

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!!

Bullseye Sorry, Sire.

Sheriff I don't know why I bother with that nincompoop! It's only a matter of time before I have him and Robin thrown in the dungeons with all the other low-lives! (*Encouraging an audience reaction*). Oh, do you think I care what you think? Keep on doing that and I'll raise the price of the ice creams, although I think someone's already beaten me to it!

Morgana (*Entering*). Yes, your highness?

Sheriff (*Noticing Morgana*). Oh, good grief! (*Aside to Bullseye*). I always forget how hideous she is! She's worse than Susan Boyle on a bad day!

Morgana What can I do for you, oh, beautiful one?

Sheriff Well, you could start by facing the other way?

Morgana Huh?

Sheriff Never mind. Morgana, we need you to hatch a plan, one that will bring out Robin so we can trap him and get rid of him once and for all! Mwaaaah ha ha ha!

Morgana And what would I get in return, handsome? Maybe a little kissy from you, hmmm?

And a little ring on my finger?

Bullseye I think she likes you, Sire!

Sheriff Thank you, Bullseye. Morgana: I have a proposition for you. Hatch me a plan to catch Robin and I'll save you from being locked in the dungeons from here till eternity!!

Morgana Oh, I love a forceful man! Now a plan, you say? Well, it all seems all very simple to me. What is the one thing Robin could not resist?

Bullseye Gravy?

Morgana No.

Sheriff Extra large bubble wrap?

Morgana No.

Bullseye Waving, when you're in a big group of people and everyone else waves?

Morgana No!

Sheriff Well what then? Tell us!

Morgana An archery contest.

Sheriff } { An archery contest?

Bullseye } {

Morgana Yes, all you need to do is tell everyone that you will be holding an archery contest here in the castle grounds with a big cash prize for the winner. Once Robin hears about that there's no way he'll be able to resist coming down, and once you've got him here you can arrest him!

Sheriff Morgana that is a wonderful idea! Simply wonderful. We'll throw a party for the whole village with music and dancing so that everyone sees me catch him.

Bullseye How can we afford to throw a big party and where can we get the money for the winner your highness?

Sheriff Simple, just put it on my expenses! Besides, we shan't need the prize money... you will win the contest, Bullseye! Or else!

Bullseye Oh, heck!

Sheriff Bullseye, make sure everyone in the village knows about this, this is the big one.

Morgana } { The big one?

Bullseye } {

Sheriff The pay off!

Morgana } { The pay off?

Bullseye } {

Sheriff Will you stop repeating me!

Morgana } { Will you stop repeating me!

Bullseye } {

Sheriff Oh, hush! With Robin out of the way there'll be no one to stop me... Marian will be mine, her father will never return, and soon I'll rule everything! Oh, it's so good being bad!

MUSIC #7 : SHERIFF, BULLSEYE, MORGANA

Scene 6

The Heart of the Forest. Robin, Alan and Bill are discovered onstage with the rest of the men.

Robin Well then, chaps, how are you both settling in?
Alan Great, thanks Robin, the men have helped us settle in just fine. I haven't quite got used to Friar Tuck's experimental menu, and I'm not saying he's a bad cook, but I understand why we say our prayers after the meal here. I've started writing a song about my time here, would you like to hear it?
Robin Maybe some other time, Alan? Everything fine for you too, Bill?
Bill Yeah, all the men have been lovely, and Little John is so handsome...
Robin Sorry, Bill?
Bill Err, I said Little John's hands are strong... we were arm wrestling last night see... and erm...

Little John has started walking over and Bill runs away in embarrassment.

Robin Ah, Little John, Bill was just telling us about your arm wrestling last night. Oh, wait a minute, where has he gone?
Little John What, one whole minute?
Robin Sorry?
Little John You want me to wait here one whole minute?
Robin You've lost me John...
Little John No, I haven't, you're right in front of me.
Robin No, John, you don't understand. I was talking about Bill; now bear with me and...
Little John Where's the bear!?!? I'll save you, Mr Robin!
Robin Calm down, Little John, please! There is no bear, you haven't lost me and I don't want you to wait a minute. Let's just forget about all this and call it a day shall we?
Little John OK, Robin... Wednesday?
Friar Tuck Hear ye! Hear ye! Here ye can have tonight's menu. *(The men gather, hoping that Tuck has finally made something edible).* For starters, there will be a choice of Sparrow and Slug Paté, or Brussel Sprout, Broccoli and Bogey Soup. For the main course, there is Squirrel and Rat Pie... mmmmmm pie!, and for desert there is a selection of Sherwood Forest's finest fruits picked fresh this morning. *(The Merry Men finally think something is going to be nice).* I found a nice bunch of 'em behind the lavatories!

The men groan. Will enters with a note in his hand. In the background the old lady appears again, still lost, and looking for Cinderella.

Will Scarlett Watcha gang! I've just got back from the village and...
Little John Watcha Will!
Will Scarlett I've got some great news for Robin. *(To the audience).* Have you seen him, gang? Ah, there he is, thanks gang! Robin, I've got some good news.
Robin What would that be then, Will?
Will Scarlett Well, I found this poster in the village. Take a look, I'm sure you'll be interested.

The Merry Men gather around Robin while he is reading the poster.

Robin "The Sheriff of Nottingham is proud to announce a contest to find the finest archer in the land. The winner will be presented with five-hundred groats, a brand new bow and a hamster called Kevin".
Will Scarlett Ooh, Robin, why don't you enter? You're bound to win!
Little John And Kevin would be saved!