

As You Like It: A Summary

Orlando, a young gentleman from France, is mistreated by his elder brother, Oliver. After being cast out of the court by the usurping Duke Frederick, he flees to the Forest of Arden.

At court, Orlando wins a wrestling match and captures the heart of Rosalind, daughter of the banished Duke Senior. The court is ruled by the Duke's brother, Duke Frederick, who has a daughter named Celia.

Following the match, Rosalind is banished by her uncle. She escapes to the forest disguised as a young man named Ganymede, accompanied by her cousin Celia, who assumes the identity of a peasant girl called Aliena.

In the forest, Orlando encounters the exiled Duke Senior and begins writing love poems about Rosalind on the trees. He also engages in a playful courtship with Ganymede (who is actually Rosalind in disguise), pretending to woo her as a stand-in for his true love. Meanwhile, the Duke's companion Jacques becomes philosophical, contemplating life as a metaphorical stage.

Eventually, Duke Frederick undergoes a spiritual transformation, renounces his power, and returns the throne to his brother. Rosalind reveals her true identity to Orlando and her father, and the play concludes with multiple weddings and a dance.

