

Trista

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a story written by William Shakespeare about how the course of true love never did run smooth and how problems could occur even when it seems everything is going well. Here are 3 examples on why this is true.

First, Lysander and Hermia. Lysander and Hermia both love each other. However, Hermia's father — Egeus, refuses and insists her <sup>that she</sup> marries Demetrius, <sup>of as Theseus says,</sup> "Either to die the death, or to abjure for ever the society of men" — Theseus (1.1.67). Meaning that if Hermia doesn't marry Demetrius, she must die or become a nun and never have any contact with any men. This also implies that women in the past have a lack of power, and won't be able to have a choice of their own. So, they decided to run away to the forest and get married.

Second, Demetrius and Helena. Helena loves Demetrius, however he doesn't and he loves Hermia instead. Hermia being Helena's friend, she decides to tell Helena that she is going to run away to the forest with Lysander and Helena can be with Demetrius. <sup>fradec, she says,</sup> "I will go tell him of fair Hermia's flight; Then to the wood will he tomorrow night. Pursue her; and for this intelligence, if I have thanks, it is a dear expense. But herein mean I to enrich my pain, To have his sight thither, and back again" ~~Helena~~ (1.1.249). This shows that Helena is very desperate to get Demetrius to love her, even when it means that she has to betray her friend just to get a "thank you" from him. Sadly it backfires, and Demetrius runs to the forest to chase after Hermia.

At Last, Oberon — king of the fairies and Titania — queen of the fairies. They get into an argument about having ownership of a little boy. Oberon gets mad and plans to get revenge. He calls Puck — his lieutenant over and tells him about a flower that if you squeeze the juice on someone's eyelids when they are asleep, they <sup>will</sup> fall in love with the first living thing they see when they wake up. Meanwhile, Oberon sees Helena chasing <sup>after</sup> Demetrius, and saw how Demetrius was screaming at Helena, saying he doesn't love her. Oberon feels bad and decided to tell Puck to squeeze it in Demetrius' eyes <sup>too</sup> so he can fall in love with Helena.

Puck messes up by squeezing it into Lysander's eye, instead of

Demetrius' eye. This causes Lysander to fall in love with Helena, creating a love triangle with Helena. Demetrius and Lysander fight for Helena while Hermia is confused why Lysander was suddenly being rude to her. After Oberon squeezed the juice in Titania's eye and making her fall in love with a donkey, he saw Lysander, Demetrius, Helena and Hermia all fighting. He demands Puck to reverse the spell except for Demetrius so everything will go back to plan.

At last, Oberon and Titania gets along, Helena and Demetrius loves each other and Hermia and Lysander are back together. That may seem like a happy ending, however it is not. The reason why Demetrius loves Helena is ~~just~~ because of the magic <sup>love</sup> juice, he doesn't truly love her, meanwhile Helena does. After the four of them woke up, Demetrius says "That we are awake? It seems to me that yet we sleep, we dream." (4.1.198). It is clear that they thought all the things they did <sup>the day before</sup> was just a dream and all of them are convinced that they all had the exact same dream.

This proves that the true course of love never did run smooth and sometimes <sup>will</sup> end up in fake love without the other knowing, just like Demetrius and Helena.

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