



Character Descriptions

The Narrators

The narrators help tell the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Shakespeare - Playwright

The narrator of our story, based on the real life author William Shakespeare, with a few contemporary updates. Shakespeare will be wearing a black shirt and white neck ruff.



The Bard - Musician

A musical actor who uses song to remind the audience of everything that's happened in our story so far. The Bard will be wearing a white toga and holding a ukulele.

The Fairies

The fairies occupy the woods from sunset till dawn. They are capable of magic and can use it to help or harm the human world.



Oberon - King of the Fairies.

King of the Fairies. In love with Queen Titania but currently mad at her and seeking his revenge. Oberon will be wearing silver wings and a green leafy crown.



Titania - Queen of the Fairies

Queen of the Fairies, in love with Oberon. They are currently fighting over the custody of a small child in her charge. Is enchanted to fall in love with Bottom. Titania will be wearing silver wings and a flower crown.



Puck - Fairy

King Oberon's sidekick. Puck is a fairy who loves to cause as much mayhem as possible. Puck will be wearing silver wings.



The Athenians

Duke Theseus rules the court at Athens. The court is sometimes known as the Athenians. The world of the court is upper-class and filled with rules and restrictions. The men in this play are very much in charge and capable of telling the women who they should marry.



Theseus- Duke of Athens

Determines the laws and fates of those who reside in Athens. Theseus will be wearing a gold crown.



Egeus - Advisor of Theseus.

An advisor to the court of Theseus and father of Hermia. Egeus wishes for Hermia to marry Demetrius. Egeus will be wearing glasses and a flat cap.



Hermia - Athenian

A young lady in love with Lysander. The daughter of Egeus. Hermia will be wearing a yellow bandana.



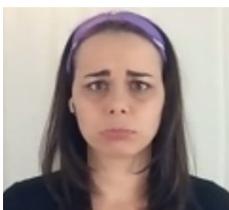
Lysander - Athenian

A young man in love with Hermia, disliked by Hermia's father Egeus. Lysander will be wearing a yellow baseball cap.



Demetrius - Athenian

A young man in love with Hermia, the favorite of Egeus and loved by Helena. Demetrius will be wearing a purple baseball cap.



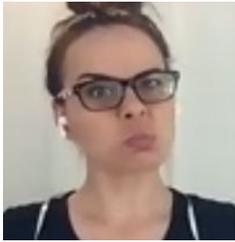
Helena - Athenian

A young lady in love with Demetrius. Best friends with Hermia. Helena will be wearing a purple bandana.



The Mechanicals

The mechanicals are a group of laborers. Today they would be known as blue collar workers. Led by Quince, they are an amateur theatre company who put on the play *Pyramus and Thisbe* for Duke Theseus.



Quince - A carpenter, and an actor/producer
A tradesperson who is in charge of an amateur theatre company. Quince will be wearing an apron with his name written on the center.



Bottom - An actor and weaver
A weaver responsible for making fabric by day, a boastful actor by night. Enchanted by Puck to have the head of a donkey. He will be wearing an apron with his name written on it. Donkey ears will be added to Bottom's costume once he is transformed by Puck.



Flute - An actor and laborer
A young man, barely old enough to have hair on his face, who plays Thisbe in the Mechanicals' play. Flute will be wearing an apron with his name written on the center. A scarf will be added for Flute's character of Thisbe.



Tom Snout - A tinker and an actor
A tinsmith by day and actor by night. Plays the role of "wall" during the Mechanicals' play. Snout will be wearing an apron with his name written on it.



Snug - A joiner and an actor
A not-so-bright member of the acting company. Plays the lion in the Mechanicals' play. Snug will be wearing an apron with his name written on it. During the play of *Pyramus and Thisbe*, he will use a lion filter to portray the lion.



Episode Plot Summaries

Episode One

Our story begins in an enchanted forest near [Athens, Greece](#). In the enchanted forest lives the Fairy King Oberon and the Fairy Queen Titania. They are fighting over who should take care of an orphaned human child called the "changeling." Frustrated by Titania's refusal to give up the changeling, King Oberon calls on Puck, his fairy assistant, to help him find a magic purple flower. This flower makes people fall in love with the next thing they see (no matter what it is!).

Meanwhile in the city of Athens, Duke Theseus is deciding the fate of a young woman named Hermia. Hermia is the daughter of Egeus. Egeus wishes for Hermia to marry a young, arrogant man named Demetrius. Hermia wants to marry another young man named Lysander. According to the ancient laws of Athens, Hermia must follow her father's will or be sent to a nunnery--or even be put to death! Hermia is strong and unafraid and decides along with Lysander to run away into the enchanted forest to go live with Lysander's aunt. As they prepare to leave, they meet with Hermia's best friend Helena. Helena is in love with Demetrius and decides to tell him of Helena and Lysander's plan to run into the woods. Demetrius follows the pair into the woods and Helena follows after Demetrius.

Oberon overhears the sad conversation between Helena and Demetrius, and he vows to help in her pursuit of Demetrius. After travelling around the globe, Puck returns with the magical flower. Oberon explains his plan to use this flower on Titania to trick her into falling in love with something terrible! Oberon then gives part of the flower to Puck. He instructs Puck to find Demetrius and enchant him into falling in love with Helena. Oberon tells Puck to recognize Demetrius by the "Athenian" clothes he has on.

While Titania sleeps, Oberon executes his plan and drops the juice of the love flower into her eyes. She is now enchanted, so she will fall in love with the next thing that she sees!

Meanwhile, Puck searches through the forest looking for Helena and Demetrius. Upon spotting Lysander and Hermia sleeping in the forest, Puck mistakes them for Helena and Demetrius. Puck mistakenly places the love juice into the eyes of Lysander. Now, Lysander is enchanted to fall in love with the next thing he sees when he awakes!



Episode Two

The story picks up with Puck wandering around near the resting spot of Titania. As he wanders, he spies a group of laborers called the Mechanicals getting ready to rehearse a play. Puck decides to become invisible and watch them as they practice.

The merry group is run by Quince, who doles out roles to all the actors. The most enthusiastic of the bunch is Nick Bottom. He is so excited to act in the play of Pyramus and Thisbe that he tries to play all the characters! Quince puts his foot down, and the actors begin to rehearse the play. While they are rehearsing, Puck decides to play a trick on Bottom and enchants him to have the head of a donkey! All of the other mechanicals flee from fear of him. Bottom sings a song to feel not afraid and accidentally wakes up Titania, who was napping nearby. Titania, who was recently enchanted by Oberon with the magic flower, falls in love with Bottom. Titania whisks Bottom away to her fairy bower.

Meanwhile, in another part of the forest, Helena continues to chase after Demetrius through the forest, but pauses to catch her breath. As Helena pauses, she notices Lysander is asleep on the ground and wakes him. Lysander (who has been mistakenly enchanted by Puck with the magic flower) sees Helena and falls in love with her! Helena, confused by Lysander's behavior, runs away. Lysander follows her, leaving Hermia alone in the woods. Hermia wakes up and flees deeper into the woods to try and find Lysander.

Puck and Oberon are reunited. As Puck recounts his successes, Oberon sees Demetrius and Hermia pass by. Puck and Oberon realize that Puck has made a grave error and has enchanted Lysander when he was supposed to enchant Demetrius. They quickly use their magic to enchant Demetrius to fall asleep and place the magic flower juice in his eyes! Passing by at just the right time are Lysander and Helena, whose voices wake Demetrius. Now under the influence of the love flower, Demetrius immediately falls in love with Helena! Demetrius and Lysander begin to fight over the heart of Helena. Helena thinks they are both playing a cruel trick on her. Hermia is reunited with the group. Lysander rejects Hermia and continues to declare his love for Helena. Helena believes Hermia to be part of what she thinks is a cruel trick. The four Athenians continue to fight until they scatter to different parts of the woods.



Episode Three

Immediately following the Athenians' fight, Oberon scolds Puck for making such a mess of everything! Oberon orders Puck to set everything right. Puck catches all of the Athenians and fixes the enchantment. Everything has been set as it ought to be, with Hermia and Lysander reunited, and Helena and Demetrius together.

Oberon ventures through the forest and observes Titania and Bottom together. Titania and Bottom dance and play with the fairies in the forest before taking a nap. As they nap, King Oberon expresses remorse and reveals that Titania has sent him the changeling child. He removes the enchantment from Titania's eyes. Upon waking, Titania is repulsed by Bottom. Puck restores Bottom to his human form.

Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius, and Helena all return to Athens. Once more, they find themselves waiting for judgement from Duke Theseus. They recount their dreamy experience in the woods, and Demetrius expresses his rediscovered love for Helena. Egeus apologizes to his daughter, Hermia. Duke Theseus declares a double wedding for the two couples. The couples agree, and they all exit to watch the play put on by the Mechanicals.

Bottom is reunited with Quince and the rest of the Mechanicals. At Theseus's court, they perform the story of Pyramus and Thisbe, a Greek tragedy of forbidden love. Pyramus falls in love with his neighbor Thisbe. The only way they can communicate is through a hole in the wall that separates them. Pyramus and Thisbe agree to meet each other in the moonlight. Thisbe arrives first but is scared away by a lion. Thisbe leaves behind a piece of clothing. Pyramus arrives later and thinking Thisbe to be dead, kills himself. Thisbe returns to the scene to find her love dead and takes her own life, thus ending the play. Everyone is delighted and goes to bed happy.

Puck returns one final time to end the play and thank the audience for listening.