

Play Summary

Cast of characters



1 A royal wedding! Theseus and Hippolyta are getting married, and love is in the Athenian air!



5 Helena spills the beans to Demetrius, knowing he'll follow Hermia. Helena follows him.



4 Theseus takes dad's side. Hermia and Lysander run for the woods outside of Athens, telling only Helena.



3 Hermia has no interest in Demetrius, but her best friend, Helena, sure does. Demetrius only has eyes for Hermia.



2 Hermia and Lysander want to get married, too. But her dad insists that she marry Demetrius instead.



6 The woods are packed with fairy folk! But the fairy king, Oberon, and the fairy queen, Titania, are having a fight.



7 Oberon plays a trick on his wife. He sends Puck to pick a magic flower to squeeze on her eyes when she's asleep. It'll make her fall in love with the first thing she sees when she wakes up.



8 Oberon heard Demetrius' yelling at Helena and feels bad for her. He orders Puck to squeeze magic juice on Demetrius' eyes, too.



9 OOPS! Puck gets mixed up! He squeezes the juice on Lysander's eyes by mistake.



13 Titania wakes up, sees Bottom, and falls head over heels. She treats him like a king.



12 The woods are getting crowded. A group of craftsmen have gone there to rehearse their play for the royal wedding. Feeling even more impish than usual, Puck changes the weaver, Nick Bottom, into a donkey - from the neck up!



11 "Silly Puck," Oberon says. "I meant the other guy!" Oberon tries to make things right by juicing Demetrius, too.



10 When Helena accidentally wakes up Lysander, he falls for her!



14 Now Lysander and Demetrius are both crazy about Helena. But she thinks they're making fun of her.



15 The suitors are ready to fight. Things are getting out of hand. Puck makes them run around in the woods until they're exhausted. They fall asleep. So do the girls.



16 Oberon awakens his wife. "Boy!" she says. "Wait till I tell you the crazy dream I had!"



17 Oberon gives Bottom his regular head back. He figures he had a crazy dream, too.



20 ... Except Puck.



19 Lysander and Hermia, Demetrius and Helena, Theseus and Hippolyta all celebrate, and the craftsmen perform their play. Everyone's getting married ...



18 Theseus leads a pre-wedding hunt, the original "stag party." In the woods, he finds all the sleeping lovers - and gives them his blessing.

The End!

