




Love: an intense feeling of deep affection. Love is an extremely powerful feeling. In ,

love can make everything feel wonderful; however, people often become destructive over the idea of love. In the play *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, love turns into tragedy. The

conflict between two families drives young lovers to their death in a matter of five days. The



concept of love leading to destruction is quite evident in the play.



Lord Capulet and Juliet's relationship as father and daughter shows how love can be destructive. Throughout the play it is noticed how Lord Capulet loves his daughter, even though




he doesn't know how to respond well to her actions. When Juliet refuses to marry Paris, Lord

Capulet becomes confused and **choleric**. He is unsure why his daughter doesn't want to get



married, and he is angry because he thought that would be what she wanted. Though he cares

for his daughter, he acts out of anger instead of love. This happens a lot in life;  use a color

miscommunication between family members that leads to destructive and hurtful behavior.



"Hang thee young baggage! Disobedient wretch! I tell thee what- get thee to church a Thursday/

Or never after look me in the face." (III, v, 161-163). Lord Capulet was angry with Juliet for

arguing and that led to him saying offensive words to her. He wanted her to be happy, but more

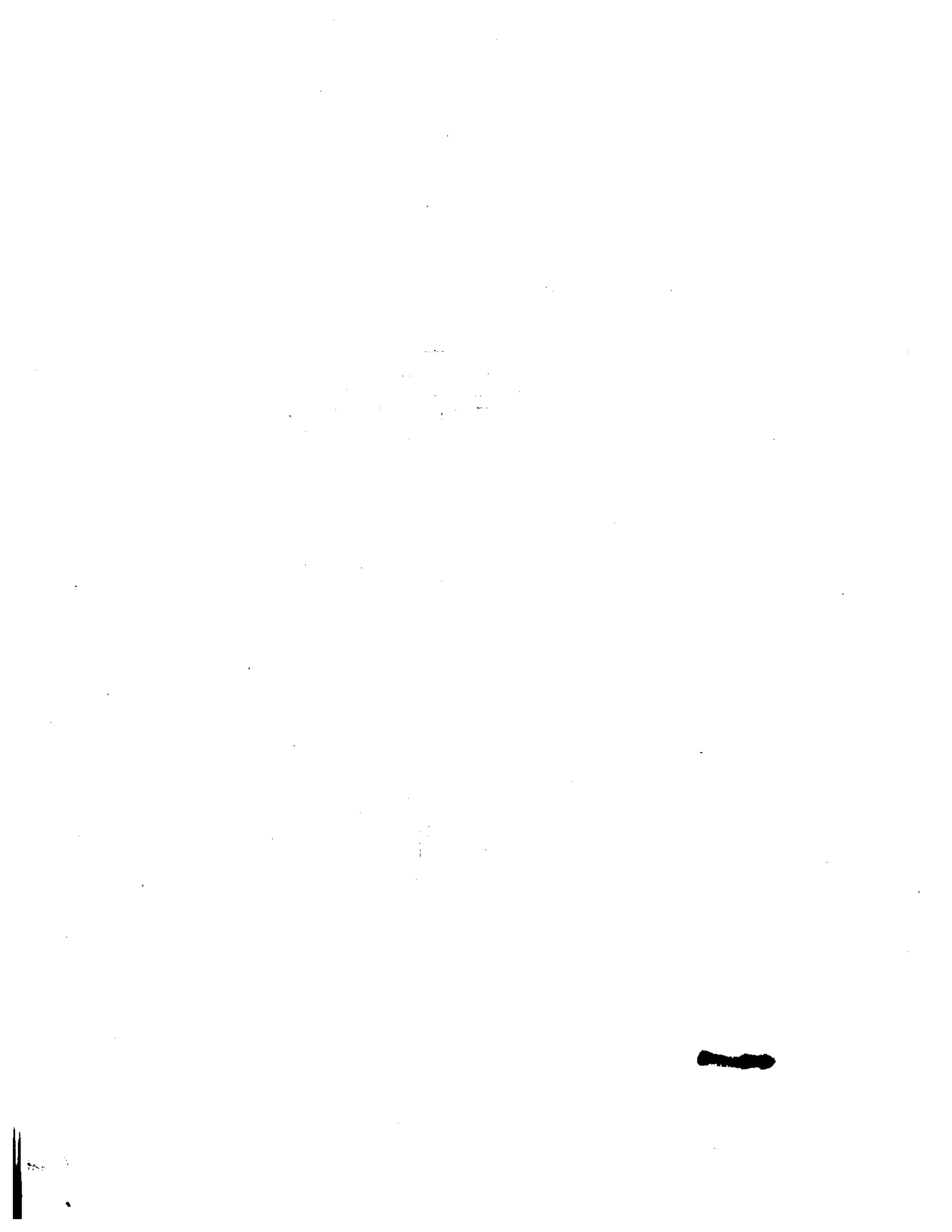
so wanted her to obey him. Juliet did not intend to argue with her father, but the

miscommunication and lack of patience was what led to the frustration from Lord Capulet.




Juliet's disobedience caused her father to act out of rage, which after her death he regretted.

Juliet's love for Romeo is also an example of love turning into violence. Juliet risked her relationships with her friends and family, and risked her life, all for the man she loved. Juliet's desperation for Romeo's love caused her **demise**. Romeo and Juliet were star-crossed lovers, who met and fell in love too quickly. Juliet stated: "My only love, sprung from my only hate! Too



early seen unknown, and known too late!" (I, v, 137-138). She even knew that Romeo and herself should not have been together. The two young lovers should not have been so quick to act on their feelings. This led to their almost immediate death. The depth of love they had for each other was unhealthy. Love should be when one is willing to give up all they have for their significant other, but they're secure enough that they will never have to. Juliet failed to find this healthy balance between family love and romantic love. Many people in the modern world have difficulty doing this also.

Last, Romeo's romantic love for Juliet and his brotherly love for Mercutio were also examples of destructive relationships. After Romeo found out that Tybalt killed Mercutio, Romeo was seeking vengeance. Romeo ends up killing Tybalt over the fact that his best friend was murdered. Later in the play, Romeo's vengeance leads to his banishment; this leads to Romeo becoming self-destructive. Love leading to violence does not only mean violence towards others, but more often means violence towards yourself. Romeo hated himself for what he had done and clearly stated that he would rather die than be banished and away from Juliet. Romeo **declaimed**: "O you/ The doors of breath, seal with a righteous kiss/ A dateless bargain to engrossing death!" (V, iii, 112-114). His reliance on Juliet is also an unhealthy aspect of their relationship. Romeo killed himself over the fact that Juliet hadn't woke up from the potion yet. The dependance he has on her leads to him doing destructive things to both himself and the people around him.

Love turning to violence is extremely evident in the play *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as in real life. In it is often a challenge to find balance between friendships, family, and romantic relationships. Lord Capulet's love for Juliet, Romeo and Juliet's love  each other, and Romeo's love for Mercutio, are all examples of love turning to tragedy. Finding a healthy balance



with love can be extremely difficult, and in the play it lead to two lovers' demise. Love is a powerful emotion, which means it is capable of making wonders or destruction.





