

Scene 4

Marian's Bedroom.

Nora Hello, boys and girls... (*Seeing the man from before*). Hello, gorgeous. Here we are in Marian's bedroom, and, oh, it's such a mess. Why she can't clean up after herself I'll never know. I've been out shopping again this morning, I went to the village pet shop and said: "Can I have a gold fish?" The man said: "Do you want an aquarium?" and I said: "I don't care what star sign it is!". And there was a busker outside the shop playing ABBA songs on a didgeridoo, I thought: "That's aboriginal". Oh, but I can't stand around here all day gassing with you, I've got all this tidying up to do! I can't do it all on my own though; so boys and girls will you help me call for Maid Marian? (*She encourages a response*). OK, after three, can you all shout: "Maid Marian"?... Ready? One, two, three: "Maid Marian!!".

Maid Marian (*Entering with Sarah*). Yes, Nurse Nora? Oh, Hello everyone.

Nora Now, now, you two! There's no time for talking, you're going to help me tidy up this mess of yours.

Sarah Do we have to? It's so boring!

Nora Yes you do! Now get a move on! (*The girls start tidying*). Now then, Marian, a little birdie tells me the Sheriff has been trying to get you to marry him?

Maid Marian Yes he has, but I wouldn't touch him with a bargepole.

Sarah Yeah, he's gross!

Maid Marian Unlike Robin.

Both girls sigh dreamily.

Nora (*To Sarah*). You stay out of it. Marian, you could do a lot worse than marrying the Sheriff you know.

Sarah What like marrying [*current ugly celebrity or Shrek*].

Nora Right, that's enough from you, off you go. Marian and I will do this... leave us alone. (*Sarah exits*). Marian, you really need to think about his offer you know.

Maid Marian But Nora, I don't love him, I could never be with someone I didn't love.

Nora Well, we can't all be that fussy. (*To the man in the audience*). You just remember that my dear!

Maid Marian But all my love is for Robin. Oh, I wish my Father was still here.

Nora Me too, your highness. But he's going to be away for long time, and you'll have to learn to get along without him. Come on, let's get on with clearing up all this mess of yours. (*As they start clearing up, an arrow fired offstage from Robin lands in Nora's backside with a suitable sound effect, Nora reacts accordingly*). Yoowie!!! Marian! I think this might be for you.

Maid Marian (*Pulling the arrow out of Nora's behind*). Oh, Nora, it's a letter from Robin!

Nora Thank goodness it wasn't a parcel! Well, next time you see him, tell him I don't appreciate him delivering them to my behind! I'll need some ointment on this! (*Looking at the man in the audience*). Or you could kiss it better? (*She bends over for him to do it and lets out a fart*). Ooh! Well, Marian, when I get back, this room better be tidy, madam! (*She exits, rubbing her bottom*).

Marian starts reading the letter and as she does Sarah enters.

Sarah I heard Nora screaming... is that who I think it's from?

Maid Marian Yes it is. Oh, Sarah, it's the most wonderful letter I've ever received. Robin always says the most beautiful things and he has promised that once my father is back in the kingdom everything will return to normal and then we will be married.

They both sigh.

Sarah I'm very happy for you, Marian, but I think you should be worried about the Sheriff. If he gets his hands on Robin there's no telling what he'll do to him. Come on, I'll give you a hand tidying up this place or Nora will go potty!

They start tidying.

Maid Marian Sarah, do you never long for anyone the way I long for Robin?

Sarah Well, there was someone... Oh, but I don't want to talk about it. I'm sure he's not interested in me.

Maid Marian Really? Who is it? You have to tell me, we're best friends!

Sarah Oh, alright, but you have to promise not to tell a soul!

Maid Marian Cross my heart and hope to die.

Sarah Stick a needle in your eye? (*Marian nods*). It's Will. He's just as brave and handsome as Robin, you know. But I don't think he'd be interested in me.

Maid Marian Why not? Oh, Sarah, I'm sure he has no idea, you just need to tell him, that's all.

Sarah Well maybe I will someday. Anyway I'd better be off before Nora gets back.

Sarah exits as Marian finishes her tidying. Shortly after, Nora enters.

Nora Right! This room better be shipshape!

Maid Marian Oh, Nora, look at what I've just found.

Nora Ooooh, yes. It's that television you used to have as a young girl, err even though they've not been invented yet!

Maid Marian Yes; oh, do you remember all the lovely programmes I used to watch?

Nora Yes I do... oh, how you used to enjoy them all! But look at the time. I've got to head back to the kitchens, one of the staff left the fridge open and all the food has gone off. Still, I managed to stay calm. Well, I'm not going to make a meal out of it, am I? Anyway the Sheriff will be waiting for his dinner so I'd better be off. Bye, Marian.

Maid Marian Goodbye Nora. (*To the audience*). You know, all this tidying up has made me ever so tired. Perhaps I'll have a little nap.

Marian lays down on the bed. As she falls asleep, her dreams come to life as the TV characters appear. An offstage or recorded voice may sing the song.

MUSIC #6 : MARIAN & CHORUS

At the end of the song, blackout.

Scene 5

The Sheriffs Castle.

Sheriff Oh, Bullseye, what am I to do? Marian has spurned me once again and to make matters worse I hear she's after that Robin Hood! He's stolen her heart, that prince of thieves!

Bullseye I have a plan, Sire!

Sheriff A plan?

Bullseye Yes, Sire!

Sheriff Well, go on then!

Bullseye What we need to do is build a giant death star, sir, and once on board the space ship...

Sheriff Bullseye! That's the plot of Star Wars!

Bullseye Oh, sorry, Sire, how about we find fiur superheroes, the Hulk, Iron man, Captain...

Sheriff That's the Avengers! Bullseye, do you have any ideas that aren't films?

Bullseye We could find a boy wizard?

Sheriff Oh, be quiet, Bullseye! What we need is someone with brains. Sadly you were at the back of the queue when they were handing them out. (*Beat*). Bullseye, summon Morgana to me, we have need of her.

Bullseye Yes, Sire. (*He pick up a large bell and rings it behind the Sheriff, startling him*). Morgana!!

Sheriff Bullseye! Go and fetch her!!