“Romeo and Juliet” is a tragedy, written by William Shakespeare.

There are two hostile families in Verona: the Montagues and the Capulets.

Romeo is a Montague. He is lovesick for Rosaline.

Romeo and his friends crash a party at the House of Capulet, as Rosaline is there, too. Romeo gets to know Juliet, a Capulet. They fall in love with each other and kiss. But this love is already in danger as their families hate each other.

Romeo and Juliet declare their love without regard to their families’ hostility. They decide to marry secretly the following day.

The Capulets and Montagues start to fight at a public place. Romeo ignores the insults of Tybalt, Juliet's cousin. He tries to stop the fight as, after marrying Juliet, he is Tybalt's relative now.

Tybalt mortally wounds Mercutio, Romeo's friend.

As Mercutio dies, Romeo is unable to control his fury. In an act of revenge, Romeo kills Tybalt. As a punishment, Romeo is banished from Verona.

Romeo and Juliet spend their wedding night together, at daybreak Romeo flees to Mantua.

Juliet's father decides that Paris, a wealthy young gentleman, and Juliet are going to marry. She protests against this arranged marriage, but her parents ignore her.

The Friar has an idea: Juliet should drink a potion to make her seem dead for 42 hours. When she is believed to be dead, she will be taken to the Capulets' tomb. Meanwhile, the Friar will send a letter to Romeo and ask him to come to the tomb in order to flee with her.

A servant tells Romeo that Juliet is dead. As he does not receive the letter, he is shocked and decides to kill himself.

Romeo comes to Juliet's tomb and mourns for her. He drinks poison and dies while kissing Juliet for the last time.

Juliet wakes up and discovers Romeo. She stabs herself, as she does not want to live without Romeo.

The Capulets and the Montagues mourn for their children. They decide to set up a golden statue of their children.

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