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Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies

Romeo & Juliet

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Juliet's Balcony Soliloquy, Act II, scene 2

O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?
Deny thy father and refuse thy name;
Or, if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love, and I'll no longer be
a Capulet.

'Tis but thy name that is my enemy; thou art thyself, though
not a Montague.

What's Montague? it is nor hand, nor foot, nor arm, nor face,
nor any other part belonging to a man. O, be some other name!

What's in a name? that which we call a rose by any other name
would smell as sweet;
So Romeo would, were he not Romeo call'd...

Retain that dear perfection which he owes without that title.
Romeo, doff thy name, and for that name which is no part of
thee, take all myself.