*Romeo + Juliet*

Acts 3 + 4 Review

ACT 3

Scene 1:

1. Mercutio + Benvolio are walking around Verona but it’s real hot + everyone is bored. When the temperature goes up, people’s tempers also rise and Benvolio is worried about running into Capulets (and what will happen when they do).
2. Tybalt arrives and he exchanges words with Mercutio. Tybalt is actually looking for Romeo, who happens to show up right as he’s asking Mercutio about him. Tybalt is still mad about Romeo showing up to the party he wasn’t invited to.
3. Romeo is all “I don’t hate you anymore; I love you” which freaks Tybalt out because they’ve spent years hating each other. Romeo doesn’t hate him anymore because he’s Juliet’s family and now that they’re married, he doesn’t want to hurt his wife’s fam.
4. Mercutio + Tybalt start fighting. Romeo gets in the way because he’s trying to break it up, but this actually causes Tybalt to stab Mercutio. Tybalt runs away. Everything thinks that Mercutio is joking around and being dramatic because that’s his nature, but then they realize he’s actually very hurt.
5. When Mercutio is close to dying, Mercutio asks Romeo why he did that: “Why the devil / came you between us? I was hurt under your / arm.” And then he curses Romeo’s family and Juliet’s family: “A plague o’ both your houses!”
6. Romeo gets pissed that Mercutio was slain by Tybalt, so they fight + Romeo kills Tybalt. Clearly this is going well.
   1. Remember what the Prince said about fights happening in Verona and what would happen to the person who was responsible? #death
7. Romeo runs away. Everybody shows up. The Prince asks what happens. Benvolio tells him the truth. Lady Capulet says that Romeo must die since he killed Tybalt. The Prince says “Hold up, Tybalt killed my family member. Who is going to pay for that?” He eventually says that Romeo will be banished to Mantua instead of killed.

Scene 2

1. Juliet’s soliloquy is basically her saying she’s real excited for Romeo to sneak into her room that night. You know why.
2. The nurse comes in all frantic and frazzled and keeps saying “He’s dead!” causing Juliet to think Romeo died. Then the nurse says it’s Tybalt and Juliet thinks BOTH have died, until the nurse explains that Tybalt is dead at the hands of Romeo and that Romeo is now banished.
3. Juliet has this freak out moment where she calls Romeo a bunch of oxymorons: beautiful tyrant, fiend angelical, dove-feathered raven, damned saint, honorable villain, etc.
4. When the nurse joins in, Juliet is like “Shame on you; you don’t get to say those things about him!” Oh, okay. It’s like the whole “I can talk bad about my mom because she’s my mom, but you’re not allowed to” type of thing.
5. Juliet goes back and forth but finally decides she can’t be mad at Romeo because he’s her husband. Then she gets super dramatic and says she’s going to die a virgin because her husband has been banished.
6. The nurse tells her to calm down because she knows where he’s hiding and that she’ll bring him to Juliet tonight. Juliet gives her a ring to give to Romeo.

Scene 3:

1. Friar Laurence tells Romeo that he’s been banished instead of sentenced to death and Romeo goes all crazy saying how banishment is worse than death because Juliet will remain here where he can’t have her.
2. The nurse comes in and she and Friar Laurence poke fun at Romeo + Juliet because all they’re doing is crying. Friar Laurence says that Romeo looks like a man, but he’s acting like a woman.
3. The nurse gives Romeo the ring that Juliet wants him to have and he says he’ll come by her room tonight.

Scene 4:

1. Lord Capulet & Paris are talking (he still wants to marry Juliet). Capulet decides that they’ll get married on Thursday (it’s Monday).
   1. Remember: nobody knows she’s already married except her nurse and Friar Laurence.

Scene 5:

1. It’s the morning after Romeo has spent the night; the nurse comes to warn her that Lady Capulet is on her way up to talk to her (she doesn’t know this, but we know that LC is going to tell her she’s marrying Paris.)
2. Lady Cap thinks that Juliet is upset about Tybalt’s death so she says she’ll send a man to Mantua to poison Romeo and then breaks the news that she’s going to marry Paris on Thursday.
3. Juliet says no, she’s not going to marry him before he courts her. And then she throws this little ironic curveball in the conversation: “I pray you, tell my lord and father, madam, / I will not marry yet. And when I do, I swear / It shall be Romeo, whom you know I hate.”
4. Lord Cap enters and finds out Juliet has refused and he basically calls her worthless and says if she doesn’t go willingly, he’ll drag her down to the church himself. Juliet begs him, but he says he’ll disown her if she doesn’t.
5. The nurse tells her that Romeo isn’t here anymore and she can’t have him, so she might as well marry Paris. Cool. Juliet tells her to tell her mother that she’s going to confession at Friar Laurence’s cell for making her father angry.

ACT 4

Scene 1:

1. Paris is talking to Friar Laurence about the wedding on Thursday. Juliet enters and there’s a lot of back and forth between her and Paris. He leaves so she can “confess.”
2. Juliet and Friar Laurence hatch a plan: He tells her to go back to her house and tells her tomorrow night (Wednesday night) she needs to make sure she’s alone. She will drink a vial of liquid Friar Laurence gives her that will essentially make it seem like she’s dead. They’ll put her in the family crypt. He’ll send word to Romeo in Mantua, and Romeo will go to the crypt. When she wakes up, he will be there and they can run away together. Nothing could possibly go wrong with this plan.

Scene 2:

1. Lord Cap is preparing for the wedding.
2. Juliet comes to tell him that she’s sorry for her behavior and she agrees to marry Paris.

Scene 3:

1. Juliet has a long soliloquy where she questions the potion Friar Laurence gave her (maybe it’s actually poison so he can cover up what he’s done?) but after some back and forth, she eventually takes it.

Scene 4:

1. Capulet is putting finishing touches on the wedding. He tells the nurse to go wake Juliet up.

Scene 5:

1. They all find Juliet “dead” in her room. Everyone is freaking out. Friar Laurence tries to comfort them by saying she’s in a better place, but we all know he’s calm because she isn’t actually dead.
2. They say they’re going to have a funeral instead of a wedding. The servants have this whole bath and forth dialogue.