Romeo and Juliet: Abridged by William Shakespeare

**Romeo and Juliet** is a tragedy by William Shakespeare, databased in Verona, Italy. The play follows the lives and deaths of Romeo and Juliet, two young Star-crossed lovers from feuding families. The play is known for its themes of love, hate, and destiny.

The play begins with the Montagues and Capulets, two long-standing feuding families. Romeo, a Montague, and Juliet, a Capulet, meet and fall deeply in love. Despite their families' enmity, the lovers are determined to be together. However, their love is doomed as they are unaware of the families' feud.

In the play's opening scene, Romeo and his friends, including Mercutio and Benvolio, are in a public place, discussing the Capulet family's recent wedding. Romeo is in love with a Capulet's daughter, Juliet, whom he has just met. The mood is jovial, with Mercutio jesting about the lovers' impossible relationship.

As the play progresses, the tension between the families increases. The families' fateful feud leads to a series of tragic events, culminating in the deaths of Romeo and Juliet. Their love is ultimately doomed by their families' hatred.

**Widely regarded as one of Shakespeare's most famous plays,** **Romeo and Juliet** continues to captivate audiences with its themes of love, hate, and fate.