Trapped in the power of Bolingbroke's pardon.

Spiritual

Loving

Duchess of York

Trapped in a tradition of marriage.

Hostile, rude

Selfish, inconsiderate

Prone to violence

Jealous, insecure

Quick-tempered, sharp-tongued

Shrew, scold

Katie

Trapped in a marriage and a social standard.

Social, genteel

Intelligent, respectable, decollete

Royal

Beautiful

Queen Catherine

Trapped in the markings of her father's will.

Disgraced, clever, witty

Intelligent, beautiful

Wealthy heiress

Portia

Trapped in disguise.

Loving, somewhat deceptive, deceitful, inventive, creative

Viola

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