

A Midsummer Night's Dream

ACT 1 SCENE 1

The play takes place in Athens and in the surrounding forest on the eve of THESEUS'S wedding.

1.(THESEUS and HIPPOLYTA are preparing for their wedding. Egeus enters followed by LYSANDER,DEMETRIUS and HERMIA.)

EGEUS:

Hello duke Theseus

THESEUS:

What is going on?

EGEUS:

I'm so angry with my daughter Hermia.

| Step forward Demetrius!

(Demetrius steps forward.)

EGEUS: My lord i approve of this man to marry my daughter.
Come Lysander

(Lysander steps forward.)

EGEUS: This man put a magic spell on my daughter , he made her music and poems. He sang to her from her window under the moonlight he turned her obedience into stubbornness. She is my daughter , I will get rid of her either by marrying her to Demetrius or by killing her according to our law.

THESEUS: What do you have to say Hermia? I advise you to listen to your father. Demetrius is a good man.

HERMIA: So is Lysander.

You should follow your father's judgment.

HERMIA: I beg your pardon. What will happen to me if I refuse to marry Demetrius?

THESEUS: Either you get killed or you never get married.

DEMETRIUS: I want what's mine.

LYSANDER: Her father loves you, why don't you marry him?! Let me marry Hermia.

EGEUS: You idiot! She is my daughter and I choose who will marry her.

LYSANDER: I love her and she loves me. Demetrius had an affair with Helena and she loves him.

THESEUS: I must agree. I have heard of this. Come here Demetrius and Egeus. We need to talk.

(He leads them off with HIPPOLYTA)

LYSANDER: What are we going to do now? Why are you sad? What happened to our love?

HERMIA: We must be patient.

LYSANDER: I have a widowed aunt. We can stay at her house then I will marry you. We will escape tomorrow night.

HERMIA: I will meet you tomorrow.

LYSANDER: We will both keep our promise.

(HELENA comes in.)

HERMIA: Hurry up beautiful Helena.

HELENA: Ha ha beautiful (In irony) .Demetrius loves you. What does he like in you? Show me, I want to know.

HERMIA: I don't care about him but he still loves me. Whenever I tell him to stay away, he comes closer.

HELENA: The more i love him the more he hates me.

HERMIA: It's not my fault, don't worry. Lysander and I are going to escape from this place tomorrow night.

LYSANDER: We will escape through the gates and past the guards.

HERMIA: Wish us luck.

(HERMIA and LYSANDER leave.)

HELENA: I'm going to tell Demetrius that Hermia and Lysander are going to escape so i can get to see him again.

(She runs off.)