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## INTRODUCTION

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**Romeo and Juliet opens in the streets of Verona,  
a beautiful city that has had its peace disturbed  
by a feud between two rival families, the  
Montagues and the Capulets.**



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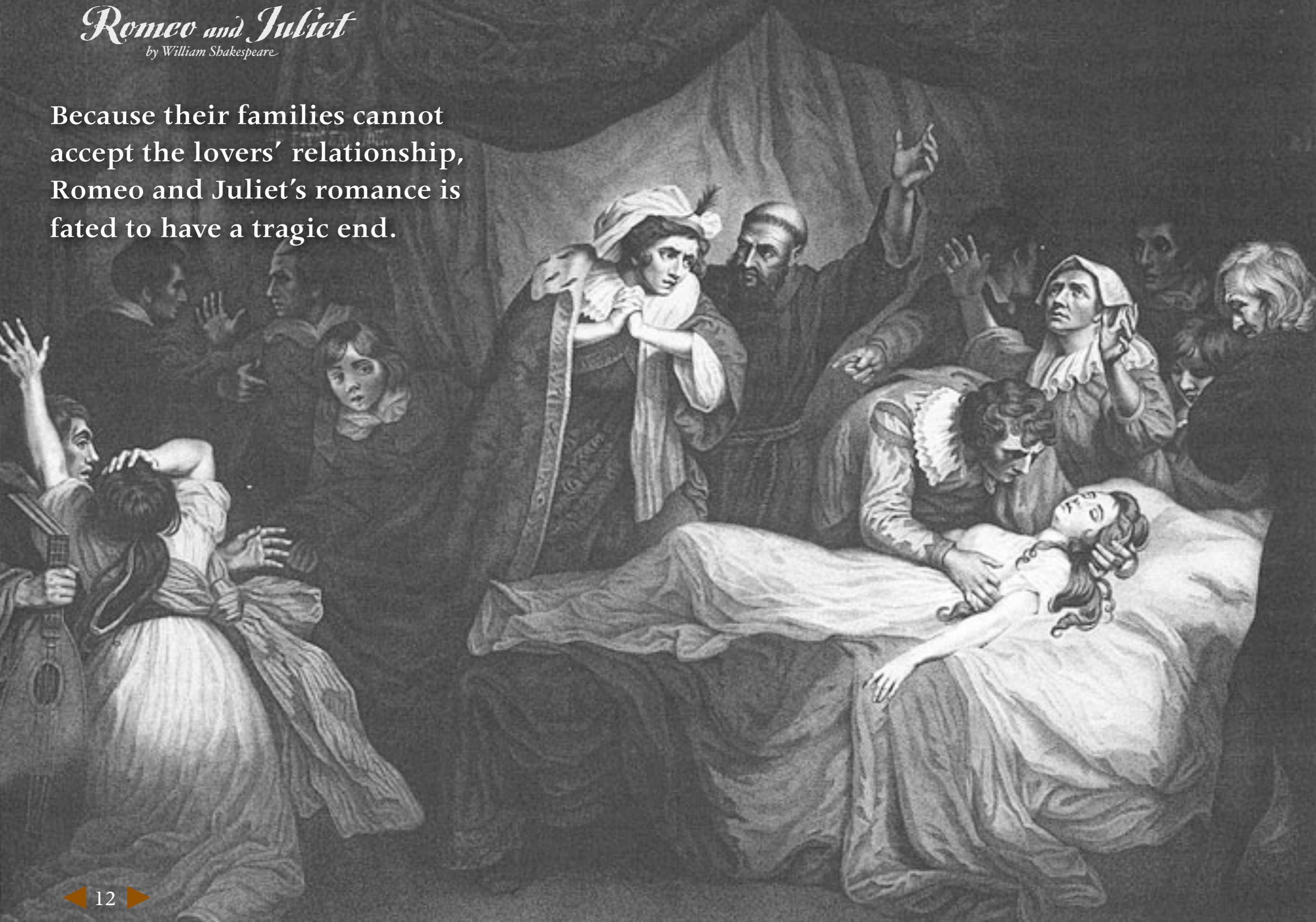
In the midst of hatred and animosity, a secret love affair blossoms between Romeo, the son of Lord Montague, and Juliet, the daughter of Lord Capulet.



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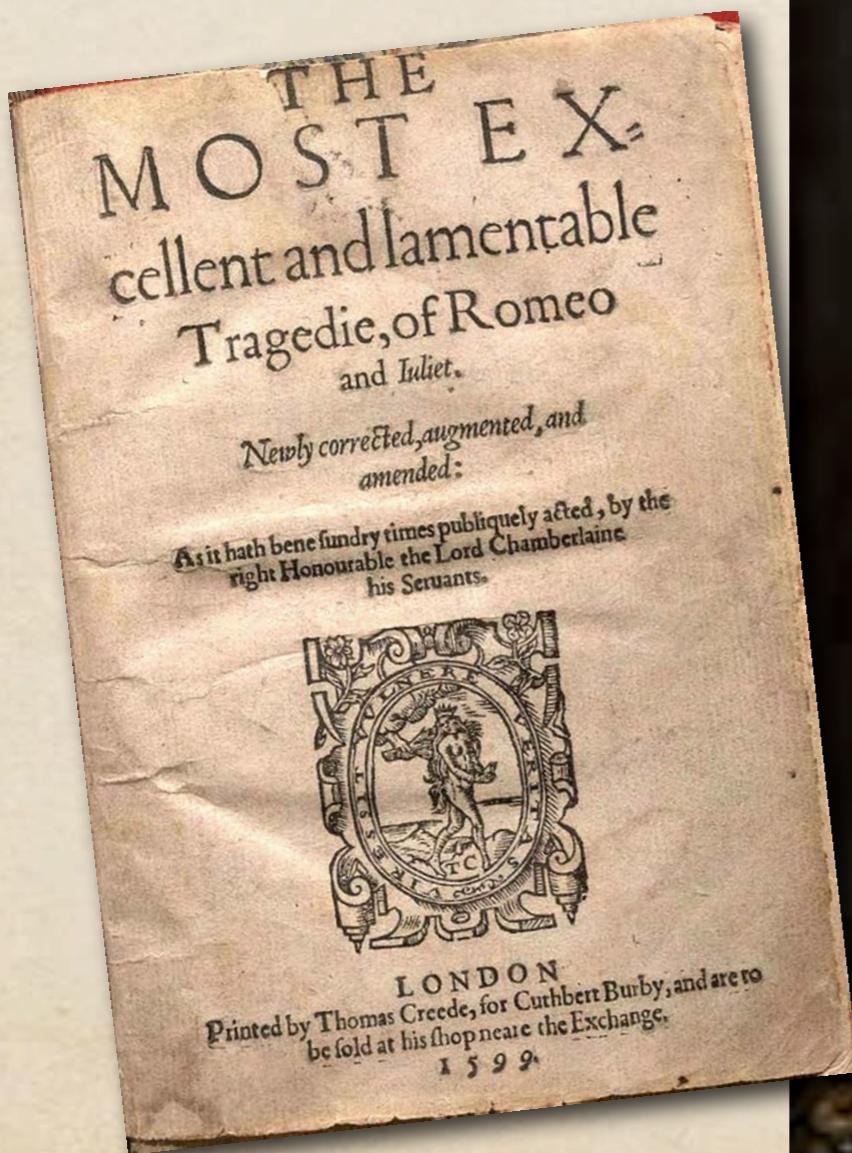
Because their families cannot accept the lovers' relationship, Romeo and Juliet's romance is fated to have a tragic end.



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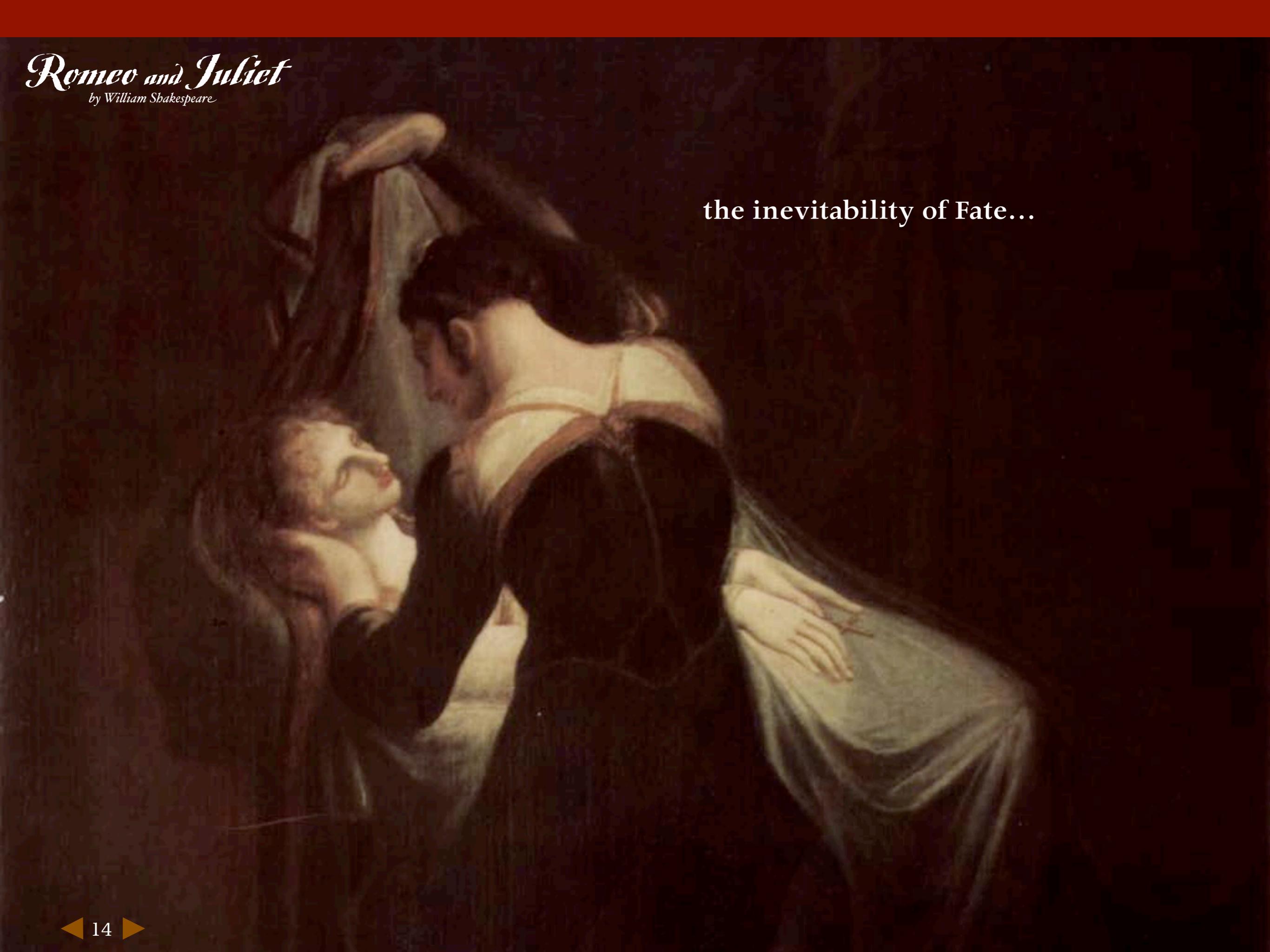
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Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, which first appeared in print in 1597, deals with the power of love...



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A painting depicting a dramatic scene from Romeo and Juliet. A man, Romeo, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to his left. He has dark hair and is wearing a dark, possibly black, doublet with a white collar. His right arm is bent, with his hand resting against the face of a woman, Juliet. Juliet is lying down, her head resting on Romeo's shoulder. She has long, light-colored hair and is wearing a light-colored, flowing dress. Her eyes are closed, and she appears to be in a state of exhaustion or death. The background is dark and indistinct.

the inevitability of Fate...