



# Romeo and Juliet

*adapted from the play by William Shakespeare*

## Episode 9: A last goodbye

*[Scene 1: Mantua]*

### **Rosaline**

And now we have reached the final chapter of our story. What happens next has been pieced together from the words of Friar Lawrence, Balthasar and Romeo's letter - to his father. All I know is that Juliet lies sleeping in the family tomb, and Romeo is planning to join her.

### **Romeo**

Well, Juliet, I will be with you tonight. Let's see how it can be done... O, evil acts are quick to enter the minds of desperate men! I do remember an apothecary who lives near here. In his dusty shop hung bottles filled with many strange potions. *(Entering the apothecary's shop)* Hey, apothecary!

### **Apothecary**

Who calls so loud?

### **Romeo**

Let me have a drop of poison - poison that spreads so fast through blood that the worn-out person who takes it will fall down dead immediately.

### **Apothecary**

Such deadly poisons I have. *(Handing the poison to Romeo)* Drink this - even if a man were as strong as twenty men it would kill him quickly.

### **Romeo**

Come, poison. Come with me to Juliet's grave. And there I will drink you.

*[Scene 2: The church, where Friar Lawrence meets with Friar John]*

**Friar John**

Friar Lawrence! Hello!

**Friar Lawrence**

Welcome back from Mantua! What did Romeo say when you gave him my letter? Or, if he wrote, give me *his* letter?

**Friar John**

I was staying in a house outside the city walls, looking after people who were sick from the plague, and I was not allowed into the town, in case I brought the plague in with me...

**Friar Lawrence**

Who gave my letter to Romeo then?

**Friar John**

Nobody - here it is.

**Friar Lawrence**

This is a disaster! Now I must hurry to the Capulet family tomb. Juliet will wake soon. And I'll need to tell her what has happened.

*[Scene 3: Romeo and Balthasar approach the Capulet tomb]*

**Romeo**

Now take this letter, and deliver it to my father early tomorrow morning. Whatever you hear or see, stay away.

*[Scene 4: inside the Capulet tomb, where the sleeping Juliet is]*

**Romeo**

O, my love, my wife! Death, that has sucked the sweet breath from you, has not had the power to ruin your beauty. Oh, here I will rest with you forever! Eyes take your last look. And lips, you doors of breath, seal with a righteous kiss the deal I have made with death. Here's to my love!  
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*[Scene 5: Friar Lawrence approaches the Capulet tomb]*

**Friar Lawrence**

Saint Francis guide me! How often have my old feet stumbled on grave stones tonight! Who's there? *(To Balthasar)* Tell me, my good friend. Whose torch is that lighting the Capulets' tomb?

**Balthasar**

My master is there. Romeo.

**Friar Lawrence**

Fear is coming upon me. O, how much I fear something terrible has happened.

*[Scene 6: inside the Capulet tomb, where Romeo lies beside Juliet]*

**Friar Lawrence**

Romeo! Romeo! He's pale! The lady moves.

**Juliet**

Oh, comforting Friar! Where is my husband? I remember where I should be. And here I am. But where is my Romeo? *(She sees Romeo)*

**Friar Lawrence**

I hear some noise. Lady, come with me from this tomb. A power greater than us has ruined our plans. Come, come away! Don't stay to ask questions. The night watchmen are in the area. We mustn't be seen here.

**Juliet**

Go, go away Friar, but I will not leave. What's this? A bottle in my true love's hand? Poison, I see, has caused his death.

**Chief watchman**

*(From outside)* There is a light in the Capulet tomb!

**Juliet**

What's that noise? I need to be quick! O happy dagger - my body is your sheath!

*[Scene 7: outside the Capulet tomb as the new day dawns]*

**Rosaline**

This is the saddest of days. Everyone is devastated. The prince wants to find out the truth. Friar Lawrence will have to tell the prince everything. And Romeo's letter to his father will also help to make things clear.

**Prince**

Where are these enemies? Capulet! Montague! Do you see what disasters your hate has caused? I didn't take firm enough action to control your family feud. All are punished.

**Lord Capulet**

Oh, Montague, brother in sorrow, give me your hand!

**Prince**

A sad peace is upon us this morning. The sun will not shine. Go on and talk more of these tragic events. For never was there a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo.