
The Battles Of Families In Romeo And Juliet

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Romeo then goes and tells Juliet that she has softened his bravery. This is because of Mercutio defending him against Tybalt and because of her beauty. Romeo says, "This gentleman, the Prince's near ally, // My reputation stained with Tybalt's slander — Tybalt, that an hour. Hath been my kinsman! O sweet Juliet" (3.1. 70-80). Romeo is saddened by the fact that Mercutio was killed protecting him from Tybalt, which resulted in Romeo's bravery being weaker. Capulet now figures out Juliet doesn't want to marry Paris, which is a problem. If Juliet does not agree with Capulet (her dad), she will be disowned from the family. Capulet states, "But an you will not wed, I'll pardon you!" (3.5.100-101). Capulet is the head of his family and whatever he says, goes. So, if Juliet doesn't want to marry Paris and instead marries Romeo, that's not good.

In the end, Romeo's love for Juliet is so strong he will do anything to be with her. Juliet never married Paris, but she did end up with Romeo, in a way you wouldn't expect. Romeo dies because he sees that Juliet has "died". Then Juliet kills herself seeing Romeo is dead. In the end, both the Montagues and Capulets are calm and they can move on from all the conflicts that Romeo and Juliet made.