



Bopbot & Bowbot Robin Hood

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Robin Hood was on his way home from fighting in the Crusades with King Richard. On the road, he met his old friend, Little John.



Little John told him Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham were ruining the kingdom while King Richard was gone. They were raising taxes until people were starving.



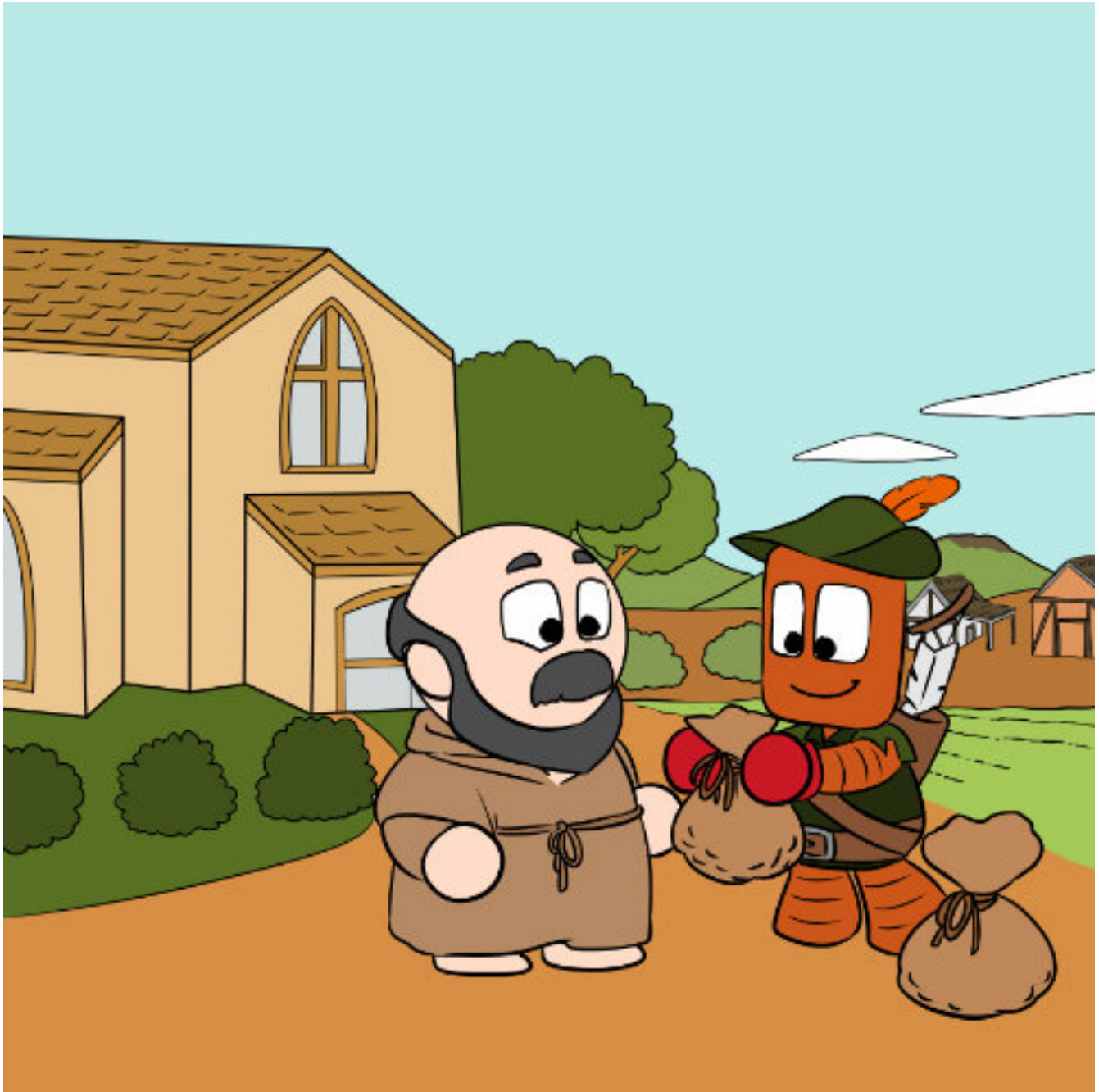
Robin Hood's own home, Loxley Hall, had been taken as payment. His sister Gayle had gone to live in a church poorhouse.



Robin and Little John hurried to see Gayle. She told them that King Richard was not just fighting, but had been captured and was being held for ransom.



Further, the Sheriff had heard Robin was returning and had hung wanted posters all around Nottingham to collect his taxes.



Robin gave his soldier's earnings to the church and left to join Little John's hideout in Sherwood Forest.



They began to rob the Sheriff's tax collectors. They robbed them in the forest...



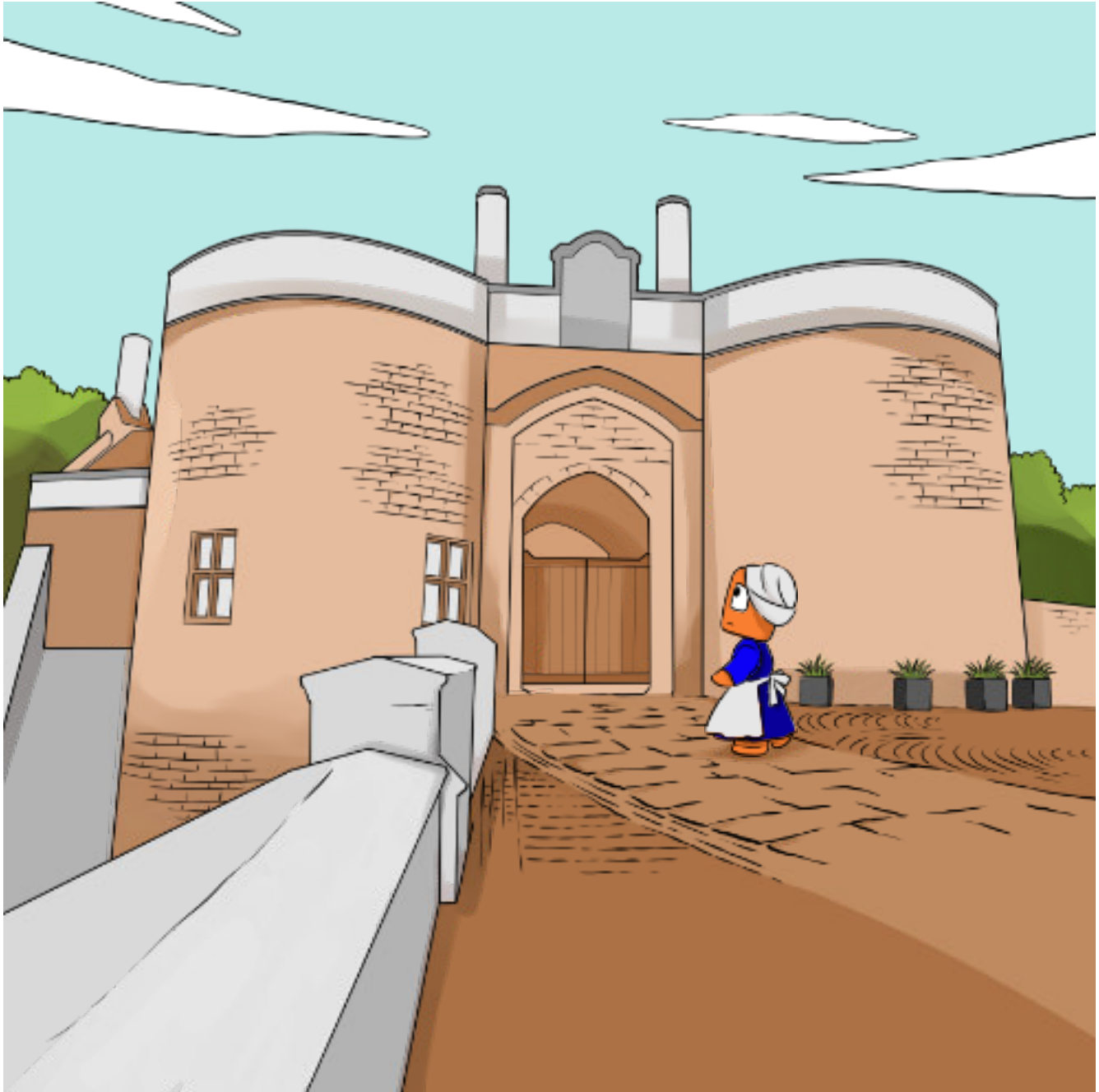
... and they robbed them in the town.



After each successful robbery, Robin Hood gave as much money as he could back to the people. He became very popular.



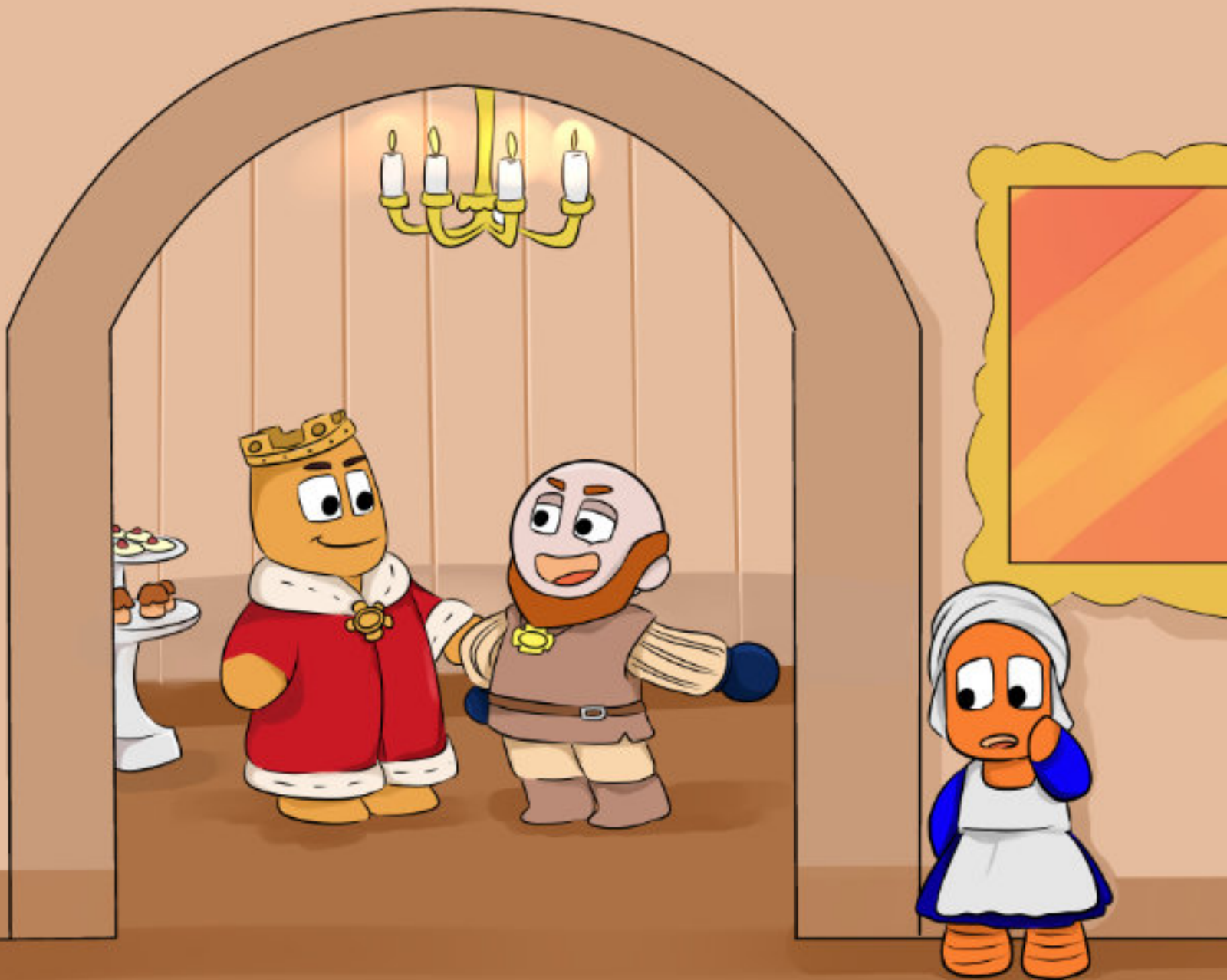
But he knew this would not be enough to stop Prince John and the Sheriff forever. He needed to know where the tax money was going.



Gayle came up with a plan. She made a disguise and went to work as a servant for the Sheriff.



The Sheriff was a terrible boss. He was angry and messy, but Gayle persisted. One night, after a big feast,

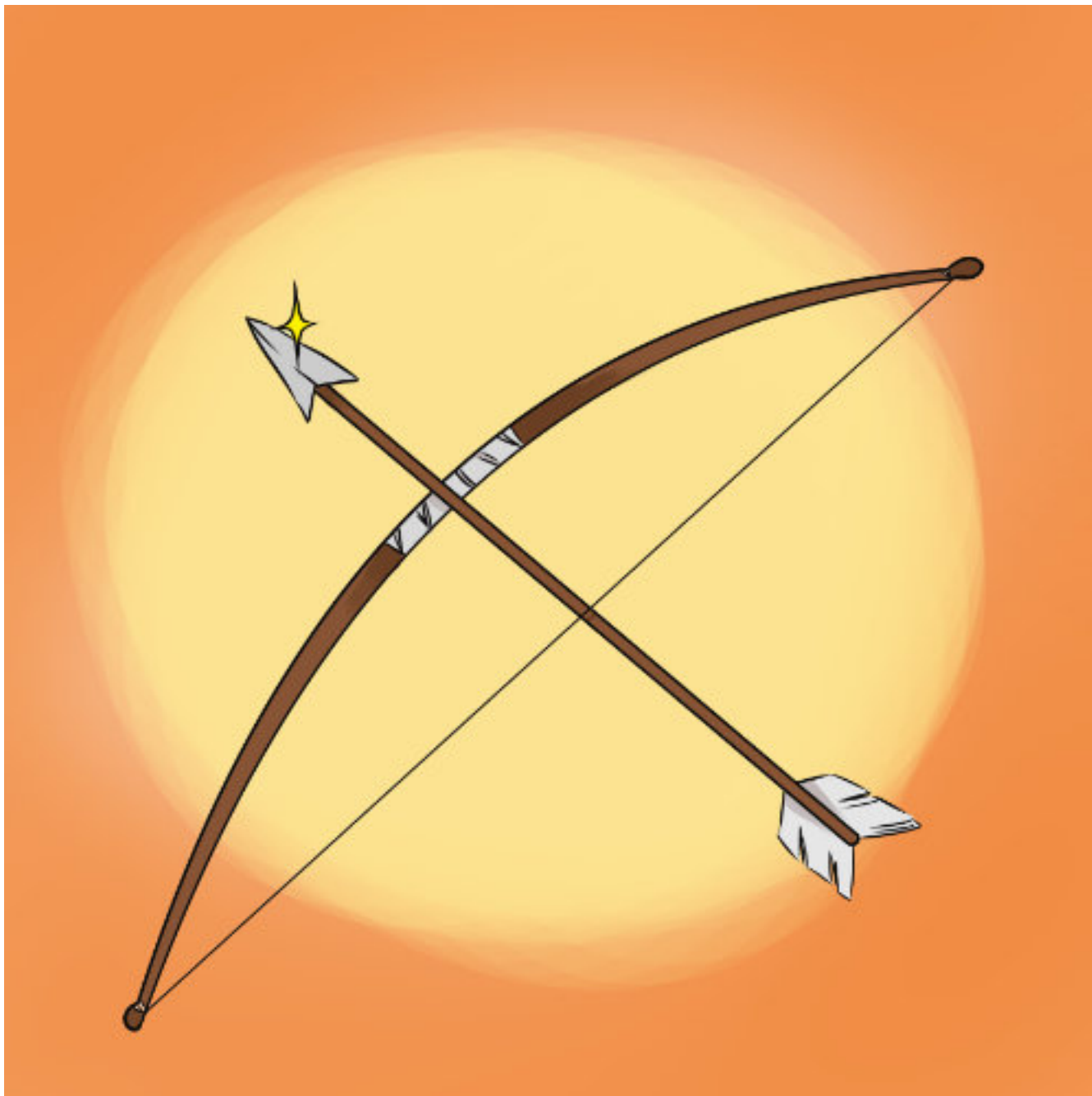


the Sheriff spilled a secret. All of Nottingham's taxes would be going back to London that week on a stagecoach, enough to pay King Richard's ransom and free the country!

Gayle hurried to Sherwood Forest to tell Robin the news.



Robin assembled the Merry Men and made a plan. The carriage would be under heavy guard. A direct attack would be unthinkable.



Robin had been called the “best archer in Nottingham,” and the plan would need all his skill.



The next day, Gayle, Robin, and the Merry Men took their places.



As the coach came over a hill, Robin shot a specially-made arrow under the coach.

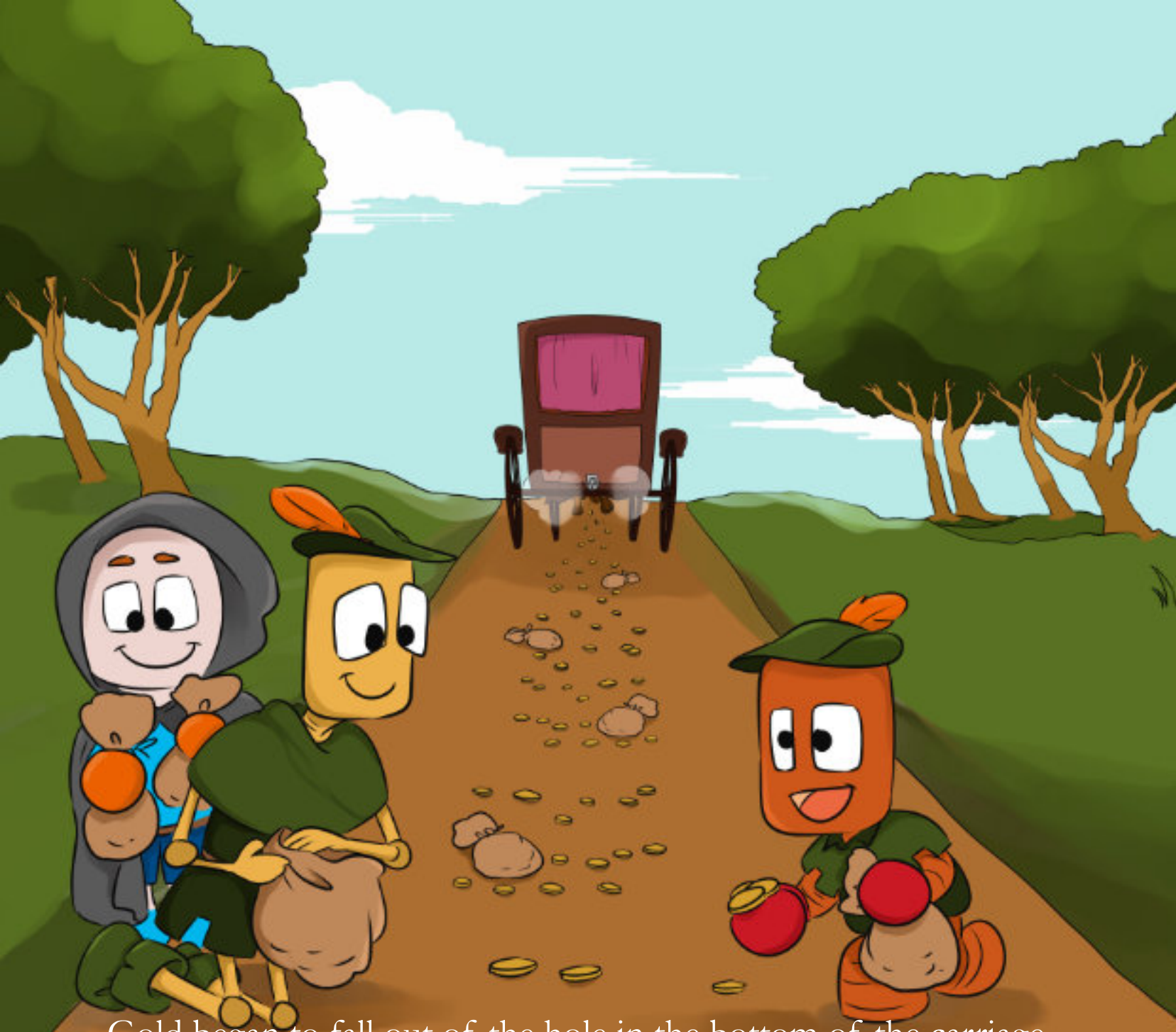




Just then Gayle and the Merry Men came up the other side of the hill. They were playing instruments!



They were playing so loudly that the Sheriff and his guards did not hear the small bomb attached to Robin's arrow explode.



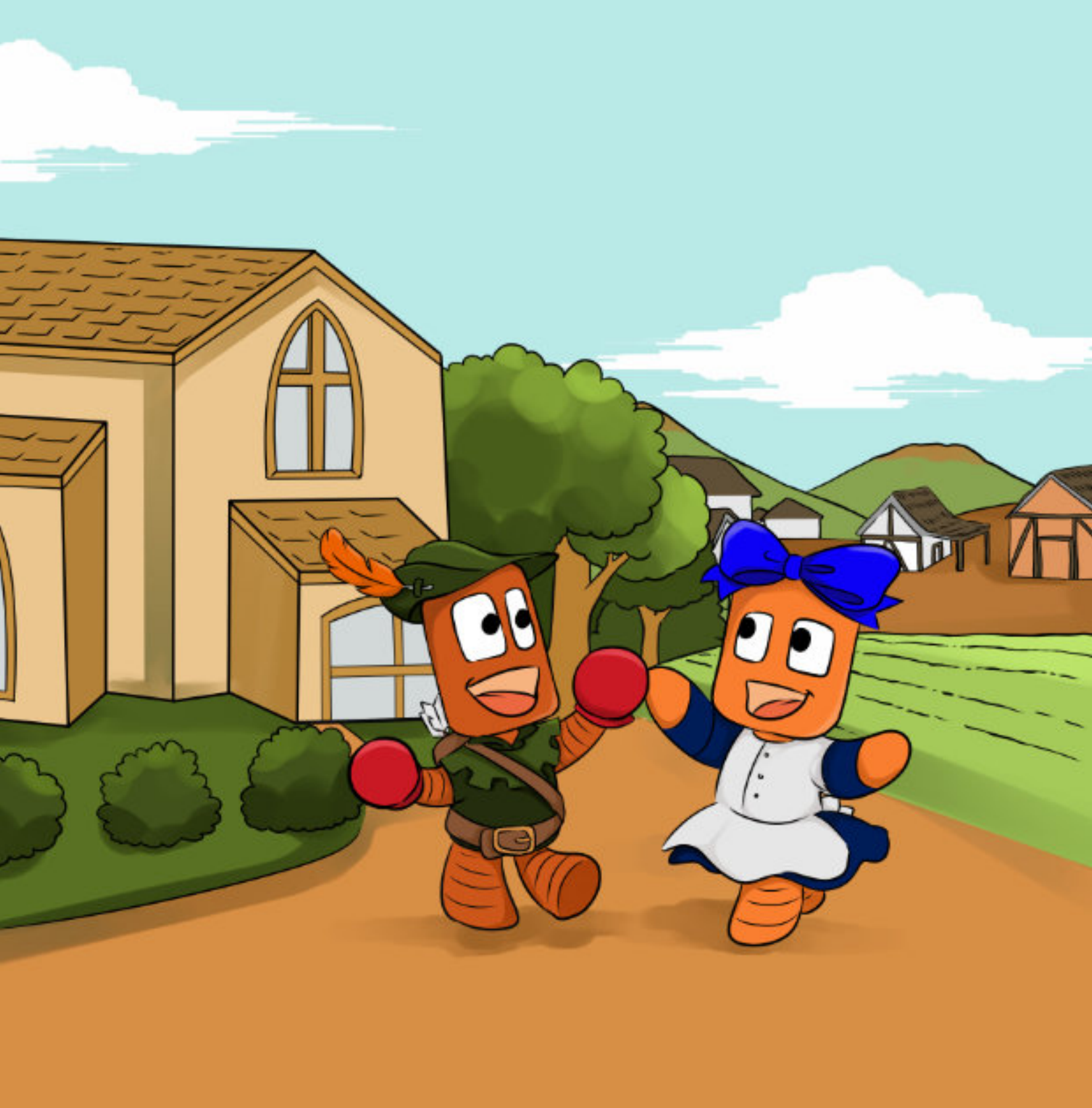
Gold began to fall out of the hole in the bottom of the carriage. As the Sheriff drove on, the bandits followed just out of sight, collecting all of the stolen tax money.



While the Sheriff was in London, King Richard's ransom was paid. He returned to the kingdom immediately.



He imprisoned Prince John and the Sheriff and returned money to the people.



Under King Richard's benevolent rule, the people once again became happy and prosperous and lived happily ever after.

THE END

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