

From Act 3.2 Romeo and Juliet

Benvolio (A soldier): Please Mercutio, let us go inside because it is too hot. There are surely some of those stinky Capulets around and we will surely get into a fight with them if we run into them.

Mercutio (A soldier): Bah, you are a coward. You always claim that you are brave but always turn around and run away whenever trouble starts.

Benvolio: You think I'm like that!

Mercutio: Don't be such a hot head. We'll get out of here soon.

Benvolio: Where will we go?

Mercutio: We shall go to where we can find some action. I haven't had a good fight, in some time now.

Benvolio: Oh no! Here come some Capulets.

Mercutio: I could care less.

Enter Tybalt and some of his men

Tybalt (soldier): Follow me close and I will speak to them. Good day gentlemen, I'd like to have a word with you.

Mercutio: How about a word and punch across the jaw?

Tybalt: Haha! You will find that I would help you out with that!

Mercutio: And what reason would you have to agree so quickly?

Tybalt: I've heard you know where Romeo is?

Mercutio: What? I am not enough for you? Bring it on! (draws sword)

ENTER ROMEO

Tybalt: Peace with you man here is the guy I've been looking for Romeo! I cannot even say how much I do hate you. At the very least I will call you this: a villain!

Romeo (a nice guy): Tybalt, you must forgive me if I do not greet you in the same manner in which you greet me. But the reason I'm not angered at your foul greeting, I cannot say. Clearly, you don't know all which is going on. (turns away)

Tybalt: (draws sword) You young fool! You will not get away from me that easy!

Now turn and draw your sword!

Romeo: I have done nothing to cause you insult. In truth I do love you like a brother, Tybalt, but you cannot know why. So goodbye dear Capulet, your last name is as dear to me as mine own.

Mercutio: What a coward! Get away with you Romeo! Tybalt! Where are you going?

Tybalt: What do you want?

Mercutio: You sneaky king of cats. Where are you going with your nine lives? Why don't you stop acting like a little mouse and come over here. Surely you have enough lives to spare.

Tybalt: Come on then!

Romeo: Mercutio! Please don't!

Mercutio: Come sir!

(They fight)

Romeo: Please stop! Mercutio put down your sword! You Tybalt, do not risk your life with this man! You both know that fighting is banned in the streets!
Mercutio! Tybalt stop!

(Romeo get is the way of Mercutio and Tybalt take the chance to stab Mercutio in the heart. Tybalt then runs out with his men)

Mercutio: I am hurt! May both of our family die! Is he gone without any wound?

Benvolio: Are you hurt?

Mercutio: yes yes, it is a scratch. It is enough to do its job though.
Go! get me a surgeon.

(Benvolio leaves.)

Mercutio: Ah look, the hole isn't as wide as a church door but it is enough. If you find me tomorrow I will be a grave looking man indeed. Why the devil did you get in my way?

Romeo: I thought it was for the best.

Mercutio: Help me get into the house. They have made worms meat out of me. A curse on both of your families!

(Mercutio dies)