

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies

R O M E O & J U L I E T

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!