

# Shakespeare Showdown!

Based on the complete works of William Shakespeare

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One day, Selena was walking around in the library looking for a textbook. An old and dusty book fell at her feet.

“The complete works of William Shakespeare?” she mumbled as she read the title.

As soon as she opened the rusty book, a bright light shielded her eyes. As she looked around she knew she wasn't in the library anymore. She approached a huge stage with a red line drawn across the middle. On one side, a group of serious looking people stood yelling at the other side. On the other hand, the opposite side was goofy and clumsy but keeping up with the other group.

“You guys can't take a joke!” Puck shouted.

“You mad people think everything is a joke!” Macbeth responded.

“We agree you are just double, double toil and trouble,” the witches cackled in unison.

Selena stomped her foot to stop the arguing.

“Tell me who you guys are and why you're fighting so much!” Selena yelled at the groups.

Hamlet stepped forward.

“We are the tragedies, the most--” Hamlet said before he was cut off.

“We are the comedies, the much better and more light-hearted group,” Prospero said before the tragedies finished.

“We are sick of the tragedies always being called the better plays,” Beatrix added.

“We are sick of the comedies always trying to steal our spotlight,” Othello argued.

“Guess what? I am sick of your fighting,” Selena yelled, overpowering their arguing. “Let’s just solve this and be done.”

“How will we ever do that?” Juliet cried dramatically.

“An election!” Selena said excitedly.

Suddenly, the stage grew a debate room set. Hamlet and Macbeth went for tragedies. Kate and Titania went for comedies.

“We are Shakespeare’s best works and the most popular, so that is why we should win,” Macbeth and Hamlet said confidently.

“We are the best for this job because if those party-poopers win, there would be no fun. That is why we are perfect,” Kate and Titania explained.

“Ok, the votes have been tallied,” Selena said. “The winner is..... Both?”

“What?” the comedies and tragedies yelled.

“You all were so worked up about who was better you forgot that you need both to appreciate Shakespeare. So, work together please!” Selena said.

The comedies and the tragedies paused.

“Maybe she’s right,” Hamlet admitted.

The comedies and the tragedies agreed to Selena’s plan. The line on the floor turned to dust.

“Here, take this for luck,” Titania said as she tossed a necklace at Selena. A bright light shined on Selena. When she opened her eyes, she was back in the library.

“What a crazy dream,” Selena said. As she unfurled her fist, a fairy necklace glimmered between her fingers.