

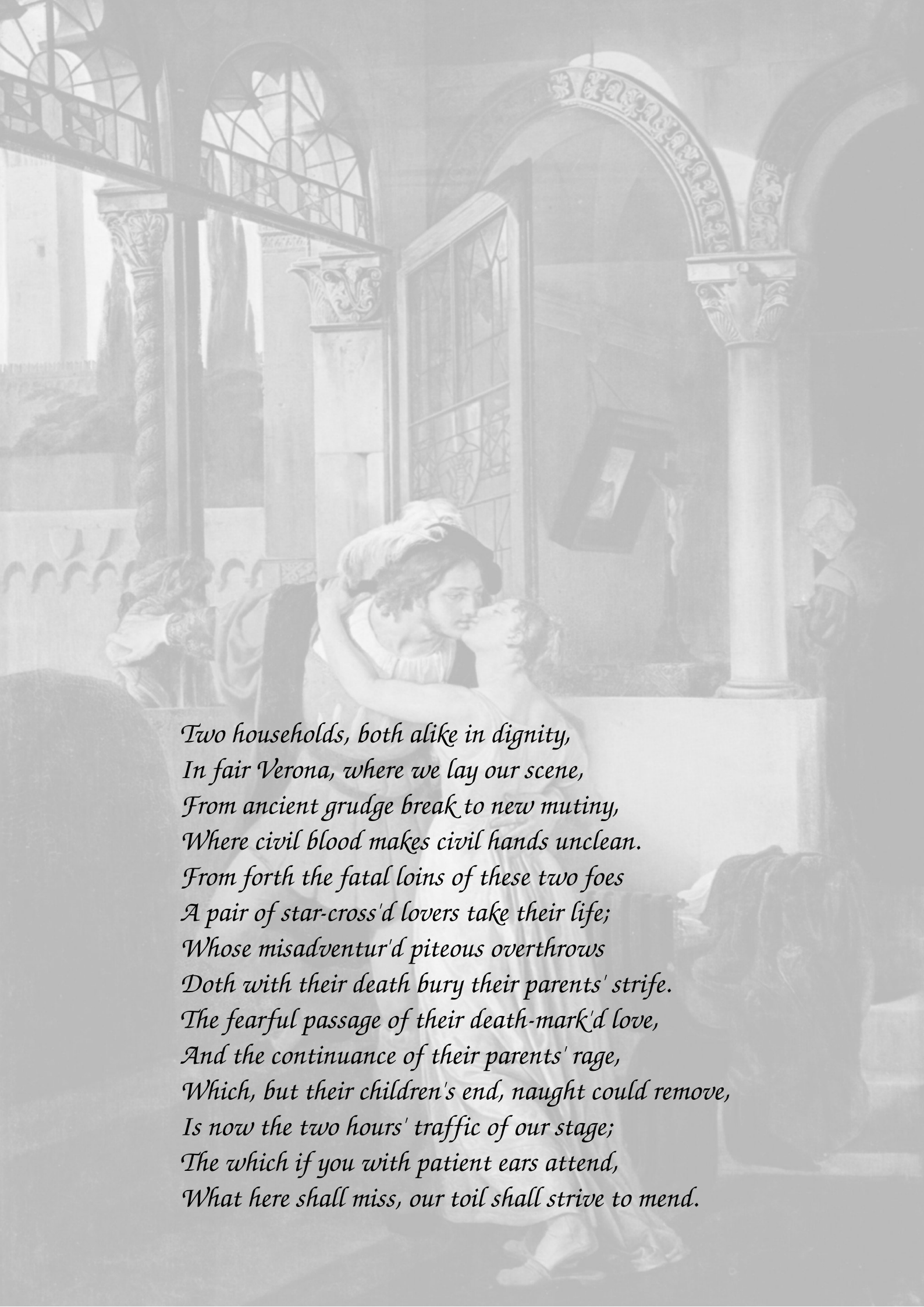
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William Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet



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*Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
'Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
'Whose misadventur'd piteous overthrows
Doth with their death bury their parents' strife.
'The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
'Which, but their children's end, naught could remove,
Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
'The which if you with patient ears attend,
'What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.*

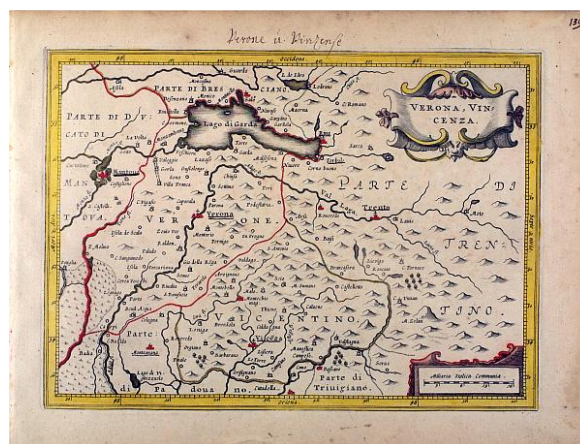
Romeo and Juliet is a tragedy written by **William Shakespeare** first published in 1597 and one of his most famous and popular plays. The original story was by an Italian writer called Luigi de Porto; it was then made into a poem in English by a writer called Arthur Brooke. Shakespeare read Brooke's poem and made it into a play.

The play is about two noble families that live in the old Italian city of **Verona**. The families are called the **Montagues** and the **Capulets**. Unfortunately, the fathers of the two noble houses have quarrelled, so all their young servants quarrel with each other too. The young men who work for the Montagues and the Capulets get into gangs and fight each other in the street.

The Prince of Verona tells Lord Montague and Lord Capulet that there must be no more fighting or they will have to pay. But it is very hard to control the young men.

Montague has only one child, a teenage boy called **Romeo**. Capulet also has only one child, a beautiful 13-year-old daughter called **Juliet**. They do not know each other, because Juliet never goes anywhere without her nurse. But Romeo and Juliet meet at a party and fall in love.

They think they will get into trouble from their parents, so they marry in secret. Because of their secret marriage, a series of things happen which causes many deaths.



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Cast of Characters

House of Verona

Prince Escalus (*Manolo*)
Prince of Verona

Count Paris (*Pedro*)
Prince Escalus' cousin; he wants to marry Juliet

Mercutio (*Sergio*)
A friend of Romeo

Montagues

Lord Montague (*Matías*)
Patriarch of the house of
Montague

Lady Montague (*Adhara*)
Matriarch of the house of
Montague

Romeo (*Chindo*)
Son of the Montagues;
the male protagonist

Benvolio (*José*)
Cousin and friend of Romeo

Capulets

Lord Capulet (*Lalo*)
Patriarch of the house of Capulet

Lady Capulet (*Cristina*)
Matriarch of the house of Capulet

Juliet (*Iria*)
Daughter of the Capulets; the female
protagonist

Tybalt (*Antón*)
Juliet's cousin, Lady Capulet's
nephew

Capulet Servants
Nurse (*Paloma*)
Juliet's personal attendant and
confidante

Samson (*Tamara*)
Capulet servant

Others

Friar Lawrence (*Ángel*)
A Franciscan friar and Romeo's confidant

Rosaline
A girl with whom Romeo is in love with before meeting Juliet

A shopkeeper (*Pedro*)
He reluctantly sells Romeo poison