

*\*The characters of the game are organized into “tiers”. While the first player to pick a character may choose any character they want from Tier 1, players may not select a character from Tier 2 until every character from Tier 1 is spoken for. Same goes for every other tier. Once you have selected your character, the Game Master will send you a more detailed description of the character's goals, allies, and enemies, as well as any hidden information only they know.*

## Tier 1 Characters

### Prince John

*John “Lackland” Angevin, Prince of England has been Acting King of England since Richard left, overseeing many significant tax raises in that time, and is widely seen as an effeminate, arrogant, cowardly, villainous, and effete weakling, even by his own people. It’s rumored he has authorized his Royal Inquisitor to use torture, but it is also rumored he still sucks his thumb when he thinks he’s alone.*

*His supporters will say he is a hard-working administrator, an able man, and an able general. His detractors will instead point to his well-known distasteful, even dangerous personality traits, such as pettiness, spitefulness, and cruelty.*

### The Duke

*Duke Dane Courtenay, The Duke of Lincoln, is known for his stoic, pragmatic, and calculating demeanor. He has been unwed for five years, since the death of his late wife Felberta. His own father Eardwulf was a cruel, lecherous, and deeply petty man, whose bad investments and frequent bloody feuds made the Courtenay family a laughingstock, but The Duke has successfully rebuilt his family's status almost single handedly. This ruthlessness, combined with his shrewd, efficient, cunning, incredibly intelligent nature, caused King Edward V to appoint him as Sheriff of Lincolnshire, though Dane later resigned. Dane was one of the best-suited Sheriffs in recent history, to his credit.*

### The Sheriff of Nottingham

*William de Wendenal, The Sheriff of Nottingham, is a nobleman and the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the Royal Forests. He is widely feared for his cruelty and cunning, and viewed as an unjust tyrant who mistreats the local people of Nottinghamshire, subjecting them to unaffordable taxes. He is responsible for capturing outlaws, ensuring the safety of trade routes, and keeping poachers away from deer. He has risen very high in court as of late. According to some*

*rumors, he is a cowardly schemer, according to others he is a heroic and swashbuckling knight.*

### The Captain of the Guard

*While Slade Ackermane, The Captain of the Guard, claims to be a loyal and faithful servant of the King and his main priority would be serving him and to defend the city, there are whispers that the captain’s true drive is to obtain power through political positions and abuse such power to dominate his command over others by the use of immoral and cruel means. The captain naturally enjoys authoritative positions, having found himself in them his entire life.*

*Around his friends, the captain is sarcastic, with a black sense of humor, and a pragmatic, amoral philosophy for life. However, he is not completely heartless, nor is he sadistic. Despite the captain’s avaricious nature, which is sneered at by more honorable knights, he is a skilled and dangerous fighter. He is also a skilled archer and is literate and educated, which at this time is fairly uncommon.*

### The Contessa

*Corliss Osbourne, The Contessa of York’s most prominent traits are her sharp wit, high cunning and intelligence. A politically astute woman, the countess has been a master of court politics and intrigue her entire life. An outspoken woman with little patience for inconvenience, she never shies from stating her opinion, loudly. She has no time for people she considers boring or tedious. She appears to have a very dark sense of humor and likes to mock those around her, including her own family. Despite this, she is known to dote upon her children.*

*It’s rumored she once called King Richard the c-word to his face. Servants say in private she has mentioned having previously done unspeakable things for the safety of her house and family and never regretted them since she deemed them necessary.*

## Tier 2 Characters

### The Bishop of Hereford

*Cynebald Westbrooke, The Bishop of Hereford, is unpopular among the people of England, and is rumored to be quite corrupt. His cathedral (The Hereford Cathedral) was vandalized and robbed recently. This is unfortunately not a unique event, many Bishops have regretted crossing paths with the outlaws in Sherwood Forest. Because of this, The Bishop has publicly demanded to see all the outlaws in Sherwood Forest hanged.*

### The Royal Inquisitor

*Geraldine Hawke, The Royal Inquisitor and Spymaster, is a mysterious woman if ever there was one. She is completely unpredictable, in no small part thanks to her stoic, calm and reserved demeanor. The Royal Inquisitor is an extremely intelligent woman, a master of deception, manipulation and calculation. Her subtle and calculative nature is made more impressive by her owning the most prominent spy network in all of Europe.*

*Despite her reserved and subtle demeanor, the Royal Inquisitor is an extremely dangerous woman who is said to be capable of unspeakable cruelty and ruthlessness. She is a survivor of the highest order, having survived multiple kings and wars.*

### The Princess

*Joan Angevin, The Princess, the only child of Prince John, is a very young woman, almost a child, and most adults see her as somewhat naive of the world. Many in court see her as too emotional, rash and idealistic; She has been known to state publicly some very controversial political opinions, but is usually protected from any consequences by her father, the king.*

*She is extremely popular in England. She is highly educated: she studied in Rome for several years, returning only recently. Above all, the Princess is a deeply passionate woman, with a hot temper that often leads her into duels and grudges.*

### Maid Marian

*Marian "Maid Marian" Scarlet, The Duchess of Redford, the eldest daughter of the late Sigeward Scarlet, is considered to be the most beautiful woman in England, and she is always surrounded by many suitors.*

*Like her father, the legendary warrior and notorious serial womanizer, the fiery redhead is a bit of a "free spirit". She was actually born out of wedlock (according to various rumors her mother was either a shepherd or a prostitute), but was legitimized because her father had no legitimate heirs. She is well known to have a lewd and crude sense of humor, and it's rumored that she enjoys dressing in men's clothing; The nickname "Maid Marian" is ironic (she is anything but). As her father's favorite child, she was taught the art of sword-fighting from a young age and has humiliated many would-be suitors by defeating them in battle.*

### The Royal Treasurer

*Hayden Winthrope, The Royal Treasurer, is widely believed to be a cunning, Machiavellian, unpredictable, deceitful, and ruthless manipulator of court politics. She is a grasper from a lower social class, with a very great skill at befriending and ultimately maneuvering powerful people.*

*She is at times capable of putting on a seemingly friendly face with a friendly smile - but the people say her eyes don't smile when her mouth does. Behind her smiles and forced mild manners, the royal treasurer is shrewd and calculating, she is an extremely intelligent woman, a genius at financial matters as well as, allegedly, at manipulating those around her.*

## Tier 3 Characters

### The Bastard

There are some who see **Philip of Cognac, Richard's Illegitimate Son**, as a better candidate for king of England than Prince John. Mysterious and allegedly quite handsome, his mother's name is unknown, and it's said he never speaks of her.

He has demonstrated himself to be a kind and honorable leader in his time administering the region of Grimsby. Like many bastard children, Philip had to learn to grow up quickly. This has made him mature and perceptive beyond his age. His bastard status has also made him something of a loner, solemn and somber with a desire to prove himself to society.

### The French Ambassador

**Fleur Monique, The French Ambassador**, is Phillip II of France's ambassador to England, and thus the royal court is careful to show her respect, for fear of a return to armed conflict between the two countries, which England probably can't afford. On the outside, Fleur Monique may appear completely antithetical to the standards of a skilled ambassador - she is extremely awkward and easily frightened.

### Friar Tuck

**Friar Michael Tuck, The Curtal Friar**, was a former monk of Fountains Abbey who was expelled by his order because of his lack of respect for authority. Friar Tuck is very overweight, jolly, foolish, lecherous, and an alcoholic. He constantly clashes with the "corrupt and less devout" clergymen he claims are trying to marginalize him.

Rumor says he was previously intimately involved with Maid Marian, a rumor greatly amplified by a rhyme Alan-A-Dale used to sing about her "She is an angel of trust, to serve a friar at his lust/a prycker a prauncer a tearer of sheets/a wagger of bollocks whilst other men sleep." Needless to say, this would violate a holy oath or two. Nonetheless the peasants love him.

### The Witch

**Mortianna, the Witch of Sherwood Forest**, is a mysterious witch who dwells in Sherwood Forest. As master of the black arts, it's said she can see the future and cause death with a glance. She is said to be a very sadistic and evil person.

### Little John

"Little John" is the ironic nickname given to the huge - 7 ft - outlaw who haunts the roads and bridges of Nottinghamshire. This wily and clever highwayman is said to look like a wild man with a thick beard and dressed in skins.

**John "Little John" Nailer, Outlaw Highwayman**, is an excellent swordsman and archer, but Little John's best-known weapon is the quarterstaff, with which he is nigh unstoppable. However, according to some rumors, his hulking figure and immense strength is said to be contrasted by his soft heart. It's said he comes from Hathersage in Derbyshire, the shire next to Nottinghamshire.

### Sir Guy of Gisbourne

**Sir Guy of Gisburne, The Sheriff of Yorkshire**, is the right-hand man to Prince John, close friend of The Sheriff of Nottingham, and half-brother to the Duke. Gisbourne is a powerful knight, but he has the grim demeanor of an executioner. Self-identifying as "a warrior and not a courtier", Guy has a short temper and will use violence to defend his honor. Guy's face is horribly disfigured, and he is generally unliked by most, and has been accused of many misdeeds. He accused Jennet of Elsdon of Witchcraft and had her executed, but it is rumored he faked the evidence because she rejected his romantic advances.

## Tier 4 Characters

### The Prioress of Kirklees

*Elizabeth de Staynton, Prioress of Kirklees, runs a nunnery in West Yorkshire. Outlaws who become ill often travel to the Priory at Kirkless for aid, as it is known to be a peaceful neutral and humanitarian place; The Prioress is a talented healer.*

### The Queen

*Eleanor of Aquitaine, the Queen Dowager, at one point arguably controlled lands vaster than the king of France. As the heir of the House of Poitiers, rulers in southwestern France, she is one of the wealthiest and most powerful women in western Europe. She is also known to have led armies several times in her life and was a key leading figure of the Second Crusade, when Eleanor and many other women dressed as amazons and fought. In the 1170s she was imprisoned for siding with her sons as they rebelled against her husband; but even in prison she plotted, encouraging rebellion against King Henry II.*

### Red Roger

*Sir Roger of Doncaster, Outlaw Knight, was once a gallant and charming knight in service to the Duke. Of late he has taken to the more profitable path of an outlaw. He is widely feared for his sadistic nature and his unpredictability, giving him his nickname "Red Roger".*

### The Icewoman

*From a young age, Dahlia "The Icewoman" Arkwrighte, Legendary Assassin, grew up fighting in the streets, where she gradually grew into a capable combatant. Known for her air of mystery, the Icewoman is a distant and reserved woman, employed by Prince John for her undeniable talent at killing people. She is not popular in court; Her family has been dishonored ever since she was caught attempting to sell poachers into slavery to pay off a debt. No one knows the origin of her nickname.*

### Alan-A-Dale

*Allan "Alan-A-Dale" Clare, The Court Minstrel, is quite the merry man, always dressed in a splash of eye-catching scarlet. He has well-practiced charms and manners, and knows enough to stay away from any fights. He's really not much of a fighter at all. He is a very good minstrel though, providing musical entertainment for many a royal feast. Rumor has it that recently Alan has gotten in trouble for spinning tales of Robin's deeds, spreading the bold outlaw's fame throughout the land. Rumor also has it that though he is a lute master, he is a poor singer, and hopelessly tone-deaf. In his younger years Alan a Dale was a travelling minstrel (and according to some allegations an outlaw) in Sherwood Forest. Alan is bad with his money, and doesn't have enough gold to be worth robbing, which is probably why he has not had any run-ins with outlaws.*

### Lady Ellen

*Lady Ellen de Wendenal, The Sheriff's Daughter, is the unmarried daughter of The Sheriff of Nottingham. Her devotion to the traditional, refined "feminine virtues" has caused friction between her and the less idealistic members of court in the past. She is often seen as a little girl, naively believing in the tales and epic romances in which every Princess gets her honorable knight in shining armor to sweep her off her feet. She has very publicly clashed with the Captain of the guard over his strict enforcement regime in Nottingham.*

## Tier 4 Characters

### Will Scarlet

**Will Scarlet, The Sheriff of Lincolnshire** and **Will Scathlocke, The Other Will**, are half brothers (their mother was a serial monogamist) have been inseparable since the age of 3. Will Scarlet's only claim to fame is that he allegedly saved a princess from three Turkish giants. Hot-headed and filled with hatred of all things Norman. Will Scarlet is as violent and grubby as the worst outlaw. Will Scarlet is hot-tempered and it's rumored that in his cups he loudly questions Prince John's leadership. His primary weapon is a throwing knife.

His brother, Will Scathlocke, owns an inn in Lichfield. Maid Marian is his half-sister on their father's side.

### Will Scathlocke

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### Much the Miller's Son

**Much Browne, The Miller's Son**, is mentioned quite a bit in stories, as he is the only outlaw who consistently lets his victims live, and makes sure they know his full name and backstory. Much claims to be strong enough to carry an ox, and violent enough to behead a monk. People who have seen often remark how young he looks, and it is rumored he is as young as 12. He's very short (about 5'3) with red hair and dark brown eyes. He is allegedly a highly skilled swordsman.

### The Saracen

**Nasir Ibrahim, the Saracen Merchant**, is a foreigner in England. Nasir stands an impressive 6', 10" tall, with black hair and a beard. Originally from Palestine, he came to Europe to trade. Low-born and Muslim, he has only been able to make it to such a high status in England through his uncanny intelligence and charisma, as well as his propensity for flattery.

### The Archbishop of Canterbury

**Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury**, is appointed by the pope but unrecognized by Prince John. After the death of Hubert Walter, Prince John argued with Pope Innocent III over who should be the archbishop of Canterbury. He chose his own candidate, Stephen Langton. The conflict has only escalated since. The pope has slapped an Interdict on England, meaning virtually no church services can be performed. Later King John was excommunicated Stephen Langton, English cardinal whose appointment as archbishop of Canterbury precipitated King John's quarrel with Pope Innocent III.