

Being Someone Brave

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INT. THEATRE DRESSING ROOM - MORNING

SUNRAY, a pretty but shy actress, is dressed as Maid Marian for a *Robin Hood* show. Her friend ALICE does her makeup.

ALICE
So when you meet tonight, go up
to him...

SUNRAY
Yes?

ALICE
Look into his eyes...

SUNRAY
Yes?

ALICE
And kiss him.

SUNRAY
Kiss him?

ALICE
It's Valentine's Day. You're on a
date. Of course you kiss him!

SUNRAY
I'm just... you know how nervous
I get with boys.

ALICE
Nervous? You're an actress.
You're fine in front of hundreds
of people.

SUNRAY
I'm a different person in front
of audiences. If I have to be
me... I'm a wreck.

ALICE
So... don't be yourself.

SUNRAY
Sorry?

ALICE
Be someone else. Someone brave
and heroic. Someone confident.

SUNRAY
Well... it's hard to do that
without a costume.

ALICE
OK, so wear a bloody costume!

SUNRAY
And make-up?

ALICE
Yes, wear the make-up. Everyone wears make-up.

Sunray nods, smiling.

SUNRAY
Someone brave and...

ALICE
Heroic. Whatever it takes.

EXT. CAFE AREA - NIGHT

TULLY, Sunray's date, waits at a corner, looking at his watch.

SUNRAY
(V/O)
Greetings, my good friend.

He turns around. SUNRAY is dressed as Robin Hood, complete with moustache and goatee. Tully is taken aback.

TULLY
Sunray?

SUNRAY
I have just returned from Sherwood Forest, where I was cavorting with my merry men.

TULLY
Right. Do you want to get changed?

SUNRAY
Not just yet, good sir. 'Tis Valentine's Day, hence we must greet each other in the traditional Valentine's manner.

She kisses him, long and hard. After the initial shock, he enjoys it. Then she stops, looking slightly embarrassed.

SUNRAY (CONT'D)
I'll... get rid of the moustache.

TULLY
Yeah. (PAUSE) And the beard.

Sunray nods sheepishly and walks away. But as she walks, she smiles to herself, punching the air - jackpot!