

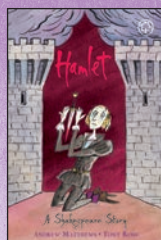
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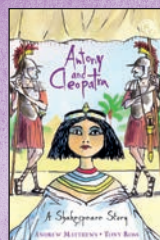
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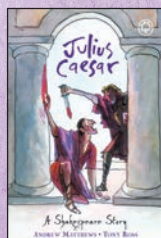
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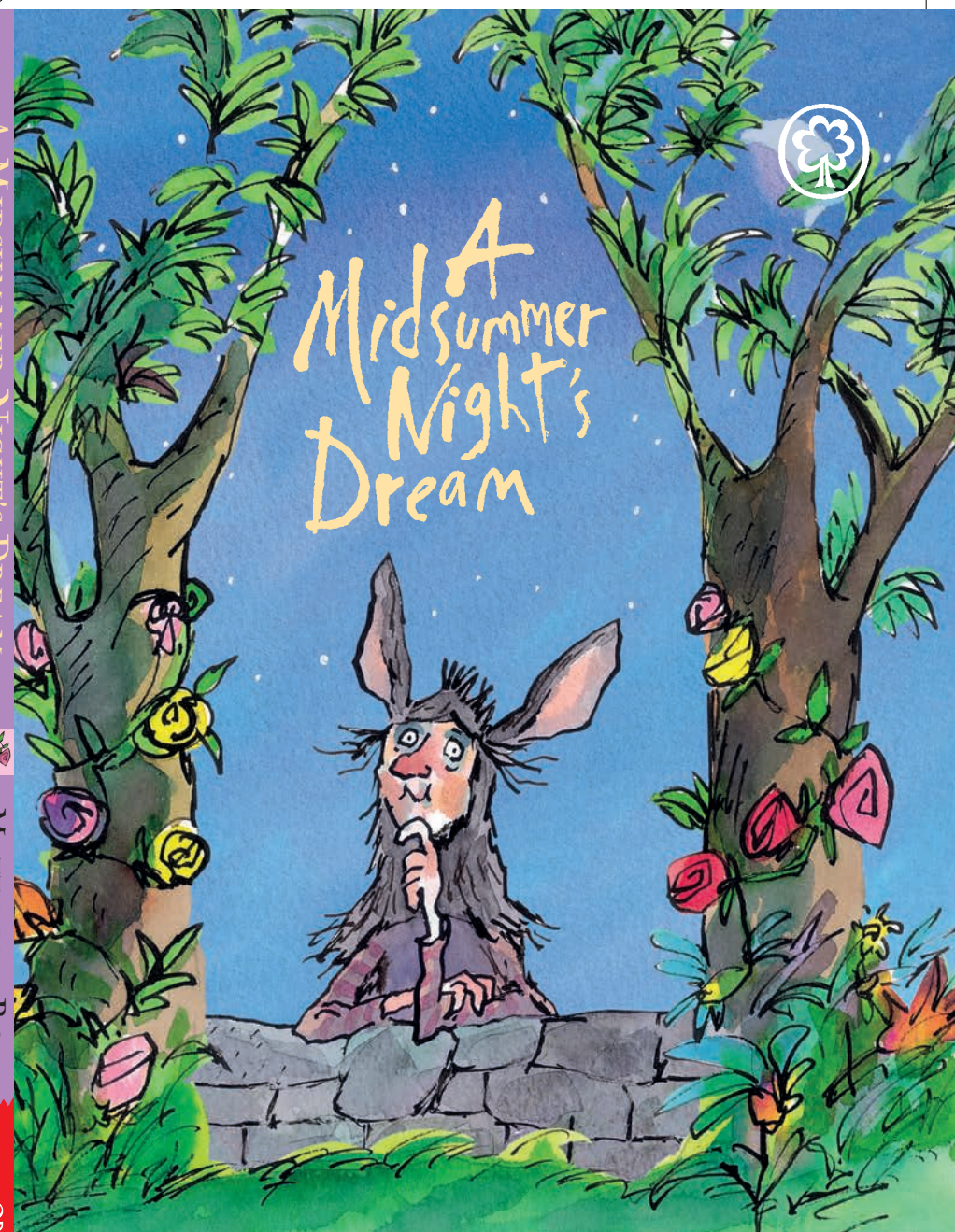
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Cast List



Hermia

In love with Lysander



Helena

Friend to Hermia
In love with Demetrius



Demetrius

Betrothed to Hermia



Lysander

In love with Hermia



●beron

King of the Fairies



Titania

Queen of the Fairies



Puck
An Elf



Bottom
A Weaver

The Scene

In and around Athens, Ancient Greece.

*Ay me, for aught that I could ever read,
Could ever hear by tale or history,
The course of true love never did run smooth,*

Lysander; I.i.



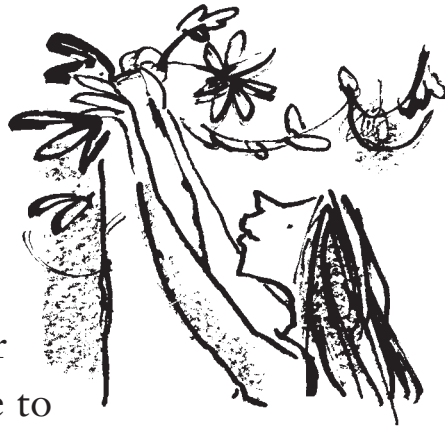
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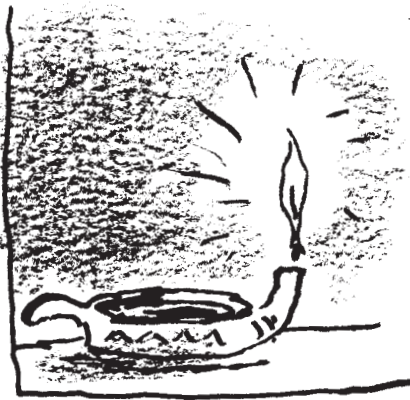
When the path of true love runs smoothly,
the world seems a wonderful place – all
bright skies and smiling faces.

Unfortunately, true love has a habit of
wandering off the path and getting lost,
and when that happens people's lives get
lost too, in a tangle of misery.

Take the love
of Duke Theseus
of Athens and
Hippolyta, Queen
of the Amazons, for
instance. They were to
be married, and their happiness spread
through the whole of Athens. People had
decorated their houses with flowers, and
left lamps burning in their windows at
night, so that the streets twinkled like a



city of stars. Everybody
was joyful and excited
as they prepared to
celebrate the Duke's
wedding day.
Well, almost
everybody...



* * *

On the day before the royal wedding, two friends met by chance in the market square: golden-haired Hermia, and black-haired Helena, both beautiful and both with secrets that made their hearts ache.

