

**Scene 1:**

- \* Tybalt and Mercutio fight...Romeo holds Mercutio back
- \* Tybalt stabs him under Romeo's arm.
- \* As Mercutio dies he says, "A plague on both your houses!"
- \* Tybalt returns and Romeo slays him
- \* Romeo is banished from Verona by Prince Escalus, who has mercy on him, but swears Romeo will die if caught in Verona

**Nutshell:** Benvolio and Mercutio (both Montagues) meet Tybalt (Capulet). Tybalt attempts to provoke Romeo into fighting. Mercutio fights Tybalt and is killed. Romeo then kills Tybalt. Escalus, the Prince of Verona banishes Romeo from Verona threatening death should he ever return.

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**Scene 2:**

- \* At Capulet's orchard, Nurse tells Juliet of Mercutio's and Tybalt's deaths, and Romeo's banishment
- \* Juliet falls into despair, realizing a banished Romeo is virtually dead to her
- \* Juliet lets Nurse go to find Romeo
- \* She gives Nurse a ring for Romeo, asking him to come say his last farewell

**Nutshell:** Juliet learns of Romeo killing Tybalt and despite being torn between her loyalty for her family and Romeo, mourns her husband Romeo's banishment.

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**Scene 3:** \* In Friar Lawrence's cell...

- \* Friar Lawrence tells Romeo of Prince Escalus' sentence for him: banishment
- \* Romeo states he would rather be dead than banished
- \* Nurse arrives and tells Romeo that Juliet is sad too, and she forgives him
- \* Romeo tries to kill himself but is stopped by Friar Lawrence
- \* Romeo enrages Friar due to his pouting and acting like a child
- \* Friar reminds him of all the good that remains, and why he should feel lucky:
  1. Juliet is alive
  2. he has avoided being killed by Tybalt
  3. his execution has been commuted to banishment, and banishment is not forever

- \* Friar tells him to spend the night with Juliet, then get himself to Mantua and wait
- \* Friar says that he'll send word of Juliet via Romeo's servant
- \* Romeo, in typical extreme behavior, is now **very happy**

**Nutshell:** Romeo learns of the banishment order, realizing he will not be able to see Juliet again. Friar Lawrence suggests Romeo go to Juliet's bed chamber to comfort his wife...

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**Scene 4:**

- \* At Lord Capulet's house, late at night, Capulet informs Paris that he'll give him Juliet to marry in three days... on Thursday. This shows Capulet is domineering, and has no intention to let Juliet decide for herself
- \* Capulet asks Lady Capulet to tell Juliet of the wedding plans before she goes to bed... this creates tension because we know that Romeo is with Juliet in her room this night

**Nutshell:** Capulet, who does not know of Romeo and Juliet's marriage, decides that the marriage of Juliet to Paris must now proceed, bidding his wife to make Juliet aware of Paris' love for her. The day of the marriage has been decided; it will be Thursday. We learn that Romeo has spent the night with his Juliet.

**Scene 5:**

- \* In Capulet's orchard...Romeo and Juliet playfully fight about the time
  - \* Romeo wants to stay but is realistic about the sentence that he carries
  - \* They say a tearful goodbye
  - \* After he leaves, Lady Capulet appears and, while discussing Tybalt's death with Juliet, says she will send a henchman to Mantua to kill Romeo... but she never does
  - \* She then tells Juliet of her impending marriage to Paris
  - \* Juliet refuses, but Lord Capulet angrily demands it will be so
  - \* The Nurse agrees with the Capulets, and loses Juliet's trust
  - \* Juliet vows to kill herself if Friar Lawrence cannot think of a way for her to avoid the marriage
- Nutshell:* Juliet, who is now already secretly married to Romeo, learns that she is to marry Paris. She tries to fight her father's wishes, failing to dissuade him. Juliet decides to commit suicide if all else fails...