THE EVENTS OF THE KNIGHTS’ TALE

- Theseus, the king of Athens conquer Thebes and rest a night there.
- Theseus finds two knights of Thebes which are injured seriously lying side by side, Palamon and Arcita.
- Duke Theseus sent them to the prison and gives them no ransom.
- Palamon from the prison is seeing Emily, Theseus’s sister is playing in the garden.
- Palamon is humming because of Emily’s beauty.
- The humming is heard by Arcita and it makes Arcita also wants to see what is seen by Palamon.
- Arcita falling in love to Emily.
- They quarrel because they love the same woman.
- Then they are conscious that they cannot love Emily because they are condemned in the prison till the end of their live.
- Duke Pirithous, the old friend of Theseus is the friend of Arcita also.
- Duke Pirithous asks for Arcita freedom to Theseus.
- Theseus frees Arcita, and Arcita must go away from Athens and could not get back there anymore.
- Palamon is alone in the prison, but still can seeing the lady.
- Arcita is free, but cannot see the lady forever.
- After years, Arcita met Mercury, one of the gods of Roman in his dream, and order him to get back in to Athens.
- Arcita gets back and disguise, name his self as Pirithous in order to be unidentified by the people of Athens.
- Arcita works as the page chamber of Emily, lives there and it makes he is able to see Emily.
- After five years works, Thesesus likes him very much and makes him become his squire.
- meanwhile, Palamon has spent seven years as the prisoner.
- In the May of seventh yea at the third night, Palamon is help by his friend and escapes from the prison.
- He hides in a grove near Athens in the day, and continue his escaping at night.
- Arcita, in a morning comes to that grove looking for woodbine leaves to makes a garland.
- Arcita sighs about his feeling to Emily, and also about his profession that is being the squire of Theseus.
- Palamon is angry because hearing Arcita’s words and reveals himself. They involve in quarrel because of the right for loving Emily.
- They decide to dead and alive duel on the next day, the winner can love Emily.
- When in the duel, Theseus found them and stops the duel.
- Theseus does not wants his realm is disturbed by an illegal duel so he asks information from them why they dueled.
- Palamon tells Theseus that his squire Arcita (Philostrate) is the man which he has chased away from Athens, and he also tells that he is the prisoner who has escaped from the prison.
- Palamon also tells that both of them are falling in love with Emily that becomes the reason why they are dueled.
- Theseus gives them the dead punishment but Emily and the queen ask for his mercy because both Palamon and Arcita dare to die because of loving Emily.
- Theseus asks them vows to help him keep his realm from any disturbance like the duel which they done.
- Theseus by his wisdom makes a tournament between them. The winner can have Emily.
- Theseus builds a theater as the battlefield for the tournament between Palamon and Arcita.
- The theater is attached by altars of the Roman god, that is Venus, Mars, Diana in order to invoke them to control the tournament.
- In the tournament, Palamon accompany Lycurgus, king of Thrace and Arcita accompany Emetreus, king of Inde.
- In the nights before the tournament, Palamon, Arcita, and Emily pray to the god they believed.

- Palamon invoke Venus to make him to be the only man who can love Emily alone.

- Palamon also asks Venus to let Arcita slay him, if he could not have the right to love Emily.

- The statue of Venus shocks, as the sign of acceptance of the prayer.

- Emily prays to Diana, goddess of chastity to give him the real man who really loves her.

- Emily also asks Diana to make Palamon and Arcita become friendly again.

- The fire in the altars burned, as the sign of the acceptance of the prayer.

- Arcita prays to Mars, the god of war for the glory and victory of the tournament.

- The statue of Mars said “victory”, as the sign of the acceptance of the prayer.

- All of the prayers were accepted by each god.

- There are quarrel between Mars and Venus.

- But Saturn, the highest god gives the solution in order to justify the prayer.

- Saturn decides that Palamon would have Emily by his side, while Arcita would win the tournament.

- When Arcita celebrates his victory after the tournament, there are an earthquake.

- That earthquake were made by Pluto, for the command from Saturn.

- That earthquake makes Arcita falling down from his horse and badly wounded.

- His head hit the ground and makes him dying.

- Arcita consider that he would not longer be alive.

- Arcita decide to give the right of Emily to Palamon because Palamon were his cousin and his knighthood.

- Arcita said those things to Emily, and pass away in the hug of Emily.

- Theseus treats Arcita body as the real knights.

- Palamon comes there with his broken heart.

- Arcita is cremated by Theseus in the first time he met with Palamon, that is in the grove where they bid their live for love.
- After a year, Palamon comes back to Athens to visit Arcita’s grave.
- Emily’s heart also broke, because a man who really loves her died because of that love.
- Theseus then decides to mix the sorrow of Emily and Palamon to be an excellent happiness.
- Theseus married of his sister with Palamon.