

Romeo and Juliet – the quick version

In Verona, there were two very rich and powerful families; the first family were the Montagues and the second was the Capulets. The two families hated each other and would often get into fights; one day the Prince of Verona said that if anyone got into another fight they would be banished from the City.

One night the Capulets held a party and Romeo, who was a Montague, snuck in because Rosaline was going and Romeo was in love with her but when he saw Juliet he forgot about her and when Juliet saw him she loved him too. So they got married. Tybalt, who was Juliet's cousin, challenged Romeo to a fight but Romeo wouldn't so Tybalt killed Romeo's friend Mercutio so Romeo kills Tybalt. Romeo was banished and Mr Capulet wanted Juliet to marry Paris. The Friar gives Juliet a drug and says that if she drinks it, it will seem like she is dead for 42 hours, so she doesn't have to marry Paris. The plan works, and the Capulets, thinking Juliet is dead, place her in the family tomb. However, the letter that the Friar sent to Romeo to tell him that she is not really dead is delayed, and so Romeo thinks Juliet is dead.

Romeo buys some poison, and kills himself at Juliet's tomb. When Juliet wakes and sees Romeo dead next to her, she is distraught. She grabs his dagger and kills herself.

The deaths of the two young lovers unite the city in grief.