*Romeo and Juliet* Act 5 Study Guide

**The following questions come from Scenes 1+2:**

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| 1. What news does Romeo’s servant Balthasar bring to him in scene 1? |
| 1. Why does Romeo buy the poison? Who does he buy it from? |
| 1. Why doesn’t Romeo receive the friar’s letter explaining the change in the plans? |

**The following questions come from Scene 3:**

1. Paris and his servant are the first to appear. Where exactly are they, and why are they there?
2. What instructions does Paris give to his servant?
3. Paris talks about what his “nightly ritual” will be – explain.
4. Romeo and Balthasar are next on scene. What does Romeo give to Balthasar? What do you suppose it contains?
5. What “cover story” does Romeo give to Balthasar as his reason for being where they are?
6. What does Romeo threaten to Balthasar?
7. If you were Balthasar and your BF Romeo just told you, “*Live and be prosperous. Farewell, good fellow*,” what might that indicate to you? Would you still believe your friend’s cover story he just told you?
8. Look at the top 2 squares on p.187. Romeo states his intentions. Explain what they are.
9. What reason had been given for Juliet’s sudden death?
10. Why do Paris and Romeo fight?
11. Some critics throughout the years have argued that Romeo kills Paris out of jealousy. How does this graphic novel avoid this argument?
12. Vaults and mausoleums didn’t have torches burning 24/7 and therefore, were pretty dark. What does Romeo say lights up the darkness of the Capulet vault?
13. What does Romeo say Death has been able to do – and also not do – to Juliet?

* Do:
* Not do:

1. What “favor” does Romeo say he will do for Tybalt?
2. What 3 things does Romeo do before he kills himself?

* 1.
* 2.
* 3.

1. How is Balthasar’s dream an example of dramatic irony?
2. Explain the scene Friar comes upon.
3. What is the noise that Friar hears in the distance?
4. Why does Juliet say that Romeo has been “*rude*”?
5. How does Juliet **first** ***attempt*** to meet her end and join her Romeo?
6. How ***does*** she meet her end?