

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S Romeo and Juliet

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## WAR TO THE DEATH

Chapter One

The cathedral square lay drenched in sunlight under a blue sky. Its by-ways echoed the ringing church bells and the shouts of the happy, motley throngs. The houses and shops, gay with festal colors, clustered with householders' greetings. Cheers rose from balcony and window as the great parade of trade guilds and religious societies swung into the square.

Good natured crowds elbowed each other forantage points. Mothers and their children, apprentices, clerks, friars and nuns; wandering students, masterless soldiers, peasants, players and minstrels; tumblers, servants, jaundiced and beggars; all milled in the throng, their faces bright with excitement. Here was a festa colorful enough to stimulate the most staid burgher! And all the world sang with holiday joy.

Down the square marched the goldsmiths, their emblem bearer carrying the banner emblazoned with the device of the guild. The master craftsman answered the shouts of the crowd with a flourishing of his staff of office. Suddenly the guild halted and stood at respectful attention, making way for the brilliant entourage entering the square. The Montagues' mighty family of Verona, were joining the celebration.

threatening steps nearer. "Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?" he demanded.

Gregory turned briefly to Sampson. "The law on our side, if I say I do?" he whispered. Sampson shook his head in denial. Gregory stretched his huge body to its greatest height. "No, sir," he answered insolently. "I do not bite my thumb at you, sir." He stopped suddenly, his thumb in his mouth. "But I bite my thumb!" The words buried themselves into the other's face. "And you—do you quarrel?" he asked.

Abraham knew the law well. "No—I do not quarrel."

"But if you quarrel, I am for you," jeered Sampson. He ripped out his sword and pointed to the cathedral. "I serve as good a man as you," he challenged.

"No better," roared Abraham. "Yes," shouted Sampson. "Better." "You lie!" thundered Abraham. Steel clashed against steel. The few remaining idlers about the cathedral scattered like frightened sheep, and their shouts of warnings brought the benchmen of both houses into the fray.

Benvolio, his sword in hand, burst through the doors of the cathedral. "Part, fools!" he commanded as he rushed into the square. "Put up your weapons."



The House of Montague strode proudly past. The maid and Lady were accompanied by Benvolio, their nephew, and were followed by their retinue of henchmen, impressively garbed.

A sudden murmur stirred the crowd. Were not those henchmen armed? The murtur rose uneasily. Was not Lord Montague's page carrying his master's sword? Frightened eyes found the rapier at Benvolio's belt. Arms, sword, rapier. Were these the festa symbols the Montagues chose? The cheers died down and smiles grew fixed and husterless.

The House of Montague continued on its way, mounted the cathedral steps and stood in waiting. Involuntarily their rank closed up and their hands reached to sword hilts. As one man they stared toward the equally brilliant entourage heading for the square.

Down the steep side street leading to the cathedral marched the House of Capulet, deadly enemies of all Montagues. The Lord and Lady of this second great family of Verona were followed by their nephew Tybalt, who, like Benvolio, lead their retainers.

A quick glance confirmed the worst fears of the crowd. The Capulets, too, were armed! And even as the people edged toward safety they were held fascinated as the warring families came face to face.

As if by signal Tybalt and Benvolio broke from the ranks to meet each other with rapiers drawn. The square lay hushed in fright. The crowds knew well the outcome! This was war to the death, not only for Capulet and Montague but also for everyone within distance of their swords.

And even as Tybalt and Benvolio stood on guard, the strains of "Te Deum" sounded from out the church. Slowly the doors opened. The rapiers were sheathed. The first note of the church service had put an end to the duel before the swords had crossed.

But the crowd, terror still clutching their hearts ran to their homes and shops, as the Capulets and Montagues, black hatred in their faces, entered the great cathedral. Now the square was filled with the henchmen of both houses who lounged and swaggered about waiting for their masters to finish their devotions. Some lolled on the sunny walk outside the cathedral. Some ate fruit purchased from passing vendors. Their nonchalance ill-concealed their pointed contempt and belligerence as they eyed each other like dogs before a fight.

Sampson and Gregory of the house of Capulet edged toward Abraham and Balthasar, Montague retainers. Sampson reached quietly into a packet of fruits and buried a half plum at Abraham. The two Montagues turned sharply to glare into the innocently vacant faces of the Capulets. The latter rose lastly from the wall and sauntered nearer. As they came abreast the others, Gregory bit his thumb, leaning in snarl.

Abraham bristled in anger. "Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?" he provided.

"I do bite my thumb, sir," Gregory answered innocently.

Abraham and Balthasar took

## Clubs Will Continue Study Of Clothing

The study of clothing will be continued in the home demonstration clubs of the county during the month of June, with special attention given to the use of patterns. But in addition to this subject, the matter of flower arrangements will be studied and demonstrations will be given of the arrangement of various flowers in different kinds of containers. Each club member has been asked to bring with her a vase of flowers to her June club meeting.

The schedule of the time and place of the home demonstration and also the 4-H club meetings for the month follows:

- Whiteston, Thursday, June 3, with Mrs. Veana Winslow.
  - Winfall, Monday, June 7, with Mrs. J. V. Roach.
  - Chapanoke, Tuesday, June 8, with Mrs. Eula Ferrell.
  - Ballahack, Monday, June 14, with Mrs. H. S. Lane.
  - Beech Spring, Tuesday, June 15, with Mrs. Noah Felton.
  - Durants Neck, Wednesday, June 16, with Mrs. L. R. Webb.
  - Hunters Fork, Thursday, June 17, with Miss Fannie Mae Coffield.
  - White Hat, Tuesday, June 22, with Miss Evelyn Eure.
  - Belvidere, Wednesday, June 23, with Miss Emma White.
  - Helen Gaither, Thursday, June 24, with Mrs. T. E. Madre.
  - Bethel-Burgess, Friday, June 25, at School House.
  - High School 4-H Club, Friday, June 18, at Agricultural Building.
  - Grammar School 4-H Club, Monday, June 21, at Agricultural Building.
  - Durants Neck, Tuesday, June 29, at School House in New Hope.
- All meetings will be held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

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### NOTICE

By virtue of a deed of trust made to me by T. L. Jessup and wife, and S. P. Jessup and wife for certain purposes therein mentioned, which said Deed of Trust bears date April 25th, 1932, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County, in M. D. Book 18, page 192, I shall, at the request of the holder of the note secured thereby, offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door, in Perquimans County, on Monday, June 21st, 1937, at 11:30 o'clock A. M., the property conveyed to me in said deed of trust:

Those two certain tracts of parcels of land situated in Parkville Township, Perquimans County, described as follows:  
First—That tract or lot known as the W. L. Jessup Home Place in Winfall, Perquimans County, N. C., bounded on north by highway from Woodville to Winfall, east and south by lands formerly of Robert White, now Alexander Jordan, and west by lot of Reed and Felton and Highway, and being all the property conveyed to T. L. Jessup by S. P. Jessup, et als, by deed recorded in Book 19, page 488, Perquimans County Records, except that part sold to Reed and Felton by deed recorded in Book 20, page 31, Perquimans County Records. Reference to both are hereby made for more complete description.

Second—Three-fifths undivided interest in that certain farm in Parkville Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina, known as the Jordan Farm, containing 100 acres more or less and being the same farm conveyed to W. L. Jessup by A. W. Jordan by deed recorded in Book 9, page 69, Perquimans County records, reference to which is hereby made for further description.

This May 19th, 1937.  
CHAS. WHEEDBEE, Trustee.  
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### NOTICE

Sale of Valuable Property  
By virtue of Deed of Trust executed by Joshua Skinner and wife, Annie Skinner, for certain purposes therein mentioned which said Deed of Trust bears date May 14th, 1930, and is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Perquimans County in Book M. D. No. 17, page 416, I shall on June 16, 1937, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale at Public Auction, for cash, at the Court House door in Hertford, N. C., the property conveyed to me in said Deed of Trust:

Second Tract—Being in the Town of Winfall, N. C., and bounded on the North by King Street, on the East by Chas. Parker's lot; south by the main Road leading from Winfall to Belvidere; west by Andrew Jones' lot, containing one acre, more or less and being the same lands purchased by Alfred Skinner and wife from Judge Albertson in 1892, and known as lot No. 12, Deed Book No. 4, at page 224.

The same property was also purchased by Joshua Skinner in the above lands, more

being the lands of his father, Alfred Skinner, deceased. Tract No. 1 mentioned in the above described Deed of Trust has been sold under prior lien.  
J. S. McNIDER, Trustee  
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### NOTICE OF RE-SALE

Whereas the property described below was duly advertised and sold on the 8th day of May, 1937, when and where F. M. White became the last and highest bidder at the price of \$500.00; and whereas an upset bid was made thereon within the ten day period as provided by law,

New therefore, by virtue of the authority contained in that certain Mortgage deed executed on the 11th day of January, 1935, by Thomas Hurdle to Anna P. White, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, N. C., in M. D. Book 19, page 148, default having been made in the conditions of said mortgage deed, I will on the 6th day of June, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon, at the court house door of Perquimans County, N. C., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, said bidding

to start at the price of \$500.00, the following described property:  
That certain tract of land in Jonesboro Township, Perquimans County, described as follows: That 10 acre tract divided in two parts by the Swamp Road from Leno Park to Belvidere; bounded by the lands of John Billings, Mary E. Perry, George Benson and Thomas Hurdle.  
This the 18th day of May, 1937.  
EDWIN S. WHITE,  
Administrator of Anna P. White Estate.  
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