

The Story Time

“Romeo and Juliet”

A skit by Dwayne Yancey
Selected from his collection, “Skits 24/7”

Cast: 1 male, 1 flexible

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (381 words)

Performance time: About 2 minutes

The Story

Mr. Shakespeare is serving as a substitute teacher but the young students are not very cooperative. When he starts to tell them the story of “Romeo and Juliet” they respond they can’t be exposed to any stories that are too mushy or violent. Well, it is a story with treachery, sword play, poisoning and the death of the two young lovers. Does that count?

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(It's story time -- with a very unusual substitute teacher.)

TEACHER: All right, children, story time! Gather 'round, gather 'round

KID: Where's the regular teacher?

TEACHER: *(Somewhat sharply.)* She's not here. Now I'm Mr. Shakespeare, and today I'll be reading you one of the classics --

KID: You mean like "Hansel and Gretel"?

TEACHER: *(Trying to humor the kid.)* Well, sort of like "Hansel and Gretel." Except instead of Hansel and Gretel, our story is about Romeo and Juliet.

KID: Is this like a love story?

TEACHER: Well, yes, it's a love story. Because you see ---

KID: *(If a boy.)* I don't like love stories. They're all mushy and stuff.

KID: *(If a girl.)* My mom reads romance novels. Is this like those?

TEACHER: *(If answering a boy.)* Well, I wouldn't call this mushy. This story has sword fights and daggers and more swordfights and-

TEACHER: *(If answering a girl.)* I doubt it very seriously. This story has sword fights and daggers and more sword fights and --

(KID raises his hand. The TEACHER is exasperated.)

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