

Romeo & Juliet Journal

Act I:

Hi. I am Roberto Montague, Romeo's cousin. This is the first of five entries to this journal.

Many things happened today. Some of these things are that Sampson and Gregory were talking, and then Abram and Balthasar entered the room. After Abram started to quarrel, they started to sword fight, but then Benvolio came in and broke up the fight. After Benvolio broke up the fight, Tybalt entered and started to fight with Benvolio. Soon later, an Officer entered the room with three or four citizens all armed with clubs, bills, and partisans, or spears. Lord Capulet and Montague with their Ladies entered the room and started to quarrel aswell, but the Prince set them straight.

Everyone, but the Montague's and Benvolio left the room, after the Prince said what he had to say. Montague started to ask what happened, and who started it, Benvolio replied that the servants of his adversary did. After they had a bit of a discussion, Romeo entered. Lord and Lady Montague left the room to leave Romeo and Benvolio to talk. They soon talked about love, and where they would dine. They talked some more about love then soon left the room and the day was over.

Act II:

This is the second of five entries to this journal.

At the beginning of this day, Romeo and Benvolio began to speak to each other, and then Romeo retires while Mercutio and Benvolio spoke about Romeo's love with Juliet. A bit more into the day, Romeo went to the Capulet house to visit the fare Juliet. They met outside of Juliet's room on the balcony and they start to talk each other. Soon later, the nurse starts to call from within the house for Juliet, she started to leave many times but Romeo kept interrupting. Juliet exited and entered the balcony two or three times, but they gave each other farewells and Juliet went into the house, and Romeo walked off.

Friar Laurence, a Franciscan priest, was admiring the day, when Romeo entered his cell. They begin to speak of Roseline and Romeo's new love, Juliet. He soon dashes off as soon as he got what he wanted. A little later, Mercutio and Benvolio were asking each other where Romeo had gone. Coincidentally, Romeo entered minutes later. They began to talk about Romeo's going to the Capulet house, and what he went there for. A minute later, the nurse and her man Peter came about. Mercutio begins to sing a song, and then he and Benvolio soon exuent. Romeo soon rushes off, and then the Nurse pushed Peter to see if she still has authority over him.

Juliet starts to think why the Nurse hasn't showed up after she sent her to meet Romeo. It had been three long hours before she returned with Peter, but she soon sent Peter back to the gate. The Nurse's bones are so weary from her long journey, and she was out of breath, but Juliet needed to know what she and Romeo talked of. The Nurse finally told Juliet the plans for her and Romeo's marriage.

Act III:

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Benvolio, Mercutio and some men walk up to a public place talking about the weather. A second later, Tybalt and others come to the public place and begin to quarrel a bit with Mercutio and Benvolio. Another second or two later, Romeo enters the public place. Tybalt calls Romeo a boor, a clumsy stupid fellow and Mercutio draws his sword and calls Tybalt a ratcatcher. Tybalt draws, they begin to fight! Romeo standing aside yells for Benvolio to beat down their weapons, and then says for them to stop, not to have this outrage in the public streets of Verona. Tybalt under Romeo's arm thrusts Mercutio in, just wounding him. Tybalt leaves and Mercutio sends for a surgeon to heal his cut. Benvolio helps Mercutio to a house so he wouldn't faint. Benvolio then entered telling Romeo that Mercutio

was now dead! Tybalt, the killer, then comes back to the public place. Romeo is furious with him, so he slashes him and Tybalt dies, and runs off. The citizens, Prince, Montague, Capulet and their Ladies come to the brawling site and find Tybalt and Mercutio dead, the Prince is furious with this and is determined to find the killer.

At Friar Laurence's cell, Romeo appears. Romeo and Friar start talking about Tybalt killing Mercutio, and Romeo killing Tybalt. They also speak of the banishment sentence the prince gave him. Then there's a knock from Friar's door. Friar gets nervous and tells Romeo to hide in his study. Friar opens the door and it's the Capulet Nurse, and as soon as Romeo realized this, he rose and started to ask about his Juliet and how she is dealing with this predicament. Romeo is so sad and angry he tries to stab himself but the Nurse quickly grasps the dagger he was using.

During the end of the day, at a room in the Capulet house, Paris, Lady Capulet and Lord Capulet are all talking about the wedding of Juliet and Paris. Meanwhile, in the Capulet orchard, Juliet and Romeo meet. Romeo begins to talk about leaving and forgetting that this ever happened. The Nurse then comes in and tells Juliet that her mother, Lady Capulet is coming, then she leaves. Romeo then leaves wishing for a kiss, but doesn't get it. Lady Capulet then enters, asking if she is awake and if she is mourning her cousin's death. Lord Capulet and the Nurse then enter and join in on their discussion. There's a big disagreement with Capulet and Juliet about whom she is marrying and then Capulet storms out telling her she will marry Paris. Juliet then decides to get a remedy from Friar that makes her sleep for forty hours, so everyone will think she is dead, and Romeo and Juliet would finally meet.

Act IV:

This is the fourth of five entries to this journal.

During the beginning of this day, Capulet sends his servants off to invite guests to Juliet's wedding. The wedding had been changed to take place on Wednesday. Lady Capulet tries to change her husband's mind, perhaps in consideration for Juliet, but she is not successful. Awhile after this, Juliet fakes her death by stabbing herself, and then drinking the remedy Friar gave her.

Wednesday morning: the Nurse comes to wake Juliet and finds her lying motionless on the bed. She is unable to wake her and realizes she is died. She calls for help. Lady Capulet, Capulet, Paris, and the Friar come in. Capulet orders that the wedding preparations be converted to funeral preparations.

Act V:

This is the fifth of five entries to this journal.

I got a message today from what Romeo was doing in Mantua. Romeo has just had a dream. His servant Balthasar arrives from Verona with the news of Juliet's death. Romeo decides to return to Verona. He sends Balthasar to hire some horses, and he goes and buys poison so he can kill himself beside Juliet. At first the apothecary refuses but then Romeo offers the large sum of forty ducats, and then apothecary gives him the poison.

Friar John, whom Friar Laurence sent to Mantua with a letter to Romeo explaining that Juliet is not really dead, returns to Friar Laurence with the news that he was quarantined in Verona because of the suspicion of plague, and he couldn't deliver the letter. The Friar then walks to the burial vault since Juliet is due to awaken shortly.

At the Capulets' tomb, Paris stews flowers as a memorial to Juliet. His Page then warned him someone is coming so Paris. Romeo and Balthasar arrive with tools to open the tomb. Paris, seeing Romeo opening the tomb, challenges Romeo. Paris is killed and as he dies he asks Romeo to lay his body by Juliet's. Then Romeo sees Juliet's body and kisses her, drinks the poison, and falls by her side.

A moment too late the Friar comes in. He approaches the tomb and finds the bodies of Paris and Romeo. Juliet awakens, and asks where is her Romeo. The Friar tries to get her to come with him, but she refuses to leave. After the Friar leaves

she picks up Romeo's dagger and stabs herself. The Prince, Lord Montague, and Lord Capulet enter. They have numerous of questions. The Friar answers them and tells his story.