FOREGROUNDING

HELENA AND DEMETRIUS END UP IN THE SAME BAR AFTER FINDING OUT ABOUT LYSANDER AND HERMIA'S PLAN OF ELOPEMENT. DEMETRIUS TRIES TO AVOID HELENA BY GOING TO DARK STREET, BUT THEY GET LOST IN A DARK ALLEY. MEANWHILE, OB, OBERON, THE LEADER OF A MAFIA, SPOTS DEMETRIUS AND ORDERS PUCK, A MEMBER OF THE MAFIA, TO TEST OUT THE DRUG ON DEMETRIUS.

SCENE 1

OBERON THAT FK----- SON OF A ----- WHAT ---- THAT -----ING ------_____ TITANIA AND HER SAGGY ----- LIKE AN OLD MAN'S ----- ROLLING IN A ----- TURD BALL ----- BREATH ----- SEWER _____ KILL TITANIA ---- THAT ----- STUPID ------HEAD FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT ----- WHAT ARE YOU? -----TRASH ----- RODENT ----- NO ONE WANTS YOUR OLD ----- SHOE ---UGHHHHHHHHHHHH ---- DOOFUS _____

PUCK (Frozen facial expression) Uh... That was some intense sh*t... Um... Can I help you with something...?

OBERON (Deep sigh and pauses for a moment) THAT DRUG! F*ck! Puck, the god damn drug!

PUCK ... The hell?

OBERON Remember that mafia I told you about? EL CHAPO'S GANG. PUCK (Excited) Yeah, yeah!

OBERON

Take that stuff that they just invented, the one that makes you hallucinate and sh*t, y'know? It's in Chapo Street... You better sneak in that goddamn place... DON'T LET EL CHAPO AND HIS GANG SEE YOU, and don't you dare sh*t your pants trying to run away..!

PUCK

I got you.

SCENE 2

PUCK (Sees the powder in a jar) Ah, there it is. (Tiptoes towards the jar) MEMBER OF EL CHAPO'S MAFIA (Snoring) WATCHDOG (Barks) MEMBER OF EL CHAPO'S MAFIA (Move a little bit) PUCK (Suprised) Doggy!!!!!! Shush honey, shush. (Gives a treat) (Walk to couch and pull out briefcase with the drug) Here it is. (Walks away)

SCENE 3

[Enter DEMETRIUS]

DEMETRIUS (Looking at his phone, not noticing Helena in front of him) HELENA (Sees Demetrius and starts to follow him)

DEMETRIUS (Runs away from Helena)

HELENA (In a hurrying, desperate tone) No, Demetrius, Wait!

[Exit Both]

SCENE 4

[Enter DEMETRIUS, HELENA following him]

DEMETRIUS

(Screaming at Helena with anger)

I don't love you, Helena! Stop following me! Where is Lysander, and my lovely Hermia? You told me that they weren't getting married! And here I am, looking for her, going crazy. Because I cannot meet my Hermia!(Pushing Helena) Now, vanish from my sight and stop following me!

HELENA

(Hands and arms held at the side of the body, in a questioning stance) I can't! I'm attracted to you! You attract my heart (Hands touch heart) and I can't do anything but pathetically follow you! (Points to Demetrius) Once you lose my attraction, which won't happen since I'm made in love with you, only then will I be able to stop following you.

DEMETRIUS

Did I ever tell you to do that? Did I ever ask you to do? I told you. You can't love me!

HELENA

(Voice strained as if it's useless to continue fighting) And just because of that I love you more. I feel as though I'm your dog sometimes. The more you ignore me, the more I'm going to fall in love with you. Use me as your dog, and treated me less than a human being, because I know that you will always give me less than what I deserve. (Points to herself)

And unworthy as I am, I follow you. There's nothing worse I can do but lower myself.

(Hands and arms straight out, pointing straight to the ground)

DEMETRIUS

(Calm voice with anger)
Don't test my patience, Helena!
 (Averts eyes from Helena)
I feel terribly sick when I look at
you!

HELENA (Yells) I feel sick when I don't look at you!

DEMETRIUS

(Snarling) You are putting yourself in danger by following me. Standing alone in the dark is not a good way to protect your reputation.

HELENA

(Voice becomes happier when talking about her love) I entrust you to protect me. And just because I can see your handsome face, it doesn't feel as though I'm standing here, in the middle of nowhere, alone. Because you are my entire life. How could I ever be alone when you're standing in front of me?

DEMETRIUS (Glaring and in low voice)

(MORE)

DEMETRIUS (cont'd) I'll run away from you and hide in the bushes, and abandon you without any mercy!

HELENA

(Voice sad, almost hysterical) The cruelest person on the planet won't hurt me the way you do. (Points away, to another direction) Be my guest, run away. Because then the story will be changed. (Body shifts in opposite directions with each comparison) The princess is pursuing the prince; the cat chases the dog. The deer tries to chase the lion, trying, with useless speed. Being pathetic is useless chasing after greatness.

DEMETRIUS

(Yelling and pushing) I will no longer listen to you. Let me go! If you follow me, do remember that I can do anything to you.

HELENA

(Anger gradually builds up) Wherever we go, whether we were at school, at home, you always do me wrong Demetrius! (Points to Demetrius) Your behavior is an insult to girls everywhere! How did your mother teach you? Girls aren't supposed to fight for their lovers; boys are supposed to do all the pursuing!

DEMETRIUS (In a determined tone) I am leaving.

[Exit Demetrius]

HELENA (Voice determined, however small, and quiet) I will still follow you, and make a heaven from this dark place of misery. It would be an honor to die for my love.

[Exit Helena]

SCENE 5

OBERON Aye, Puck! (Shoves vigorously) Did ya get the stuff!?

[Enter Puck]

PUCK (Pompously) Of course I did. Puck can do anything. Here it is, OB.

OBERON Ohh that's sick! Throw that powder out there everywhere... Gotta make sure that sh*t works! (Long pause) (Thinking, looks around) He will do.

PUCK Don't worry. I gotcha back.

[Exit Puck]