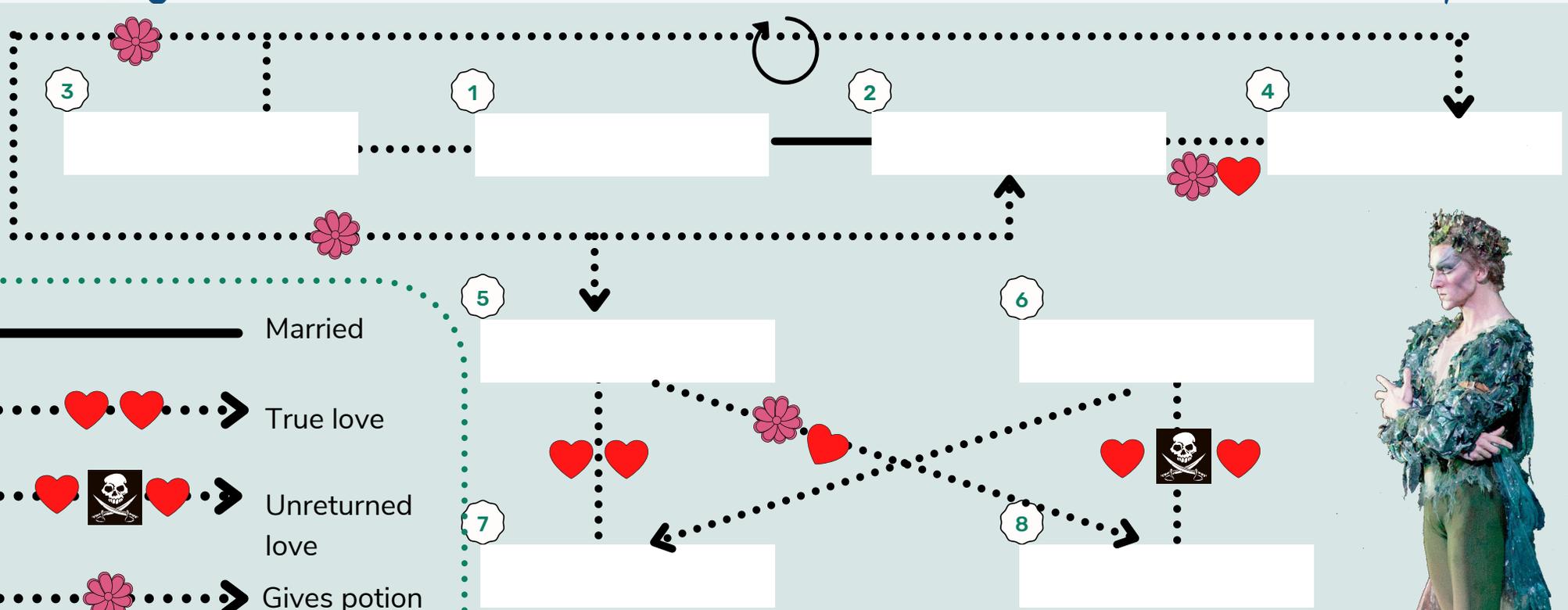


THE RELATIONSHIPS OF THE DREAM

There are many characters to keep track of in the story of THE DREAM. Some of them are related, some are friends and some have special relationships. Use the clues on the previous page to fill in each of the boxes in the tree below.



- Married
- True love
- Unreturned love
- Gives potion
- Loves because of the potion
- Transforms



David Hallberg as Oberon.
Photo by Rosalie O'Connor.

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The King and Queen of Fairyland, Oberon and Titania, are quarreling over a changeling boy. Oberon sends his sprite Puck through the forest to fetch a strange flower, the juice of which when dropped in the eyes during sleep brings love for the first living thing seen on waking. Oberon plans to use this powerful flower to spite Titania.

Meanwhile, a pair of lovers, Lysander and Hermia, have strayed into the forest with their two unhappy friends Helena and Demetrius. Helena's love for Demetrius is, at present, unrequited, for he mistakenly desires Hermia. Oberon watches these mortals and when Puck returns with the magic flower he sends him to charm Demetrius into loving Helena. Then Oberon drops some of the charm into his queen's eyes and causes her to be awakened by a rustic called Bottom on whom the returning Puck, to heighten his master's revenge, has fixed a donkey's head.

On waking, Titania falls in love with the donkey, but Puck, for all his cleverness, has complicated the affairs of the mortal lovers by charming the wrong man, Lysander, into loving Helena. Oberon commands Puck to create a fog, under cover of which all is put right. Titania, released from her spell, is reconciled to her master, and the mortal lovers are happily paired off. Bottom, restored to human form, but with dream-like memories of what happened, goes on his puzzled way. "I will get Peter Quince to write a ballet of this dream. It shall be called Bottom's Dream."



Bottom in THE DREAM.
Photo by Marty Sohl.

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1

This character is the King of the Fairyland.

2

This character is the Queen of the Fairyland and falls in love with Bottom because of the strange flower juice.

3

This character is a fairy sent by the King to meddle with the lives of four mortal lovers.

4

This character is a human with a donkey's head.

5

This character is happily in love with Hermia until Puck accidentally charms him into loving Helena.

6

This character mistakenly desires Hermia while he is loved by Helena.

7

This character is loved by Demetrius but she is in love with Lysander.

8

This character's love for Demetrius is unrequited.



Gillian Murphy and David Hallberg as Titania and Oberon.
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