

**SHAKESPEARIENCE!**

***Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies***

ROMEO & JULIET

9

Act 2, scene 5: *Out of Breath*

Juliet, Nurse

**JULIET**

The clock struck nine when I did send the nurse; In half an hour she promised to return...O God, she comes!

*(Enter Nurse)*

O honey nurse, what news? Hast thou met with him? O Lord, why look'st thou sad?

**NURSE**

I am a-weary, give me leave awhile: Fie, how my bones ache!

**JULIET**

I would thou hadst my bones, and I thy news: Nay, come, I pray thee, speak; good, good nurse, speak.

**NURSE**

Jesu, what haste? Do you not see that I am out of breath?

**JULIET**

How art thou out of breath, when thou hast breath to say to me that thou art out of breath?

*Let me be satisfied, is't good or bad!?!?*

**NURSE**

Well, you have made a simple choice; you know not how to choose a man...

but, I'll warrant him, as gentle as a lamb...

What, have you dined at home?

**JULIET**

No, no: What says he of our marriage? What of that?

**NURSE**

Lord, how my head aches!--O, my back, my back!

**JULIET**

I' faith, I am sorry that thou art not well...

Sweet, sweet, sweet nurse, tell me, what says my love?

**NURSE**

Your love says...like an honest gentleman,

and a kind...and a handsome, --Where is your mother?

**JULIET**

Where is my mother! Why, she is within; Where should she be?

**NURSE**

Are you so hot? Henceforward do your messages yourself!

**JULIET**

Come, come, what says Romeo?

**NURSE**

Have you got leave to go to shrift to-day?

**JULIET**

I have!!!

**NURSE**

Then hie you hence to Friar Laurence' cell; There stays a **husband** to make you a **wife!** Hie you to church!

**JULIET**

Hie to high fortune!