

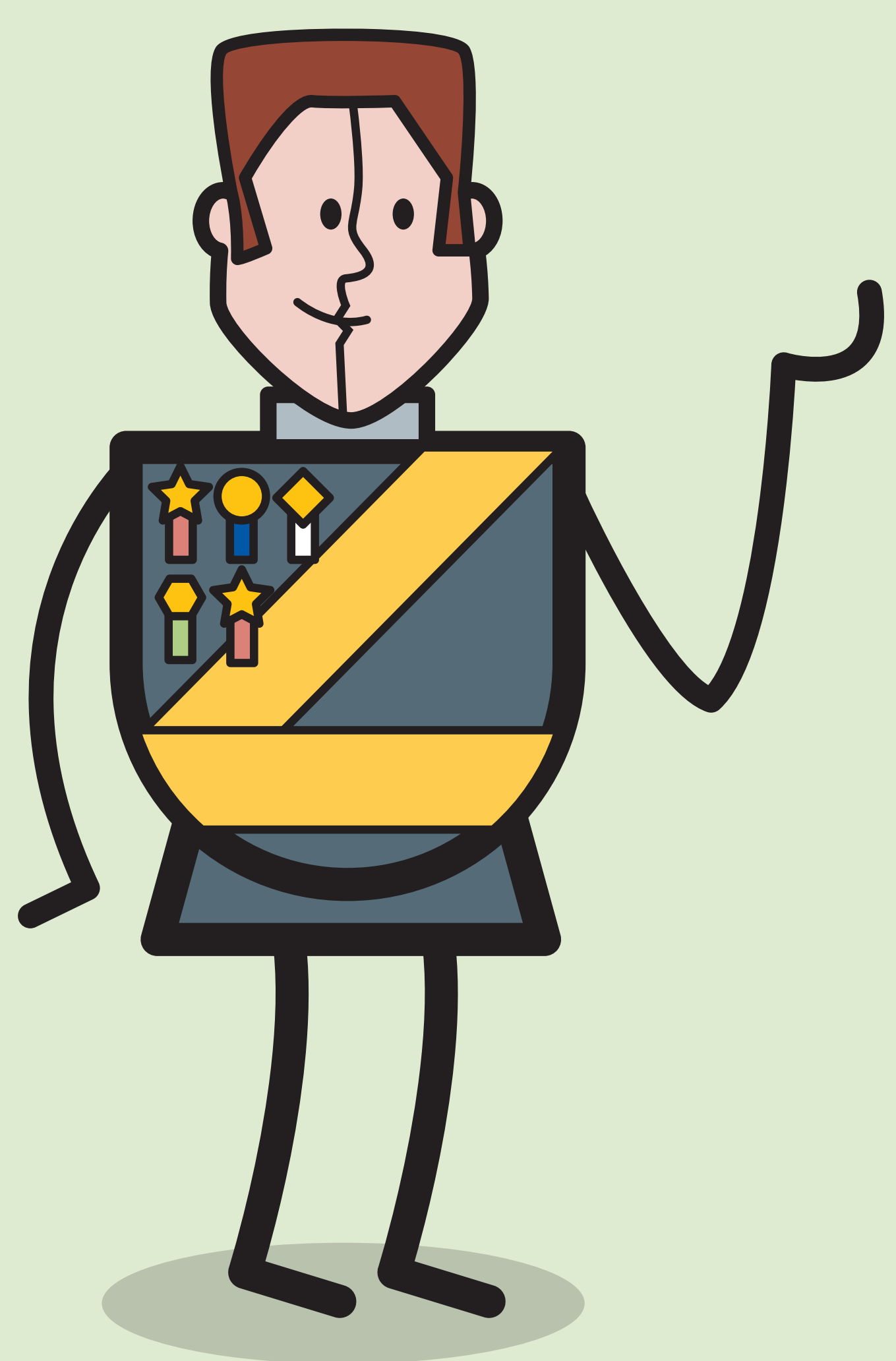
A Midsummer Night's Dream

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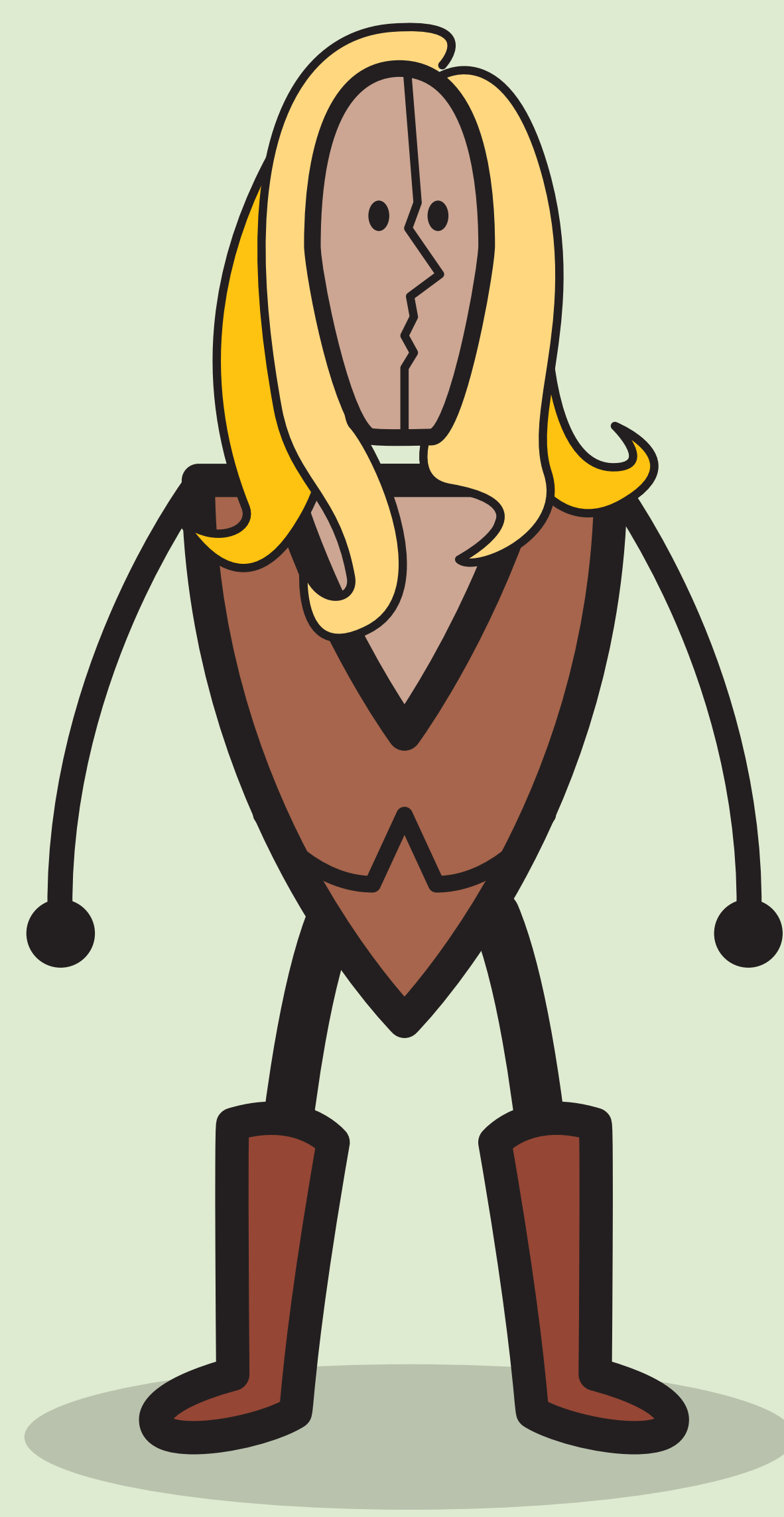
Cast of characters



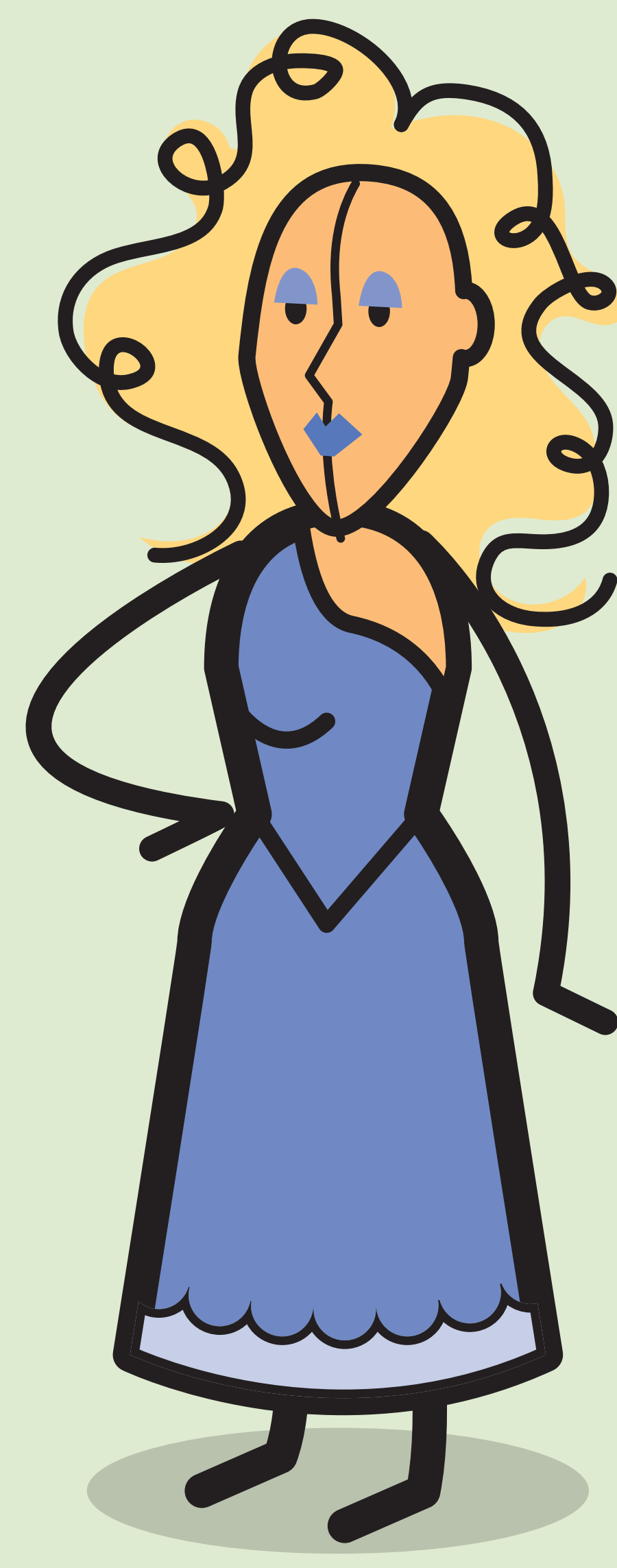
THESEUS
Duke
of Athens



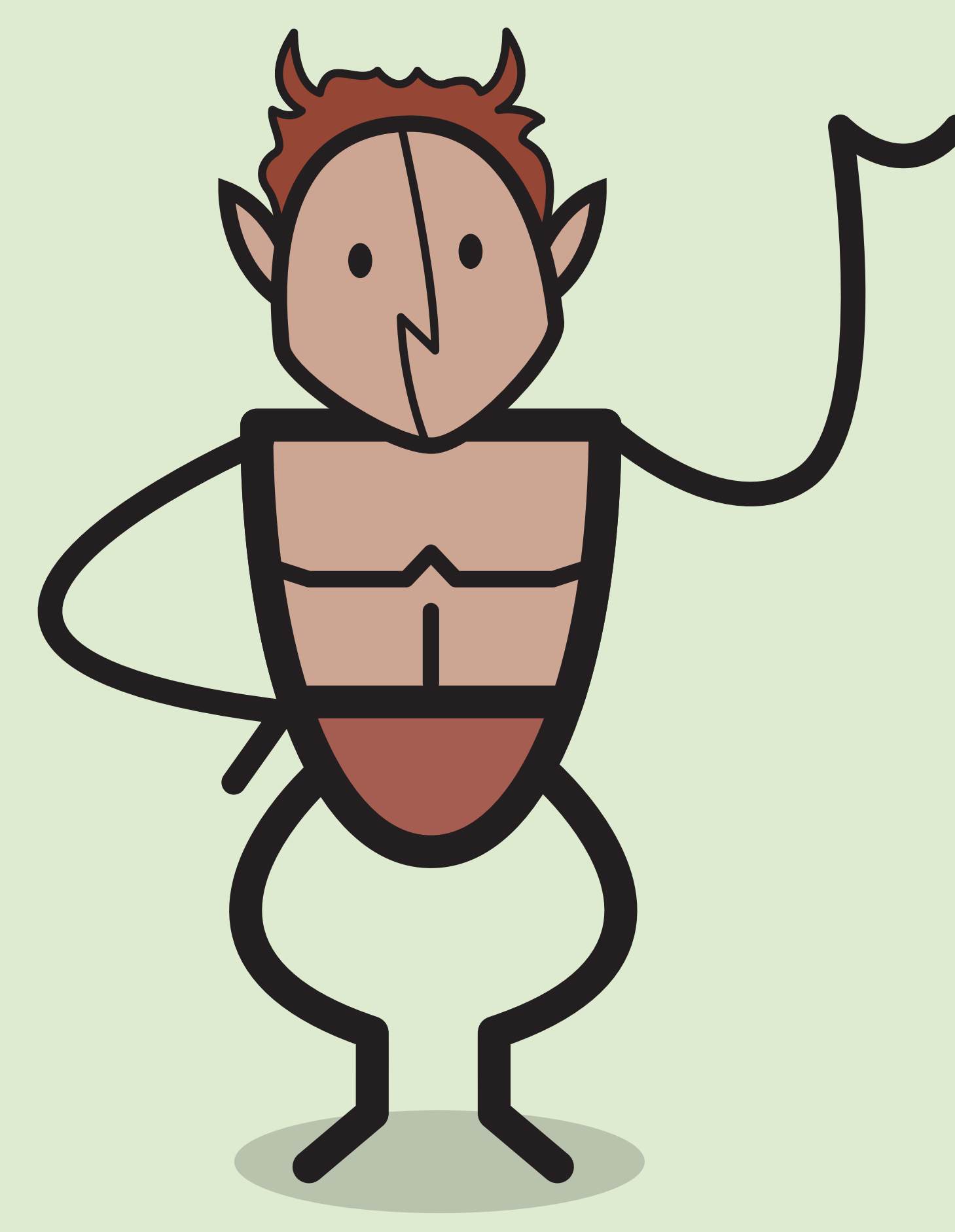
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Amazon
Queen



OBERON
King of
the Fairies



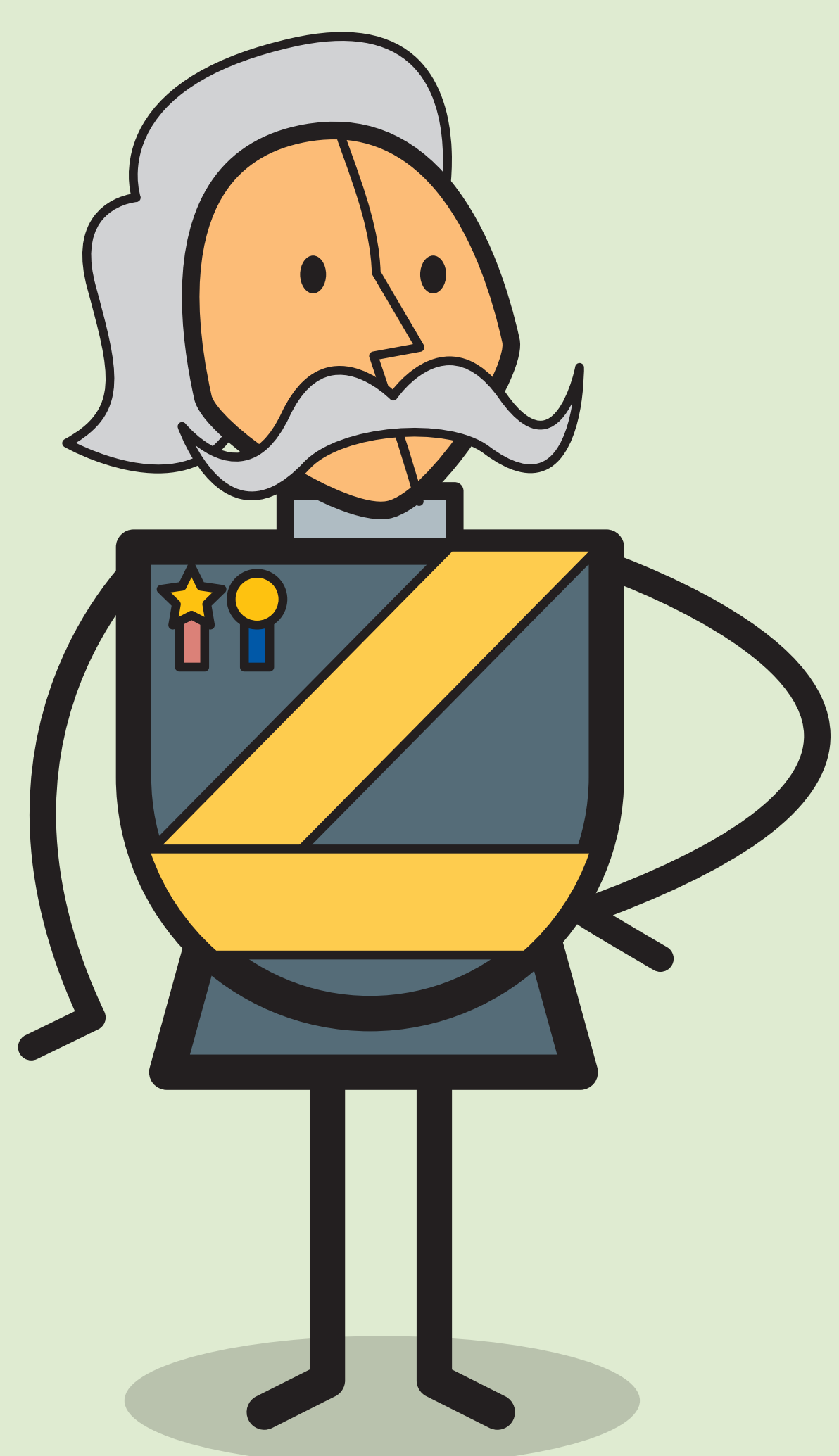
TITANIA
Queen of
the Fairies



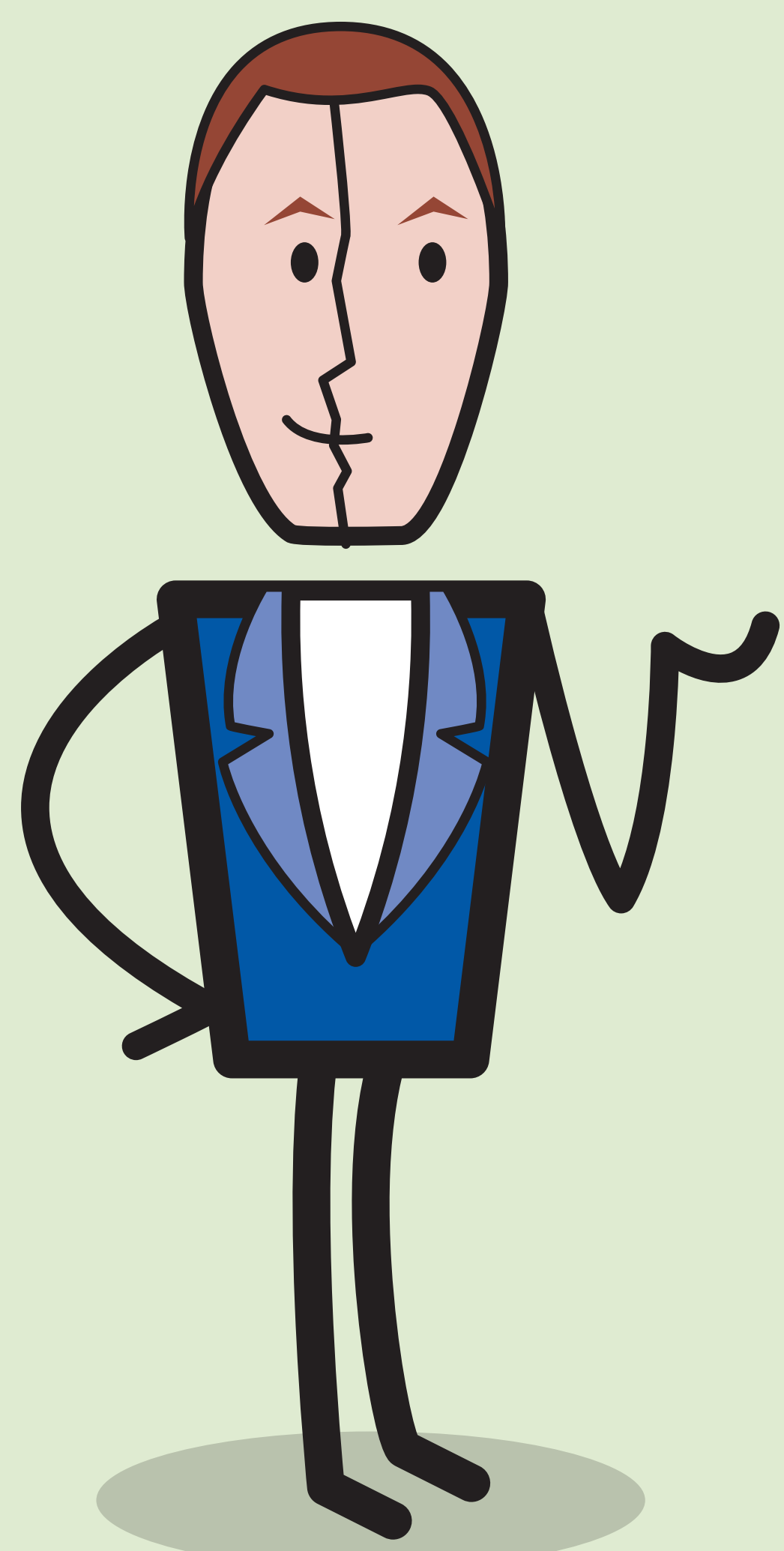
PUCK
Mischievous
fairy



**NICK
BOTTOM**
A weaver



EGEUS
Father
of Hermia



LYSANDER
Loves
Hermia



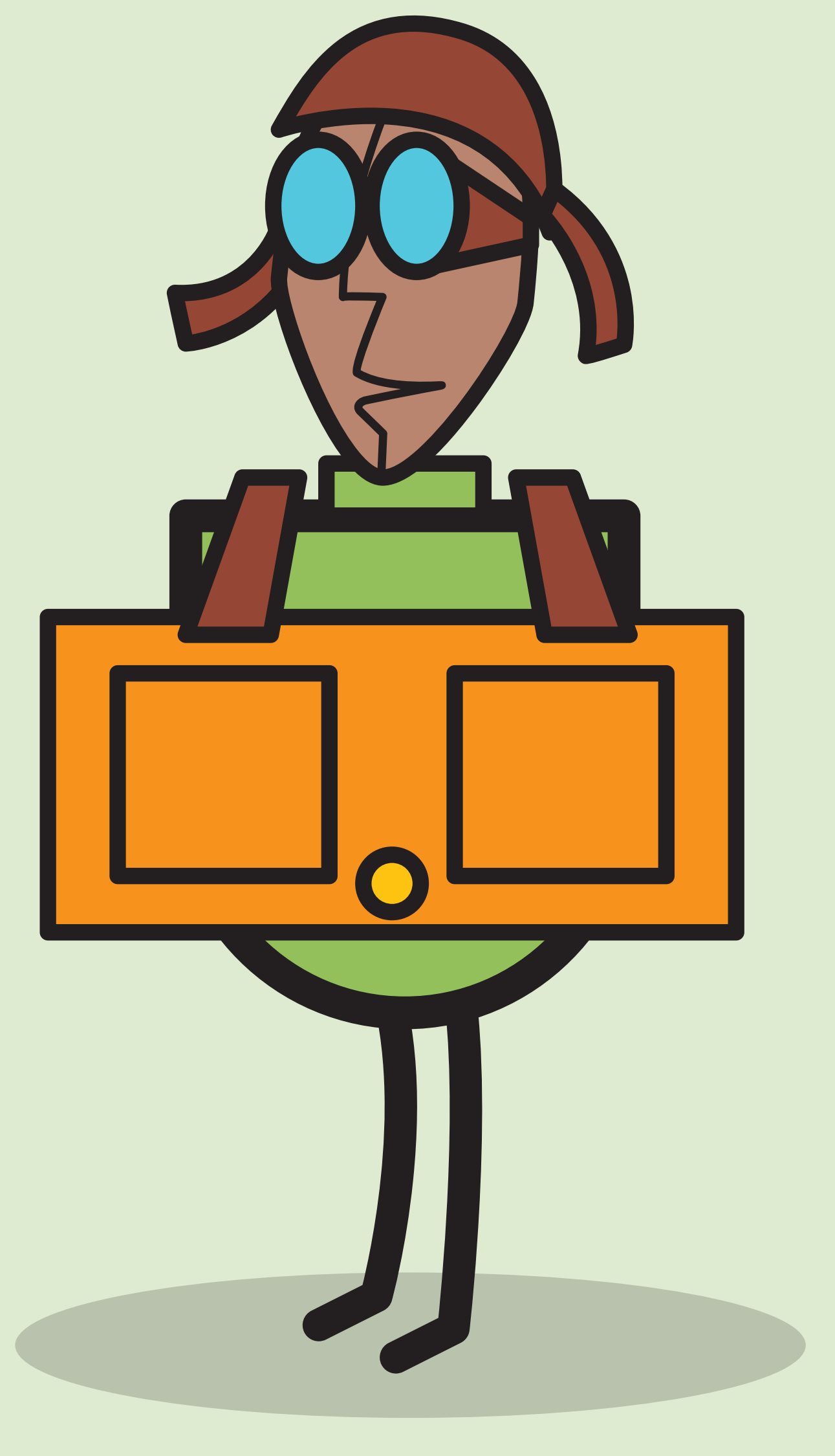
HERMIA
Loves
Lysander



DEMETRIUS
Suitor
of Hermia



HELENA
Loves
Demetrius



**PETER
QUINCE**
A Carpenter

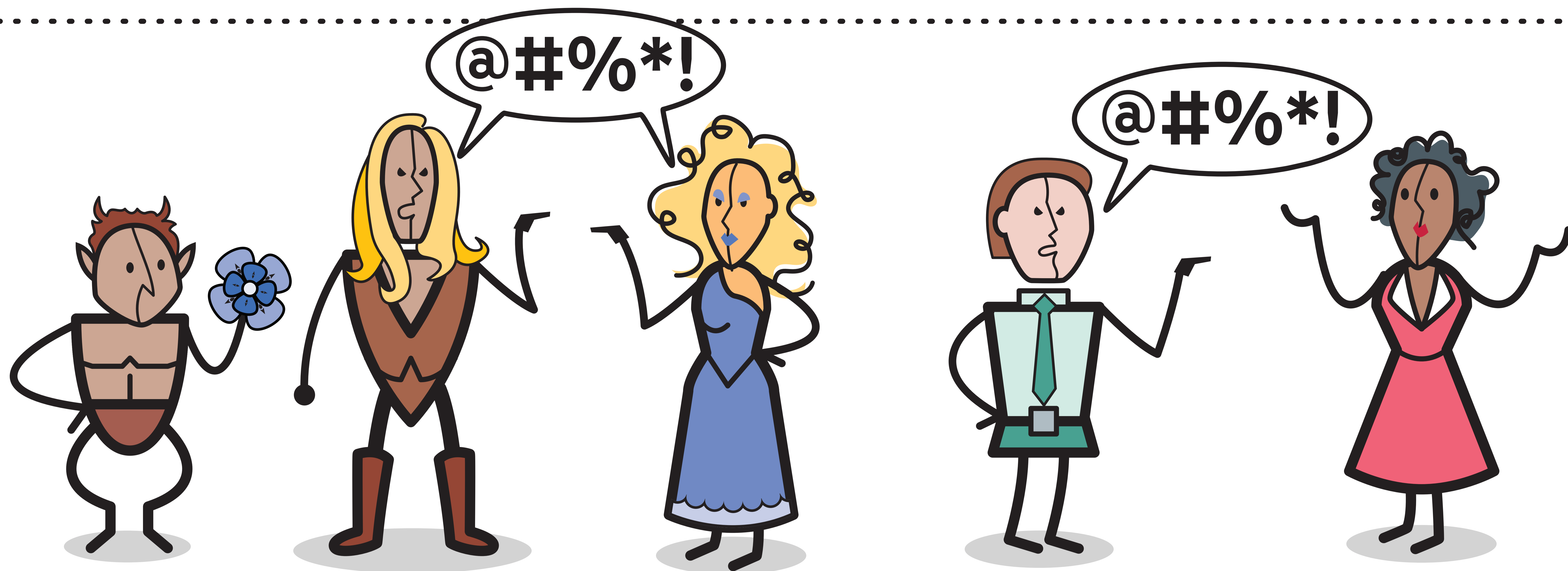


1 A royal wedding! Theseus and Hippolyta are getting married. Hermia and Lysander want to get married, too. But Egeus insists that she marry Demetrius instead. Theseus takes dad's side. He gives her three choices: Demetrius, the convent – or death.

2 Lysander and Hermia decide that the next night, they'll elope through the woods outside the city. It's a secret, but Hermia tells her BFF, Helena. Demetrius was HER boo before he fell for Hermia, and Helena isn't over him AT ALL. Helena tells him what's up, sure that Demetrius will follow the lovers. Then she'll follow him and tell him how she still feels!

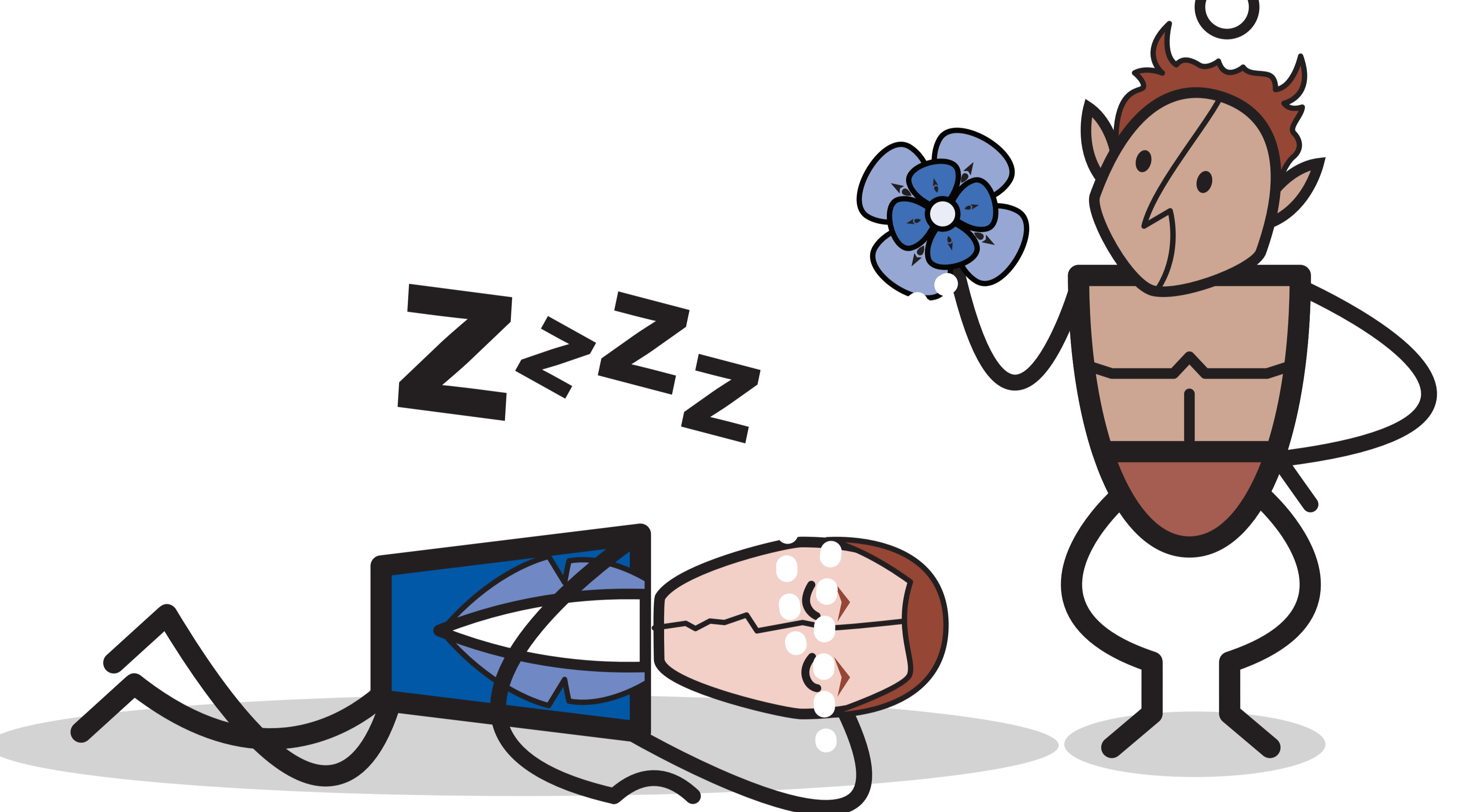
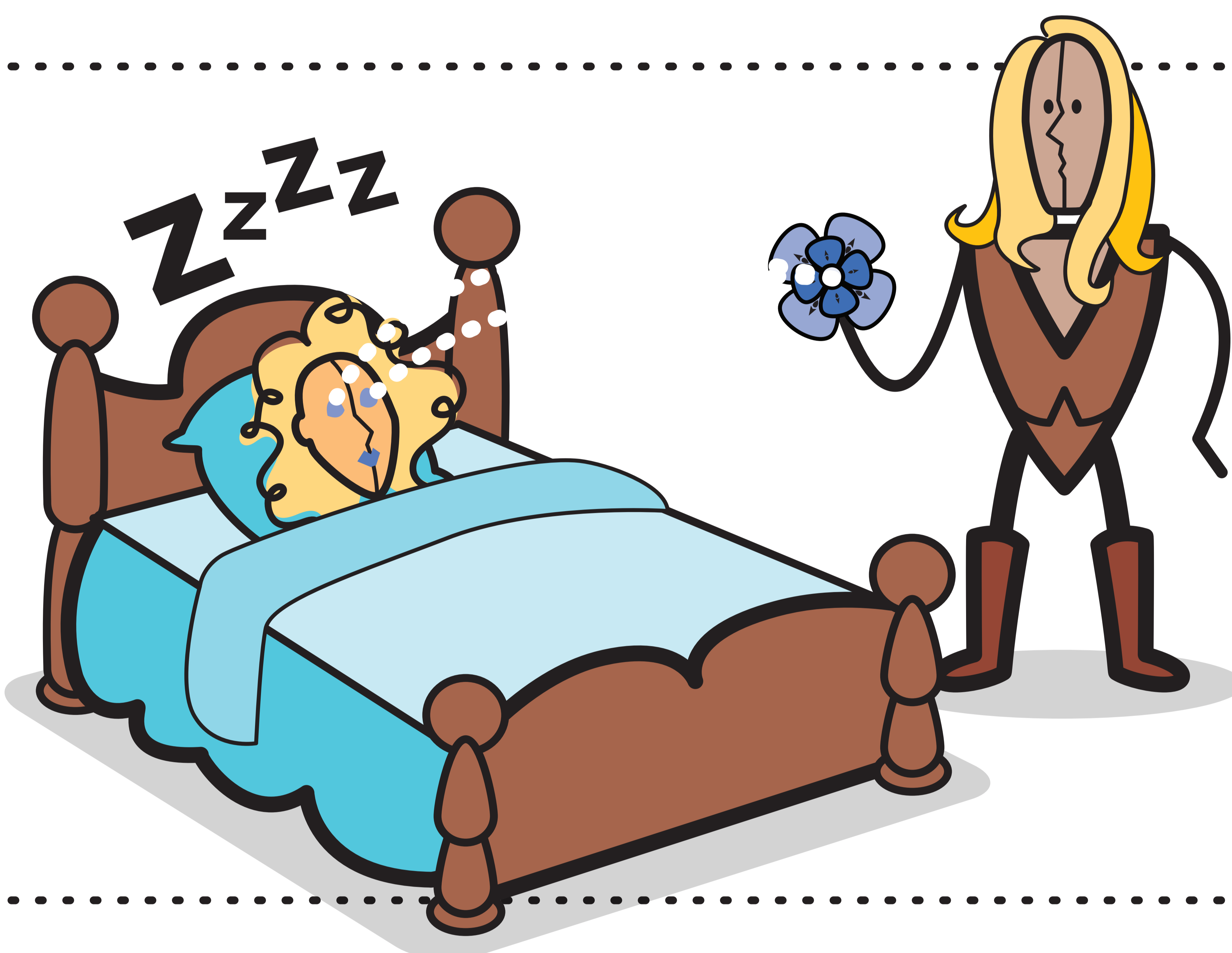


3 A few working-class locals make plans to put on a show to entertain the royals at their wedding. Peter Quince tries to keep order, but Nick Bottom wants to play all the parts himself. The crew decides to rehearse in the woods the next night.



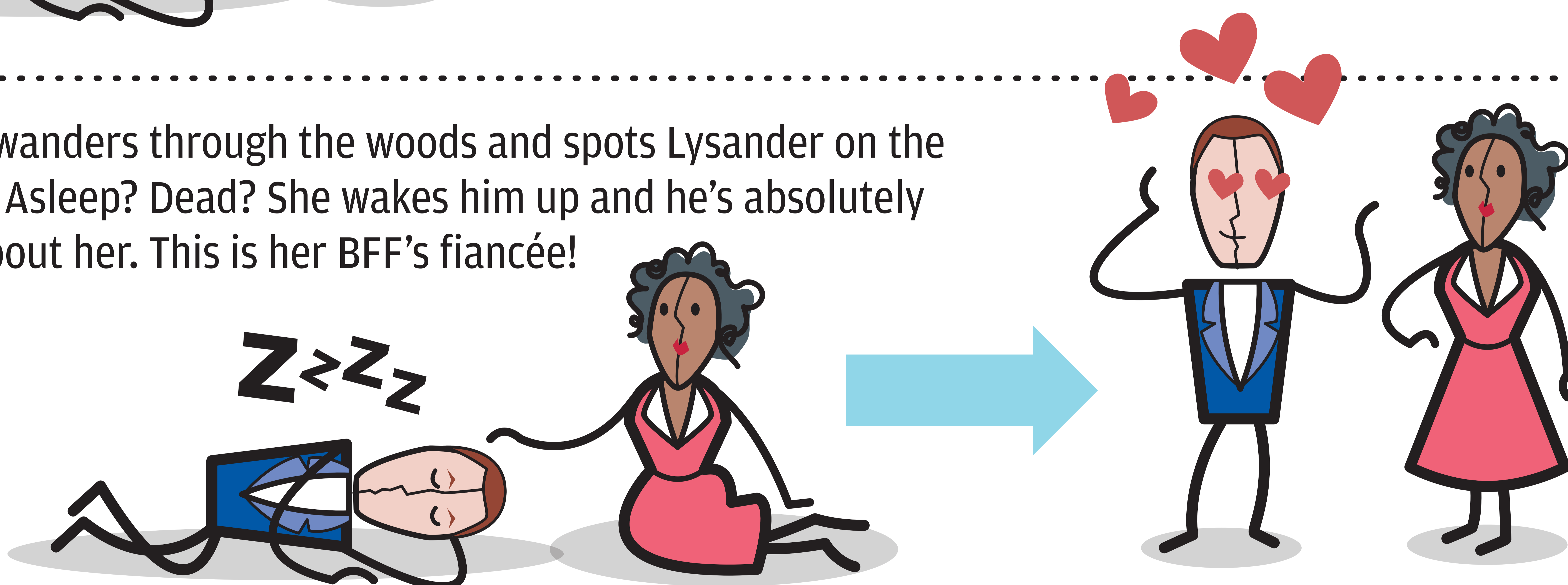
4 Those woods are packed with fairy folk! But all is not well because Oberon and Titania are having a fight. Oberon gets so fed up, he sends Puck to pick a magic purple flower to trick her with. Then Oberon notices two young Athenians running around in the fairy's woods. When he hears Demetrius yelling at Helena for chasing him even though they are SO OVER, Oberon feels bad for her. He tells Puck to juice that young Athenian man's eyes, too.

5 Once Titania is asleep in her fairy bower, her husband squirts the magic flower juice on her eyes. That will make her fall hard for the first being she happens to see when she wakes up. It could be ANYTHING!



6 Then Puck takes the flower. Oops! When the imp combs the woods for a sleeping young Athenian, he finds the wrong man – Lysander! Puck juices him instead of Demetrius!

7 Helena wanders through the woods and spots Lysander on the ground. Asleep? Dead? She wakes him up and he's absolutely crazy about her. This is her BFF's fiancée!

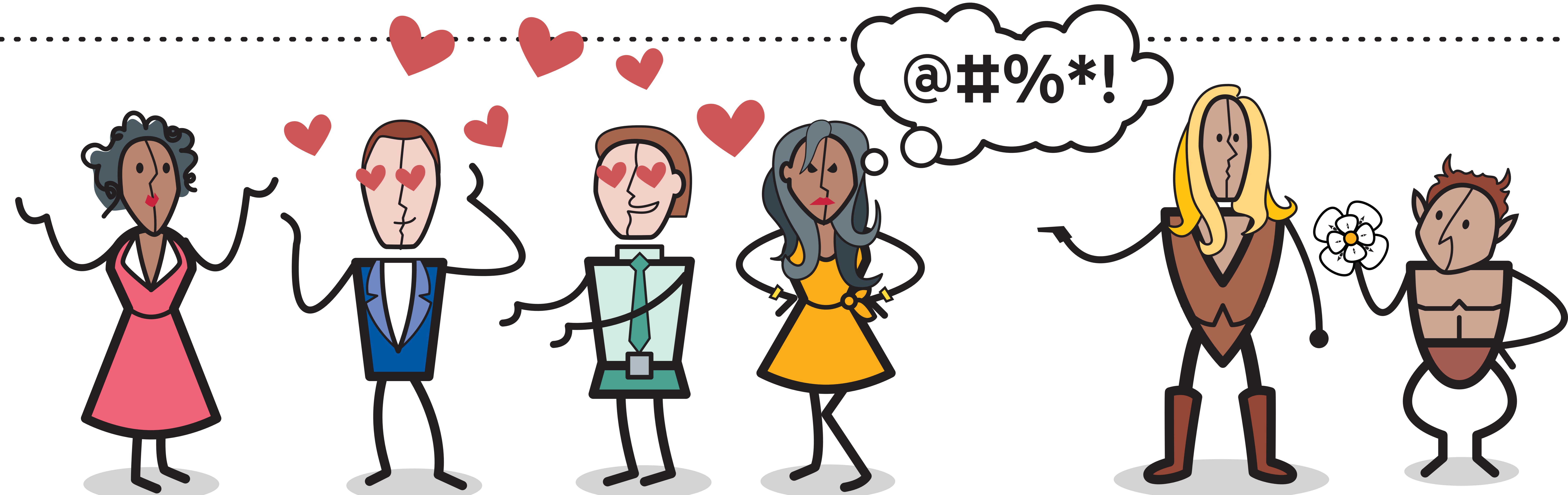
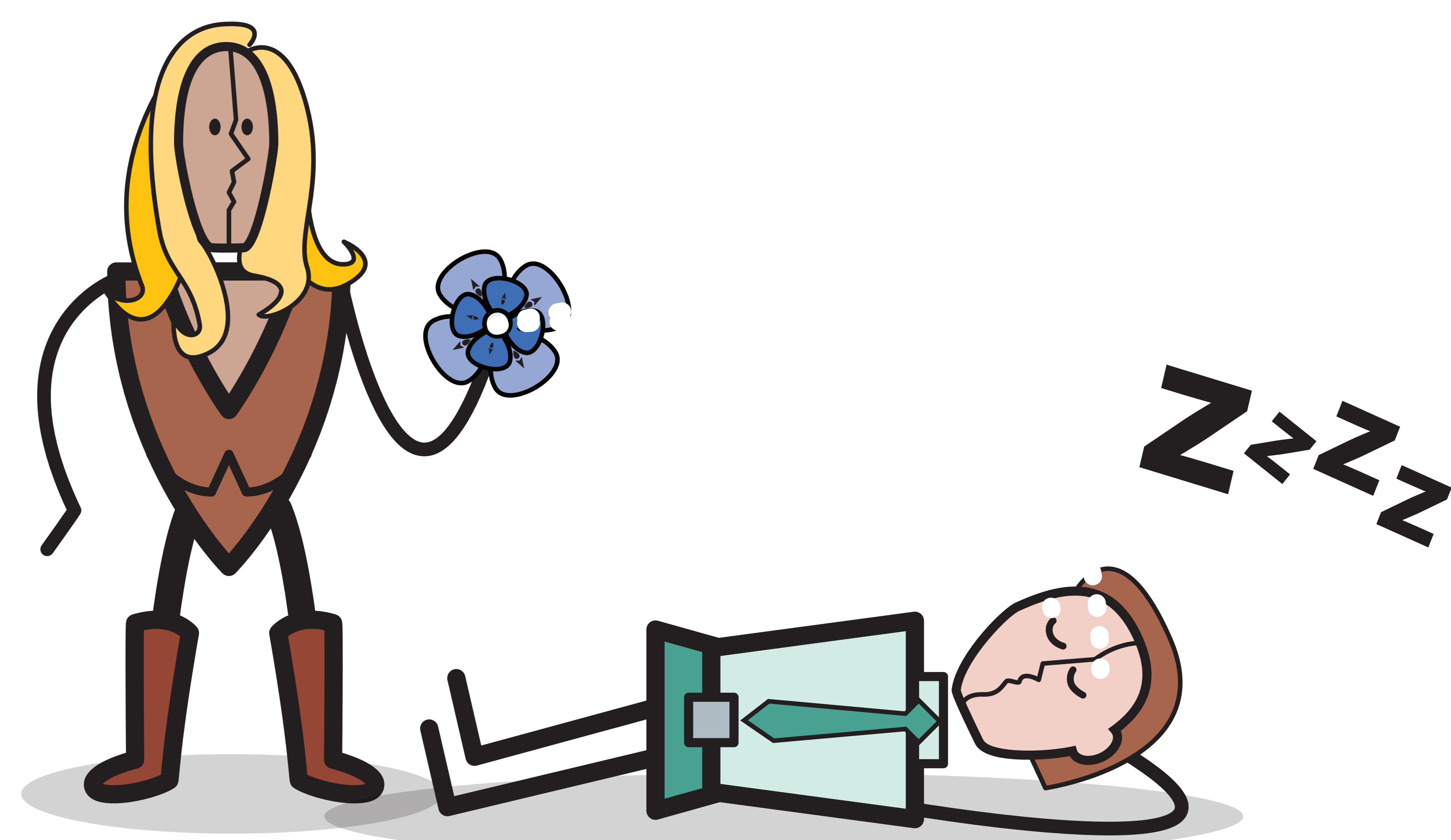


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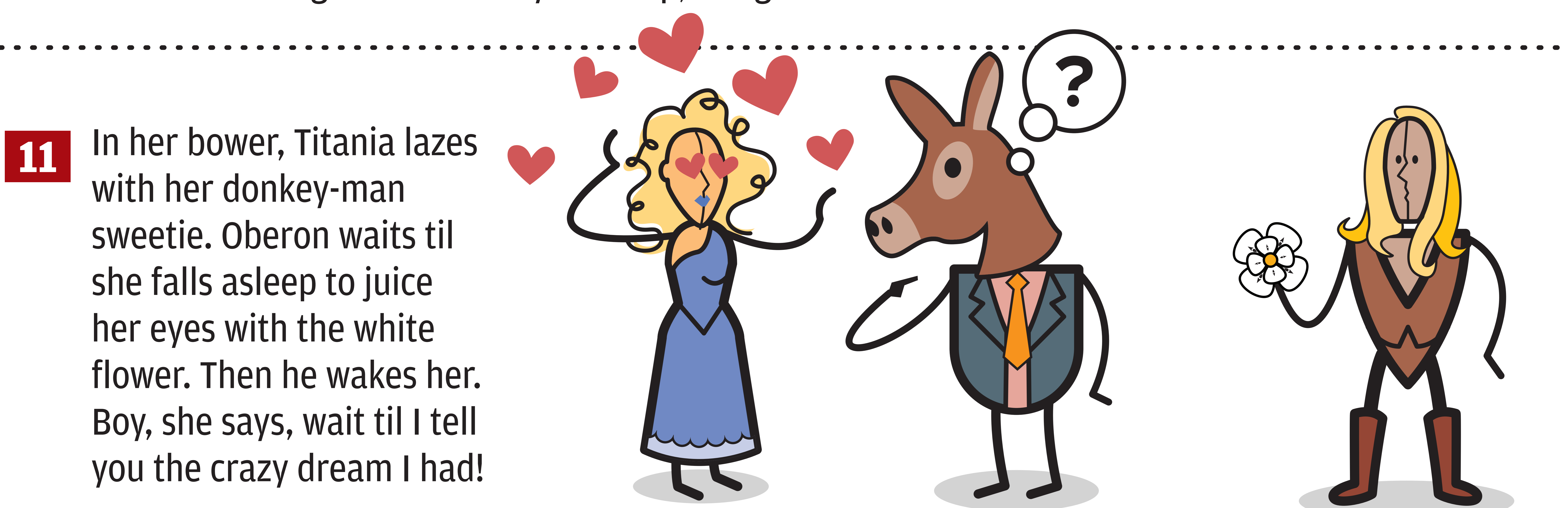


8 In another part of the forest, the townsfolk rehearse their wedding show. Feeling even more impish than usual, Puck changes Nick Bottom into a donkey – from the neck up! When his friends flee in terror, Nick figures they're playing a joke on him. After all, he can't see himself! Strolling around, he wanders right into Titania's bower. Under the spell of magic flower juice, she falls madly in love with Mr. Donkey-Head!

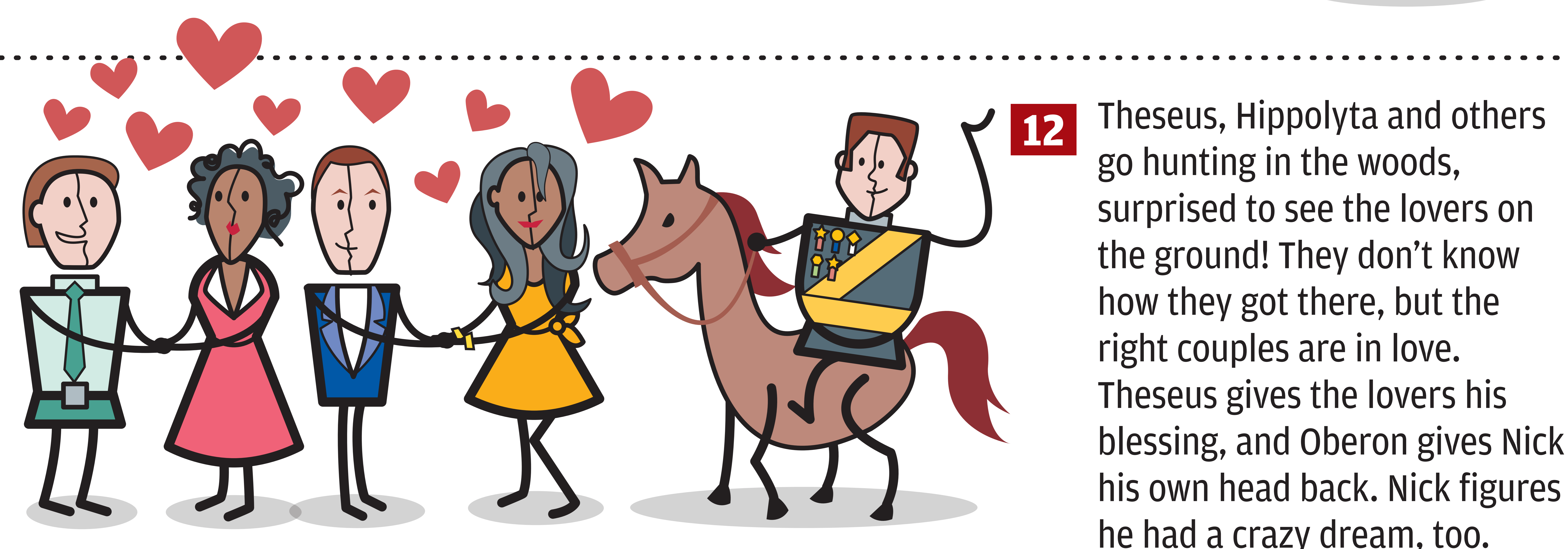
9 When he sees Demetrius with Hermia – whom he still loves! – Oberon knows Puck fouled up. The king juices Demetrius’s eyes when he’s asleep, figuring that he will see Helena when he wakes. That will straighten things out!



10 Now Lysander and Demetrius are both crazy about Helena. It’s such a big switch, she thinks they’re making fun of her! Hermia arrives to find her fiancée and her daddy’s choice BOTH swearing they love Helena. A girl fight breaks out! Then the guys attack each other! Things are out of hand in these overcrowded woods! At Oberon’s order, Puck lures the lovers into a clearing and puts them to sleep in the right pairs. Then he uses a white magic flower to undo the spell on Lysander, so he loves Hermia again. When they wake up, things should be sort of normal.



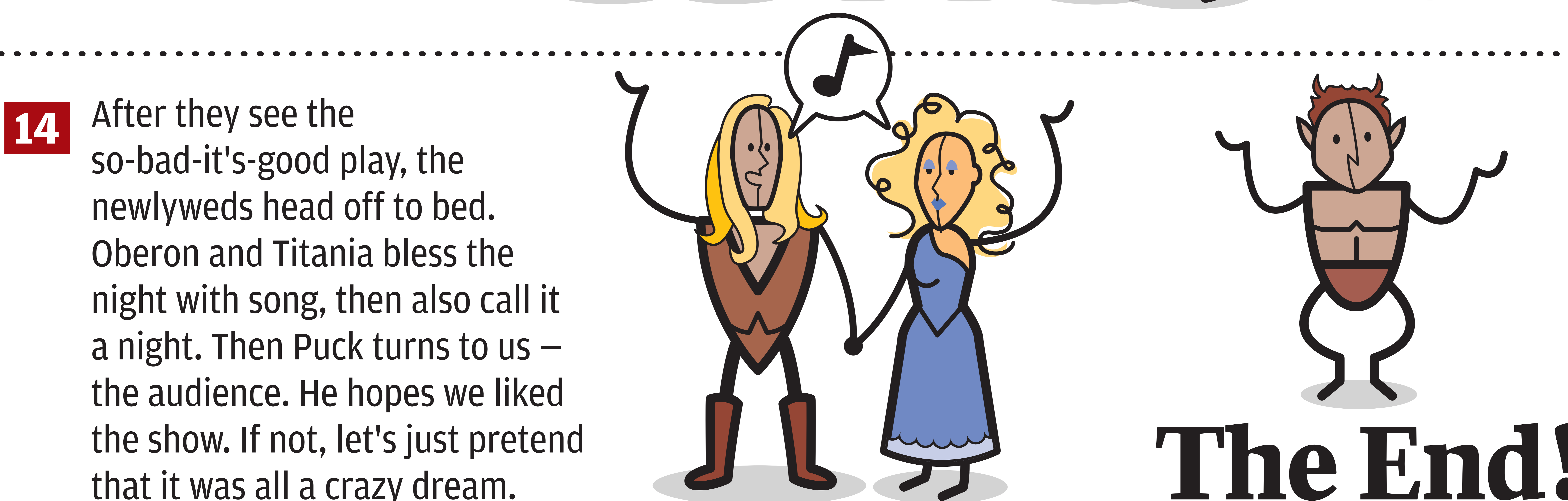
11 In her bower, Titania lazes with her donkey-man sweetie. Oberon waits til she falls asleep to juice her eyes with the white flower. Then he wakes her. Boy, she says, wait til I tell you the crazy dream I had!



12 Theseus, Hippolyta and others go hunting in the woods, surprised to see the lovers on the ground! They don’t know how they got there, but the right couples are in love. Theseus gives the lovers his blessing, and Oberon gives Nick his own head back. Nick figures he had a crazy dream, too.



13 It’s a triple wedding for Theseus and Hippolyta, Lysander and Hermia, Demetrius and Helena. Peter Quince and the workers present their show!



14 After they see the so-bad-it's-good play, the newlyweds head off to bed. Oberon and Titania bless the night with song, then also call it a night. Then Puck turns to us – the audience. He hopes we liked the show. If not, let's just pretend that it was all a crazy dream.

The End!