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## Egeus Threatens Hermia!

By: Matt, Sebi

Egeus has not been pleased with the way Hermia has acted. Egeus is the father of Hermia and Lysander loves Hermia but can't have her since Egeus wants Hermia to marry Demetrius. Hermia refuses to marry Demetrius and wants to marry Lysander. Since the rules back then disallowed women to marry who ever they wanted,

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Hermia and Egeus complain to Theseus.

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Egeus started to threaten Hermia by saying that he would dispatch her. However Theseus gave her three choices: marry Demetrius, be a nun, or be killed...

## Helena's Love Life

By: Justin and Richard

Helena was a desperate girl who went after Demetrius who had no interest in her. Now she has two boys fighting for her, one of them actually being Demetrius in the flesh, and also her boyfriend named Lysander.

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Helena trying to be beautiful

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Helena is in love with Demetrius and wishes that she was more like for example in "Your eyes are lodestars and your tongue's sweet air More tunable than lark to shepherd's ear When wheat is green, when hawthorn buds appear." Helena wishes that she had Hermia's eyes and voice. Also Helena said that "O, teach me how you look and with what art You sway the motion of Demetrius' heart!" What Helena is saying here is that she wants to know how Demetrius is in love with her.

## Hermia's Love Life

By: Katie, Camila, Kenza

Recently Hermia's father Egeus has forced her to marry a man named Demetrius. However, Hermia is desperately in love with Lysander. Her father brought her over to Theseus to force her to marry Demetrius or she will be killed or become a nun. "Either to die to death or to abjure forever the society wrong," Lysander tells Hermia that they are going to run away to his aunt's house outside of Athens. However, Hermia tells Helena that they are going to run away, so she runs off and tells Demetrius of their plan of leaving. Unfortunately, Demetrius has to accompany Helena while he does not have any affection towards her, more towards Hermia. "Tempt not too much the hatred of my spirit, for I am sick when I look on thee."

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Hermia is upset that Lysander no longer loves her.

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Some fairies put a spell on Demetrius's eyes, but Robin a fairy had put it in Lysander's eyes and now he loves Helena and not Hermia. So, Hermia is devastated now.

## Nick Bottom to Star in Play!

By: Markel, Grace, Sophia

If you haven't heard, Nick Bottom is starring in "Pyramus and Thisbe", a play, in which five craftsmen perform for Theseus and Hippolyta (Soon to be King and Queen). Bottom is fighting for more than one part, but his main part is the role of Pyramus. During the meeting where roles were assigned, Bottom said, "And I may hide my face, let me play Thisbe too." Some people say Nick Bottom is a role-hogger, which is true, as he proves at the meeting, when he also says, "Let me play the lion too." What do you think? Is Nick Bottom a role-hogger?

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Before the play, Robin Goodfellow changes Nick Bottom into an ass with "love-in-idleness".

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A few days later, believe it or not, Nick Bottom turns into an ass, because of Robin Goodfellow. An ass can not play either as a woman or an animal, nor Thisbe or the lion. Now how is he going to play all the roles he wanted to play as? It won't be the same as before, so how will he do it? Tune in to next week's news to find out!

## Oberon and Titania Battle over Custody!

By: Alicia & Fany

Titania and Oberon don't really have a good relationship. They basically hate each other even though they're married. The one of the main reasons they fight is because Oberon wants Titania's son. And Oberon just wants him so he can make him a type of slave. But Titania wouldn't let Oberon take the kid from her because she loves the kid. The mother of the kid died so since the mother knew Titania, Titania raised the boy like if it was her own child. Oberon will do anything to get the kid. For an example he told Puck (his fairy) to get a nectar of a magic flower. "Yet marked I where the bolt of Cupid fell. It fell upon a little western flower." And the arrow of the Cupid put the magic in the flowers so now if the nectar goes on your eyes and you wake up, the first person you see you will be madly in love with. Puck put the nectar in Titania's eyes and when she awoke she fell in love with Nick Bottom but he had an ass's head. Now that she was distracted Oberon went and took the boy and Titania never knew.



"The Fairyland buys not the child of me. His mother was a votaress of my orders..."

## Puck the Prankster

By: Ariana, Luis, Andres

Puck the Prankster is a troubled fairy. Puck aka Robin works for king fairy Oberon. Robin causes a lot of destruction in the city of Athens. One of Puck's greatest pranks was when he turned into a stool stand and when people sat down he slid from under them and made them fall. "then slip i from her bum, down topples she and taylor cries."

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Puck is planning his next prank on someone.

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Robin created havoc around the city. In another instance Robin turned Nick into a donkey. Everyone is terrified and running away, we heard Nick Bottom say "why do they run away? this is knavery of them to make me afraid." With this we have proven our story, Robin is a trouble-making fairy.

# Catfight: Helena vs Hermia

by: Joshua Abuzid, Kiara Arauz, Michelle Bautista

Breaking news there has been a CATFIGHT. Both Hermia and Helena started fighting because of robin known as "puck" had put a nectar from cupid's flower in lysander's eye. the nectar from the flower was to make someone fall in love with the first person they see. puck was supposed to put the nectar in Demetrius' eyes so he would fall in love with helena. but lysander, Demetrius, helena, and hermia all had Athenian clothes on. puck and oberon didn't know there 4 people from athen. after puck put the juice from the "love-in-idleness" flower, helena woke him up while chasing Demetrius. She kicked him and he woke up. He woke up and the first thing he saw was helena. Lysander started saying love things to helena and Hermia were confused. Helena thought that it was a joke that both Lysander and Demetrius were in love with her. Helena and Hermia start to fight and then Lysander and Demetrius break the fight up, and Helena runs away. "What can you do me greater harm than hate? O me, what news, my love? Am not I Hermia? are you not Lysander? I am as fair now as I was erewhile. Since night you loved me, yet since night you left me." "puppet" why so? Ay, that way goes the game. Now I perceive that she hath made compare between our statures, she hath urged her height."



this picture shows helena and hermia broken up. hermia was mad because lysander was in love with helena instead of her.

## Oberon and Titania Back Together!

By: Richard, Justin

In act 5 Oberon and Titania got back together because Titania thought that Oberon had saved her from a hideous monster. Oberon saved Titania from Nick Bottom and he was the donkey. Even though Oberon sabotaged her and tricked her to get the child, she still loved him for some reason. This is how Oberon and Titania came back together as a couple.



Titania and Oberon back together

Oberon loved Titania he also said that Titania had a good voice because he says "Titania music call and strike more dead Than common sleep of all these five the sense." He saying that Titania's voice is really beautiful that it has a strong impact on people when she sings. Also Oberon goes and finds Robin so that he could fix the donkey head of the man so that Oberon could look like he was the one who saved Titania from Nick Bottom. An example of this would be when Oberon says "There shall the pairs of faithful lovers be wedded, with Theseus, all in jollity." He's saying that because he will get married to Titania at Theseus's wedding.

## Theseus Makes His Decision!

By: Sebastian Martinez, Matthew Brugger

It all started when Hermia and Lysander meet and fell in love. Except due to her father she can't marry him. Egeus wants Hermia to marry Demetrius because he is "wealthier". As time passed they all meet yet again. Here Theseus makes his decision. "These couples shall eternally be knit". Therefore Hermia and Lysander married and moved on with their lives.



Theseus making his decision

## Bottom Enjoys Life as a Donkey!

By: Michelle Bautista, Kiara Arauz, Josh Abuzid

It started when they're rehearsing the play and then Bottom turned into an ass which is a donkey. Oberon had put a spell onto Titania. As she was sleeping when this occurred. Since Bottom was an ass, Titania woke up and saw Bottom, she fell deeply in love with him. Since she was in love with him, she gave him some fairies and told them to do what he wanted them to. "What, wilt thou hear some music, my sweet love? Or say, sweet love, what thou desirest to eat? Sleep thou, and I will wind thee in my arms. Those are some quotes Titania said to Bottom as a donkey. He had everything he wanted and the queen of fairies. He was also offered any food that he wanted. In the act it also said of his food. "Truly, a peck of provender. I could munch your good dry oats. Methinks I have a great desire to a bottle of hay. Good hay, sweet hay, hath no fellow." Since there are both under a spell, they tell each other that they like each other. Titania, "Come sit thee down upon this flow'ry bed, while I thy amiable cheeks do coy, and stick muskroses in thy sleek smooth head, and kiss thy fair large ears, my gentle joy."



		<p>Titania is under a spell and falls in “love” with Nick Bottom</p> <hr/> <p>Nick bottom doesn’t know that he is a donkey still and he is a happy ass head. Hes living the life that he wanted.</p>
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## Now Playing: Pyramus and Thisbe

By: Alicia Maldonado, Fany Garcia  
Morales

Yesterday we saw a play put together by a bunch of workers at Theseus's wedding. Let me tell you, it was quite horrible. Just to give you an idea Bottom was Pyramus, Flute was Thisbe, Snout was the wall, Starveling was Moonshine, Snug is the lion, and Quince is the Prologue. They didn't really know what to do and in the middle of their part they explained what they are, like we didn't know and just made the pity play longer. Worst of all, they had a HUMAN playing a wall! (Snout is the wall right now)"That I, one by name, present a wall". There was also this one part where one of the actors [Bottom] messed up there lines. "I see a voice! Now will I chink To spy an I can hear my Thisbe's face. Thisbe?"

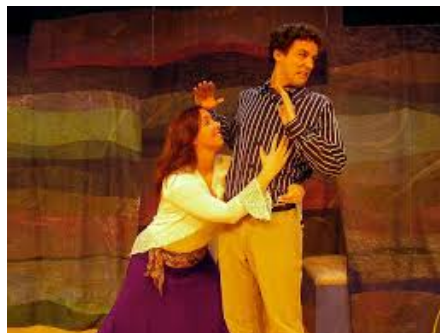


"Pyramus and Thisbe.... and the wall"

## Opinion: Does Demetrius Deserve Helena?

By: Sophia and Grace

Does Demetrius really deserve Helena? He treats her horribly and gives her no respect, like the time when he says, "Tempt not too much the hatred of my spirit, For I am sick when I do look on thee...I'll run from thee and hide me in the brakes And leave thee to the mercy of the wild beasts." Helena is madly in love with Demetrius, but he feels the opposite. Helena shows her love to Demetrius when she says, "I am your spaniel, and, Demetrius, The more you beat me I will fawn on you. Use me but as your spaniel: spurn me, strike me, Neglect me, lose me; only give me leave (Unworthy as I am) to follow you." I don't understand how Helena can be in love with someone who treats her like that. So the question is do you think Demetrius deserves Helena?



Helena hangs on to Demetrius for dear life yearning his love

## Opinion: What will Happen to Egeus?

By: Group 6

Egeus is an old and "Nobel man in Theseus court. egeus complains that Theseus daughter refuses to marry demetrius".Egeus tried to make the death penalty if she refused to marry him happen."Theseus however reduces the penalty for not obeying from death to life as a nun."She was forced to do this even if she did not want to.

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Theseus goes against Egeus will about Hermia having to marry Demetrius but Hermia loved lysander and lysander love Hermia and Demetrius loved Helena and Helena loved Demetrius so instead Hermia and Demetrius getting married is Hermia and lysander and Helena and Demetrius. I think that Egeus would probably bring lysander in as family.

# Who is the Star of MSND?

By: Katie Tobin, Camila Sosa, Kenza Tlemcani

The main character of a midsummer night's dream in our opinion is King Oberon. He is the main character because he is the main source of every issue. For example, he caused Demetrius and Lysander to both fall in love with Helena and he caused Hermia to be angry with Helena and Lysander. He has all these powers being the king of fairies and he uses it to his advantage.

"Fetch me that flower; the herb I showed thee once. The juice of it on sleeping eyelids. Will make or man or woman madly dote."

Another explain would be when Oberon puts the nectar into Titania's eyes. "Enter Oberon who anoints Titania's eyelids with the nectar." These two quotes show that Oberon uses his power in vain just to get back his Indian boy child and how nothing will get in the way of what he wants.



Oberon hiding

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