Romeo and Juliet: A Shakespeare Stories

Romeo and Juliet is a tragedy by William Shakespeare, likely written in 1595. The play tells the story of two young, star-crossed lovers from the Montague and Capulet families of Verona, Italy. The play is set against the backdrop of a feud between the families, which has raged for many generations and has caused much bloodshed. The young couple, Romeo and Juliet, are destined to marry, but their love is doomed by the hatred of their families.

Romeo and Juliet meet at a masquerade and fall in love, unaware of their familial enmity. They secretly marry, but the families find out and plot against them. Romeo kills a servant of the Capulets at a masked ball, and Tybalt, a Capulet, follows to kill him. Romeo, believing it is Tybalt who has killed his cousin, kills Tybalt in turn. News of the deaths causes a riot, leading to the deaths of several people, including Romeo's friend Mercutio and his kinsman Tybalt.

Juliet, discovering her manhood, is in disguise as a man, and her father and the nurse are about to give her a glass of poison. But when Juliet discovers that Romeo is to be married to another woman, she decides to commit suicide. She takes an overdose of poison and then stabs herself to death. Romeo, finding out what has happened, rushes to her side and kills himself. The families are plunged into mourning, and the play ends with a scene of disorder and chaos.

The play is a study of the complex relationships between love and hate, and the power of families. It is a classic example of the tragic love story, and has been adapted into a number of films and stage productions over the years.