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Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet – Plot summary transcript

VOICEOVER

This is all about forbidden love between teenagers from families that HATE each other.

They die and their families are like, 'ok – timeout, let's be pals'.

Well this looks romantic... WOAH! WHO'S FIGHTING?! Oh, it's the Montagues and Capulets.

Where's Romeo? Romeo's lovesick. WOAH! NOT THAT SICK! Romeo's in love with Rosaline.

So, the Capulets throw a big party Romeo and his buddy Benvolio want to sneak in. Luckily, it's fancy dress so no one will notice they're Montagues. Rosaline is there, BUT POW! Romeo instantly falls in love with Juliet. That's so cute. But wait, she's a Capulet! WOAH!

After the party Romeo sneaks into the Capulet garden and sees Juliet at the balcony. She says, 'Romeo, Romeo' and they decide to get married THE NEXT DAY! WOAH! Is this Verona or Vegas!?

Romeo and Juliet get married in secret.

Later Tybalt – who's Juliet's cousin – kills one of Romeo's buddy's, Mercutio, and Romeo is so mad, he kills Tybalt. WOAH! Romeo is banished.

Juliet is heartbroken that Romeo has been banished! But the Friar has a plan. He'll give her a drug to fake her own death, she'll get put in the Capulet tomb and wake up a day later.

Then Romeo and Juliet can BOTH escape!

So, Juliet drinks the Friar's potion and it LOOKS like she's died. She's buried in the Capulet tomb. They're all crying!

The plan is fool proof, as long as the Friar's message gets through to Romeo to tell him the plan!

WHAT?! IT DOESN'T?!

Romeo hears that Juliet has died, buys poison, goes to the tomb, thinks Juliet is dead, drinks the poison and dies!

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WOAH! TWO SECONDS LATER JULIET WAKES UP! WOAH! Sees Romeo dead, then stabs herself. WOAH! Then their Mums and Dads turn up and agree to stop fighting.

And never was a story of more WOAH, than this of Juliet and her Romeo.

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