

Romeo and Juliet abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 3

Chivalry

Situation: Romeo and the County Paris are about to have a duel, Romeo having now entered Capulet's crypt. The County Paris, who had earlier arrived at the crypt, has by now stepped aside, having heard the noises made by Romeo as he entered.

Paris steps forward.

PARIS: Stop thy unhallowed toil, vile Montague. Obey and go with me, for thou must die.

ROMEO: I must indeed. Good gentle youth, tempt not a desp'rate man. O, begone! I come hither armed against myself. Stay not, begone, live, and hereafter say a madman's mercy bid thee run away.

PARIS: I do defy thy combination, and apprehend thee for a felon here.

ROMEO: Wilt thou provoke me? Then have at thee, boy!

They draw and fight.

PARIS: O, I am slain! If thou be merciful, open the tomb; lay me with Juliet.

He dies.

ROMEO: In faith, I will. I think he told me Paris should have married Juliet. Said he not so? Or did I Dream it so?

He opens the tomb. He lays Paris in the tomb.

Romeo to himself, No. 3

For here she lies, her beauty ever bright,
Making this a present feast full of light.
Dear Juliet, why art thou yet so fair?
Death, that hath sucked the honey from thy breath,
Hath had no might o'er thy cheeks, nor to dare
The crimson in thy lips; pale flag of death
Hath yet to there advance. For me a test
To set up here my everlasting rest
And shake the yoke of star-crossed love from this
World-wearied flesh. With you, mine eyes have seen
The last of the sun; with a righteous kiss
I here seal a bargain to engrossing
Death, with my love, who with forever lie.
The drugs are quick, and with this kiss I die.

Romeo dies. Friar Lawrence enters.