

Forbidden Love 青澀禁果

Storyteller A

The balcony scene in *Romeo and Juliet* is one of the most famous scenes in all Shakespeare's plays. It follows the meeting of Romeo and Juliet at a masquerade party in Juliet's home. Romeo and his friends sneak into the party, uninvited, and when Romeo sees Juliet, he instantly falls in love with her.. After the party, Romeo leaves his friends, jumps over Juliet's garden wall, and searches for Juliet.

Romeo hides in the garden and soon observes Juliet walking onto the balcony outside her room. Romeo says, "It is the east, and Juliet is the sun." When Romeo sees Juliet, he feels hope; it is as if the sun is rising.

*The Balcony Scene**Juliet*

O, Romeo, Romeo! Why are you Romeo?

Deny your father and refuse your name,

Or if you don't want to do that, just **swear** to be my love,

And I'll no longer be *Juliet*

Romeo [aside]

Shall I hear more, or shall I speak now?

Juliet

Only your name is my enemy.

You'd still be yourself if you were not *Romeo*.

What's *Romeo*? It is not hand, nor foot

Nor arm, nor face, nor any other part

Of a man. O, call yourself by some other name.

What's in a name? What we call a rose

By any other word would smell as sweet.

Similarly, if Romeo were not called Romeo,

He would still keep his complete perfection

Without that name. Romeo, give up your name,

And for that name, which is no part of you,

Take all myself.

Romeo

I take you at your word.

Just call me love, and I'll be a new person;

From now on, I will never be Romeo.

Storyteller A

Juliet loves Romeo because he is Romeo himself, but the power of her love cannot remove from him his last name of Montague or all that it stands for. In the privacy of the garden the language of love is victorious. But in the social world, the language of society is more powerful and merciless and it can even, tragically, lead them to death.

Storyteller B

The Death Scene: In the beginning, Juliet drinks poison that makes her look like a dead person. When Romeo hears of Juliet's death, he makes a choice: He wants to embrace death as Juliet does. He plans to commit suicide in order to show his lasting

love for his beloved. When he sees his beloved Juliet, as beautiful as ever in her best clothes. Romeo begins his farewell to his young bride, "O my love! my wife!". He drinks the poison, and with one last kiss he falls dead

ROMEO

O my love, my wife, Death has taken away your breath, but has no power upon your beauty. You are not conquered by Death because beauty still appears in your lips and in your cheeks. Ah, dear Juliet, why are you so beautiful?

Shall I believe that Death loves you too and keeps you here to be his love? I don't like that idea, so I'll stay with you. Oh, I'll rest here forever. O your lips, the doors to breath, seal with a kiss. Thus..... with a kiss..... I die.

JULIET

Romeo. What's here? Poison. Drunk all, and left no friendly drop to help me after. I will kiss your lips. Happily some poison does hang on them. Your lips are warm. Oh, noise? Then I'll be quick. Oh, good, a knife! I'll kill myself with this knife. Let me die.

Storyteller B

See what a disaster falls upon this destiny. Heaven finds means to kill your joys with love. And I, for witnessing this unfortunate scene, have lost two young people. All are punished. ALL ARE PUNISHED!

Audience, go to have more talk of these sad things. For never was a story of more sadness than this of Juliet and her Romeo.