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*Romeo & Juliet*

**Act 3, Scene 3**

In Friar Lawrence’s cell, Romeo is overcome with sadness, and wonders what sentence the Prince has given him. Friar Lawrence tells him that he is lucky; the Prince has only banished him. Romeo claims that banishment is a penalty that’s worse than death, since he will have to live, but without Juliet. The friar tries to make Romeo feel better, but Romeo is so upset that he won’t listen to any of it. Romeo falls to the floor. The Nurse arrives, and Romeo desperately asks her for news about Juliet. He assumes that Juliet now thinks of him as a murderer, and he threatens to stab himself. Friar Lawrence stops him and tells him to stop being unmanly. He explains that Romeo has a lot to be happy about: he and Juliet are both alive, and after things calm down, Prince Escalus might change his mind.

Friar Lawrence comes up with a plan: Romeo will visit Juliet that night, but make sure to leave her room, and Verona, in the morning. He will then live in Mantua until the news about their marriage can be spread. The Nurse hands Romeo the ring from Juliet, and this symbol of their love makes him feel better. The Nurse leaves, and Romeo says goodbye to Friar Lawrence. He must prepare to visit Juliet and then leave for Mantua.

**Questions**

1. What is the Prince’s punishment for Romeo?
2. Why does Romeo say that the punishment is worse than death?
3. What does Romeo threaten to do to himself?
4. The friar tells Romeo he has a lot to be happy about. What things does he say Romeo should be happy about?
5. What is Friar Lawrence’s plan?
6. What does the Nurse bring to Romeo from Juliet?