ROB IN THE HOOD

SCENE ONE

(*Lights up. As the curtain opens, we are at a movie studio filming the first scene of a new rendition of Robin Hood. Everyone is frustrated, as ROB continues to screw up his lines.*)

DAVE: Quiet on the set! Places everybody! We're going to do the scene again. Don't screw anything up, okay? All right! Roll 'em!
ROB: Behold! It is I, Robin Hood of Nottingham!
EGBERT: Robin Hood! Help! The British are raising the taxes too high, and I have no money with which to pay them! Please help me!
ROB: (*ROB gags as the smell of EGBERT hits his nose*) Of course poor old man! I will steal from the rich and give it to the poor! Because the poor deserve all the money! Not the rich who earned it with their jobs and salaries!
EGBERT: Oh no! Dear Robin Hood, the Sherriff of Nottingham is coming! What ever shall we do?
ROB: Fear not, smelly poor person! (*pulls out a bow and arrow*) I will use my bow and arrow to shoot him in the face. Then you can loot his dead body and split up his money amongst your poor friends.
DAVE: (*Speaking through a mega-phone*) Quit improvising, Rob, those aren't your lines.
EGBERT: Oh Robin! How will us English-folk ever repay you!
ROB: If you could just wash your entire body in bleach I think we can call it even.
DAVE: Cut! Robert, that's not the line! And what's with the faces?
ROB: All right, Dave, everybody's thinking it, I'll be the one to say it. Egbert over here stinks! He smells like he's actually poor!
DAVE: Rob, we're going for a lot of realism here. We want you to feel like you're actually in Nottingham.
ROB: Well, we're not, Dave! We're shooting in a studio in California! If I wanted I could walk across set and get sliced bagels and papaya juice. There's nothing Nottingham about sliced bagels and papayas!
EGBERT: Now I don't want to cause any trouble here, but all the other actors are trying really hard to do this whole realism thing. Rob is the only actor holding us back.
ROB: (*Taking EGBERT's suggestion as a threat to his acting*) Those are fighting words.
EGBERT: I just said I don't want to cause any trouble.
ROB: Which is usually the first thing someone says before I break their kneecaps!

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DAVE: Cool it, Rob! Okay, everyone, that's a wrap! We'll meet back here tomorrow at seven.

(*The various workers of the film exit. ROB glares at EGBERT until he starts to exit. Before EGBERT gets completely off, he glares at ROB as if to suggest he is plotting against him. He laughs menacingly. ROB begins to exit. DAVE stops him.)*

DAVE: Rob, could you come over here? We need to have a talk.
ROB: But I was going to get some papaya juice?
DAVE: Robert, this is the third movie we've done together, but something about this one just isn't clicking.
ROB: What do you mean, "isn't clicking?"
DAVE: Well, remember our first movie together? When you played Toby the world's greatest tennis player? Or when you won your first Oscar playing that yacht captain in Sunny Beaches Nine! Why do you think you played those roles so well?
ROB: Probably because I'm awesome at acting.
DAVE: Rob, it was easy for you to play a tennis champion because you actually play tennis. It was easy being a yacht captain because you actually own a yacht.
ROB: So, you're saying I should pick up archery?
DAVE: I'm saying you'll never be able to play Robin Hood as well as your other roles until you understand what it's like to have no money.
ROB: I don't like where you're going with this. If you're asking me to give away all my money, then I quit. I'm sure Egbert would love to replace me as Robin Hood.
EGBERT: (*Running back on stage, bursting into the conversation*) Actually, I would love to replace him as Robin Hood!
ROB: (*To EGBERT, rekindling the former fight)* Shut up or I 'll punch your esophagus!
DAVE: Egbert, leave! (*EGBERT exits*) And, Rob, I'm not saying you should give up all your money. I just think if you spend two days on the South Side without any money, you might better understand what it's like to be Robin Hood.
ROB: Dave! The South Side? I could get killed!
DAVE: Don't you think Robin Hood could have been killed in Nottingham? (*ROB tries to come up with an answer, but DAVE is clearly right. DAVE tries to again encourage ROB to do it)* Think of it as a vacation.
ROB: A vacation without money? That sucks! What's next? I'm going to eat dinner without food. Is that what you want, Dave? Me to starve myself? Cause I won't do it!

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