

JULIET LIVES

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Romeo (no lines)

Juliet

Narrator

Lady Capulet (Juliet's mom)

Charlie (Juliet's friend)

Paulie (Juliet's friend)

Katie (Juliet's friend)

Rosaline (Romeo's Ex)

Surgeon

Police Officer (no lines)

SCENE 1

Narrator: "Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Verona, where we lay our scene. This time though, Verona is the name of the small café where Romeo and Juliet are having a nice date. But unbeknownst to the young lovers, someone poisoned Romeo's drink while he was indisposed and while Juliet was distracted on the phone."

(Romeo enters, takes a drink, and falls down dead.)

Juliet: "No, Romeo!" (She tries to revive him)

Narrator: "When Juliet can't revive him, she takes a knife from the table and . . ."

(Juliet stabs herself and falls down beside Romeo.)

Narrator: "And never was there a tale of more woe than that of Juliet and her Romeo"

(The surgeon enters, checks Romeo's pulse, and moves on to Juliet and starts attending to her.)

Surgeon: "She's still alive."

Narrator: "Is he?"

Surgeon: "Who said that?"

Narrator: "Me. I'm the narrator."

Surgeon, "Oh, okay"

Narrator: "Is he still alive?"

Surgeon: "No, no. He's long gone."

Narrator: "This isn't the Romeo and Juliet story I remember."

Surgeon: "This is a modern spin of the famous tale. They didn't have the best medicine back then."

Narrator: "That makes sense. So moving along. Juliet wakes up at the surgeon's office."

Scene 2

Juliet: "What happened?"

Surgeon: "You needed stitches."

Juliet: "I did. Wait a minute. I remember now. Where's Romeo?"

Surgeon: "I'm sorry, he didn't make it. He was poisoned."

Juliet: (Cries loudly)

Surgeon: "It's okay. Want some ice cream? And my phone number?"

Juliet: "Okay, see you on Saturday. Pick me up at 8:00."

Scene 3

Narrator: "Juliet went back home and told her mother of her date."

Lady Capulet: "You know dear, I never liked Romeo but he just passed away. Are you sure you are ready to move on yet?"

Juliet: "Yeah, mom, but he's a doctor."

Narrator: "And then the door bell rang."

(The three friends enter.)

Narrator: "It was Juliet's best friends in the whole world, Charlie, Paulie, and Katie."

Juliet: "A girl's sleepover night. Just what I needed."

Lady Capulet: "I'll go get you guys some cookies or something."

Charlie: "I'm so sorry about Romeo, yeah you know like his death and stuff."

Juliet: "How do you know?"

Katie: "My sister told us. She works at the café."

Paulie: "I brought some frozen yogurt and math flash cards."

Juliet: "Yay" (sarcastically)

Katie: "I'll get spoons!" (exits)

Juliet: "I think I know who poisoned Romeo."

Charlie: "He was poisoned? with like poison?"

Paulie: "Why do you care, you have a date with a doctor?"

Juliet: "I know, but Romeo was the love of my life until today."

Charlie: "Girl, you move quick."

Paulie: "So, who do you think did it?"

Juliet: "I think Katie did it. She's always been a little jealous of my dashing good looks. I think she even had a crush on Romeo."

Charlie: "She is the only one without braces too."

Juliet: "So."

Paulie: "So."

Charlie: "So, she must be guilty."

Paulie: "Well, Katie is tops in her chemistry class. She could have made a poison."

Juliet: "She's coming back. Be cool! Don't say anything. . ."

Paulie / Juliet: "Charlie!"

Scene 4

Narrator: "The next day, Juliet's friends are on the case."

Paulie: "Hi Charlie, let's discuss possible suspects."

Charlie: "Yeah, and who might have did it too?"

Paulie: "We'll do that too. So, Katie is a suspect."

Charlie: "What about Juliet's mother?"

Paulie: "Why would a mother ever-"

Charlie: "Everyone knows that Capulets hate the Montagues."

Paulie (stares gap mouthed) "Good point. There's also Katie's sister, Romeo's ex. I heard that she's still really upset about the break-up."

Charlie: "Then, there's Bigfoot."

Paulie: "What? No that couldn't be. Okay, tomorrow we will round up the suspects."

Charlie: "Ok you can get everyone except Bigfoot. I've got him."

Scene 5

Narrator: "The next day at the inspectors office. I mean Charlie's house."

Charlie: "I'm sorry Paulie but I couldn't find Bigfoot."

Paulie: "It's fine. Let's just go talk to everyone, and let me do most of the talking okay?"

Charlie: "Sure thing, Paulie."

(The girls walk over to where Lady Capulet, Rosaline, and Katy are all sitting down.)

Paulie: "You were all gathered here today because you are all suspects in Romeo's poisoning."

Lady Capulet / Rosaline / Katie : "What ??????"

Paulie: " We will all call you one by one and....."

Rosaline: "Ya we know, then you ask us questions. We've seen the movies.

(Juliet then walks in.)

Juliet: "What's going on in here?"

Charlie: "We're exterminating Romeo's death."

Paulie: "You mean investigating?"

Juliet: "Okay I'll help because you know it's my problem."

Paulie: " First up, Lady Capulet."

Juliet: "Wait do you mean my mother?"

Charlie: "Everyone knows that Capulets hate the Montagues."

Juliet: "But, she would never."

Paulie: "Just let us ask her a few questions."

Juliet: "Alright, but you'll see she could never do such a thing."

Paulie: "Isn't it true that you hated Romeo?"

Lady Capulet: "Yes, it's true. I hated that little pipsqueak, but I hate all the Montagues and I haven't killed a single one before . . . now."

Charlie: "What do you mean now?"

Lady Capulet: "I'm just flustered. This is such a tragedy. I wouldn't kill a Montague. Honest."

Pauline: "But none of them were going to marry your daughter."

Charlie: "And he would have become your son-in-law."

Lady Capulet: "I'm sure Juliet would have wizened up. Her dad was going to cancel her credit cards if she'd actually gone through with it."

Juliet: "What?"

(The girls move over to Rosaline to interrogate her.)

Paulie: "Rosaline, you were dating Romeo before he met Juliet, weren't you?"

Rosaline: "Yeah, but--"

Charlie: "And he dumped you faster than yesterday's newspaper."

Paulie: "And that must have hurt."

Rosaline: "It did. I could have killed him."

Charlie: "And you thought, 'If I can't have him, no one can.' So you got some poison and when Romeo went to the bathroom and Juliet was on the phone, you poisoned his drink."

Rosaline: "Where would I get poison?"

Charlie: "The poison store, duh."

Paulie: "You can buy anything online these days."

Rosaline: "I know, I just bought some new books from Amazon."

Charlie: "Or you could have got it from your sister, Katie."

(Rosaline exits. The girls then walk over to Katie to question her.)

Charlie: "Katie, why did you make that horrible poison?"

Katie: "It wasn't horrible. It killed him pretty much instantly. He didn't have to suffer much."

Paulie: "And how do you know that if you didn't make the poison?"

Katie: "I read it in the newspaper. It was actually pretty interesting in composition. In fact, I kept the article. The killer dropped a bottle of poison. See." (shows them the newspaper)

Juliet: "Stop trying to distract us. You were always jealous of me because I'm better looking and I got Romeo?"

Katie: "No, it's a real picture of the killer poison."

Charlie: "But were you jealous of her?"

Katie: "I was a bit but I wouldn't kill someone for just that."

Charlie: "Yeah, but you did. Didn't you?"

Katie: "No, you can't make me crack. Cause I didn't do it." (exits)

Charlie: "I'm starting to think it really was her, or maybe Bigfoot."

Paulie: "Will you stop with this Sasquatch stuff?"

Charlie: "What does Saskatchewan have to do with it?"

Paulie: "You finished the map of Canada for your school project, didn't you?"

Charlie: "Sure did."

Juliet: "Well, that didn't help at all. I still have no idea who did it."

Paulie: "Let's go talk to the Surgeon and see if we can find out more about this poison or if he found any clues at the scene."

Charlie: "So, is his name really Surgeon?"

Juliet: "Actually it's Doctor Serge."

Paulie: "How strange."

Charlie: "Let's go."

Charlie exits stage left.

Paulie: "It's this way."

Charlie turns around "I knew that!"

Scene 6

Narrator: "The girls went to the Surgeon's office to ask him a few questions. When they got there, they waited patiently for him to get off the phone."

Paulie: "Hey, look! That looks like the poison bottle from the newspaper, and it's empty."

Juliet: "We need to get it."

Charlie: "But we can't let him know we're wise to him."

Juliet: "I'll go, you guys distract him."

Charlie: (shouts) "That's a good idea!"

Surgeon: "What's a good idea?"

Charlie: "Ah, . . . um, a double date. Yeah, do you have a brother?"

Paulie: "And a handsome doctor friend."

Charlie (counts on her fingers) "That would be a nice triple date, right?"

Juliet (pockets the bottle and comes back) "That would be awesome. You can get some guys for my friends by Saturday, right?"

Surgeon: "Sure."

Narrator: "The girls quickly run out of the office and go to see Katie."

Scene 7

Juliet: “Katie, we got this bottle from the Surgeon.”

Katie: “Like, hot-date-Saturday-Night-Surgeon?”

Juliet: “Yeah, maybe not so hot now. I’m not into murderers, or guys that like Pokemon. Did you see all those posters on his walls?”

Charlie: “Not very manly.”

Paulie: “Nope. Not at all.”

Katie: “Let me test this poison to see if it’s what really killed Romeo.”

Katie fiddles with scientific equipment.

Katie: “Ah, ha! Just what I thought.”

Juliet: “What?”

Katie: “Fast acting and lethal. This is a very strong poison. I haven’t seen anything like it before. Romeo never had a chance.”

Charlie: “It’s sad.”

Katie: “I know. How did you think I ever could have done something so terrible?”

Charlie: “You did break my iPod once.”

Juliet: “And my tricycle.”

Katie: “That was so long ago. Come on!”

Paulie: “So what now? Do we get the cops and have the Surgeon arrested?”

Juliet: “Yeah.”

(A police officer chases the surgeon across the stage. Play LMNT’s “Hey Juliet” as a closing song.)