

Robin Hood

CHAPTER I

Robin Hood takes to the Forest

In the days when a King called Henry the Second reigned over England, there lived a boy named Robert Fitzooth. He had a fine name, and he was the son of rather a great man. But all the people who liked him called him Robin Hood.

Robin was a naughty¹⁴ little boy. He was not at all¹⁵ fond of¹⁶ books or of learning.¹⁷ He gave¹⁸ his teacher¹⁹ a good deal of²⁰ trouble,²¹ and it d d not seem to do any good if he were punished.²² Indeed,²³ it only made him²⁴ more²⁵ naughty.

I. In the days when...當...時. 2. 王. 3. 名,稱為. 4. Henry the Second 亨利二世 (英王名). 5. reigned over England 統治英國. 6. there lived=there was 有. 7. 名. 8. Robert Fitzooth 人名. 9. 佳, 美。 10. rather a great man 頗貴之人. 11. 邦人,人民. 12. 愛. 13. Robin Hood 人名. 14. 頑劣. 15. not at all 全不. 16. was fond of 愛好. 17. 學問. 18. 與 (give 之過去式)。 19. 師. 20. a good deal of 許多. 21. 煩擾. 22. it did not seem to do any good if he were punished 彼即受罰亦似不足以有濟 (it 指 if he were punished; to do any good 有濟; punish 罰). 23. 實在. 24. only made him...僅使彼... 25. 更.

He liked to run away¹ in the woods,² to hide from³ his teachers, and that is a thing which⁴ no good⁵ boy should think of doing.⁶ As he grew older,⁷ he did not become any better;⁸ and he spent so much money that⁹ he was soon¹⁰ very poor.¹¹

"What shall I do¹²?" said Robin.¹³ "I have spent every penny,¹⁴ and have nothing left.¹⁵ Where¹⁶ can I get some¹⁷ money to pay my debts¹⁸?" So¹⁹ he went to his friends,²⁰ and some of them lent²¹ him a few²² pounds.²³ But these²⁴ also²⁵ were spent, and still²⁶ Robin wanted more.²⁷

Then²⁸ some one²⁹ went and told the King what Robin was doing,³⁰ and the King was very angry.³¹

I. run away 逸去. 2. 樹林. 3. to hide from 匿避. 4. a thing which...—...之事(which 代名詞,指 thing). 5. 良好. 6. should (shall 之過去式) think of doing 欲為 (think of 念及). 7. grew (grow 之 過去式) older 漸長,稍長 (grew 生長). 8. become any better 遷善 (become 成; better 較良). 9. he spent (spend 之過去式) so much money that...被費去如許多錢以致... (spent 用去; so...that...如此...以致...). 10. 未幾,卽. 11. 窮困. 12. What shall I do? 我將奈何 (what 何者). 13. said (say 之過去式) Robin=Robin said 洛賓云. 14. have spent every penny 囊罄,直譯作每一辨士皆已用去. 15. have nothing left 無所餘 (left 遺留, leave 之過去分詞). 16. 何處. 17. 若干. 18. to pay my debts 償吾債 (debt 債). 19. 以故. 20. went (go 之過去式) to his friends 往訪其友. 21. 借. 22. a few 少許. 23. 金錢. 24. this 之多數,指 pounds. 25. 赤. 26. 仍,依舊. 27. wanted more 更有所需. 28. 於是. 29. some one 有人. 30. told (tell 之過去式) the king what Robin was doing 告王以洛賓所為 (what=that which). 31. 怒.

"He must give up his house," said he; "and he must not live in any of my cities. Take all he has, and pay his debts. And then he must look after himself, for I do not want to see him any more."

Robin Hood was very sad¹¹ when he heard¹² the King's words.¹³ He did not at all like to give up his nice¹⁴ house at Locksley.¹⁵ But when he knew¹⁶ that¹⁷ he had to do as he was told,¹⁸ he went away into¹⁹ the forests,²⁰ and there he said that he would make a new home²¹ for himself.

Now there were a great many²² forests in England²³ in those days,²⁴ and the trees²⁵ grew so thickly²⁶ together,²⁷ that a man could easily²⁸ hide amongst²⁹ them. One of these forests was quite³⁰

I. must give up his house 必葉其居宅,意謂將奪其廬使不得居也 (give up 葉). 2. 居. 3. any of my cities 凡吾所屬各城市 (cities 城市, city 之多数). 4. 取 (=you take, 命令語之用法如此). 5. all he has 凡彼所有者. 6. 付, 價. 7. look after 看顧, 照料. 8. 彼自己. 9. do not want 不欲 (do 字為助動詞, 無意義). 10. to see him any more 復見彼 (any more 再). 11. 愁苦. 12. 聽, 聞得 (hear 之過去式). 13. 話言. 14. 佳, 美. 15. 地名。 16. 知 (know 之過去式). 17. 連詞, 無意義. 18. had to do as he was told 當如命而行 (had to do 當為; was told 奉令, 承告). 19. into...入於... 20. 樹林. 21. new home 新居. 22. a great many 甚多. 23. 英國. 24. in those days 在彼時 (those 乃 that 之多數). 25. 樹. 26. 濃密. 27. grew together 叢生. 28. 易. 29. amongst...在..中. 30. 十分, 頗.

near¹ Robin's old home.² It was at Sherwood,³ in Nottinghamshire;⁴ and, when Robin went right⁵ into the middle⁶ of this great⁷ forest, he found⁸ himself hidden by the waving⁹ branches,¹⁰ and by the big bushes¹¹ that grew round¹² the giant¹³ trees.

The ground¹⁴ was covered¹⁵ with soft¹⁶ green¹⁷ moss.¹⁸ Here and there¹⁹ were little hollow²⁰ places²¹ where²² primroses²³ grew in the spring,²⁴ while²⁵ wild roses²⁶ and honeysuckle²⁷ made the forest look pretty²⁸ in summer.²⁹

On the green moss Robin lay down³⁰ to rest,³¹ and he soon fell asleep.³² He did not even³³ wake³⁴ to hear the birds³⁵ sing³⁶ in the branches above³⁷ his head.³⁸ He was very tired³⁹ and very sad; and he was glad to shut his eyes,⁴⁰ and forget⁴¹ that he had no home but⁴² this beautiful⁴³ big forest.

I. 近. 2. old home 故居. 3. 地名. 4. 地名. 5. went right 直往. 6. 中間. 7. 大. 8. 知, 見 (find 之過去式). 9. 搖鬼. 10. 樹枝. II. 矮叢樹. I2. 環繞. I3. 高大. I4. 地. 15. 覆蓋. I6. 軟. 17. 綠. 18. 苔. 19. Here and there 處處. 20. 凹. 21. 場所, 地方. 22. 副詞, 指 places. 23. 月季. 24. 春. 25. 連詞略似中文"而"字. 26. wild roses 野薔薇. 27. 耐冬. 28. look pretty 美觀. 29. 夏. 30. lay down 臥下. 31. 休息. 32. fell (fall 之過去式) asleep 入睡. 33. 甚至. 34. 醒. 35. 鳥. 36. 鳴. 37. 在上. 38. 頭. 39. 倦. 40. was glad to shut his eyes 樂於閉其眼 (言欲睡也). 41. 忘. 42. had no home but...含...外無以爲家. 43. 美麗.

Now,¹ as soon as² he went to live in these green woods, all his friends began to talk about³ Robin. Many bold⁴ young⁵ men, who⁶ loved⁷ freedom⁸ and adventure,⁹ thought¹⁰ they would like to go and live with him in the forest.

"We shall have such a merry life," they said. "Why,12 we shall have no work to do."

CHAPTER II

The Meeting with Little John

One young man, who was called John Little,¹³ said: "I will start at once¹⁴ for¹⁵ Sherwood, and make friends with¹⁶ bold Robin Hood." So¹⁷ John Little took a stick¹⁸ in his hand, and off he set.¹⁹ He asked everybody he met²⁰ which was the way to²¹ Sherwood.

^{1.} 語助辭. 2. as soon as 甫經 (言無所先後). 3. began (begin 之過去式) to talk about...於是論及...(began 開始). 4. 頭敢. 5. 年少. 6. 代名詞, 指 men. 7. 愛. 8. 自由. 9. 冒險. 10. 想 (think 之對去式). 11. merry life 愉快之生涯. 12. 何則. 13. John Linde 人名. 14. at once 即刻. 15. start for... 啓行至... 16. make frands with ... 與... 為友. 17. 所以. 18. 行杖. 19. off he set—he set off 起程 (off 在前所以加重語氣). 20. everybody he met 凡彼所遇之人 (everybody 每人). 21. which was the way to...何者為赴...之路.

In a little while, he came to a narrow bridge that crossed a river, and when he was on it, he saw that some other man also wished to cross. So the two met in the middle of the bridge, and there was no room to pass.

"Now," said John, "one of us must go back, 10 and which is it to be?" 11

"Well," said Robin Hood, "I will shoot you if you come any further." ¹⁴

"Ah," said John, "that would be cowardly; 15 for, as you see, 16 I have no bow 17 and arrows, 18 but only 19 my good staff." 20

"I scorn²¹ the name of coward," said Robin, "and so I will lay by²² my bow, and take a staff myself."²³

So saying,²⁴ he went to a tree and cut himself a thick stick.²⁵ Then he came back to the stranger,²⁶ and cried: "Now, my merry man,²⁷ we will fight²⁸

^{1.} In a little while 未養. 2. 狹. 3. 橋. 4. 越過. 5. 河. 6. some other man 別有一人. 7. 願, 欲. 8. 謂兩人. 9. no room to pass 無隱地可過. 10. go back 返. 11. which is it to be? 應為誰 (言誰 復返). 12. 語助辭. 13. 射. 14. come any further 更前進. 15. 卑怯. 16. as you see 此君所見者. 17. 弓. 18. 箭. 19. 僅, 祇. 20. 杖. 21. 鄙視, 嘲罵. 22. lay by 紊. 23. take a staff myself 我自己取一杖. 24. So saying 如是云云. 25. cut himself a thick stick 為彼自己割取一 粗厚木條. 26. 生容. 27. merry man 快樂人. 28. 戰.

here on the bridge, and whichever¹ of us falls² into the stream,³ will lose the battle.''⁴

Now John Little was very, very tall,⁵ nearly⁶ seven feet high,⁷ and he was also a strong⁸ man. So he lifted⁹ his stick, and before Robin could see what he was about,¹⁰

"The stranger gave Robin a crack on the crown, 11 Which made the blood to appear; 12 Then Robin, more angry, more fiercely engaged, 13 And followed with 14 blows 15 more severe." 16

Before long¹⁷ the tall stranger gave Robin such a blow that¹⁸ he fell into the river. John was so pleased with himself¹⁹ that he shouted²⁰ after him: "Let me ask you, good fellow,²¹ oh, where are you now?"

But though Robin was wet through,²² he was able to laugh²³ at his fall, for he called out²⁴ quite

I. 無論何者. 2. 傾跌. 3. 溪流. 4. lose the battle 戰負 (battle 戰). 5. 高. 6. 近於. 7. seven feet high 七呎高 (feet 為 foot 之多数). 8. 强批. 9. 舉. 10. before Robin could see what he was about 洛賓尚未知彼(指 John)將何作(before...在...之前): II. gave...a crack on the crown 碎...之颠 (crack 裂罅; crown 頭頂). 12. made the blood to appear 使血出. 13. fiercely engaged 酣門. 14. followed with ...繼以... 15. 擊. 16. 猛烈. 17. Before long 不久,未養. 18. gave Robin such a blow that ...予洛賓以如此一打擊以致... (such...that...如此...以致...; such a blow 巷言 blow 之重). 19. pleased with himself 自喜. 20. 呼. 21. 人,徒輩. 22. wet through 濕透. 23. 笑. 24. called out 喊出.

cheerfully: "I am here in the flood, and floating along with the tide."

"I needs⁴ must say, you are a brave soul,⁵
And with you I'll no longer contend;⁶
For needs must I say, you have won the day⁷—
Our battle shall be at an end."

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Then he made his way to the bank, 10 and up he climbed. 11

"Just wait till¹² I sound¹³ my horn,"¹⁴ he said. Then, lifting his horn to his lips, he blew¹⁵ so loudly¹⁶ that it made John jump.¹⁷

At the sound,¹⁸ a great many big men came running towards them.¹⁹ They were all dressed in²⁰ coats²¹ of a colour²² which was called "Lincoln green,"²³ and in their hands they carried²⁴ bows and arrows.

"They are most gay²⁵ to be seen," said John Little. "And are these your men?"²⁶

^{1.} 歡樂. 2. in the flood 在水中. 3. floating along with the tide 順潮飄浮. 4. 必要 (needs 副詞=of need=necessarily). 5. brave soul 壯士. 6. with you I'll no longer contend=I'll (=I will) no longer contend with you 我不欲復與汝競 (no longer 不復). 7. have won (win 之過去分詞) the day 已膝. 8. at an end 終止. 9. made his way to... 前進至... 10. 岸. 11. up he climbed=he climbed up 攀登. 12. Just wait till... 其俟...可也 (till 直至). 13. 鳴. 14. 角. 15. 吹. 16. 響. 17. 躍 (言驚躍). 18. 摩. 19. came running towards them 向彼等馳來. 20. were dressed in 著,服. 21. 外衣. 22. 額色. 23. Lincoln green 一種綠而有光之類色,因英國 Lincoln 地方首製此種色澤之布故有是名. 24. 攜,挈 (carry 之過去式). 25. 華美. 26. your men 汝之徒屬.

"Yes," said Robin Hood, "and I am their leader."

"Then you must be Robin Hood," said the stranger. "And I should like to join your company, if you please. My name is John Little, a man of good mettle. Do not doubt me, I'll play my part," said he.

"You are just⁸ such a man as I love," said Robin, "and we will shake hands. For you shall be my trusty¹¹ friend."

"But," said one of Robin's bowmen,¹² "we must change¹³ your name. John Little, you shall be Little John, because¹⁴ you are only seven feet high, and you measure not much more than a yard round your waist.¹⁵ Come, my pretty¹⁶ boy, come with us, and we shall live quite merrily¹⁷ in the forest."

^{1.} 首領. 2. to join your company 入夥. 3. if you please 倘君合意. 4. 名. 5. man of good mettle 壯士 (mettle 血性, 勇氣). 6. 疑. 7. play my part 盡我職. 8. 恰. 9. such a man as I love 我所愛之人 (such 如此). 10. shake hands 握手. 11. 可信, 忠實. 12. 弓手. 13. 改易. 14. 因為. 15. you measure not much more than a yard round your waist 國汝腰量之不甚多於一碼 (measure 量; waist 腰). 16. 佳. 17. 愉快.

"But first, my brave men, we must go and hunt.¹ If we do not shoot a deer,² we shall get no dinner.³ So let⁴ every man do his best."⁵ Thus⁶ said Robin; and away they went through the forest, where⁵ there were plenty of⁶ deer to be found.⁶

Soon they were heard coming back.¹⁰ One of Robin's men made a fire of dried wood,¹¹ and over¹² this they put the deer to be roasted.¹³

"It smells good," 14 said Little John, who was hungry. 15

"Yes," said Robin; "but you cannot eat with us till¹⁶ you wear the same clothes¹⁷ that we do.¹⁸ So come with me, friend John, and I will see if I can¹⁹ find you a coat of our Lincoln green.²⁰ Then you will look like one of my band."²¹

^{1.} 獵. 2. 鹿. 3. 餐. 4. 使. 5. do his best 盡其力. 6. 如此. 7. 副詞, 指 forest. 8. plenty of 許多. 9. 發見, 寬得. 10. they were heard coming back 若曹歸矣開其擊可知也. 直譯作若曹歸爲人所聞. 11. made a fire of dried wood 以乾柴生火. 12. 在上. 13. 炙. 14. smells good 嗅之甚美. 15. 飢. 16. cannot...till...非至...不能... 17. the same clothes 同一之衣. 18. that we do 吾儕所御者 (that 代名詞, 指 clothes; do 指 wear). 19. I will see if I can...直譯作且看我能否...,意謂始待我...(if—whether). 20. find you a coat of our Lincoln green 爲汝覓得一吾儕所御 Lincoln green 色之衣. 21. look like one of my band 望之如吾隊中人 (one of...謂...中之一).

So Robin clothed¹ Little John "from top to toe."2

By this time the dinner was ready,³ and they sat down on the grass to enjoy⁴ it. How they talked⁵ and laughed⁶ as⁷ they ate the deer! And when the dinner was over,⁸ some of the men sang⁹ songs, and some told funny stories,¹⁰ and they were all very happy.¹¹

This was how¹² Robin Hood and Little John became friends.

CHAPTER III

Robin Hood and the Abbot of Whitby

The other chief men¹³ of Robin Hood's band were William Stutely,¹⁴ George a-Green,¹⁵ and Friar Tuck,¹⁶ who¹⁷ was an old monk.¹⁸ He came from a beautiful¹⁹ Abbey²⁰ called Fountains Abbey, which²¹ is in Yorkshire.²²

^{1.} 衣之. 2. from top to toe 自頂至踵. 3. 已備. 4. 享. 5. 談. 6. 笑. 7. as...方...時. 8. the dinner was over 餐事畢. 9. 唱 (sing 之過去式). 10. told (tell 之過去式) funny stories 述有趣之故事. 11. 樂. 12. this was how...此為...之情狀. 13. chief men 首領. 14. William Stutely 人名. 15. George a-Green 人名. 16. Friar Tuck 人名 (friar 僧人). 17. 代名詞, 指 Friar Tuck. 18. 僧人. 19. 華美. 20. 僧院, 尼庵 (恆有禮拜堂附屬之). 21. 代名詞, 指 Fountains Abbey. 22. 地名.

There was also a young girl, who sometimes¹ came to see them, and her name was Marian.² She was known as Maid Marian. She was the daughter³ of a nobleman,⁴ who was very rich.⁵ But she liked to roam⁶ about the forests.

Robin Hood's men were very clever at shooting⁷ with bows and arrows; and soon the people⁸ who lived⁹ near Sherwood¹⁰ began to talk about them and stories of their shooting came to the ears of¹¹ the old Abbot¹² of Whitby.¹³

"Ha," said the Abbot, "I hear no one¹⁴ can shoot an arrow so far as¹⁵ these men, and nobody can shoot so straight.¹⁶ Well,¹⁷ I will see for myself what they can do."

So he asked¹⁸ Robin Hood to bring Little John and all the other men to dinner¹⁹ in the Abbey. When the day came, they sat down in the great hall of the Abbey, and had a fine feast.²⁰

I. 有時. 2. 人名. 3. 女兒. 4. 貴人. 5. 富. 6. 游行. 7. clever at shooting 善射. 8. 人民. 9. 居. 10. 地名. II. came to the ears of... 聞於... 12. 僧院長. 13. 地名. 14. no one 無人. 15. so far as... 遠如... 16. 直. 17. 語助辭. 18. 請. 19. to bring... to dinner 攜...來就餐. 20. 宴饗.

In those days¹ people used² to dine very early, and so it was quite light when the meal was over.³

"Come to the top of the tower,4" said the Abbot. "This Abbey is close to the sea,5 and we have a beautiful view.6 You can bring your bows and arrows, if you like."

Then every one⁷ said he would be glad to have a look at⁸ the sea. So they climbed up the steps,⁹ and stood¹⁰ on the top of the Abbey tower.

"Now," said the Abbot, "as we are here, I should like to see some of you¹¹ shoot." So Robin Hood took his bow, and picked out¹² a very fine arrow. Then he lifted¹³ his arm, and shot the arrow into the air. It went straight¹⁴ over the fields,¹⁵ until¹⁸ it fell very, very far away from¹⁷ the Abbey. There it stuck fast¹⁸ in the ground, with its little feather¹⁹ in the air.²⁰

I. In those days 彼時. 2. 慣, 常. 3. it was quite light when the meal was over 餐事旣畢日猶未暮 (it was quite light 直譯作頗明亮).
4. 高樓. 5. close to the sea 近海. 6. 景色. 7. every one 人人. 8. to have a look at...一觀... 9. climbed up the steps 拾級而登. 10. 立 (stand 之過去式). 11. some of you 爾曹中之數人. 12. picked out 擇. 13. 舉起. 14. went straight 直前. 15. 廣場. 16. 至於. 17. far away from...離...遠. 18. stuck (stick 之過去式) fast 深入 (fast 固著). 19. 箭翎 20. in the air 露於空際 (言露出地面)

After Robin had shot, Little John came up, but his arrow did not go quite so far; and though¹ all the others² shot well,³ yet⁴ Robin Hood was the best.⁵

"Well," said the Abbot, who was very much surprised, "what good bowmen you are! I shall build a pillar of stone on the place where Robin Hood's arrow fell, and that field shall always be called 'Robin Hood's Field,' and the place where Little John's arrow rests must be known as John's Field."

Then he sent a monk to measure the distance,¹⁴ and he came back¹⁵ and said that it was more than a mile,¹⁶ which was a very long way for an arrow to fly.

All the country-people¹⁷ liked Robin Hood, and they were very kind to¹⁸ him. For when the

^{1.} 雖. 2. 餘樂. 3. shot (shoot 之過去式) well 善射. 4. 然而. 5. the best 最佳者. 6. 驚異. 7. 何等 (此處用法所以表示驚歎語氣並非設問). 8. 建築. 9. pillar of stone 石柱. 10. on the place where... 在...之地. 11. 常. 12. 停止. 13. must be known as...必以...稱. 14. 距離. 15. came back 返. 16. 英里. 17. 鄉人. 18. were kind to 厚遇.

King said he was never to live¹ in any of the towns² or cities, the country-people said poor Robin should not starve.³ They were very glad to⁴ give him plenty of butter,⁵ and eggs, and good fresh⁶ bread.⁷

CHAPTER IV

The Abbot of St. Mary's

But, sad to tell,⁸ Robin Hood wanted other things besides⁹ bread and eggs. He soon found that he required¹⁰ money,¹¹ with which¹² to buy the suits of Lincoln green for¹³ his men. They liked the good cloth¹⁴ and the pretty colour of these clothes.¹⁵ And when new suits were needed,¹⁶ they had to buy¹⁷ them.

So Robin and his merry men used to wait in the woods¹⁸ till they saw some rich¹⁹ man ride by²⁰ on the roads;²¹ then they came out,²² and took

^{1.} was never to live 不得居. 2. 鎮. 3. should not starve 不當受餓. 4. were glad to...樂於... 5. 乳油. 6. 新鮮. 7. 麵包. 8. sad to tell 言之可憶. 9. wanted other things besides...除...外倚 需其他各物. 10. 需. 11. 錢. 12. 代名詞,指 money. 13. to buy the suits of Lincoln green for...為...購 Lincoln green 之衣. 14. 布. 15. 衣服. 16. 需要. 17. had to buy 必須買. 18. 樹林. 19. 富. 20. ride by 騎行而過. 21. 路. 22. came out 出.

him by surprise.¹ They made him give up every penny that he had.²

Sometimes³ they got many bags of gold in this way.⁴ With these⁵ they would fly back⁶ into the thick⁷ forest, and there they would hide⁸ all the money until they wished⁹ to use¹⁰ it.

Robin never took any money from poor people.¹¹ He was always kind to the poor, and he was very gentle to women.¹² So, although¹³ he was a robber,¹⁴ he was not as bad as he might have been.¹⁵ He was never¹⁶ cruel¹⁷ or rude¹⁸ to those whom he robbed.¹⁹

But he did not love rich people, and he was always glad when an Abbot fell into his hands,²⁰ or when he could rob a few²¹ fat²² monks. He had a grudge against²³ priests of all kinds²⁴ except²⁵

I. took him by surprise 出不意執之. 2. made him give up every penny that he had 令彼盡出其所有以獻 (give up 捐棄; every penny 直譯作每一辨土). 3. 有時. 4. in this way 如此,以此道. 5. this 之多數,指 bags of gold 6. fly back 馳歸. 7. 密. 8. 藏匿. 9, 願, 欲. 10. 用. 11. poor people 貧民. 12. was gentle to women 禮遇婦女. 13. 雖. 14. 盜. 15. not as bad as he might have been 直譯作不恶劣如彼或已是,言為惡不致如盜之甚. 16. 從不. 17. 酷虐. 18. 粗暴. 19. those (that 之多數) whom he robbed 為彼所奪之人. 20. fell into his hands 入彼掌握中. 21. a few 有些. 22. 肥 (此處言饒於資). 23. had a grudge against...對於...有怨毒. 24. priests of all kinds 各種僧侶. 25. except...除...之外.