



The Hunting Party

A Tudor play for ages 9-12

The Turner family live a poor peasant life in one of Henry VIII's forests. Alys, suspected of witchcraft, has 7 children with her husband John, the youngest of whom, Noah, dreams of going to sea. When Henry falls from his horse while hunting nearby, he is taken to the Turner cottage by his hunting party. The events that follow change the lives of several family members, while ensuring Alys's safety from future accusation.

- Lively script
 - NC
- Hist/Drama

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- 28 speaking parts of various size
- Extra villagers/nobles of hunting-party n/s
- Duration : 25-30 minutes

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HENRY: You have gentle hands, Goodwife.

ALYS: Thank you, Sire.

HENRY: The leg feels better already. And it was a serious wound, was it not?

ALYS: *(smiling)* Oh no

Alys catches the eye of Monty who signals to her to say 'yes'

(CONTD): Well...um...serious for ordinary people like us. But for your majesty.....

HENRY: *(beaming)* Quite so. A trifle! A nothing! And it will heal inhow long would you say?

ALYS: For your subjects, about two months. But for your majesty, let us say two weeks.

HENRY: D'you hear that, gentlemen? Only two weeks.

MONTY: Your majesty certainly has an excellent constitution.

THOMAS: Remarkable.

PERCY: *(easing his wrist)* As in all things, magnificent.