



Robin meets Little John



One day Robin to a stream ¹ with a small bridge. ² When he to cross it, he a loud voice say, 'I want to cross the stream first!' Robin around and an enormous, young man. He was very tall.

'No, I was first!' Robin.

'Can you push me off the bridge?' asked the enormous man. He was holding a wooden staff. ³

Robin a long branch ⁴ from a tree and a staff. Then he to fight on the bridge. Robin was fast and light. But soon,

1. stream : very small river.

2. bridge :



3. staff :



4. branch : part of a tree.

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the man pushed Robin into the water. He was very .

The man laughed. Then he pulled Robin out of the water. Robin started to laugh too. 'You are an fighter!' said Robin. 'What is your name?'

'My name is John Little. I am an honest man. I fought with good King Richard's men in the Holy Land. I made King Richard's sword ¹ and the swords of his men. He is a king. But his brother John is and I don't want to serve King John. I am looking for Robin Hood. I want to join his outlaws.'

'Welcome to our merry ² company of outlaws! I am Robin Hood!' said Robin, smiling. 'A friend of King Richard is a friend of mine!'

John Little was very Then the two men embraced and became good friends.

'Now that you are an outlaw, you must change your name. Your new name is Little John.'

Robin took Little John to the secret hiding place in the forest. The outlaws welcomed Little John with a meal.

Little John was an sword maker. Soon every outlaw had a new sword. The outlaws liked Little John because he was and At night, everyone sat around the fire and listened to his stories. He told them about his adventures in the Holy Land.

1. sword :



2. merry : happy.