



A PANTOMIME THAT'S RIGHT ON TARGET BY
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CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

ALAN-A-DALE – *Minstrel and member of the Merry Men.*

THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM – *Greasy and greedy with a plan to rule England.*

SCRATCH-IT – *One of the Sheriff's hapless minions. Prone to itching.*

SNIFF – *The other one of the Sheriff's hapless minions. Suffers with sinus problems.*

THE SHERWOOD SPRITE – *A kind spirit of the forest.*

SILLY WILLY SCARLETT – *Son of NANNY FANNY. Keen to join the Merry Men.*

MAID MARIAN – *Daughter of KING RICHARD. Beautiful with a feisty side.*

NANNY FANNY FLAPJACK – *The Dame. Nanny and schoolmistress extraordinaire.*

ROBIN HOOD – *The eponymous hero! Dashing and handsome from head to tights!*

FRIAR TUCK – *A bumbling cleric with a receding hairline.*

LITTLE JOHN – *ROBIN HOOD'S right hand man.*

KING RICHARD THE LIONHEART – *The King of England. [Cameo Role]*

ADDITIONAL CAST

HUNCHBACK

VILLAGERS

BEAR

EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE | SCENE THREE:

ROBIN HOOD: Merry Men! Fall in!

THE MERRY MEN ALL FALL ON THE FLOOR.

ROBIN HOOD: That's not what I meant... Welcome to Sherwood Forest! Boys, I have bad news...

FRIAR TUCK: Primark have stopped selling 80 denier olive-green tights?!

THE MERRY MEN ALL GASP DRAMATICALLY!

ROBIN HOOD: No! Thank goodness! Look!

ROBIN UNFURLS HIS OWN WANTED POSTER.

LITTLE JOHN: That's not so bad!

ROBIN HOOD: Not so bad?!

LITTLE JOHN: No...they've really captured your likeness this time!

ROBIN HOOD: "Wanted for eluding, looting and arrow-shooting – reward beyond belief for the capture of the thief Robin Hood". That shameful Sheriff has plastered these all over Nottingham!

ALAN-A-DALE: I was plastered all over Nottingham once!

ROBIN HOOD: The scoundrel will stop at nothing until he has pinched every penny from the purses of the poor but the time has come to act.

LITTLE JOHN: Don't you think you should have tried some of that in rehearsals?

SFX CUE: RUSTLING BUSHES

ALAN-A-DALE: Did you hear that rustle?

ROBIN HOOD: I did...and don't call me 'Russell'!

LITTLE JOHN: There's someone in the bushes!

FRIAR TUCK: It could be an ambush!

ALAN-A-DALE: The Sheriff?

ROBIN HOOD: Hide men! Something's coming this way. Who is it? *What* is it!

THE MERRY MEN AND ROBIN SCATTER AND HIDE AS NANNY ENTERS:

MUSIC CUE: NANNY STING

NANNY: Hello everyone! Hello [NAME OF MAN]! Did you miss me? You've been very good so I think you've earned yourself a sweetie! Would you like a sweetie?

NANNY THROWS A SWEETIE TO HER MAN.

NANNY: Now, I haven't enough for everyone so give it a suck and pass it along... memories! Boys and girls, gentleman and obstacles... I am so disappointed. I've just come from ScrewFix – I thought they were a dating agency!

ROBIN HOOD(OFF): Now!

THE MERRY MEN LEAP FROM THEIR HIDING PLACES AND TIE NANNY UP WITH A LONG ROPE: **SFX CUE: ROPE BUSINESS**

NANNY: Oooh! What's happening?!

ROBIN HOOD: It's time to empty your pockets for the poor!

NANNY: But I haven't got any money!

LITTLE JOHN: Don't lie to us!

ALAN-A-DALE: Or we'll pick you up by your ankles and shake you until it all drops out.

NANNY: Don't threaten me with a good time!

ROBIN HOOD: Search her!

THE MERRY MEN SEARCH NANNY. SHE GREATLY ENJOYS IT.

LITTLE JOHN: You're right, you haven't got any money...

NANNY: Keep searching! I'll write you a cheque!

EXCERPT FROM ACT TWO | SCENE FIVE:

SHERIFF: My patience is wearing thin. I'll make an honest woman of you yet, Maid Marian!

MAID MARIAN: No one could ever make an honest man of you!

SHERIFF: Enough! You're too late! My treason is plotted and there's nobody who can stop me!

ROBIN HOOD, THE MERRY MEN, NANNY AND SILLY WILLY ALL JUMP ON.

ROBIN HOOD: Stop!

SHERIFF: Ah.

ROBIN HOOD: This is the end Sheriff!

NANNY: Thank goodness for that! These pantomimes don't half drag on a bit!

ROBIN HOOD: The time has come to fight me like a man.

SHERIFF: Well! If we are to fight like gentlemen we must first share a toast! Boys!

SCRATCH-IT AND SNIFF ENTER WITH TWO FLAGONS OF ALE (ONE WITH A DRAGON).

ROBIN HOOD: Very well...

MAID MARIAN: Robin, be careful!

SCRATCH-IT: A little ale never hurt anyone!

SNIFF: [*Handing him the 'dragon flagon':*] For you!

SHERIFF: My favourite Dragon Flagon!

THE SCENE FREEZES: **MUSIC CUE: CHORD #1**

SHERIFF: [*Aside:*] Ha-ha! The gullible fool! Little does he know I have placed a pellet of poison into the flagon with the dragon! *With just one sip he'll be gone for good!*

MUSIC CUE: CHORD #2 THEY RAISE THE FLAGONS.

SHERIFF: *To you, and farewell – Robin Hood!*



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