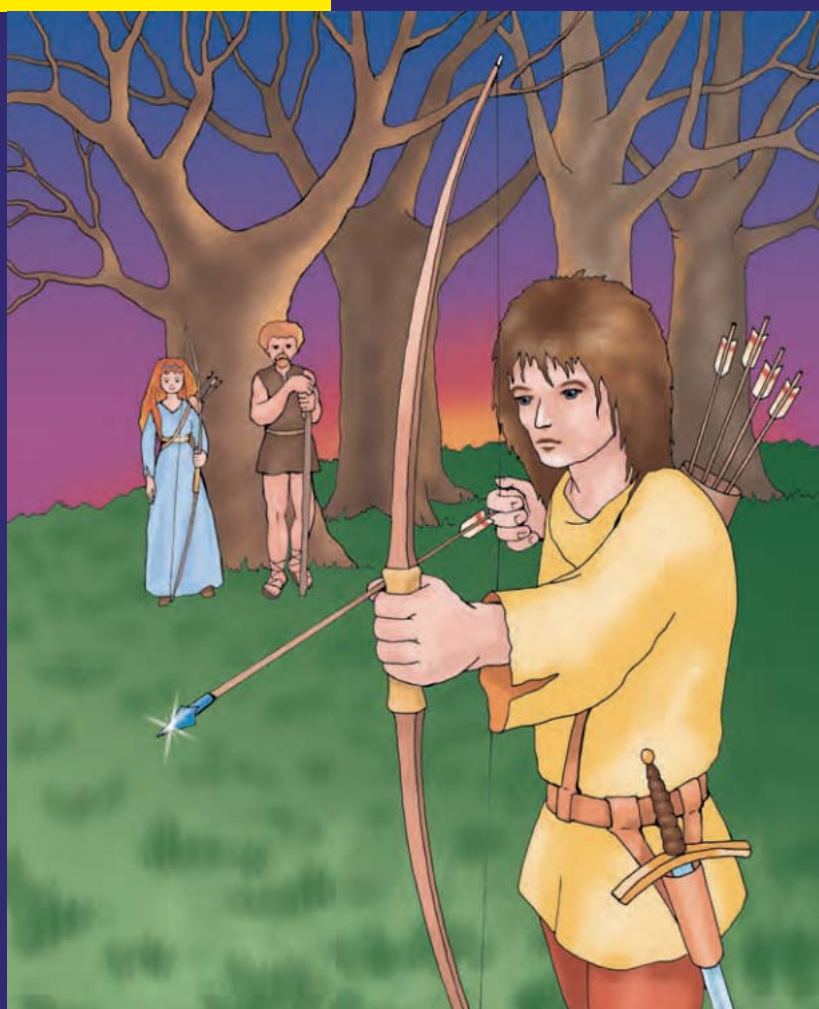


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## Prologue



**A**t the end of the 12th century, England had a good king. His name was Richard the Lion Heart. But when the king left the country for the Crusades, his brother John Lackland took the throne. Those were bad times for honest and hard-working people.

John ordered the people of England to pay very high taxes. He was also a keen hunter and wanted the forests only for himself. No one else could hunt there. Those who broke this law were punished.

There was a boy named Robin who lived in Lockley near Nottingham. When he was eighteen he was the best archer among his friends. His nickname was Hood because he liked to cover his hair in this way, under a hood.

When Robin Hood grew older and stronger, he began his private war with the royal administration. With his band of merry comrades, he fought especially fiercely with the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham. Robin and his friends often robbed the Sheriff's men, taking the tax money and giving it to the poor.

Once Robin hunted a deer in the royal forest. He then killed a guard in a fight. A reward was offered for Robin's head. He had to run and hide.

"Sherwood! Sherwood Forest!" thought Robin. "That is where I will hide."





**S**herwood was a thick and dark forest. It spread along the River Trent near Nottingham. It was a wild place, full of dangers for those who didn't know its secrets. That was why people seldom went there. Those who really had to cross the forest used the road from Nottingham to Mansfield.

Robin came to Sherwood Forest from Nottingham. When he wanted to cross the River Trent on a fallen log, he heard a voice:

“Hey, you! Don't you know you have to pay for the crossing?”

Robin saw a big, strong man with a long stick in his hand.

“What do you mean ‘pay?’” asked Robin, picking up a stick too.

“You have to pay Little John if you want to cross the river!” the big man repeated and moved along the log towards Robin Hood.

But Robin didn't plan to pay for entering the forest. He walked towards the man. They fought with their sticks, balancing on the log. Suddenly, the big man dodged and Robin fell into the water.

“Don't worry. Nobody has ever pushed me into the river,” said the big man, helping the young man out of the water.

Robin Hood and Little John became friends. Together they decided to rob the rich and give to the poor.

