

**Narrator:** That same night, the Capulets throw a huge costume party. Everyone who is anyone in Verona is invited, except the Montagues. But Romeo Montague and his friends decide to crash the party.

*CURTAIN OPENS. Capulet and the maid are downstage right. Juliet and Paris are dancing centerstage. Juliet looks upset as Paris keeps stepping on her feet*

**Capulet:** Maid, where is my lovely daughter, Juliet?

**Maid:** She is dancing, or rather, is getting stomped on by Paris.

**Capulet:** Paris, you say? I knew they would make a great couple! Both from such prominent families. Don't they look good together?

**Maid:** *Aside to audience, the Maid points a finger at Capulet like he is crazy. Then answers Capulet.*

Of course, if you say so, sir.

*Romeo and his friends enter stage left. Tybalt enters stage right and cocks an ear at Romeo.*

**Narrator:** Romeo Montague and his friends, Benvolio and Mercutio, sneak into the party wearing masks. They look around, surveying the party, but once Romeo sees Juliet, he only has eyes for her.

*Romeo puts his hands over his heart.*

**Romeo:** Wow! She is beautiful! I must meet her!

**Narrator:** Tybalt, Juliet's cousin, hears Romeo's voice, and recognizes his enemy.

*Tybalt walks up to Capulet, starting to draw his sword and says angrily.*

**Tybalt:** Uncle, there is a Montague here! I shall get rid of him.

**Capulet:** Put your sword away. I do not want any trouble at this party. We will ignore him. He is not causing any trouble.

**Tybalt:** Not yet, anyway. I will keep a close eye on him and his friends!

**Narrator:** On the dance floor, Juliet has had enough of Paris stepping on her feet. As she walks away from Paris, Romeo approaches her.

*Juliet puts her palms up towards Paris's chest, as if warding him off, and shakes her head, no. As she walks way from him, downstage, Romeo moves forward to meet her.*

**Romeo:** Good evening, lovely lady. Would you like to dance with me?

*Juliet looks up at Romeo, and smiles shyly.*

**Juliet:** Yes, I would, as long as you promise not to step all over my feet.

**Romeo:** I promise to treat you like a beautiful angel.

*Romeo and Juliet move to centerstage and begin dancing.*

**Narrator:** As they dance, Romeo and Juliet forget about everything and everyone else. After a few minutes, Juliet's maid interrupts them.

**Maid:** Yo, Lady Juliet, your father wants to see you.

*Juliet and the Maid cross to Capulet, but Juliet looks back with her hand extended toward Romeo.*

**Narrator:** Juliet leaves with a parting glance toward Romeo.

**Romeo:** Wow! She is wonderful. I think I have just met the love of my life. I must find out her name?

**Benvolio:** You mean you don't know? That's Juliet Capulet.

**Romeo:** No, you can't be serious? She's a Capulet.

**Mercutio:** I'm very serious. See there. She is talking to her father and her cousin, Tybalt, who is looking this way. Uh, oh! We better get out of here.

*Romeo, and his friends exit stage left. Juliet returns to centerstage to see them leave.*

**Juliet:** Maid, I think I'm in love! Who is that cute guy I was dancing with?

**Maid:** Lady Juliet. That is Romeo, and a Montague.

**Juliet:** Oh no! It cannot be! I have fallen for my worst enemy.

*CURTAIN CLOSES.*