

Babes in the wood 2026 – Audtion piece

(Enter – Sheriff)

Sheriff There you are Marian, Pickle has told me that you have been seen in Sherwood forest, As your legal guardian, a role I perform with great dignity, discipline, and dazzling competence...I must insist that you stay away from the forest. It's dangerous, chaotic, and full of... **(Shudders)** ...outlaws!

Marian **(Composed, polite but firm)** The forest is full of good people too. People who care for others. People who stand up for what's right.

Sheriff Nonsense! The only thing standing up in that forest is trouble. And I forbid you to go anywhere near it.

Marian **(With a gentle smile)** You may be my guardian, Sheriff...but you don't guard my heart. And my heart knows exactly where it belongs

Nora **(To audience)** Ohhh, she means Robin Hood **(To audience)** Just in case anyone missed the romance floating through the air like cheap perfume.

Willy **(To audience)** I smelled it. Thought it was you

Sheriff Robin Hood! That meddling, misbehaving, miscreant of a man! If I ever catch him, I'll give him a suspended sentence

Marion A suspended sentence? That doesn't sound too bad

Sheriff Oh it will be, believe me... I'll hang him the next day! Now Marion. You are not to see him! And that is my final word! **(Points dramatically)** I'll be keeping an eye on you, and an even closer eye on that forest! **(He exits)**

Marian **(Watching him go, calm but resolute)** He can fill Sherwood with soldiers... post guards on every path... and watch every tree from dawn till dusk. But he'll never stop me caring for the people who call the forest home **(A gentle smile)** My heart has already chosen where it belongs. **(She smiles)** With Robin