

Romeo & Juliet

William Shakespeare

Act 2, Scene 4

afflicted: → sick
 lamentable: → sad, worth crying over...

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1. What challenge does Tybalt present to Romeo?

How does this show dramatic irony?

He sends a letter challenging Romeo to a duel. → Fight to death...

2. Give two reasons why Benvolio and Mercutio fear that Romeo will die if he fights.

* He's so lovesick + sad, he can't fight.
* Tybalt is a master swordsman

3. Explain the details of the plan that Romeo and the nurse discuss.

* Juliet will go to confession this afternoon. Then we'll be married. The Nurse will get a rope ladder...

4. This scene provides the audience with a great deal of insight into Mercutio's character. What type of person is he? Support your answer by citing a line from the play.

Trait:

Perverted, ignorant, obnoxious, rude, entitled

Proof:

"Farewell ancient lady!" ... I'll climb balcony and speed high

5. What is Shakespeare building up to for the climax of the play? Remember that the climax is the MAJOR turning point in the story.

* Tybalt wants to kill Romeo

* Count Paris wants to marry Juliet - he will kill for her...