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**Romeo and Juliet- The Mistakes of Heroes**

In “Harry Potter: Half-Blood Prince”, Dumbledore gets cursed by Marvolo Gaunt’s ring when he thought he managed to remove every curse but did not think that the item was cursed itself. Dumbledore was being heroic by extracting a horcrux, however he did not think of the small details of his plan which considerably sped up his death. This is similar to William Shakespeare’s *“Romeo and Juliet”,* with Friar Laurence attempting to be a hero by marrying Romeo and Juliet, however, he does not think though his entire plan. By examining Friar’s warning to Romeo of taking their relationships slowly, not informing Romeo about his plans concerning Juliet, and his rushed decision on the marriage, we can learn that heroes often make mistakes due to mediocre plans and decisions.

One example of mediocre plans that create mistakes occurs with Friar’s warning of taking Romeo and Juliet's relationships slowly. Before the marriage between Romeo and Juliet, Friar warns Romeo that they are rushing their relationship and should "love moderately" (II.vi.14). Friar does caution Romeo, but he knows Romeo wouldn’t heed his advice because of the strong bond that Romeo and Juliet are forming. Friar could have taken more steps towards curbing Romeo's impulsiveness to get married immediately after the two lovers met. Friar's attempt to slow Romeo and Juliet's relationship shows that heroes often make mistakes due to mediocre plans and decisions.

Furthermore, Friar's failure to inform Romeo about his plan surrounding Juliet shows that heroes often make mistakes due to mediocre plans and decisions. After Friar Laurence gave the fake poison to Juliet, he asked Friar John to deliver a letter to Romeo, who was in Mantua. When Friar John was unable to deliver the letter, he later discovers that the letter was "full of charge, of dear import" (V.ii.17-19) and "neglecting it may do much danger" (V.ii.20). Friar Laurence could have sent the letter through other means like Balthasar or told Friar John that it was important. Even though the marriage date was moved up one day, Romeo could have been aware of the plan before he knew of Juliet's passing. Friar Laurence’s failure to quickly inform Romeo of his plans with Juliet shows that heroes often make mistakes due to mediocre plans and decisions.

The most significant mistake due to poor decision making was when Friar made his rushed decision to marry Romeo and Juliet. Friar made the decision to go against the law to marry Romeo and Juliet, a key factor of maintaining this debacle. He saw the positives in the marriage, as it could "turn [Romeo & Juliet’s] household rancor to pure love" (II.iii.90-92) and end the long-lasting feud between the Capulets and Montagues. However, he does not fully evaluate the situation. Friar made a rushed decision to marry the two lovers, which ultimately led to their misfortunes; a mistake made by the soon-to-be hero.

Heroes can make mistakes because of mediocre plans and decisions. We see these poor choices in Friar’s warning to Romeo of taking their relationships slowly, not informing Romeo about his plans concerning Juliet, and his rushed verdict of the marriage. Everyday people mess up all the time, and we always make decisions quickly. Heroes with big decisions to make and plans to create have more pressure on choosing the right ones so their counterparts don’t stop them. Sometimes, we don’t think through every decision, but we should always think through the big decisions, or else our plans will never flourish.