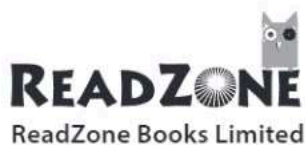


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THE CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY

Romeo	– son of Montague
Juliet	– daughter of Capulet
Benvolio	– nephew of Montague and friend of Romeo and Mercutio
Tybalt	– nephew of Lady Capulet
Old Capulet	– head of a family of Verona
Lady Capulet	– wife of Old Capulet
Old Montague	– head of a family of Verona
Lady Montague	– wife of Old Montague
Paris	– a young count
Nurse	– Juliet's nurse
Mercutio	– friend of Romeo
Prince Escalus	– Prince of Verona
Friar Laurence	– priest
Apothecary	– chemist

PORTRAIT GALLERY



Romeo



Juliet



Benvolio



Tybalt



Old Capulet



Lady Capulet



Old Montague



Lady Montague



Paris



Nurse



Mercutio



Prince Escalus



Friar Laurence



Apothecary

Romeo & Juliet

ACT 1

Many years ago, there were two families, the Montagues and the Capulets. They lived in a town called Verona in Italy. Both families were very rich.

The Montagues hated the Capulets and the Capulets hated the Montagues. No one could really remember the reason. Even their servants would fight each other when they met on the street.

One day, two Capulet servants, Gregory and Sampson, met two Montague servants. They started a fight.

Soon, other people joined in. Benvolio, a Montague, didn't like the fighting. He tried to stop it. Tybalt, a Capulet, picked a fight with Benvolio.

Tybalt hated all the Montagues. He even hated the idea of peace. Tybalt was always looking for trouble.

Old Capulet and old Montague, the heads of the two families, wanted to join in the fighting. Lady Capulet and Lady Montague tried to stop them.



SAMPSON: Draw, if you be men. Gregory, remember thy slashing blow.