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*Romeo & Juliet*

Act IV, Scene 1

**Summary**

In his cell, Friar Lawrence is talking to Paris about Paris’s upcoming marriage to Juliet. Paris says that Juliet’s sadness about Tybalt’s death has made her unbalanced, and that Capulet has decided they should marry soon so that Juliet can stop crying and put an end to her mourning over Tybalt. The friar says to himself that he wishes he didn’t know about the reason that Paris’s marriage to Juliet should be delayed.

Juliet enters, and Paris speaks to her lovingly, but arrogantly. Juliet responds indifferently, showing neither affection nor dislike. She says that she has not married Paris yet. Friar Lawrence ushers Paris away, implying that he must hear Juliet’s confession. Paris kisses Juliet once before he leaves. After Paris leaves, Juliet asks Friar Lawrence for help. She pulls out a knife and says she will kill herself rather than marry Paris. The friar comes up with a plan. Juliet must agree to marry Paris. Then, on the night before the wedding, she must drink a sleeping potion that will make her appear to be dead. She will then be laid to rest in the Capulet tomb. Then, the friar will send word to Romeo in Mantua to help him retrieve her when she wakes up. Juliet will then return to Mantua with Romeo, and be free to live with him away from their parents’ hatred. Juliet agrees to the plan, and Friar Lawrence gives her the sleeping potion.

**Questions**:

1. Why does Paris say he should marry Juliet soon?
2. What does Juliet say she’d do rather than marry Paris?
3. What is the friar’s plan for Juliet? List all of the steps: