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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 of ¹⁶ books or of learning.¹⁷ He gave¹⁸ his teacher¹⁹ a good deal of ²⁰ trouble,²¹ and it did not seem to do any good

¹ 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 顯貴之人. ¹¹ 邦人,人民. ¹² 愛. ¹³ Robin Hood 人名.

¹⁴ 顧劣. 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.

if he were punished. Indeed, it only made him more naughty.

He liked to run away⁵ in the woods,⁶ to hide from⁷ his teachers, and that is a thing which⁸ no good⁹ boy should think of doing.¹⁰ As he grew older,¹¹ he did not become any better;¹² and he spent so much money that¹³ he was soon¹⁴ very poor.¹⁵

he was soon '* very poor.'

"What shall I do?'' said Robin.''

"I
have spent every penny,'s and have nothing

left. Where 2 can I get some 3 money to pay my debts 4?" So 5 he went to his friends, 6 and some of them lent 7 him a few 8 pounds. 9 But these 10 also 11 were spent, and still 12 Robin wanted more. 13

Then¹⁴ some one¹⁵ went and told the King what Robin was doing,¹⁶ and the King was very angry.¹⁷

"He must give up his house," 18 said he; and he must not live 19 in any of my cities. 20 Take 21 all he has, 22 and pay 23 his debts. And

¹ have nothing left 無所餘 (left 遺留, leave 之過去分詞).
2 何處. 3 若干. 1 to pay my debts 償吾逋負 (debt 億).
5 以故. 6 went (go 之過去式) to his friends 往訪其友.
7 借. 8 a few 少許. 9 金鎊. 10 this 之多數, 指 pounds.
11 亦. 12 仍, 依舊. 13 wanted more 更有所需. 14 於是.
15 some one 有人. 16 told (tell 之過去式) the king what Robin was doing 告王以洛賓所為 (what that which).
17 怒. 18 must give up his house 必棄其居宅,意謂將奪其廬使不得居也 (give up 棄). 19 居. 20 any of my cities 凡吾所屬各城市 (eities 城市, city 之多數). 21 取 (=you take, 命令語之用法如此). 22 all he has 凡彼所有者.
23 付, 償。

then he must look after himself, for I do not want to see him any more.

Robin Hood was very sad⁵ when he heard⁶ the King's words.⁷ He did not at all like to give up his nice⁸ house at Locksley.⁹ But when he knew¹⁰ that¹¹ he had to do as he was told,¹² he went away into¹³ the forests,¹⁴ and there he said that he would make a new home¹⁵ for himself.

Now there were a great many¹⁶ forests in England¹⁷ in those days,¹⁸ and the trees¹⁹ grew so thickly²⁰ together,²¹ that a man could easily²² hide amongst²³ them. One of these forests was quite²⁴ near²⁵ Robin's old home.²⁶

It was at Sherwood, in Nottinghamshire; and, when Robin went right into the middle of this great forest, he found himself hidden by the waving branches, and by the big bushes that grew round the giant trees.

The ground¹² was covered¹³ with soft¹⁴ green¹⁵ moss.¹⁶ Here and there¹⁷ were little hollow¹⁸ places¹⁹ where²⁰ primroses²¹ grew in the spring,²² while²³ wild roses²⁴ and honeysuckle²⁵ made the forest look pretty²⁶ in summer.²⁷

On the green moss Robin lay down²⁸ to rest,²⁹ and he soon fell asleep.³⁰ He did not

¹ 地名. 2 地名. 3 went right 直往. 4 中間. 6 大. 6 知,見 (find 之過去式). 7 搖曳. 8 樹枝. 9 矮叢樹. 10 環繞. 11 高大. 12 地. 13 覆蓋. 14 軟. 15 綠. 16 苔. 17 Here and there 處處. 18 凹. 19 場所,地方. 20 副詞,指 places. 21 月季. 22 春. 23 聯綴詞畧似中文 "而"字. 24 wild roses 野薔薇. 25 耐冬. 26 look pretty 美觀. 27 夏. 28 lay down 臥下. 29 休息. 30 fell (fall 之過去式) asleep 入睡.

even¹ wake² to hear the birds³ sing⁴ in the branches above⁵ his head.⁶ He was very tired² and very sad; and he was glad to shut his eyes,⁵ and forget⁵ that he had no home but¹⁰ this beautiful¹¹ big forest.

Now,¹² as soon as¹³ he went to live in these green woods, all his friends began to talk about¹⁴ Robin. Many bold¹⁵ young¹⁶ men, who¹⁷ loved¹⁸ freedom¹⁹ and adventure,²⁰ thought²¹ they would like to go and live with him in the forest.

"We shall have such a merry life,"22 they said. "Why,23 we shall have no work to do."

CHAPTER II

The Meeting with Little John

ONE young man, who was called John Little, 1 said: "I will start at once 2 for 3 Sherwood, and make friends with 4 bold Robin Hood." So 5 John Little took a stick 6 in his hand, and off he set. 7 He asked everybody he met 8 which was the way to 9 Sherwood.

In a little while, 10 he came to a narrow 11 bridge 12 that crossed 13 a river, 14 and when he was on it, he saw that some other man 15 also wished 16 to cross. So the two 17 met in the middle of the bridge, and there was no room to pass. 18

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

"Well," said Robin Hood, "I will shoot you if you come any further." 5

"Ah," said John, "that would be cowardly; for, as you see, I have no bow and arrows, but only my good staff." 11

"I scorn¹² the name of coward," said Robin, "and so I will lay by¹³ my bow, and take a staff myself.¹⁴

So saying,¹⁵ he went to a tree and cut himself a thick stick.¹⁶ Then he came back to the stranger,¹⁷ and cried: "Now, my merry man,¹⁸ we will fight¹⁹ here on the bridge, and

¹ go back 返。 ² which is it to be? 應為誰 (言誰則復返)。
³ 語助辭。 ⁴ 射。 ⁶ come any further 更前進。 ⁶ 卑怯。
⁷ as you see 此君所見者。 ⁸ 弓。 ⁹ 箭。 ¹⁰ 僅,祗。 ¹¹ 杖。
¹² 鄙視,嘲罵。 ¹³ lay by 棄。 ¹⁴ take a staff myself 我自己取一杖。 ¹⁵ So saying 如是云云。 ¹⁶ cut himself a thick stick 為彼自己割取一粗厚木條。 ¹⁷ 生客。 ¹⁸ merry man快人。 ¹⁹ 戰。

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.1 oh, where are you now?"

But though Robin was wet through,² he was able to laugh³ at his fall, for he called out⁴ quite cheerfully:⁵ "I am here in the flood,⁶ and floating along with the tide.⁷

"I needs must say, you are a brave soul, And with you I'll no longer contend; 10

For needs must I say, you have won the day—11

Our battle shall be at an end." 12

Then he made his way to¹³ the bank,¹⁴ and up he climbed.¹⁵

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¹ 人,徒輩. 2 wet through 濕透. 2 笑. 4 called out 喊出. 5 歡樂. 6 in the flood 在水中. 7 floating along with the tide 順潮相浮. 8 必要 (needs 副詞=of need=necessarily). 9 brave soul 壯士. 10 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). 11 have won (win 之過去分詞) the day 已勝. 12 at an end 終止. 13 made his way to...... 前進至...... 14 岸。 15 up he climbed=he climbed up 攀登.

"Just wait till¹ I sound² my horn," he said. Then, lifting his horn to his lips, he blew⁴ so loudly⁵ that it made John jump.⁶

At the sound,⁷ a great many big men came running towards them.⁸ They were all dressed in⁹ coats¹⁰ of a colour¹¹ which was called "Lincoln green," ¹² and in their hands they carried ¹³ bows and arrows.

"They are most gay¹⁴ to be seen," said John Little. "And are these your men?" ¹⁵

"Yes," said Robin Hood, "and I am their leader." 16 and 1 am their leader.

"Then you must be Robin Hood," said the stranger. "And I should like to join your

¹ Just wait till......其俟......可也 (till 直至)。 ² 鳴. ³ 角.

⁴ 吹. ⁴ 響. ⁶ 躍 (言驚躍)。 ⁷ 聲. ⁸ came running towards them 向彼等馳來。 ⁹ were dressed in 著, 服.

¹⁰ 外衣. ¹¹ 顏色. ¹² Lincoln green 一種綠而有光之顏色, 因英國 Lincoln 地方首製此種色澤之布故有是名.

¹³ 携, 挈 (carry 之過去式)。 ¹⁴ 華美. ¹⁵ your men 汝之徒屬。 ¹⁶ 首領。