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The Fairy Battle



The Fairy King and Queen, Oberon and Titania, are arguing about a little boy that Titania took in after his mother died and that Oberon would very much like to himself. As the boy is the son of one of Titania's friends, she is not willing to give him up, so she remains adamant. As both the King and Queen of the Fairies are surrounded by their own groups of fairies that serve them, their fight also includes their fairy servants.

Organise your students into two groups of fairies and cast Oberon and Titania. After their initial dialogue the fairies will repeat the insults as a group. Encourage the fairies to throw a pose too to express their disdain, chosing a different one each time. Remember, angry fairies can mess with the weather, so their fighting is quite powerful!

> Oberon: III met by moonlight, proud Titania. Titania: What, jealous Oberon? Oberon: Give me that boy. Titania: Not for thy fairy kingdom.

Oberon's fairies: Proud! Titania's fairies: Jealous! Oberon's fairies: Rash! Titania's fairies: Villain! Oberon's fairies: Cunning! Titania's fairies: Puppet!

Titania: Fairies, away!



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