

THE MAIDEN & THE DRAGON

RADIO DRAMA IN 6 x 30 MINUTE EPISODES

ROBERT

Robert is the young blacksmith apprentice and is in love with the main female character, Marian. He is friendly and optimistic and, unusually for the time period, listens to what Marian wants.

The character is 18yrs old.

Please ask a friend to play the other part in the audition piece so there is someone to interact with.

AUDITION PIECE 1 – Robert and Marian

Marian became very upset when she learnt that Robert had agreed to make a special sword for John Lambton to kill the dragon. Robert desperately tries to explain.

EXT. THE BLACKSMITH'S SHOP

ROBERT SEES MARIAN RUSHING BY.

ROBERT Marian, Marian! Where are you rushing off to? I prithee, stop and talk a while. Allow me to explain.

MARIAN Explain what, Robert!? You made the sword that shall slay the dragon. Your part is clear. My only chance now is to throw myself and the dragon at the mercy of Lord Lambton.

ROBERT Oh Marian, 'tis not like that. John did not tell me the true purpose of the sword. He just said it was for 'one last battle'. He gave me no choice but to make it and then, as payment, he promised me my liberty. I asked for yours too, but he would not agree. So, I thought that, at least with my new sword-making skill, I could more easily then buy your freedom too.

MARIAN Oh Robert, perhaps you were tricked. I certainly would not have wished to have been part of that bargain. But the Vorpall Sword now exists and... (SURPRISED) you have the sword here, I see.

ROBERT Well, don't tell anyone, Marian, but I ended up making two. John told me that, in forging the metal, I had to mix in this special liquid he gave me.

MARIAN A liquid? In a sword?

ROBERT I know. Strange isn't it. I don't know why, but he was very insistent about it. Something about the sword not working properly without it. Anyway, so focussed was I on the smelting of the ore and the fashioning of the blade that I clean forgot to add the stuff in.

MARIAN So what did you do?

ROBERT Well, I thought, I had better make another sword, so it was exactly as he asked. Making the second one was much quicker and I worked day and night, finishing it, not long before he arrived. I was much relieved I can tell you.

MARIAN So, John took the true Vorpall Sword?

ROBERT Ah, well, that's the thing, you see. I'm not sure. After I made the second one, the right one, I put it on my rack as it cooled. When John arrived, I went to fetch him the sword and, here's the funny part, both swords were next to each other and, well, I had no clue which was the one with the strange liquid in it.