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Robín Hood

MERRY ENGLAND WAS NOT MERRY 800 YEARS AGO FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE. THEY WERE PREY TO CRUEL LAWS AND CRUELER NOBLES. THE PEOPLE HAD ONLY THEIR BOWS AND THEIR STAFFS AND THEIR WITS TO KEEP THEM FED AND FREE. THESE WERE WEAK WEAPONS, BUT THEY USED THEM WELL.

THE HERO OF THESE TIMES IS KNOWN AS ROBIN HOOD. SINCE THE LAWS WERE OPPRESSIVE, ROBIN HOOD WAS AN OUTLAW. SINCE THE RICH WERE GREEDY AND THE POOR ILL-FED, ROBIN HOOD TOOK FROM THE WEALTHY TO GIVE TO THE STARVED.

FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, PEOPLE HAVE CHERISHED THE LEGENDS OF THIS OUTLAW-HERO. THEY HAVE TOLD AND RETOLD THESE STORIES OF ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MEN . . . .

AND THE SHERIFF'S MEN PURSUED ROBIN HOOD'S BAND HOTLY.

THEN...

MASTER, I AM WOUNDED. I CANNOT WALK.

FLY, AND LEAVE ME.

NAY, FAITHFUL FRIEND. BOTH OF US WILL SURVIVE, OR NEITHER.

AND WITH THE STRENGTH OF THREE MEN, ROBIN HOOD LIFTED LITTLE JOHN ACROSS HIS SHOULDERS.

LET NONE OF OUR WOUNDED BE LEFT FOR THE SHERIFF'S NOOSE. WE MUST CARRY THEM ALL WITH US.