

ROBIN HOOD

Written by

Jason Chambers

Address
Phone Number

"EAST GATE"

PRINCE JOHN followed by the SHERIFF, prisoners and guards come from the other side towards the gate. They ask the patrons to move as they make their way. The Sheriff and the guards make the prisoners kneel between the patrons and the gate guards creating a barrier. HERALD ANGUIS blowing their trumpet and making a ruckus, they get in front of the castle

HERALD ANGUIS

Make way for the arrival of His
Royal Eminence, Lord of Ireland,
Regent of England and Wales, Prince
John!

Cheers. Prince John begins talking to the crowd.

PRINCE JOHN

Welcome everyone! I would like to
congratulate you on making it to
this beautiful town of Hoggetowne!

More cheers.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

Who are all these people? They are
a collection of tax evaders,
criminals and fiends. Each one
nastier than the last.

MAID MARIAN

(Stands up) And you top the list.

PRINCE JOHN

Maid Marian. Who let her speak?

MAID MARIAN

I can speak for myself.

PRINCE JOHN

Sheriff, silence her.

SHERIFF

My pleasure.

A peasant gets up and stands in front of the sheriff.

PEASANT

You're not going to hurt a single
hair on her body.

MAID MARIAN

You don't have to do this. I can
take care of myself.

The Sheriff punches the peasant and a quick fight between the Sheriff and the peasant happen. The peasant is still shackled, and the fight ends with the peasant being knocked out. A guard picks up the peasant and takes them away.

MAID MARIAN (CONT'D)

Are you quite done?

SHERIFF

How many people do I have to hurt before you shut up?

The sheriff threatens another person.

PRINCE JOHN

Maid Marian, take some advice.
Don't poke the dog. It has teeth.
Anyway, you'll get your chance to
redeem yourself on the chessboard
at Noon. (to Anguis) Is it time to
go in yet?

HERALD ANGUIS

(to the gate guard) Excuse me
guard! Is it time to go in yet?

The rest of the scene really depends on how the interaction between the gate guards and black side go.

THE END

"WEST GATE"

Robin Hood and the other crusaders show up at the gate.

CRUSADER 1

Look my liege!

ROBIN HOOD

Hoggetowne!

BIG CRUSADER

Hoggetowne!

CRUSADER 3

Hoggetowne!

CRUSADER 4

It's only a gate.

CRUSADER 1

Shh.

ROBIN HOOD

This is my first time. What can I expect?

BIG CRUSADER

Great food!

CRUSADER 3

Great wares!

CRUSADER 4

Great Ladies!

CRUSADER 1

There's also Battle Chess at noon!

ROBIN HOOD

I remember Battle Chess. It was one of my favorite pastimes as a child.

BIG CRUSADER

You're still a puny child.

CRUSADER 3

I'm surprised (points to sword) that thing by your waist isn't a rattle.

CRUSADER 4

Look, Robin thinks he's a big boy.

ROBIN HOOD

I can still best all of you.

Robin Hood pulls out his sword. The other crusaders step back creating space.

ROBIN HOOD (CONT'D)

How about a friendly one on one?

CRUSADER 1

Robin, your enthusiasm aside, do you think that's a good idea in front of the fuzz here (points to the gate guards). How about a show of strength?

ROBIN HOOD

Let's raise the stakes. I bet you one Robin Hood trading card that I can take you on.

CRUSADER 1

Not me.

BIG CRUSADER

ME.

Crusader 3 and 4 bring out a table.

ROBIN HOOD

Okay, I'll take you on.

Big Crusader laughs and puts his elbow on the table. Robin Hood puts down his arm. They grab each other's hand.

CRUSADER 1

(To the crowd) Who think Robin Hood will win? (waits) Who thinks "Big Crusader" will win? (waits) Okay, let's get started. (To Robin and Big Crusader) Now on my mark. (waits) Go!

They start. Robin starts to win but then the Big Crusader shows his strength. Robin is about to lose when he kisses the Big Crusader on the cheek. The Big Crusader looks shocked, loses his focus and hence loses the arm-wrestling match. The Big Crusader is stunned. Robin Hood celebrates.

ROBIN HOOD

(Looks at Crusader 1) Looks like you own me a trading card.

Crusader 1 hands Robin Hood a card.

CRUSADER 1

Here's your card but that's a sneaky trick you used.

ROBIN HOOD

Never mind that. I'm the arm-wrestling champion. (points to the crowd) Who's wants to challenge me? If you beat me, you'll get a card.

CRUSADER 1

You forget, we're here to be at the Hoggetowne Faire.

ROBIN HOOD

(Looks at the crowd) So not right now, but if you see me around Hoggetowne, challenge me to an arm-wrestling match. (Looks at the guards) Can we go in yet?

The rest of the scene depends on the interaction between the gate guards and the crusaders.

THE END

"ROBIN HOOD: BOARD 1"

Robin Hood is at the board with his crusader friends. They entertain the crowds with tales of their crusader exploits and being excited about being back in Hoggetowne as part of crowd rousing. Prince John, his guard and prisoners arrive on the board from procession.

HERALD ANGUIS

(blows trumpet badly) All stand for the arrival of His Royal Highness, Lord of Ireland, Regent of England and Wales, Prince John!

Cheers from the black side.

PRINCE JOHN

(cheerful) Thank you. It is too much. Thank you.

Black side cheering stops.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

(anger at black side) I did not say stop!

Cheering resumes.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

(turns to Robin Hood) Robin of Loxley! I'm honored that you've come back to England. You must regale me with your tales of the crusade and may I say, that's a lovely hat.

ROBIN HOOD

Thanks, it has pockets. The honor is all mine, Your Highness. It is great to be back in England. What is the momentous occasion?

PRINCE JOHN

You'll see. If you don't mind, I must meet my adoring subjects.

Prince John walks onto the stage.

HARALD ANGUIS

Silence for his Highness, Prince John!

Cheering stops.

PRINCE JOHN

What an honor it is to be in Hoggetowne. This place is a true gem of all England! (holds for applause) Even though I have been tasked with ruling this wonderful land of ours, it's at times like these we must think of our great leader, my brother, King Richard, fighting in Jerusalem for all of Christendom.

Cheering from black side.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

(hushes crowd) But wars are not cheap and what price do you put on the protection of our kingdom and our lord, Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, there are some who believe we shouldn't pay for the freedoms we have. That they side with the pagans who would desecrate our holy lands.

MAID MARIAN

(interrupts) You are stealing from the mouths of children to feed your war!

PRINCE JOHN

Silence her.

The Sheriff walks up to a handcuffed Maid Marian and punches her.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

Most kind of you, Sheriff. The sheriff has roundup all these tax evaders and was to sentence them to a "quick drop and sudden stop" (chuckles) as is by the letter of the law. But I have given them a chance to redeem themselves with a game of chess. BATTLE CHESS! Release the shackles!

The shackles are removed. A peasant tries to run for it. A guard shoots them with a crossbow. The peasant drops screaming in agony. The white side is shocked. Two guards pick up the peasant, one of them knocks out the peasant and they drag them into the castle.

SHERIFF

Anyone else? I don't think so.

MAID MARIAN

This is cruel!

PRINCE JOHN

It's an opportunity. Maid Marian since you're keen to speak up, you can call for your people.

Battle chess is played out. A few guards on the white side keep the white siders playing. Prince John watches with enjoyment. Robin and the crusaders are shocked at the cruelty of the situation and surreptitiously cheer for the peasants. The white side is winning at chess because Maid Marian puts the Sheriff in check.

MAID MARIAN

Sheriff, you're in check, we have won our freedom.

The Black side laughs.

PRINCE JOHN

You forget, Maid Marian, this is battle chess. You must fight to take the king piece.

The Sheriff attacks. Maid Marian and the sheriff fight with the sheriff cheating to get the upper hand. The sheriff has Maid Marian on point when they look at Prince John to deliver the killing blow.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

(hushes the crowd) Maid Marian, your feeble existence and those of these pitiful peasants now come to an end.

ROBIN HOOD

(interrupts) The Sheriff cheated! Prince John, this is cruel. They are people and we should treat them with dignity.

PRINCE JOHN

They are thieves, mongrels and deserve to be put down like the dogs they are.

ROBIN HOOD

Crusaders!

Upon Robin's call, the crusaders attack the guards surrounding them. Robin Hood gets to Prince John and puts him on point in a very quick sequence of moves like a quick kill.

ROBIN HOOD (CONT'D)

Prince John! The cruelty you have subjected onto your people has made me reach my limit! Release these good citizens!

PRINCE JOHN

Robin! How could you betray your own?! You're a traitor to the crown and fool if you think you can get away with this!

Prince John pulls out a dagger and knocks Robin's blade away. The whole board erupts in battle. The general flow should be Robin and the Crusaders up the stairs and over the wall. The peasants out of the chessboard. Prince John barking orders and screaming at his men as the prisoners escape.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

Get them! Kill them! Destroy them! Sheriff!

The Sheriff runs to Prince John and kneels.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

I want you to hunt them down! I want you to go through every home and every store to find them! I want you to also get Robin Hood and bring him and his awful hat to me!

SHERIFF

How would you like him?

PRINCE JOHN

In any way you see fit. Be... creative.

SHERIFF

It'll be my pleasure.

Prince John leaves for the castle. The sheriff turns to his guards. They kneel.

SHERIFF (CONT'D)

Okay, scum. I want you to set up checkpoints. I want you to harass every filth ridden dirtbag in a pointy hat. I want every nook and cranny searched. Now leave!

The sheriff turns to the audience.

SHERIFF (CONT'D)

All of you defecations of your mothers. If you see Robin Hood, tell me where he may be hiding, or you will all hanged. Anyone seen with Robin Hood will be tortured but if you tell me or the guards where they are we'll give you one of these trading cards. NOW GO!

THE END

"ROBIN HOOD: SCENE 2"

Maid Marian and the peasants are at the board. There is general loud clamoring. Maid Marian steps up to the castle and goes onto the wall. Musical instrument is played by Alan a Dale.

ALAN A DALE

Gather around my unfortunate friends. Our lady, and friend, has come to speak. Maid Marian, you have the chessboard.
(bows as he steps aside.)

MAID MARIAN

Fellows, friends and family. We all gather here to decide our fate here in England. We cannot respect a Prince that taxes us into poverty. We cannot just stand by while a Prince sends his guards to beat us out of homes. We shall not stand by as a Prince rounds us up like cattle and parades us for his pleasure. Our homes destroyed, our lives taken and our children in tears. It is now with a heavy heart that I must say we have no homeland as the Prince has turned it against us. (pauses) We must leave England for the greedy and cruel. We must make our home elsewhere.

The crowd agrees.

ROBIN HOOD

The greedy and cruel are not just
in England. They would be elsewhere
too.

The crowd spins around to face Robin and his crusaders who
has approached from the audience, and back up.

MAID MARIAN

Robin Hood, I'm amazed you're here
and not licking the boot of the
wannabe king.

ROBIN HOOD

I've come here to stop you from
turning your heels and running.

MAID MARIAN

(chiding) A nobleman has stepped
down from his high horse to greet
us peasants and tell us how to do
things?

LITTLE JOHN

Marian, I know Robin. He was the
lord of Loxley, a kind man and
generous to his people.

ROBIN HOOD

I have seen the cruelty of Prince
John since my return from the
crusades. I believe we should fight
for our home. Stand with me and
we'll save you from predations of
the Sheriff and his men.

Some of the crowd run over to Robin's side.

MAID MARIAN

We have been fighting. As a result,
Loxley is ash and dust.

ROBIN HOOD

Loxley is destroyed?

MAID MARIAN

It is. Prince John has preyed not
only on those who are poor but
those who absent. They never gave
up but in the end the people of
Loxley lost many. How many more
lives must be ruined before we find
happiness somewhere else?

Some of the crowd runs to Marian's side.

ROBIN HOOD

As few as needed. (Robin takes a deep breath) But if we can't find peace here, then we cannot expect to find peace elsewhere. If we need to make a stand somewhere, it is in our home first.

More of the crowd sides with Robin making it 50/50.

MAID MARIAN

It seems we're at a standstill, but I won't let you throw these people's lives away needlessly.

LITTLE JOHN

We have a way of settling this. It's a Hoggetowne tradition.

ALAN A DALE

Ah yes, échecs de combat!

LITTLE JOHN

What?

ALAN A DALE

Battle chess!

Cheers.

ROBIN HOOD

How about it, Marian? We fight to a yield or knock out?

MAID MARIAN

It's not up to me. It's up the people to decide their fate. Who thinks we should fight it out?!

Cheers.

MAID MARIAN (CONT'D)

I guess we're doing this.

Battle chess happens leading to Marian squaring off with Robin Hood. Robin Hood has the upper hand, but Marian uses a kiss to distract and pin Robin Hood.

MAID MARIAN (CONT'D)

Robin, I will never let a nob
decide for the people. We shall
decide our fate together.

ROBIN HOOD

It feels good to fight for what you
believe in. Protect those you love..
Defend your home.

Maid Marian is shocked, looks at everyone, gets annoyed and
hits the ground next to Robin Hood.

MAID MARIAN

Argh! You're right!

Maid Marian stands up and extends a hand to Robin to help him
up.

ROBIN HOOD

The real question is... Do they
agree?

MAID MARIAN

My fellow countrymen are you ready
to fight for your home and kick the
sheriff where the Lord split them?!

The crowd cheers.

MAID MARIAN (CONT'D)

We have all agreed to fight Prince
John and the sheriff but how should
we do it?

LITTLE JOHN

I have heard that the prince was
planning on party after he executed
us.

ALAN A DALE

Yes! In fact it was going to be here at 4pm.

ROBIN HOOD

It seems like we shall set up a
trap here on the chessboard at 4pm.
(talking to the audience) I suggest
everyone come with masks. We're
going to a ball!

Everyone leaves.

THE END

EXT. CHESSBOARD

The white side has arrived disguised (simple aprons would suffice) and are putting tables out, plates and chairs. Robin dressed as a French nobleman and Maid Marian as a French noblewoman. These are made to be broken and used as props later in the scene. There a lot of instructions on how to build simple breakable props online.

ROBIN HOOD

This is a clever plan.

MAID MARIAN

The easiest way to infiltrate royalty is to be the servants. Prince Doofus doesn't pay them any attention.

ROBIN HOOD

We'll also steal the taxes back without them knowing.

ALAN A DALE

(On top of a tower) They're almost here!

MAID MARIAN

(To everyone) Masks up! (To Robin hood) Remember. You are a French nobleman.

ROBIN HOOD

Wait! What is my name?

MAID MARIAN

Make up something ridiculous.

Trumpet is blown badly; white side quickly puts on their masks/ mustache and gets into positions. Robin takes off his hat.

HARALD ANGUIS

All stand for the arrival of His Royal Highness, Lord of Ireland and Regent of England and Wales, Prince John!

Cheers and applause.

ROBIN HOOD
 (Greets Prince John disguised)
 Welcome, your excellency.

PRINCE JOHN
 Yes, yes. It is me. The amazing,
 the fantastic, the excel...
 (sadly)Oh, what's the point?

HARALD ANGUIS
 Sire?

PRINCE JOHN
 This was meant to be my grand
 hurrah. Hang some peasants, collect
 some taxes and then have a feast at
 this castle. (angry) But Robin had
 to ruin it!

HARALD ANGUIS
 At least, I have some good news. We
 did collect some taxes.

Some guards come in with a chest overflowing with collected
 taxed in money bags.

PRINCE JOHN
 Oh goody!

Prince John runs to the chest, grabs a bag and then plays
 with the money on the inside.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)
 I bet they cried, Anguis. No, don't
 tell me! Save it as a bedtime story
 when you tuck me in tonight.

Prince John waves off the chest towards the castle. The
 guards take the chest to the top of the wall, put it down and
 stand in front of the steps in guard positions.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)
 The only thing that could complete
 this is ROBIN HOOD's head on spike.

HARALD ANGUIS
 Maybe that's the point.

PRINCE JOHN
 What?

HARALD ANGUIS
 On a spike?

Prince John and Anguis laugh together.

PRINCE JOHN
Oh Anguis, you delight me.

HARALD ANGUIS
I love you too.

PRINCE JOHN
What?

Anguis notices the sheriff arriving and quickly blows his horn surprising Prince John.

HARLAD ANGUIS
Announcing the presence of The
Sheriff of Nottingham!

PRINCE JOHN
(to Anguis while picking up some
food and a plate) Ouch! Right in
the ear. (To the sheriff) My good
man! I hope you've bought good news
or better, the dismembered remains
of Robin Hood!

The sheriff comes in and hits one of the servants.

SHERIFF
He continues to elude me.

PRINCE JOHN
(Throws his food against a servant
as the plate crashes) Eludes?
Eludes?! What eludes me is why I
even have you around?! Is there
anyone in this accursed town that
can capture green hatted scoundrel?

ROBIN HOOD (DIGUISED)
My Liege, I would be able to.

PRINCE JOHN
See? (snarling at the Sheriff) It
was that easy to find a replacement
for you.

SHERIFF
Sure, an outsider, a stranger can
outwit the deviant.

MAID MARIAN

(Disguised) You haven't heard of him?! He's a battle chess master from France!

PRINCE JOHN

Battle Chess? That's what we lost at last time! That's how we'll settle this!

HARALD ANGUIS

The winner of this Battle Chess will get the Prince's favor. The other will surrender all properties and become a pauper. The Sheriff of Nottingham versus... I'm sorry I didn't catch your name.

ROBIN HOOD

Guy.

HARALD ANGUIS

Guy?

MAID MARIAN

Of Gisborne.

HARALD ANGUIS

Guy of Gisborne!

SHERIFF

He doesn't even have anyone to use while I have all my guards

ROBIN HOOD

I'll use the servants.

HARALD ANGUIS

Let the Battle Chess Begin!

The servants move the chairs and tables out of the way and battle chess is played out. During every fight, Maid Marian takes a bag from the chest and sends it down a zipline. The zipline is attached to the castle so the audience can see it better. The Sheriff becomes suspicious. The Prince is entertained. At the end of the last battle, Maid Marian is trying to take the last bag of coin from next to Prince John's throne but then he reaches at the same time and discovers Maid Marian. Prince John screams.

PRINCE JOHN

My taxes. It's a trap!

Sheriff turns to Robin Hood and tears off the mustache.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

Robin Hood!

Robin puts on his hat. That's the queue for the melee. Furniture breaking. People thrown through tables. Plates smashing everywhere. Some knocked out. Surviving Black siders routed to the castle. Sheriff fighting Robin. Prince John fighting Marian. The melee has settled but The Sheriff, Robin, Marian and Prince John are still fighting. It leads to the top of the castle where Prince John and the Sheriff are simultaneously knocked into the castle. The doors shut. Marian and Robin Hood turn to the crowd and cheer. The crowd cheers and dances as Robin and Marian get their mics on.

MAID MARIAN

We've won!

ROBIN HOOD

Yes, I believe in times such as this, it's important to remember that tyrants only last if the people...

Marian grabs Robin dips him and kisses him.

MAID MARIAN

One. A mouth as pretty as yours shouldn't be just for talking. Two. I believe these people want to go home. Let's send them home with a gift!

The peasants start throwing coins into the crowd.

PRINCE JOHN

(from the bars in the castle)
CURSES! Sheriff won't you stop them!

SHERIFF

(From the other bars) Oh, shut up!

The show ends with the TG speech and bowing.

THE END

REVISED

Robin Hood and the other crusaders show up at the castle

CRUSADER

We have made it, my liege!

ROBIN HOOD
Hoggetowne? Wasn't it somewhere
else last year?

CRUSADER
Nope, this is where it has always
been.

ROBIN HOOD
In either case, I remember the
Battle Chess. It was one of my
favorite pastimes as a child.

CRUSADER
You are still a puny child. I am
surprised (points to sword) that
thing by your waist is not a
rattle.

ROBIN HOOD
I can still best you.

Robin Hood pulls out his sword. The crusader step back
creating space.

ROBIN HOOD (CONT'D)
How about a friendly one on one?

CRUSADER
Robin, your eagerness aside, do you
think that is a good idea after
last time?

ROBIN HOOD
Let us raise the stakes. I bet you
one Robin Hood trading card that I
can take you on.

CRUSADER
(To the crowd) Who think Robin Hood
will win? (waits) Who thinks does
anyone think I will win? (waits)
Okay, let us get started. (To Robin
and Big Crusader) Now on my mark.
(waits) Go!

They start. Robin starts to win but then the Crusader shows
his strength. Robin is about to lose when he kisses the
Crusader on the cheek. The Crusader looks shocked, loses his
focus and hence Robin grapples the knight and gets him on the
ground. The Big Crusader is stunned. Robin Hood celebrates.

CRUSADER 1
That is a sneaky trick you used.

ROBIN HOOD

Never mind that. I still won.

Herald Anguis walks in on Robin on top of the crusader. They stare at each other for a while. Anguis smiles as he looks away to make the announcement. Then Robin and the crusader hastily gets up. Herald blowing their trumpet and making a ruckus, they get in front of the castle.

HERALD ANGUIS

Make way for the arrival of His
Royal Eminence, Lord of Ireland,
Regent of England and Wales, Prince
John!

Prince John followed by the Sheriff, prisoners and guards come from the other side in front of the stage. The Sheriff and the guards make the prisoners kneel.

PRINCE JOHN

Welcome everyone! I would like to
congratulate you on making it to
this beautiful town of Hoggetowne!

More cheers.

PRINCE JOHN (CONT'D)

Who are all these people? They are
a collection of tax evaders,
criminals, and fiends. Each one
nastier than the last.

MAID MARIAN

(Stands up) And you top the list.

PRINCE JOHN

Maid Marian. Who let her speak?

MAID MARIAN

I can speak for myself.

PRINCE JOHN

Sheriff, silence her.

SHERIFF

My pleasure.

A peasant gets up and stands in front of the sheriff.

PEASANT

Youâ€™re not going to hurt a single
hair on her body.

MAID MARIAN

You donâ€™t have to do this. I can
take care of myself.

The Sheriff punches the peasant and a quick fight between the Sheriff and the peasant happen. The peasant is still shackled, and the fight ends with the peasant being knocked out. A guard picks up the peasant and takes them away.

MAID MARIAN (CONT'D)

Are you quite done?

SHERIFF

How many people do I have to hurt
before you shut up?

The sheriff threatens another person.

PRINCE JOHN

(To the sheriff) Heel. (To Maid
Marian) Maid Marian, take some
advice. Donâ€™t poke the dog. It
has teeth.