

Oberon: That woman makes me so mad! She can be so stubborn! Well, I'll teach her a lesson! Puck! Puck! Come here...now.

Puck crosses centerstage to Oberon.

Puck: You called for me, King Oberon?

Oberon: Puck, I want you to play a trick on my wife, Titania.

Puck rubs his hands together and laughs with a sinister chuckle.

Puck: A trick, my Lord? Hee Hee! You know how I love tricks!

Oberon: I want you to find a magic flower that has beautiful, fragrant petals. It grows in the woods and is purple. It makes people fall in love with the very next person they see! Go find one of the flowers and bring it to me, quickly!

Puck: Yes, your highness! I will be back in a flash!

Puck leaves stage right or back through the audience, and Oberon talks to himself, gleefully developing his plan.

Oberon: I will squeeze the flower to get all the magic juice out. Then I will have Puck put several drops on Titania's eyes while she is sleeping. When she awakens, she will fall madly in love with the first thing she sees! Maybe it will be a tree, or a bear, or an aardvark! She will look so ridiculous! HaHa! I can't wait?

Suddenly Oberon hears humans coming. He and attendants look around for places to hide, and run behind a tree, stage right, to watch. Demetrius enters, stage left, followed by Helena. Demetrius stops centerstage and turns to Helena.

Demetrius: Helena, will you just leave me alone? I don't love you, so stop pursuing me!

Helena: Demetrius, please listen! There is no point looking for Hermia and Lysander. They have run away to be married. Can't you be with me instead? I love you!

Demetrius: Well, I don't love you! Now, will you please go away!

Demetrius turns and continues walking quickly, exiting stage right. Helena follows, trying to keep up with his pace.

Helena: De-mee-tree-uss!

Oberon comes out from behind the tree and moves to centerstage again.

Oberon: What a rude young man! What a pompous twit!

First Attendant: And that poor, poor girl!

Second Attendant: She is madly in love with him, and he is so rude to her.

Third Attendant: Can't you do something to help her, King Oberon?

Oberon: Hmm...I'll have Puck put some of the magic juice from the purple flower on him, too. That should do the trick!

First Attendant: That will make him fall in love with her!

Second Attendant: What a wonderful idea!

Third Attendant: Oh, what a kind fellow you are, my lord!

Oberon: Yes, I am, aren't I. Too bad Queen Titania does not think so.

Puck enters stage left and moves to Oberon, centerstage.

Puck: I found the purple flower you wanted, my Lord Oberon.

Oberon: Ah, excellent Puck. I will squeeze the juice out of it...

He squeezes the juice into a small bottle.

Oberon: There, finished. Now, Queen Titania is sleeping near the bank of the river. I want you to sneak up to her and put a few drops of the juice on her eyes.

Puck: Yes, sir. I will be as quiet as a mouse. No one will know I am near.

Oberon: Good...oh, and while you are prancing around, a young man and woman from Athens are in the woods tonight also. When you see them, put lots of drops of the juice in his eye. He needs lots of juice to change his bitter heart. Then he will fall in love with her!

Puck: Fear not, my lord, your servant shall do so!

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