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*Romeo & Juliet*

**Act 1, Scene 2 Summary**

On another street in Verona, Capulet walks with Paris, a noble relative of the Prince. The two talk about Paris’s desire to marry Capulet’s daughter, Juliet. Capulet is very happy, but also says that Juliet – who isn’t yet fourteen – is too young to get married. He asks Paris to wait two years. He promises Paris that he thinks he will make a great husband for his daughter, and invites Paris to the traditional masquerade party he is holding that same night so that Paris might begin to win Juliet’s heart. Capulet sends a servant, Peter, to invite a list of people to the party. As Cauplet and Paris walk away, Peter says that he cannot read and will have trouble accomplishing this task.

Romeo and Benvolio happen to walk by where Peter is. They are still arguing about whether Romeo will be able to forget about Rosaline, the girl he loves but doesn’t love him back. Peter asks Romeo to read the guest list to him, since he cannot read it himself. Rosaline’s name is one of those on the list. Before leaving, Peter invites Romeo and Benvolio to the party – assuming they are not Montagues. Benvolio tells Romeo that the party will be the perfect opportunity to compare Rosaline with the other beautiful women of Verona. Romeo agrees to go with him, but only because Rosaline will be there.

**Act 1, Scene 2 Questions**

1. Who is Capulet walking with?
2. Who does Paris want to marry?
3. What type of party is Capulet having?
4. Peter does not know how to do what?
5. What does Peter ask Romeo to do?
6. Why do Romeo and Benvolio want to go to the party, even though they are not Montagues?

**Act 1, Scene 3**

In Capulet’s house, just before the party is about to start, Lady Capulet asks Nurse to help her find her daughter, Juliet. Juliet enters, and Lady Capulet tells Nurse to leave so she can speak to Juliet alone. Lady Capulet immediately changes her mind, however, and asks Nurse to stay and add her advice. Before Lady Capulet can begin to speak, Nurse launches into a long story about how, as a child, Juliet became the object of a sexual joke. Lady Capulet tries unsuccessfully to stop the wildly amused Nurse. An embarrassed Juliet angrily asks Nurse to stop.

Lady Capulet asks Juliet what she thinks about getting married. Juliet replies that she has not given it any thought. Lady Capulet mentions that she gave birth to Juliet when she was almost Juliet’s current age (remember, Juliet is only 13 in the story). Lady Capulet excitedly continues that Juliet must begin to think about marriage because the “valiant Paris” has expressed an interest in marrying her. Juliet replies that she will look at Paris at the party to see if she might fall in love with him. A servingman enters to announce the beginning of the party.

**Act 1, Scene 3 Questions**

1. Who helps Lady Capulet find Juliet?
2. Nurse tells a story about Juliet as a child. What was the story about?
3. What does Juliet say she’s thought about getting married?
4. How old is Juliet?
5. Who has expressed interest in marrying Juliet?
6. What will Juliet do at the party?