

Dame Robyn Hood

(The Villagers leave stage with the children. Car sounds off stage. Dame Hood enters, pushing a full shopping trolley equipped with horn, and headlights.)

Dame (Race commentator) ... and she's turned the corner into the bread aisle ... she's got the buns ... and she's on to the check-out ... **(screech)** ... she wins! ... and Old Mother Hubbard's dog will go hungry tonight! **(She sees Red)** Oh, hello Red dear...

Red Mother, I thought we'd talked about this. I know you're practising for Supermarket Sweep, but it really isn't fair to empty the shelves *every* time you go shopping at [*local shopping centre*]! I'm fed up with having to take half the groceries round to Mother Hubbard's every week.

Dame I'm sorry, it's just the thought of that gorgeous Dale Winton! Oooh... he can swipe my loyalty card any day!

Red Mother!

Dame And what are you doing in town, still? I thought you were supposed to be picking some flowers for Granny and taking them round to her house.

Red I was just on my way, Mother. **(To audience)** Bye, boys and girls!

Dame (To audience) Oh, you should see some of the things I've found in the shop today! All these kiddies were running around the aisles, so I scooped them up and brought them here for you **(picks up large bag of sweets, throws Jelly Babies to the audience)** Then I fancied a game, so Mother Goose and I played *Skittles* **(throws skittles to audience)**. Then they told us we too noisy, so we had to *Whispa* **(throws...)**. Then a *Double Decker* **(throws...)** drove past and made me jump, and I spilt all this *Milk* **(picks up bucket, makes as if to throw at audience, she does, it's confetti...)** so I had to clean up... **(picks up box of washing powder, goes to throw it, double take, then)** ONE, TWO THREE **(goes as if to throw but doesn't)** Ha, Ha! Got you there!

(Jack and Jill Enter, carrying pail of water between them. Jack's head is bandaged in brown paper.)

Dame Why, it's Jack and Jill! Hello Jack, Hello Jill. My goodness, Jack! What have you been up to?