

Winter's Tale

Leonartes' jealousy led to his friend Polixenes fleeing, his wife, Hermione, being falsely imprisoned for adultery and assumed dead and his daughter, Perdita, born in prison, being abandoned in the desert. Sixteen years later Perdita, rescued and raised by a shepherd, and Florizel, Polixenes' son, are welcomed at Leonartes' court. Their arrival is followed by that of Leonartes, who is not pleased that his son, a prince, has fallen in love with a shepherdess, and the old shepherd. The true identity of Perdita is revealed, Leonartes and Polixenes are reconciled and Leonartes is reunited with Hermione, who had lived in hiding.