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**Characters:**

**Romeo**, a young man

**Juliet**, a young woman

**Scene One: A party in the courtyard at Juliet's parents' home.**

**Romeo:** (*Speaking to his unseen cousin, Benvolio*) Benvolio, tonight we are THE STRANGERS. We are THE OUTSIDERS. WE ARE MARSHALL. We, two Montagues, are still UNFORGIVEN by the Capulets, thus the reason I feeleth like a REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE as we becometh THE WEDDING CRASHERS at this TOMBSTONE of a party in the TWILIGHT of a NEW MOON. THE HOURS pass under this PAPER MOON and thy still hast not found THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION, JUNO? (*As in "You know?"*) 'Tis THE AGE OF INNOCENCE, and tonight, AGAINST ALL ODDS, I seeketh an AFFAIR TO REMEMBER. (*Suddenly, Romeo notices the most beautiful girl at the festivities giggling with a group of girls*) Wait, do mine eyes deceiveth me, or is that diamond of a damsel shining brightly across the courtyard not THE JEWEL OF THE NILE worthy of ROMANCING THE STONE? (*Romeo leaves Benvolio and approaches Juliet and the other young ladies; however, he still does not know Juliet's name or how to introduce himself.*) So, is it trueth what they say. GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN? (*The young girls still do not acknowledge Romeo, so he taps Juliet on the shoulder and clears his throat*) GIRL?—

**Juliet:** (*Irritated, as she was engaged in conversation with the other young ladies*) INTERRUPTED! (*Suddenly, all of Juliet's friends leave her and rejoin the other party guests. Acknowledging their departure*) Fine timing thou hast. Look...AND THEN THERE WERE NONE!

**Romeo:** Sorry. Wast thou sharing DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA-YA SISTERHOOD?

**Juliet:** No, merely CRIMES OF THE HEART. (*Noticing Romeo's cousin, Benvolio, is now courting her friends*) I doth see your friend is entertaining THE WOMEN with DIRTY DANCING and CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND.

**Romeo:** MY FAIR LADY, I doth assurest thee thy cousin is AN

OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN. There is no need for concern. Benvolio will indeed only DO THE RIGHT THING.

**Juliet:** I hope so. CARRIE, CINDERELLA, JULIA, MARY POPPINS, HEIDI, THELMA AND LOUISE, THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE...

**Romeo:** Who? ANNIE?

**Juliet:** ANNIE *HALL* and HANNAH AND HER SISTERS. Thou art all DREAMGIRLS.

**Romeo:** One of the LITTLE WOMEN looketh to be quite THE TEMPEST.

**Juliet:** *(Acknowledging which friend to whom Romeo is referring)* Sophie...

**Romeo:** Sophie?

**Juliet:** *(Sarcastically)* MISS CONGENIALITY... *(Yelling to Sophie)* HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU!

**Romeo:** As thine WITNESS, Sophie looketh to be in love.

**Juliet:** WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

**Romeo:** I doth believe she is leaving the party with Benvolio.

**Juliet:** Thou art not MY SISTER'S KEEPER. If she leaveth the party with a SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE or THE CAT IN THE HAT, 'tis no concern of mine.

**Romeo:** True. 'Tis SOPHIE'S CHOICE... *(Noticing Juliet's shoes)* Ah, I doth see THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA... *(Finally introducing himself)* ROMEO...

**Juliet:** *(Gesturing to herself)* AND JULIET...

**Romeo:** *(Reaching out, taking her hand and kissing it)* ENCHANTED... *(Pointing to her hair and complimenting her)* GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES.

**Juliet:** *(Quickly pulling out a can and spraying her head)* HAIRSPRAY...

**Romeo:** *(Referring to her gown)* Thy gown is beautiful. BLUE VELVET? *(Juliet shakes her head yes)* I doth believe thou would looketh just as PRETTY IN PINK. *(Motioning to Juliet's mask, as if asking her to take it off)* Wouldst thou mind removing THE MASK?

**Juliet:** *(Juliet removes the mask from her face)* FOR YOUR EYES ONLY...