

Robin Hood

Chapter 7-9



Chapter 7

Marian Goes to Sherwood Forest

Very early next morning, Marian put on boy's clothes and a boy's hat and woke up Friar Tuck. The friar took his staff and Marian took her bow and arrows. Then they left the house and walked on the Great North Road through the forest.

After some hours, the friar suddenly left the road and sat down under a tree.

‘Please let's stop, My Lady,’ he said. ‘We had no breakfast and I am very hungry!’

Marian laughed.

‘I am sorry, Friar Tuck,’ she said, ‘You are right, we will eat now. Stay here. I will take your staff and my bow and arrow, and catch some animals. "We can cook them here in the forest.’

Marian left the friar and moved quietly between the forest trees. She saw a deer. Very quietly, she took out an arrow and put it to her bow.

‘Stop there, boy!’ said a man behind her. The man spoke very loudly. The deer jumped at the noise and ran away into the trees. Marian was very angry. She turned to the speaker but he wore a big hood. She couldn't see his face.

‘Well, boy,’ said the man. ‘Don't you know that you cannot eat the king's deer? The Sheriff of Nottingham killed two men last week because they caught a deer.’

‘I am not afraid of the sheriff,’ said Marian, ‘or of you. Leave now - or fight!’

‘Fight with you?’ the man laughed. ‘But you are only a boy! Well, you have a staff and I have one too. I will fight with you -with one hand!’

Marian fought well. She was strong and quick. With only one hand, the man could not win. She hit him again and again on his head and across his back.

‘Stop, stop!’ he laughed. ‘You are young, but you are a good fighter.’ He threw back his hood. ‘I am Robin Hood. Will you come with me, and be one of my men?’

‘Robin!’ said Marian, and threw back her hood too. Her lovely red hair fell down her back.

‘Marian!’ answered Robin. ‘What are you doing here, in the forest? Is nobody with you?’

‘I am with a friend, Friar Tuck,’ said Marian, ‘and he is very hungry! The deer was for him. But I think that he will be happy to eat at Robin Hood's table.’

She and Robin went back to the road and looked for Friar Tuck. They called his name but there was no answer.

‘Poor man!’ said Marian. ‘Perhaps he is looking for me. Perhaps he thinks that the sheriff's men caught me!’

Then she told Robin about her father and the sheriff.

‘I cannot go home now, Robin,’ she said. ‘I want to be with you here, in Sherwood Forest. Friar Tuck will marry us. Let's find him. Perhaps he will want to live with us.’

They did not find Friar Tuck that day, so Marian stayed with her uncle. She came each day to the forest.

‘Another friar lives at my uncle's home,’ she told Robin, ‘but he is a weak man. He doesn't want to marry us because he is afraid. And the sheriff will find me at my uncle's house. Oh, where is Friar Tuck? Only he can help us.’

Then one day, about a month after the fight between Marian and Robin, Will Scarlet told them an interesting story.

‘People in the village of River Dale are talking about a fat friar,’ he said. ‘They say he came to the village last month. Now he lives near the river. For one penny, he will take people across the river in his boat. When poor people cannot pay, he carries them across on his back! People say he loves good food and a good fight. He is a very strange friar, I think.’

‘And I think that man is Friar Tuck,’ laughed Marian. ‘Robin, please go to River Dale and bring him back with you.’

Robin and Will Scarlet walked with Marian to her uncle's house and then went back through the forest to the village of River Dale.

‘Wait here, Will,’ said Robin. ‘Marian says the friar is a strong man and very brave. I'd like to try him!’

Robin then walked to the river and looked across it. He saw the friar's little house, and his boat.

‘Good friar,’ he called, ‘where are you ? Will you take me in your boat? I have some money and I can pay you well.’

Friar Tuck came out of the house and got into the boat. He came quickly across the river.

‘Show me your money first,’ said the friar. ‘Then you can get in.’

He jumped from the boat to dry ground and held out his hand. Robin gave him a penny and walked to the boat. But he didn't get in. He pushed the boat and it moved slowly away, down the river.

‘You stupid man! What are you doing?’ shouted Friar Tuck.

Robin took out his sword.

‘Now we have no boat, friar,’ he said. ‘Carry me across the river on your back and perhaps I will not kill you!’

The friar said nothing. He looked at Robin's sword and then walked into the water. Robin climbed onto his back and they went slowly to the middle of the river. Then the friar suddenly stopped, stood up, and threw Robin into the water.

Friar Tuck could swim more quickly than Robin. He got out of the river and called,

‘Come here, friend, and fight with me. I do not have a sword because I am a churchman. And I can kill a man with my two hands!’

Then Will Scarlet came out of the forest with ten of Robin's men. ‘Robin, are you hurt?’ he called. Robin climbed out of the river.

‘What are you going to do now, friar?’ said Robin. ‘Will you fight us?’

Friar Tuck did not answer him. He called loudly, ‘Hunter! Biter! Here, my boys!’ Two great dogs came out of the forest.

‘My two dogs and I are ready to fight you!’ said Friar Tuck. ‘But tell me first, are you Robin Hood?’

‘I am,’ said Robin. ‘Lady Marian sent me. She is right - you are a good fighter! Will you come and live in the forest? Will you be our friar?’

The next day, Friar Tuck married Robin and Marian in the little church of River Dale. Then he left his house by the river. Now he was one of Robin's men.

Activities for chapter 7

Easy activities:

Translate the words

Translate the following words. Use a dictionary if necessary:

- 1) Clothes = _____
- 2) Through = _____
- 3) Breakfast = _____
- 4) Hood = _____
- 5) Table = _____
- 6) Pushed = _____

Change from past to present tense

Past	Present
<i>He saw</i>	<i>He sees</i>
<i>She said</i>	<i>She</i>
<i>It jumped</i>	<i>It</i>
<i>They answered</i>	<i>They</i>
<i>I looked</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>We called</i>	<i>We</i>

Medium activities

Questions for the story

- 1) How does Marian dress, when she leaves the house? _____
- 2) What weapons does Marian and Robin fight with, when they meet? _____
- 3) Where does Marian stay, when they can't find Friar Tuck? _____
- 4) Where does Robin go to meet Friar Tuck? _____
- 5) What weapon does Friar Tuck say he will use, because he is a churchman?

Find examples

Find examples of the following in the story

- 1) Find at least **seven nouns**
- 2) Find at least **seven verbs**
- 3) **Descriptions** of Friar Tuck

Find the opposite

Here are some examples of adjectives in the story. Try to find their opposite.

He is angry	He is
She is hungry	She is
They were weak	They were
He was fat	He was

Difficult activity

Where is Friar Tuck

In this chapter Friar Tuck suddenly disappears after Marian finds Robin. Then after some time, Robin finds Friar Tuck again at a river.

Write about where Friar Tuck was, when he disappeared

Meeting in the forest

Draw a little comic that shows how Marian and Robin meets in the forest and their little fight. **Remember word balloons**

Wedding ceremony

In the end of this chapter we are told, that Robin and Marian gets married.

Write about how the wedding was celebrated, who was there and what happened.

Then draw a picture of the wedding.

Picture of the wedding

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Chapter 8

The Tall Friar

People loved King Richard because he was a brave man and a good king. But his brother, Prince John, only wanted to be king and to be rich. People hated him.

When King Richard was in England, the prince and other important Norman lords had to listen to their king. They could not take land and money from weaker men. But Richard fought in Jerusalem for many years. When the king was away, Prince John and his friends were greedy and unkind.

Then, one day, the prince got a letter from the Sheriff of Nottingham.

‘My Lord Prince,’ wrote the sheriff, ‘the people are saying that your brother Richard is here in the North. They say he is going from town to town and asking questions about me - and about you. We will have to be very careful...’

‘So,’ thought the prince, ‘Richard is in England again. Why isn't he dead? And why didn't he come here to London? What stories about me is he listening to? I think I too will go to Nottingham and visit my friend the sheriff. Perhaps he can tell me more.’

So the prince took the Great North Road to the sheriff's house. A hundred strong men went with him. They took the road through Sherwood Forest, and there they met a churchman. The man was very tall and strong and he wore a great hood over his face.

‘Well, friar,’ said the prince, ‘you are a brave man. Is nobody with you? Aren't you afraid? Don't you know that the robber, Robin Hood, lives in Sherwood Forest?’

‘People say that Robin Hood does not hurt poor men,’ said the friar.

‘People say stupid things,’ answered the prince angrily. ‘They say that my brother Richard is in England. But I say that he is dead! I will be king then. Now move out of my way!’

The tall man moved out of the way of the horses. He looked back at Prince John and his men for some minutes. Then he left the road and walked quickly into the forest. The tall man walked for a long time. Evening came. Then he heard something up in the trees:

‘Good evening, brother. Why are you walking in the forest? Is nobody with you? Are you not afraid?’

The tall man laughed.

‘Another person asked me that question. I am not afraid. I am looking for Robin Hood.’

Will Scarlet jumped down lightly from the tree.

‘Then I will take you to him,’ he said.

When they arrived in the middle of the forest, Robin's men were there. There was good food on the tables again.

‘Robin!’ called Will. ‘This good friar wants to meet you.’

‘We want to meet him too,’ said Robin. ‘We will eat with rich men, but we ask them to pay for their dinner. Poor people pay us with their stories. What is your story, friend? Why do you want to meet me?’

‘This is my story,’ said the friar. ‘I left England with King Richard. Now the king is in England again, and I came too.’

People everywhere tell me stories about Robin Hood, so I wanted to meet you.’

‘Oh, Robin,’ said Marian, ‘this is wonderful. The king is here in England! Let's go and find him. We can tell him everything about the sheriff and Prince John...’

‘I love no man in the world more than the king,’ said Robin. ‘But what will he think? His brother is a greedy man. I can tell him that. But Prince John will say I am a robber. I think, for now, that I will stay quiet.’

The tall churchman stood up.

‘You are wrong, Robin,’ he said. Then he called loudly, ‘To me! To me!’

Suddenly fifty strong men came out of the dark night and stood behind him.

‘What is this?’ said Robin. ‘Are you Prince John's man? Are the prince and his men here? Are they really so brave?’

‘Perhaps my brother is not a brave man. But I am Richard, your king, and I wanted to meet the famous Robin Hood. I hear many good stories about you, Robin. And other people also tell me bad stories about my brother. I know that John gave your lands to the sheriff. But from today, you will be Robin of Locksley again, and the king's friend.’

Activities for chapter 8

Easy activities

Translate the Words

- 1) Brother = _____
- 2) Important = _____
- 3) Letter = _____
- 4) Perhaps = _____
- 5) Hood = _____
- 6) Famous = _____

Insert the Correct Word

- 1) People love king Richard because he is a _____ (*funny/ kind/ brave*) man.
- 2) Prince John meets a tall _____ (*churchman/ thief/ knight*) in the forest.
- 3) The friar has heard that Robin doesn't hurt _____ (*rich/ poor/ clever*) men.
- 4) The tall friar says that he is not _____ (*hungry/ happy/ afraid*).
- 5) The tall friar goes to visit _____ (*Robin Hood / the king / the sheriff*).

Medium activities

Questions for the Story

- 1) What part of the country has the sheriff heard that king Richard is in? _____
- 2) What road does the prince take, to get to the sheriff's house? _____
- 3) What time of the day is it, when the friar meets Will Scarlet in the forest? _____
- 4) How many men is with the friar, when he calls to them? _____

5) Who does the friar reveal himself to be? _____

Find examples

a) Find **five adjectives**

1)_____ 2)_____ 3)_____ 4)_____ 5)_____

b) Examples of **direct speech** from *the prince*, *the tall friar* and *Robin Hood*.

(**Direct speech** is when the characters talk inside the story. It is shown with quotation marks.)

The prince: “ _____ ”

The tall friar: “ _____ ”

Robin Hood: “ _____ ”

Writing sentences

Write a **sentence** with each of the following words

1) **Fought:** _____

2) **Careful:** _____

3) **Perhaps:** _____

4) **Wonderful:** _____

5) **Everything:** _____

Difficult activities

Story of the tall friar

In the end of this chapter reveals that he is in fact not a friar, but somebody completely else. *Describe why you think this person had to dress up in the clothing of a friar to meet get into Sherwood Forest and meet Robin Hood.*

Letter to the king

We are told in this chapter, that the people love King Richard, because he is a brave man and a good king. Imagine you are one the villagers living in Nottingham, and you are writing a letter to King Richard in Jerusalem.

Write about how the sheriff and prince treats the people, who Robin Hood is and how happy you will be, when Richard returns to England.

Portrait of the friar's true identity

In the end of this chapter, it is revealed who the tall friar really is.

Draw a portrait of the friar's real identity and make a description of that person.

Portrait	Description

Chapter 9

The Last Adventure

After his visit to Sherwood Forest, King Richard went back to London. Robin and his men left the forest. Will Scarlet went to London with the king, but Little John stayed with Robin and Marian at Locksley House.

One day, two years later, Robin visited his old friend, Friar Tuck. They talked for a long time about their adventures.

‘I eat too well now, Robin,’ said the friar. ‘I am too fat and I cannot fight. People say that King Richard is ill. I hope that he will live for a long time. I hope that John will never be king. I wouldn't like to sleep on a hard bed in the forest again!’

On the way home, Robin walked slowly and thought about Friar Tuck's words. Then he heard the noise of horses' feet on the road, and looked up. It was the sheriff and his men.

‘Robin Fitzooth,’ called the sheriff, ‘I have here a letter from the king. It says that you will come with me!’

‘From King Richard?’ asked Robin. ‘Why does the king send you? He knows that we are not friends!’

The sheriff came nearer, but not too near. He was very afraid of Robin.

‘Not King Richard,’ he answered. ‘Richard is dead! I am talking about King John. Take him, men!’

Robin pulled out his sword and began to fight. At the same time he moved slowly away from the road to the forest. There were too many men - he couldn't win. He had cuts on his right arm, and the arm hurt very badly.

When he got to the forest, he ran. He could find his way through forest very well, and the sheriff's men lost him.

Robin went through the forest to St Mary's Abbey. In front of the abbey, he fell to the ground. There, the abbot's men found him.

‘It is Robin Hood!’ said the abbot. ‘I would like to kill him, but this is a church. Take him to one of the bedrooms. You, man, go to the sheriff. Tell him that Robin Hood is at the abbey.’

Robin woke up. There was nobody in the room. He was very weak and couldn't move from the bed. Then he heard a friend. ‘I am coming, Robin!’ called Little John. ‘Where are you?’

‘Here! I am here!’ said Robin weakly.

Little John broke open the door. Robin spoke very slowly.

‘Little John, help me one last time. Carry me to the window. Good. Now give me your bow.’

Little John helped Robin to put an arrow in the bow. They pulled. The arrow flew a long way, into the forest.

‘Take me to that place and put me in the ground there,’ said Robin.

There is a place in the forest near the abbey. There you can find these words:

*Under this stone is Robin
Hood. Remember Robin and
his men — No braver man
will come again.*



Activities for chapter 9

Easy activities

Translate the Words

- 1) Adventure = _____
- 2) Stayed = _____
- 3) Near = _____
- 4) Abbey = _____
- 5) Bedroom = _____
- 6) Window = _____

From past to present tense

Here are some verbs from the text in past tense. Change them to present tense.

She stayed	She stays
We talked	We
He walked	He
They asked	They
It moved	It
You called	You

Medium activities

Questions for the Story

1) Where does King Richard and Will Scarlet go to, in the beginning of this chapter?

2) Who does Robin visit? _____

3) What does the sheriffs say has happened to King Richard? _____

4) Who finds Robin when he wakes up? _____

5) How does Robin decide where he wants to be buried?

Find the opposite

Here are some adjectives from this chapter. Try to find their opposite

We are never	We are
I am hurt	I am
You are ill	You are
It was dead	It was

Writing sentences

Write a **sentence** with each of the following words

1) **Sleep:** _____

2) **Knows:** _____

3) **Looked:** _____

4) **Through:** _____

5) **Move:** _____

Difficult activities

Letter to Lady Marian

In this chapter, we hear about how the life of Robin Hood ends. When he dies, the only other person in the room is Little John.

Imagine you are Little John and have to write a letter to Lady Marian about what has happened

End of the Story

This chapter is how the stories about Robin Hood end.

Describe if this is a satisfying ending to the story, and if it was you had expected.

Write why - or why not - this was the ending you expected.
