

Robin hood



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What problems does Robin Hood have? Robin's problems are many. First the band of Merry men has gained so much fame that the size is ever increasing. The vigilance was on the decline and discipline was becoming harder to enforce. " Resources to feed them are becoming scarce and there was not enough game in the forest. " The cost of buying food is beginning to drain the band's financial reserves. " Which brings us to the second problem: revenues are down because word has spread of the band robbing travelers in the forest.

Although this is costly and inconvenient," it is better than " having their goods confiscated" and has caused many travelers to give the " forest a wide berth. " Finally, the environmental forces are making Robin's old strategy obsolete. He is pondering new ideas to put in place because " the Sheriff is becoming stronger and becoming better organized. " The Sheriff " now has the money and men and is beginning to harass the band probing for its weaknesses. " Robin feels it is only a matter of time " before the Sheriff is able to deliver a mortal blow. What issue needs addressed?

The single most important issue is to find and develop a new strategy to address all the problems. What options does Robin Hood Have? * Kill the Sheriff. * Rescue King Richard. * Expand to a new area. * Charge a tax. What are the pros and cons of each alternative? " Robin had often entertained the possibility of killing the Sheriff. " This would satisfy his personal need for revenge but wouldn't likely change the situation. If a failed attempt was made this would worsen Robin's situation because the Sheriff has powerful friends and Prince John holds him in well regard.

A new Sherriff may end up being worse to deal with and better at delivering a mortal blow. Joining the Barons in "collecting the ransom money needed to free King Richard the Lionheart from his Jail in Austria" would overthrow the Prince and "provide future amnesty" for Robin but it could backfire. If the Barons plan fails Robins knows the retribution will be relentless and swift. If the band of Merry men expands their area to "Rob from the rich and give to the poor" it could be business as usual for the short term.

They could easily confiscate goods and money and a new forest would supply game to feed the band. This is a short term solution and before long they would be faced with the same situation. Finally, Robin could impose a travel tax. This would be much easier to enforce and wouldn't require so many Merry men. Therefore the current issues of feeding and training would go away. The down side is that the travelers may still avoid the forest as well as well traveled areas to avoid the tax. The tax may not provide enough revenue to continue the crusade.

What would you do and why? I would Join the Barons in attempting to free "King Richard the Lionheart from his Jail in Austria. " This would provide me with "future amnesty" so I could go back to living a peaceful and law abiding life. The couple years of Merry men and rough living have taken their toll and I am ready to settle down. If the attempt fails it will likely mean organized. So, Prince John or the Sherriff both mean a certain death the only choice is to Join the Barons and have a chance at returning to a normal life.