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Fact or Make-Believe

Instructions: Below are ten statements about characters, creatures, and events in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Some are drawn from **mythology** (fact), while others are **Shakespeare's own inventions** (fiction). Write **F** for Fact (mythological reference) or **N** for Fiction (Shakespeare's invention).

F/N

1. Oberon is a king of the fairies borrowed from medieval and mythological traditions.
2. Titania, queen of the fairies, comes directly from Greek mythology.
3. Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, are figures taken from ancient myths.
4. Puck, or Robin Goodfellow, is a mischievous sprite from English folklore.
5. The love potion made from a flower struck by Cupid's arrow is Shakespeare's invention.
6. Nick Bottom, the weaver with a donkey's head, comes from Roman mythology.
7. The changeling boy over whom Oberon and Titania quarrel is Shakespeare's invention.
8. Helena and Hermia, two Athenian women entangled in love troubles, are rooted in Greek myth.
9. The idea of fairies blessing marriages at the end of the play is Shakespeare's invention.
10. The play-within-a-play, "Pyramus and Thisbe," is borrowed from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.