

Folio edition. Act 2 scene 6.

Mer.

I am hurt.

A plague a both the Houses, I am sped:

Is he gone and hath nothing?

Ben.

What art thou hurt?

Mer.

I, I, a scratch, a scratch, marry 'tis inough,

Where is my Page? go Villaine fetch a Surgeon.

Rom.

Courage man, the hurt cannot be much.

Mer.

No: 'tis not so deepe as a well, nor so wide as a

Church doore, but 'tis inough, 'twill serue: aske for me to morrow, and

you shall find me a graue man. I am pepper'd I warrant, for this world:

a plague a both your houses. What, a Dog, a Rat, a Mouse, a Cat to

scratch a man to death: a Braggart, a Rogue, a Villaine, that fights by

the booke of Arithmeticke, why the deu'le came you be- tweene vs? I

was hurt vnder your arme.

Rom.

I thought all for the best.

Mer.

Helpe me into some house Benuolio,
Or I shall faint: a plague a both your houses.
They haue made wormesmeat of me,
I ha ue it, and soundly to your Houses.

Exit.

Rom.

This Gentleman the Princes neere Alie,
My very Friend hath got his mortall hurt
In my behalfe, my reputation stain'd
With Tibalts slaunder, Tybalt that an houre
Hath beene my Cozin: O Sweet Iuliet,
Thy Beauty hath made me Effeminate,
And in my temper softned Valours steele.

Enter Benuolio.

Ben.

O Romeo, Romeo, braue Mercutio's is dead,
That Gallant spirit hath aspir'd the Cloudes,
Which too vntimely here did scorne the earth.

Rom.

This daies blacke Fate, on mo daies doth depend,
This but begins, the wo others must end.

Enter Tybalt.

Ben.

Here comes the Furious Tybalt backe againe.

Rom.

He gon in triumph, and Mercutio slaine?
Away to heauen respectiue Lenitie,
And fire and Fury, be my conduct now.
Now Tybalt take the Villaine backe againe
That late thou gau'st me, for Mercutios soule
Is but a little way aboue our heads,
Staying for thine to keepe him companie:
Either thou or I, or both, must goe with him.

Tib.

Thou wretched Boy that didst consort him here,
Shalt with him hence.

Rom.

This shall determine that.
They fight. Tybalt falles.

Ben.

Romeo, away be gone: