

MERCUTIO    Nay, an there were two such, we should have none shortly, for one would kill the other. Thou! why, thou wilt quarrel with a man that hath a hair more, or a hair less, in his beard, than thou hast: thou wilt quarrel with a man for cracking nuts, having no other reason but because thou hast hazel eyes: what eye but such an eye would spy out such a quarrel? Thy head is as full of quarrels as an egg is full of meat, and yet thy head hath been beaten as addle as an egg for quarrelling: thou hast quarrelled with a man for coughing in the street, because he hath wakened thy dog that hath lain asleep in the sun: didst thou not fall out with a tailor for wearing his new doublet before Easter? with another, for tying his new shoes with old riband? and yet thou wilt tutor me from quarrelling!

BENVOLIO    An I were so apt to quarrel as thou art, any man should buy the fee-simple of my life for an hour and a quarter.

MERCUTIO    The fee-simple! O simple!

BENVOLIO    By my head, here come the Capulets.

MERCUTIO    By my heel, I care not.

*(Enter TYBALT and others.)*

TYBALT    Follow me close, for I will speak to them. Gentlemen, good den: a word with one of you.

MERCUTIO    And but one word with one of us? couple it with something; make it a word and a blow.

TYBALT    You shall find me apt enough to that, sir, an you will give me occasion.

MERCUTIO    Could you not take some occasion without giving?

TYBALT    Mercutio, thou consort'st with Romeo—