

PLOT SYNOPSIS for **ROMEO & JULIET**

THE LONG-STANDING HATRED BETWEEN THE MONTAGUE AND CAPULET FAMILIES IGNITES CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF VERONA

ROMEO
A MONTAGUE

SIGH ROSALINE HAS REJECTED MY LOVE!

COMPARE HER FACE WITH SOME THAT I SHALL SHOW, AND I WILL MAKE THEE THINK THY SWAN A CROW.

HIS COUSIN
BENVOLIO



AT A COSTUME PARTY AT THE CAPULET HOUSE THAT EVENING...

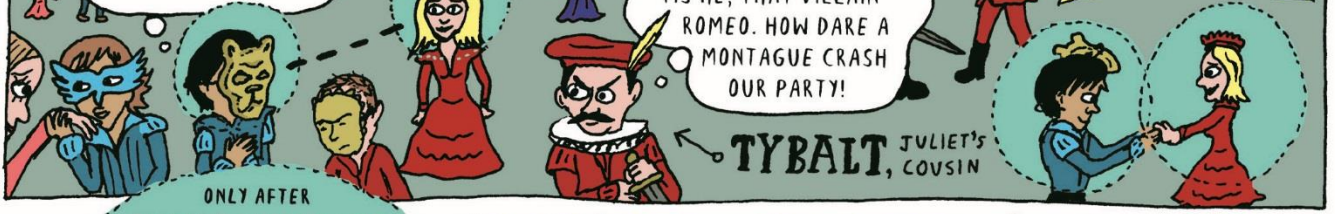
I NE'ER SAW TRUE BEAUTY TILL THIS NIGHT.

JULIET
LORD CAPULET'S DAUGHTER

LORD CAPULET FORBIDS HIM TO FIGHT IN HIS HOUSE, UNINTENTIONALLY FREEING ROMEO TO WOO JULIET.

'TIS HE, THAT VILLAIN ROMEO. HOW DARE A MONTAGUE CRASH OUR PARTY!

TYBALT, JULIET'S COUSIN



ONLY AFTER THEY HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE DO THEY DISCOVER EACH OTHER'S IDENTITIES

IS SHE A CAPULET?

MY ONLY LOVE SPRUNG FROM MY ONLY HATE!

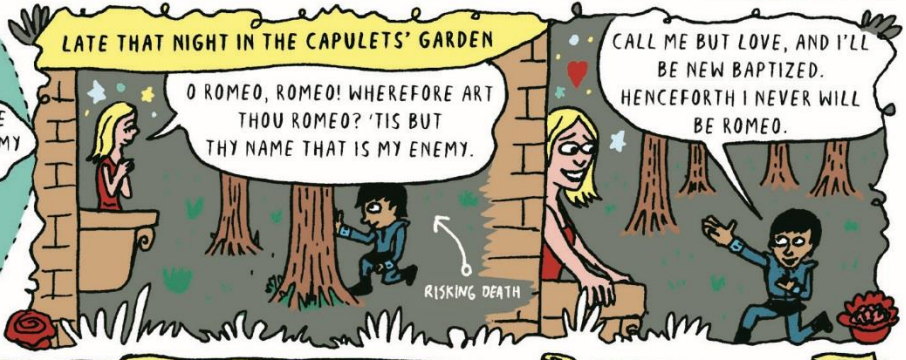


LATE THAT NIGHT IN THE CAPULETS' GARDEN

O ROMEO, ROMEO! WHEREFORE ART THOU ROMEO? 'TIS BUT THY NAME THAT IS MY ENEMY.

CALL ME BUT LOVE, AND I'LL BE NEW BAPTIZED. HENCEFORTH I NEVER WILL BE ROMEO.

RISKING DEATH



THEY MAKE A PLAN TO WED IN SECRET THE NEXT DAY.

PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW THAT I SHALL SAY GOODNIGHT TILL IT BE MORROW.



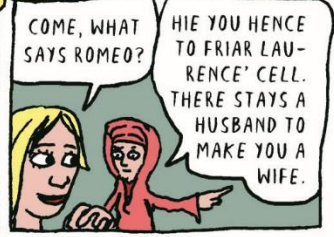
AT DAWN, ROMEO RACES TO FRIAR LAURENCE, ASKING HIM TO MARRY THEM. SEEING THE POTENTIAL TO ABSOLVE THE FAMILIES' LONG-STANDING FEUD, THE FRIAR AGREES TO HELP.



ROMEO SENDS WORD TO JULIET THROUGH HER NURSE

COME, WHAT SAYS ROMEO?

HIE YOU HENCE TO FRIAR LAURENCE'S CELL. THERE STAYS A HUSBAND TO MAKE YOU A WIFE.



THE TWO ARE WED LATER THAT MORNING.



RETURNING HOME FROM THE WEDDING, ROMEO ENCOUNTERS THE HOtheaded TYBALT HARASSING HIS BEST FRIEND, MERCUTIO...

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ROMEO! THOU ART A VILLAIN. VILLAIN I AM NONE.

BOY, THIS SHALL NOT EXCUSE THE INJURIES THAT THOU HAST DONE ME. THEREFORE TURN AND DRAW.





SHAMED BY WHAT HE PERCEIVES TO BE HIS FRIEND'S COWARDICE, MERCUTIO TAKES ROMEO'S PLACE IN THE DUEL.

NO! STOP!

NOOOOOO!

AAARRRRGH!!!!

A PLAGUE ON BOTH YOUR HOUSES! THEY HAVE MADE WORMS' MEAT OF ME.

O, I AM FORTUNE'S FOOL!

THE PRINCE OF VERONA BANISHES ROMEO UPON HEARING THE NEWS.

LET ROMEO HENCE IN HASTE, ELSE, WHEN HE IS FOUND, THAT HOUR IS HIS LAST.

GASP!!!

THINKING SHE GRIEVES FOR TYBALT...

DON'T WORRY. LATER THIS WEEK YOUR FAITHFUL SUITOR PARIS SHALL HAPPILY MAKE THEE A JOYFUL BRIDE.

OH NO!!! I MUST SEE THE FRIAR.

FRIAR LAURENCE AND JULIET HATCH A PLOT TO BUY TIME SO HE CAN SECURE A PARDON FOR ROMEO...

JULIET RETURNS HOME AND AGREES TO THE MARRIAGE... BUT THE NIGHT BEFORE HER WEDDING...

ROMEO, I COME! THIS DO I DRINK TO THEE.

POTION THAT CAUSES HER TO APPEAR DEAD FOR FORTY-TWO HOURS.

THE NEXT MORNING...



ACCORDING TO THE FRIAR'S PLAN, ROMEO WILL RESCUE HER AT THE VAULT. BUT THE FRIAR'S LETTER TO ROMEO GOES ASTRAY...

NEWS FROM VERONA! HOW FARES MY JULIET?

HER BODY SLEEPS IN CAPEL'S MONUMENT, AND HER IMMORTAL PART WITH ANGELS LIVES.

IS IT E'EN SO? THEN I DEFY YOU, STARS!

HE BUYS A VIAL OF POISON AND GOES TO JULIET'S TOMB...

EYES, LOOK YOUR LAST! ARMS, TAKE YOUR LAST EMBRACE!

HERE'S TO MY LOVE! THUS WITH A KISS I DIE.

MOMENTS LATER, JULIET AWAKENS...

NO!!!!

O HAPPY DAGGER! THIS IS THY SHEATH;

THERE RUST, AND LET ME DIE.

ARRIVING UPON THE TRAGIC SCENE, THEIR FAMILIES VOW TO BURY THEIR STRIFE ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

A GLOOMING PEACE THIS MORNING WITH IT BRINGS. FOR NEVER WAS A STORY OF MORE WOE THAN THIS OF JULIET AND HER ROMEO.



END

When?	What happens?
Act 1 – Prologue	Find out the story in a condensed version
Act 1, Scene 1: Verona. A public place.	Servants of the Montagues (Romeo) and Capulets (Juliet) start street brawl showing rivalry and tension between the families. We discover Romeo loves Rosalind.
Act 1, Scene 2: A street.	Paris asks Capulet if he can marry Juliet. Romeo discovers that Rosalind will be at the Capulet ball that evening.
Act 1, Scene 3: A room in Capulet's house.	Lady Capulet tells Juliet about Paris's proposal. The nurse interrupts with a long story of her as a baby.
Act 1, Scene 4: A street.	Romeo has a feeling that something terrible will happen if he goes to the ball but he goes anyway.
Act 1, Scene 5: A hall in Capulet's house.	The Montagues go to the ball and Romeo forgets Rosalind as soon as he sees Juliet. Tybalt recognises them but Lord Capulet will not allow a fight
Act 2, Prologue: PROLOGUE	The chorus informs us the pain R&J are in as they can't meet but passion will find a way.
Act 2, Scene 1: A lane by the wall of Capulet's orchard.	Romeo jumps into the Capulet garden to catch a glimpse of Juliet.
Act 2, Scene 2: Capulet's orchard	The Balcony Scene: Romeo professes his love to Juliet. They arrange a meeting.
Act 2, Scene 3: Friar Laurence's cell.	Romeo goes to Friar Lawrence to arrange to marry Juliet – he agrees thinking it will end the feud between the families
Act 2, Scene 4: A street.	Tybalt sends a challenge to Romeo. The Nurse gets the information about the wedding as a message to Juliet.
Act 2, Scene 5: Capulet's orchard.	The nurse delivers the news to Juliet of her upcoming marriage to Romeo.
Act 2, Scene 6: Friar Laurence's cell.	They marry.
Act 3, Scene 1: A public place.	Romeo tries to avoid fighting. Mercutio is wounded and killed by Tybalt. Romeo then avenges his death and kills Tybalt. Romeo is exiled for his part in this.
Act 3, Scene 2: Capulet's orchard.	Juliet learns of Tybalt's death and Romeo's banishment and is distraught over the loss of her love.

Act 3, Scene 3: Friar Laurence's cell.	Both Romeo and Juliet are distraught at the separation. Romeo tries to stab himself but is convinced to hold on by Friar Laurence.
Act 3, Scene 4: A room in Capulet's house.	Capulet promises on impulse that Juliet will marry Paris in two days.
Act 3, Scene 5: Capulet's orchard.	Lady Capulet informs Juliet of her upcoming marriage. She is threatened by her father if she refuses to be thrown out. The Nurse says she should marry Paris.
Act 4, Scene 1: Friar Laurence's cell.	Friar plans to give Juliet a drug that makes her appear dead for 48 hours to escape for Mantua and a new life with Romeo
Act 4, Scene 2: Hall in Capulet's house.	Juliet goes to her father and agrees to marry Paris. He moves the wedding forward a day.
Act 4, Scene 3: Juliet's chamber.	Juliet takes the poison.
Act 4, Scene 4: Hall in Capulet's house.	Capulet sends the nurse to waken Juliet.
Act 4, Scene 5: Juliet's chamber.	The Nurse tries to wake Juliet, but finds that she is (apparently) dead. All are grief stricken but Friar Laurence arranges the funeral quickly.
Act 5, Scene 1: Mantua. A street.	Romeo hears wrongly of Juliet's death, buys poison and returns to join her.
Act 5, Scene 2: Friar Laurence's cell.	Friar John explains why he didn't deliver the letter and F L sends another.
Act 5, Scene 3: A churchyard; in it a tomb belonging to the Capulets.	Outside the tomb where Juliet is (apparently) dead. Romeo and Paris fight. Paris is killed. Romeo takes the poison and dies. Juliet wakes and finding Romeo dead kills herself with his dagger.