

'A Midsummer Nights Dream' Plot Cards

The remaining players meet up and are worried about Bottom's disappearance. They hear that two more couples will also be wed when the Duke is married. The men are desperate to perform. Bottom arrives just in time.

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To get back at Titania, Oberon tells his servant Puck to put a magic juice on her sleeping eyelids which will make her fall in love with the first thing she sees upon waking.

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Egeus takes his daughter Hermia to see the Duke of Athens as he wants her to marry Demetrius but she is in love with Lysander.

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The workmen arrive in the wood to rehearse. Puck sees them and decides to give Bottom a donkey's head. The workmen run away screaming when they see this change.

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Titania is asleep.  
Oberon puts the magic juice on her eyelids.

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Oberon says that Titania has now given him the changeling and so the magic can be reversed – Titania no longer loves him. Puck turns Bottom back to normal.

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Hermia and Lysander are lost in the forest, they decide to sleep.

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Now Helena has both Lysander and Demetrius in love with her, but thinks they are joking. The four young people have a big argument and Lysander and Demetrius agree to a duel.

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Oberon is amused that Titania is in love with a man with a donkey's head. When he sees Demetrius and Hermia argue, he realises his second plan has gone wrong.

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Lysander and Hermia plan to run away. Hermia tells Helena the plan, but Helena is in love with Demetrius so she tells him of the couple's plot.

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Hermia thinks Demetrius has hidden or hurt Lysander, and she runs off. Demetrius lies down to go to sleep. Oberon tells Puck to put the magic juice on his eyes. He wakes and sees Helena.

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A group of tradesmen meet to discuss performing a play. They discuss the plot and agree to meet the next night in the forest to rehearse.

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Puck plays a trick on both men so that they wander the wood and never meet to fight. Eventually the four young people fall asleep near each other.

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Demetrius and Helena run past but Lysander wakes and sees Helena. He immediately falls in love with her and abandons Hermia.

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The Duke says Hermia must marry Demetrius or the law says she can be killed or sent to a nunnery for life. He gives her until his wedding in four days.

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The play is performed to the amusement of the audience. The newly married couples leave and their union is blessed by the fairies. Puck tells the audience to treat the play as if it was a dream.

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Puck sees them and put the magic juice on Lysander's eyes, thinking he is Demetrius.

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Oberon sees that Helena loves Demetrius and that he is being very nasty to her. He decides to help and tells Puck to sort this out with the same magic juice – to make Demetrius fall for Helena.

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The fairies of the forest are ruled by Queen Titania and King Oberon who have had a huge argument about a changeling.

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When Lysander falls asleep, Puck reverses the magic which makes him love Helena. He now loves Hermia again.

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Titania wakes, sees Bottom and falls in love with him. She has her fairy servants take him home to look after him.

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Theseus and Hippolyta discover the sleeping couples and agree that both Athenian couples will marry at their own wedding.