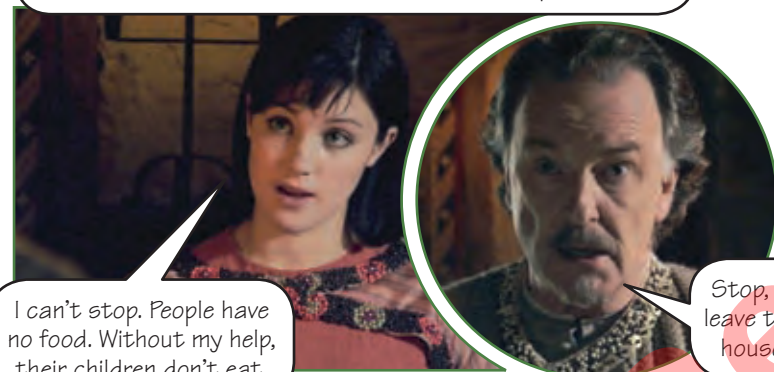


Sir Guy is an important man, Marian – a good husband for you.



I hate Sir Guy ... Maybe I can be a nun. Nuns don't have husbands.

I don't understand you, Marian. You don't want a husband. You go out every night and help Robin Hood and his men. It's dangerous. Do you want to be dead soon? Stop this, now!



I can't stop. People have no food. Without my help, their children don't eat.

Stop, or leave this house.



I can't stop, so ...

Where are you going? Marian? Marian!



In Sherwood Forest, Robin meets his friends.

So, who have we got here?

A taxman. His name's Flaxton. Look at his book.

Very interesting.

What does this mean, Flaxton?

I can't tell you that.



Aaarghh!

Put him down! Please! Put my father down!

He's your father? ... John, put Mr Flaxton down.



Now, let's try again. What does this mean?

John!

Not my son! Please!



Then tell us.

Time travel: England in the year 1200

Hello, time travellers! England in 1200 is a very different place from England today. Come and meet some of the children from the time of Robin Hood.



Daily Work

Marian in *Robin Hood* is 21. That's very old for a girl with no husband.

CECILY doesn't go to school – there aren't any schools in her town. She helps her mother with her work. They make cloth and work in their garden. She's twelve years old – ready for marriage. She likes a boy in her town, but he's from a very poor family. She can't be his wife. Marriage isn't about love, it's about money. Her father is looking for a good husband for her.

What is good and bad about life for teenagers in Robin Hood's England?



The Madonna

ELEANOR is fourteen years old. She lives in a convent and wants to be a nun. She sees her family every month, but she can never leave the convent. She can read and write – she has lessons from the nuns. But nuns can't dance or eat nice food, and they can't have husbands or children. Eleanor goes to the chapel at 2 o'clock every night, and five times every day. She helps in the convent hospital too.

An abbess governs the nuns in a convent. In 1200, it is the only good job for a woman without an important husband.

EDWARD is eleven and he comes from an important family. He wants to be a knight. He doesn't live with his family. He lives in a castle and has lessons there. He can read, but his important lessons are horseriding and swordfighting. There are very young boys at the castle with him. Some are only seven.



A Knight

Robin Hood and Sir Guy of Gisborne are knights. They are good at swordfighting after years of lessons like Edward's.

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

travel(ler) cloth marriage knight convent horseriding swordfighting