

HANDOUT 4

"I DREAMT A DREAM TONIGHT"

ROMEO AND JULIET 1.4

1. We know that Romeo has at least two dreams, a dream of Rosaline and the dream he mentions in 1.4.
 - a. What do we know about each dream?
The dream of Rosaline:
Romeo's dream that night:
 - b. What do these dreams reveal about Romeo?
 2. Mercutio has some interesting ideas about dreams, too.
 - a. On a clean sheet of paper, sketch a simple picture of Queen Mab and her carriage according to Mercutio's description. The drawing does not need to be artistic, but it does need to be neat and clear.
Label each part of your drawing with its corresponding line from the speech.
 - b. According to Mercutio, what are the dreams that Queen Mab delivers for each of the following people?
Lovers dream of:
Courtiers (first mention) dream of:
Lawyers dream of:
Ladies dream of:
Courtiers (second mention) dream of:
A parson dreams of:
A soldier dreams of:
 - c. Is Queen Mab the queen of good dreams, nightmares, or both? Explain.
 - d. Reread Mercutio's exchange with Romeo at the end of the scene. What does Mercutio think of dreams?
 - e. Why do you suppose Mercutio told such a fantastic story to Romeo?
 - f. What kind of person is Mercutio?
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