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*Romeo & Juliet*

Act 2, Scene 1

**Summary**

After leaving the party, Romeo decides that he cannot go home. He must instead try to find Juliet. He climbs a wall bordering the Capulet property and jumps down into the Capulet orchard. Benvolio and Mercutio enter, calling out for Romeo. They are sure he is nearby, but Romeo is hiding from them and does not answer. Mercutio makes fun of Romeo’s feelings for Rosaline in a mean speech. Mercutio and Benvolio leave, thinking that Romeo does not want to be found. In the orchard, Romeo hears Mercutios teasing. He says to himself, “He jests at scars that never felt a wound.”

Juliet suddenly appears at a window above the spot where Romeo is standing. Romeo compares her to the morning sun, far more beautiful than the moon. He almost starts talking to her, but thinks better of it. Juliet is talking to herself, not aware that Romeo is in her garden. She asks why Romeo must be Romeo – a Montague, and therefore an enemy to her family. She says that if he would get rid of his Montague name, she would give herself to him; or if he would just swear that he loved her, she would give up her Capulet name. Romeo responds to her, surprising Juliet, since she thought she was alone. She wonders how he found her and he tells her that love led him to her. Juliet worries that Romeo will be murdered if he is found in the garden, but Romeo refuses to leave, saying that Juliet’s love would make him safe from his enemies.

Juliet admits she feels strongly about Romeo as he professes that he loves her, but she is worried that Romeo will end up being a liar, or will think that she is too easy to be won. Romeo begins to promise to her, but she stops him, worried that everything is happening too quickly. He reassures her, and the two confess their love again. The Nurse calls for Juliet, and Juliet goes inside for a moment. When she comes back out onto the balcony, she tells Romeo that she will send someone to him the next day to see if his love is real and if he plans on marrying her. The Nurse calls again, and Juliet leaves. Juliet comes back to the window one more time to set a time when her servant should come to visit Romeo. They decide on nine in the morning. They tell each other their love for another moment before saying good night. Juliet goes back inside her room, and Romeo leaves in search of a monk to help him with Juliet.

**Act 2, Scene 1 Questions**

1. What does Romeo decide to do after the party, instead of going home?
2. What does Mercutio say about Romeo in his speech?
3. Does Romeo want Mercutio and Benvolio to find him?
4. What does Juliet say she would give up if she knew that Romeo loved her?
5. At first, does Juliet know that Romeo is there?
6. What does Romeo say will keep him safe?
7. What time will Juliet send someone to meet Romeo?
8. Who does Romeo go look for to help him?