

## ROMEO AND JULIET: Dramatis Personae



**MONTAGUE**  
 - Patriarch of the House of Montague.  
 - Hates the Capulets for some unspecified reason.



**CAPULET**  
 - Patriarch of the House of Capulet.  
 - Hates the Montagues for some unspecified reason.



**ESCALUS**  
 - Prince of Verona  
 - Sick and tired of the Montagues and Capulets fighting all the time.



**ROMEO**  
 - Montague's son.  
 - Prone to melodramatic romanticism.  
 - Falls precipitously in love with Juliet.



**JULIET**  
 - Capulet's daughter.  
 - Prone to slightly more practical romanticism.  
 - Falls precipitously in love with Romeo.



**MERCUTIO**  
 - Cousin of Escalus.  
 - Romeo's best friend.  
 - Reckless, chatty, argumentative, and slightly unhinged.



**BENVOLIO**  
 - Romeo's cousin.  
 - Thoughtful, cautious, and even-tempered.  
 - Kind of boring, to be honest.



**TYBALT**  
 - Juliet's cousin.  
 - Obnoxious, quarrelsome, and hot-headed.  
 - Excellent swordsman.



**PARIS**  
 - Cousin of Escalus.  
 - Bland and inoffensive.  
 - Engaged to Juliet.  
 - Perpetually forgotten by everyone.



**LADY MONTAGUE**  
 - Montague's wife.  
 - Romeo's mother.  
 - Has a weak heart, apparently.



**LADY CAPULET**  
 - Capulet's wife.  
 - Juliet's mother.  
 - Doesn't know her daughter AT ALL.



**FRIAR LAURENCE**  
 - Romeo's confessor.  
 - Horticultural expert.  
 - Full of questionable cunning plans.



**BALTHAZAR**  
 - Romeo's servant.  
 - A bit too efficient at delivering messages.



**NURSE**  
 - Juliet's old nurse.  
 - Only has four teeth.  
 - Cheerful, bawdy, and prone to innuendo.



**FRIAR JOHN**  
 - Colleague of Friar Laurence.  
 - Really terrible at delivering messages.



**ABRAHAM**  
 - Montague servant.  
 - Really hates it when people bite their thumbs at him.



**PETER**  
 - The Nurse's servant.  
 - Usually conflated with nameless illiterate servingman.



**CHORUS**  
 - Tells you exactly what is going to happen in the play before the play even starts.



**SAMPSON & GREGORY**  
 - Servants of the Capulets.  
 - Like biting their thumbs in the marketplace, which is a bit unhygienic when you stop to think about it.



**MUSICIANS**  
 - They... play music?  
 - Their names are Simon Catling, Hugh Rebeck, and James Soundpost.

....plus assorted others!