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*Romeo & Juliet*

**Act 3, Scene 1**

As they walk in the street under the boiling sun, Benvolio suggest to Mercutio that they go indoors, afraid that a fight will happen if they run into the Capulet men. Mercutio says that Benvolio has the worst temper than any other man in Italy, and should not criticize others for having short tempers. Tybalt enters the scene with a group of his friends. He approaches Benvolio and Mercutio, and asks to talk to one of them. Annoyed, Mercutio begins to taunt and provoke him. Romeo enters. Tybalt turns his attention from Mercutio to Romeo, and calls Romeo a villain. Romeo is by now secretly married to Juliet (which means he is now related to Tybalt). Romeo refuses to be angered by Tybalt’s verbal attack. Tybalt tells Romeo to draw his sword. Romeo says that he has good reason to love Tybalt, and does not want to fight him. He asks that until Tybalt knows the reason for this love, to put away his sword.

Mercutio angrily draws his sword and says that if Romeo will not fight Tybalt, he will. Mercutio and Tybalt begin to fight. Romeo throws himself between them to try and stop the fight. Tybalt stabs Mercutio under Romeo’s arm, and as Mercutio falls to the ground, Tybalt and his men run away. Mercutio dies, cursing both the Montagues and the Capulets: “ A plague o’ both your houses,” and says (still trying to be funny), “Ask for me tomorrow, and you shall find me a grave man.” Enraged, Romeo declares that his love for Juliet has made him weak, and that he should have fought Tybalt in Mercutio’s place. When Tybalt storms back in, Romeo draws his sword. They fight, and Romeo kills Tybalt. Benvolio tells Romeo to run; a group of citizens outraged by the frequent street fights is approaching. Romeo, shocked at what has happened, says, “O, I am fortune’s fool!” and runs off.

**Act 3, Scene 1 Questions:**

1. Who has a bad temper?
2. What does Tybalt call Romeo?
3. What does Mercutio say he will do if Romeo does not?
4. Who kills Mercutio?
5. What does Romeo say he should have done in Mercutio’s place?
6. What does Romeo do to Tybalt when he comes back?