Summary: Act V, Scene III

The love of Romeo and Juliet is forbidden right from the start. Juliet's father decides that his daughter should marry another man, Paris. But she doesn't want to, she loves Romeo! Friar Laurence is a friend of the young girl and helps her with a plan: Juliet drinks a potion to make her seem dead for 42 hours, so she can escape from the wedding with Paris. She wants to meet Romeo after she wakes up to marry him. Friar Laurence sends him a letter in which he explains the plan. The big problem is that Romeo doesn't get the letter! When he hears that his big love is dead, he comes to her tomb[1] and drinks poison, because he doesn't want to live without Juliet. He dies and Juliet wakes up, because the 42 hours are over. She sees the poisoned Romeo and kisses him, in case there is some poison left on his lips. As this doesn't work, she takes his dagger[2] and kills herself.

Guiding Questions

1. Why does Juliet make a plan with Friar Laurence?
2. Describe the plan of the Friar.
3. Why does Romeo kill himself?
4. Can you imagine how Juliet feels when she sees her dead boyfriend next to her?

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