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Romeo & Juliet



1. The play begins as a peaceful morning is disrupted by a brawl between the servants of the Montagues and the servants of the Capulets. This is not the first time it's happened, either.



2. The Prince of Verona arrives, breaks up the brawl, and summons the heads of the feuding families. He warns that the next brawl will be paid for with their heads.



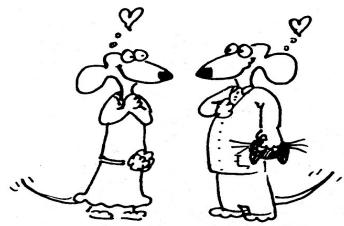
3. Romeo Montague, our hero, isn't in the brawl. He's been out for an early morning walk, sighing over Rosaline, his lady love. (He's never spoken to her.)



4. Meanwhile, Juliet Capulet is being told of her father's plans for her marriage to Paris, the prince's cousin. (Quite a catch!)



5. Romeo, cousin Mercutio, and some friends crash the party the Capulets are giving (where Romeo hopes to see his beloved Rosaline). Tybalt, the Capulets' hot-tempered nephew, spots them—but Capulet refuses to let him start a fight about it. (Guess why.)



6. Sometime during the dance, Romeo sees Juliet and Juliet sees Romeo—love at first sight! They don't know—until it's too late—that he is the only son and she is the only daughter of the feuding families.