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# Robin Hood at the Egg Theatre



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# What is a Visual Story?

A Visual Story is designed to prepare you for coming to see a play. It will have lots of pictures to show you what the stage and characters will look like as well as a visual guide to the story.

Visual Stories are for everyone but especially those who are anxious (or curious) about their visit. With that in mind please be aware that this Visual Story contains **spoilers** for the play.

If you'd like to know what to expect but don't want the characters or story spoiled, then you can navigate this Visual Story using the contents page.

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# What to Expect

Robin Hood is a play, a play is performed live on stage by actors pretending to be characters. This play has six actors. Sometimes these actors multi-role. Multi-roling is where an actor plays more than one character. This play is 2 hours including a 20 minute break.



This is the stage. There are platforms representing the trees of the forest. There is also metal chain hanging on the back wall.



There is lots of climbing in the show but don't worry, the actors are trained and completely safe.



There are lots of fight scenes in the show so its important to remember that the cast are just pretending.

# What to Expect



There is live singing and sound effects in the show. It might be very loud at points but not for very long.



There are lots of special effects in the show, including haze, projection and lights. (Haze is like smoke and will make the stage appear misty.)



There are lots of different lighting effects in the show. The stage might change to all one colour or it might be very dark but not for very long.



# The Characters



## **Robin**

This is Robin, he has recently run away from home and is a little out of his comfort zone. He wears matching camo shorts and shirt and a green vest (He sometimes wears a hood too.) He isn't a member of the merry band to begin with.



## **Marian**

This character is head strong and tough and is a member of the merry band that lives out in Sherwood forest. She wears a short-sleeved camo jumpsuit and a brown vest.

# The Characters



## **John**

John is a member of the merry band, living off the land in Sherwood. He's loyal to his friends but distrustful of strangers. He wears beige overalls, a green and brown fleece and a bucket hat.



## **Much**

Much is another member of the merry band in Sherwood. They can be quite timid when trying new things and are prone to getting captured! They wear dark shorts and t-shirt and a knitted vest.

# The Characters



## **The Sheriff**

The Sheriff is power-hungry and loves collecting your taxes. He wears a dark red suit with tassels, a red shirt and a red cowboy hat. He sometimes even wears a cape made out of money!



## **The Castle Guards**

These henchmen aren't too bright but can cause a real problem for our heroes. They wear a diamond patterned red over-shirt and a chain-mail head dress. The Guards are played by members of the merry band.



# The Characters



## **The King**

In our production we have two performers playing the King, so you may be graced by the presence of the King on the right or the King on the left (whichever one you get will stay the same for the whole performance.) The King wears a sparkly black suit and a huge silver crown. The merry band think the King has come to save the day but all is not as it seems.



# The Characters



## **The Villager**

This character is played by the same actor as the Sheriff. They appear in the story to represent the villagers our merry band are helping. The Villager wears a pink cloak and hood with different coloured shoes.

# Important Props



## **The Tax Collector's Cart**

This is used by the Sheriff and the Guards and is used to collect up all the taxes in the land.



## **The Stag Rucksack**

This rucksack is used to represent a dead stag which is butchered.



## **The Bushes**

These bushes are used as disguises. They also make fantastic sounds

# The Story.



Our story opens in Sherwood Forest with the merry band. Much places a bush which starts to make a sound.



Much, John and Marian erupt into the opening song, 'Its a lovely day to go walking in the forest.'



# The Story.



Robin appears at the top of a tree during the song, then swiftly disappears again.



Much and John stalk and shoot a deer (played by Marian) but flee when they hear someone coming.



# The Story.



The Sheriff enters and finds the dead stag (killing a stag is a crime in Sherwood Forest)



The Sheriff runs into Robin and blames him for shooting the stag, trying to capture him.



# The Story.



Its looking like it's all over for our hero before the story's even begun!



The merry band of Marian, Much and John appear with their bows and arrows and scare the Sheriff off.



# The Story.



Before they can let him into the group, Robin has to fight John to prove himself.



Now part of the merry band, Robin settles down with them for the night but becomes very squeamish when they show him how to butcher the stag.





# The Story.



Before bed, the gang have a song and dance, A villager joins in too.



The Sheriff enters with his tax collecting cart. He asks the audience how much money they've got so he can tax it.



# The Story.

The Sheriff steals a member of the audience's belongings and gives it to a guard, who takes over the tax collecting.



The guard spots Robin up in the trees and knowing he's a criminal, tries to arrest him. The gang come to the rescue, shooting the guard with an arrow and scaring them off!

# The Story.



The gang now have all the taxes collected by the Sheriff and argue about what to do with it.



The guard returns to the castle and tells the Sheriff he's lost all the money. The Sheriff is furious and sets off to find Robin.



# The Story.



The Sheriff finds them and fights them in Sherwood forest.



The Sheriff manages to capture Much and takes them back to the castle to be executed.



# The Story.



While Much is imprisoned the rest of the gang decide to cause more chaos by stealing from the rich and giving to the poor.



Whilst this is going on, the Sheriff is informed that the King has landed in Dover.

**End of Act 1**



# The Story

We return to the Sheriff tax collecting and assuring us that even though the King is on his way back, he is still in charge.



Below the Sheriff are three guards with three buckets labelled sick, poor and sheriff. The audience decides how the taxes are spent (but the Sheriff gets it all anyway.)

# The Story.



We see Much, alone in their cell, singing a song of Sherwood Forest.



The gang hatch a plan to rescue Much. Robin is going to sneak into the castle while Marian and John protect the villagers.



# The Story.



Much, scared and alone and with no friends in sight, prepares to be executed. Robin arrives to save Much. There's a chase but eventually both Much and Robin are captured.



Suddenly, a mysterious figure appears in the castle. Its the grand arrival of the King!





# The Story.



Robin pleads with the King, telling him all about the Sheriff's wrong doings.



Turns out the King isn't much of a saviour after all and orders the guards to go ahead with the execution. Just before the swords fall, Robin and Much manage to escape!

# The Story.



Robin and Much return to their friends and hatch a plan to overthrow the King.



Meanwhile the King and the Sheriff search high and low for the merry band.



# The Story.



We then see a montage of the King on the hunt for the merry band. This section contains loud sound effects, haze and projection.



The King forces the Sheriff to sing a song while they launch cannonballs into Sherwood Forest.



# The Story.



The merry band are finally captured and ready to be executed.



However, with the help of the audience (who will be howling like wolves) they are able to escape execution and confront the King.



# The Story.



With no guards left, the King is forced to surrender. The merry band decides to share the King's power with the people and let them decide their future.



Equal at last, everyone sings one last song, bringing this play to a close.

**The End.**



**We hope you enjoy  
your visit to the Egg  
Theatre!**

