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WILL HE TO-MORROW NIGHT... AND WHEN THIS HAIL SOME HEAT FROM HERMIA FELT SO HE DISSOLVED, AND SHOWERS OF OATHS

DID MELT.

BUT HEREIN MEAN I

TO ENRICH MY PAIN,

IF I HAVE THANKS, IT IS A DEAR EXPENSE. ...PURSUE HER; AND FOR THIS INTELLIGENCE











GLASS MASK (END OF VOLUME 21)



AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW MAYA PLAYS THE ROLE OF PUCK, A WELL-KNOWN CHARACTER FROM SHAKESPEARE'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM IN THIS VOLUME.

AFTER MUCH THINKING AND HAVING YOUR OPINION IN MIND WE ARE GOING TO USE THE ORIGINAL TEXT BY SHAKESPEARE SO FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH OLD ENGLISH, CHECK THIS HELPFUL SITE:

HTTP://NFS.SPARKNOTES.COM/MSND/

YOU'LL FIND THE ORIGINAL TEXT TOGETHER WITH A TRANSLATION INTO MODERN ENGLISH.

MILICHI-SENSEI SKIPPED LOTS OF SCENES SO FITTING THE TEXT IN THE BUBBLES WAS A HARD TASK.

HOPE THE RESULT IS SATISFACTORY. ^ ^U



A Midsummer Night's dream

(Summary by DMK)

THERE ARE 3 PLOTLINES IN THIS PLAY (WITH ONE OTHER SUBPLOT):

THREE MAIN GROUPS:

THE LOVERS, THE ACTORS, THE FAIRIES

THE STORY STARTS OFF WITH THESEUS AND HIPPOLYTA WHO ARE GETTING MARRIED. (THE DUKE OF ATHENS TO MARRY THE QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS) EGEUS, A NOBLEMAN, BEGINS AND COMPLAINS TO THESEUS ABOUT HIS DISOBEDIENT DAUGHTER WHO REFUSES TO MARRY DEMETRIUS, A YOUNG NOBLEMAN, AS SHE IS IN LOVE WITH LYSANDER, ANOTHER YOUNG NOBLEMAN. THIS IS THE STARTING POINT OF THE LOVERS

THE LOVERS ARE HERMIA, LYSANDER, DEMETRIUS AND HELENA. BASICALLY, HERMIA AND LYSANDER ARE IN LOVE. DEMETRIUS DESPERATELY TRIES TO WOO HERMIA BUT TO NO AVAIL WHILE HELENA DESPERATELY TRIES TO WOO DEMETRIUS, ALSO TO NO AVAIL. HERMIA AND LYSANDER FLEES TO THE FOREST TO ELOPE AND DEMETRIUS FOLLOWED SUIT, WITH HELENA FOLLOWING CLOSE BEHIND.

THE ACTORS ARE QUINCE, BOTTOM, FLUTE, SNOUT, SNUG AND STARVELING, THOUGH ALL YOU HAVE TO TAKE NOTICE OF IS REALLY BOTTOM. THEY ARE TOWNSMEN WHO ARE PREPARING TO ACT OUT A PLAY AS A WEDDING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THESEUS AND HIPPOLYTA. THIS IS WHERE THE SUBPLOT (THOUGH INSIGNIFICANT) COMES IN. IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO ROMEO AND JULIET BUT AS IT'S OF NO SIGNIFICANCE, I WON'T GO INTO THAT.

THE FARIES ARE OBERON, TITANIA, PUCK AND MANY OTHERS BUT JUST KEEP OBERON, TITANIA AND PUCK IN MIND. OBERON IS THE KING OF FARIES WHILE TITANIA IS THE QUEEN OF FARIES. PUCK IS OBERON'S RIGHT HAND MAN. OBERON AND TITANIA HAVE BEEN HAVING A QUARREL FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THE QUARREL IS THAT TITANIA REFUSES TO LET HER PAGE BOY BECOME ONE OF OBERON'S FOLLOWERS AND HENCE, OBERON PLOTS FOR REVENGE. (ACTUALLY, TO MY UNDERSTANDING, IT HAD ALSO SOMETHING TO DO WITH TITANIA BEING IN LOVE WITH THESEUS AND OBERON IN LOVE WITH HIPPOLYTA, HENCE, THE COUPLE ARE JEALOUS OF EACHOTHER'S INFIDELITY)NOW HERE COMES THE JUICY PART OF THE PLOT.

AS OBERON WAS SCHEMING, HE OVERHEARS DEMETRIUS' CRUEL WORDS TO HELENA AND WISHES TO SET THINGS RIGHT. HE ORDERED PUCK TO FIND THE LOVE POTION (A FLOWER) AND DRIZZLE SOME ON DEMETRIUS' EYES WHEN HE FALLS ASLEEP AND TELLS HIM TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FIRST PERSON HE SEES IS HELENA SO THAT DEMETRIUS WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH HELENA. (NOTE: PUCK HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THESE 4 LOVERS). HE ALSO ORDERED PUCK TO DRIZZLE SOME OF THE POTION ON TITANIA'S EYES AND MAKE SURE THE FIRST THING SHE SEES IS A MONSTER, AS TO MAKE A FOOL OF TITANIA.

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(Summary by DMK)

SO, PLICK GOES ALONG ON HIS MISSION BUT MESSES UP BIG TIME. HE FOUND LYSANDER AND HERMIA, DRIZZLED SOME ON LYSANDER AND WENT AWAY. HE FOUND BOTTOM, DRUNK ON THE STREETS, CHANGED HIM INTO AN ASS (DONKEY) AND PLACED HIM NEXT TO TITANIA'S SIDE AND DRIZZLES SOME OF THE POTION ON TITANIA'S EYES. OBERON'S REVENGE WORKED. TITANIA FALLS IN LOVE WITH BOTTOM, THE ASS. HOWEVER, HIS PLANS ON SETTING THINGS RIGHT FOR HELENA DIDN'T QUITE GO AS PLANNED.

LYSANDER WOKE UP TO SEE HELENA, AND SO FALLS IN LOVE WITH HELENA. HERMIA IS DISTRESSED. PUCK THEN GOES ALONG AND DRIZZLE THE POTION ON DEMETRIUS WHO ALSO FALL IN LOVE WITH HELENA. SO POOR HELENA IS CHASED BY 2 MEN IN THE FOREST, HUNGRY FOR HER LOVE, WHILE HERMIA, WHO WAS ONCE THE CENTRE OF ADMIRATION OF THE 2 YOUNGSTERS, FOLLOW CLOSE BEHIND, LITTERLY DISTRESSED.

FINALLY, PUCK WAS ABLE TO SET THINGS RIGHT. HE MADE LYSANDER FALL ASLEEP, DRIZZLED THE POTION AND MADE HIM WAKE UP TO SEE HERMIA WHILE LEAVING DEMETRIUS AND HELENA AS THEY ARE. OBERON MAKE AMENDS WITH TITANIA AND DRIZZLES THE POTION ON HER AGAIN, TO WAKE UP AND SEE OBERON. BOTTOM WAS TRANSFORMED BACK, WITHOUT EVER QUESTIONING HIS TIME AS THE FAIRY QUEEN'S ADMIRATION, HE HURRIES BACK TO HIS MATES TO REHEARSE AND PERFORM THE PLAY.

THE PLAY ENDS WITH THE WEDDING OF THESEUS AND HIPPOLYTA, THE JOINING TOGETHER OF THE 2 SETS OF LOVERS, PERFORMANCE OF THE ACTORS' PLAY AND PUCK'S CLOSING WORDS:

"IF WE SHADOWS HAVE OFFENDED. THINK BUT THIS, AND ALL IS MENDED: THAT YOU HAVE BUT SLUMBER'D HERE WHILE THESE VISIONS DID APPEAR. AND THIS WEAK AND IDLE THEME, NO MORE YIELDING BUT A DREAM, GENTLES, DO NOT REPREHEND: IF YOU PARDON, WE WILL MEND. AND, AS I AM AN HONEST PLICK, IF WE HAVE UNEARNED LUCK NOT TO 'SCAPE THE SERPENT'S TONGUE, WE WILL MAKE AMENDS ERE LONG: ELSE THE PUCK A LIAR CALL: SO, GOOD NIGHT UNTO YOU ALL GIVE ME YOUR HANDS, IF WE BE FRIENDS, AND ROBIN SHALL RESTORE AMENDS."

