

KING RICHARD AUDITION

ROBIN GOES TO GET DOWN ON ONE KNEE BUT IS INTERRUPTED.

KING RICHARD(OFF): Not so fast!

KING RICHARD ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: KING RICHARD ENTRANCE**

ALL: King Richard?!

EVERYONE BOWS/CURTSEYS.

MAID MARIAN: Father! You're home!

THEY EMBRACE.

KING RICHARD: And not a moment too soon! As soon as I heard of Nottingham's plight at the hands of that Sheriff I had to come back! That reprehensible cad has ridden roughshod over our green and glorious land for long enough! England is saved thanks to the efforts of your valiant friends Marian! Come forward, Robin Hood.

ROBIN HOOD STEPS FORWARD.

KING RICHARD: I have heard all about your escapades.

ROBIN HOOD: You have?

KING RICHARD: Yes! I received a tree-mail from one 'Silly Willy'! You are nobility itself and England will forever be in your debt. Kneel.

ROBIN HOOD: Thank you, your majesty but my name is Robin, not Neil.

MAID MARIAN: Ahem!

ROBIN HOOD: Oh!

HE KNEELS. KING RICHARD TAPS HIS SHOULDERS WITH HIS SWORD.

KING RICHARD: I hereby grant pardon for all your 'so called crimes', abolish all taxes and invest in you a knighthood for services to crown and country. Arise *Sir* Robin! Three cheers! Hip hip!

ALL: Hooray!

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ROBIN HOOD: Thank you your majesty but I can't take all the glory. Silly Willy, none of this would have been possible without you. You are bold, tall, butch and more of a hero than you ever dreamt you could be. Welcome to the Merry Men!

ALL: Hoorah!

SILLY WILLY: I've gone all red!

LITTLE JOHN: But we can't call you *Silly Willy* anymore!

ROBIN HOOD: Of course not! Well, owing to the colour of your cheeks, henceforth you shall be known as 'Will Scarlett'!

NANNY: I'm welling up over here! I've never

ROBIN HOOD: And one more thing...your majesty, may
have your daughter's hand?

KING RICHARD: Hand? Take the whole lot!