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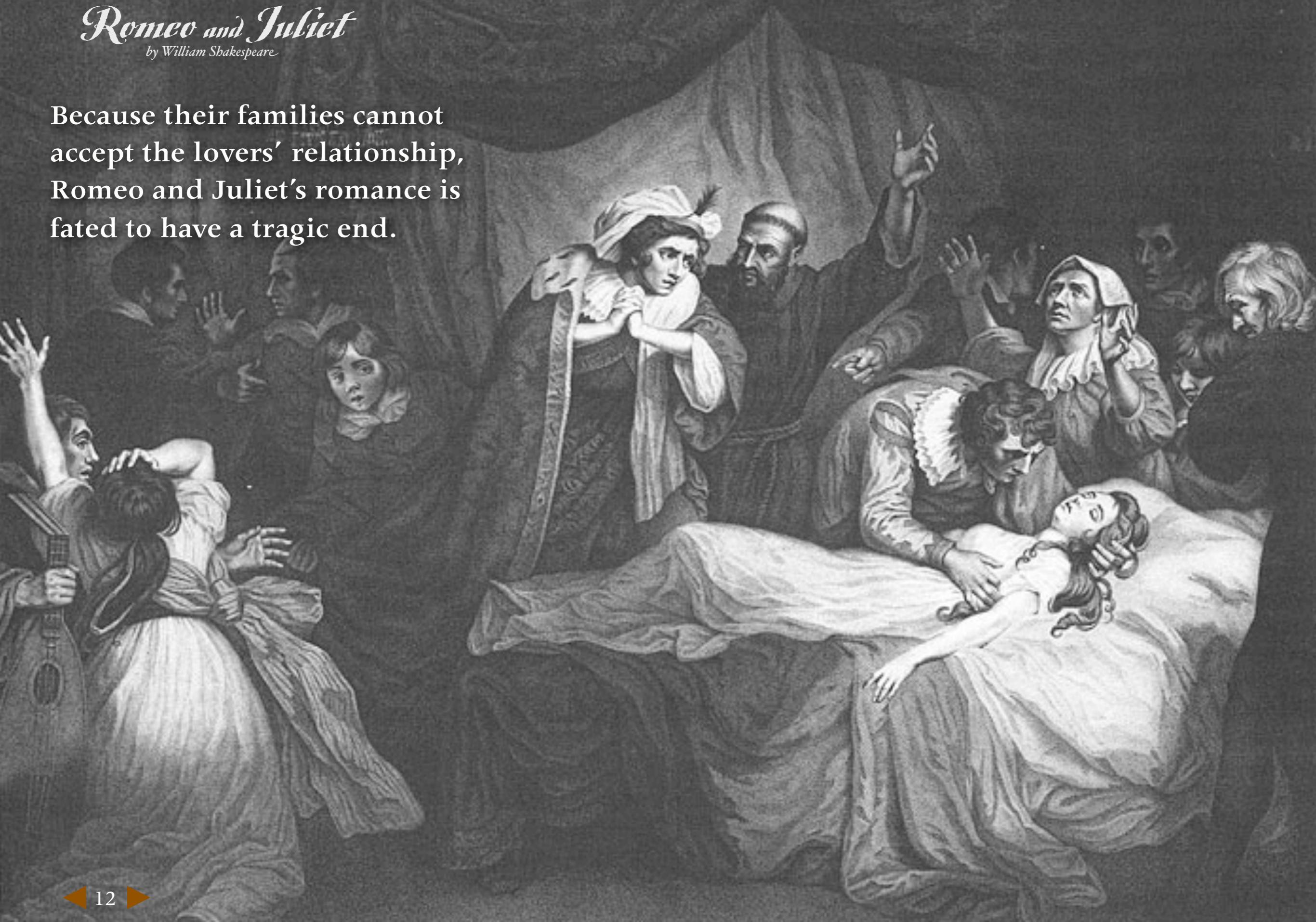
In the midst of hatred and animosity, a secret love affair blossoms between Romeo, the son of Lord Montague, and Juliet, the daughter of Lord Capulet.



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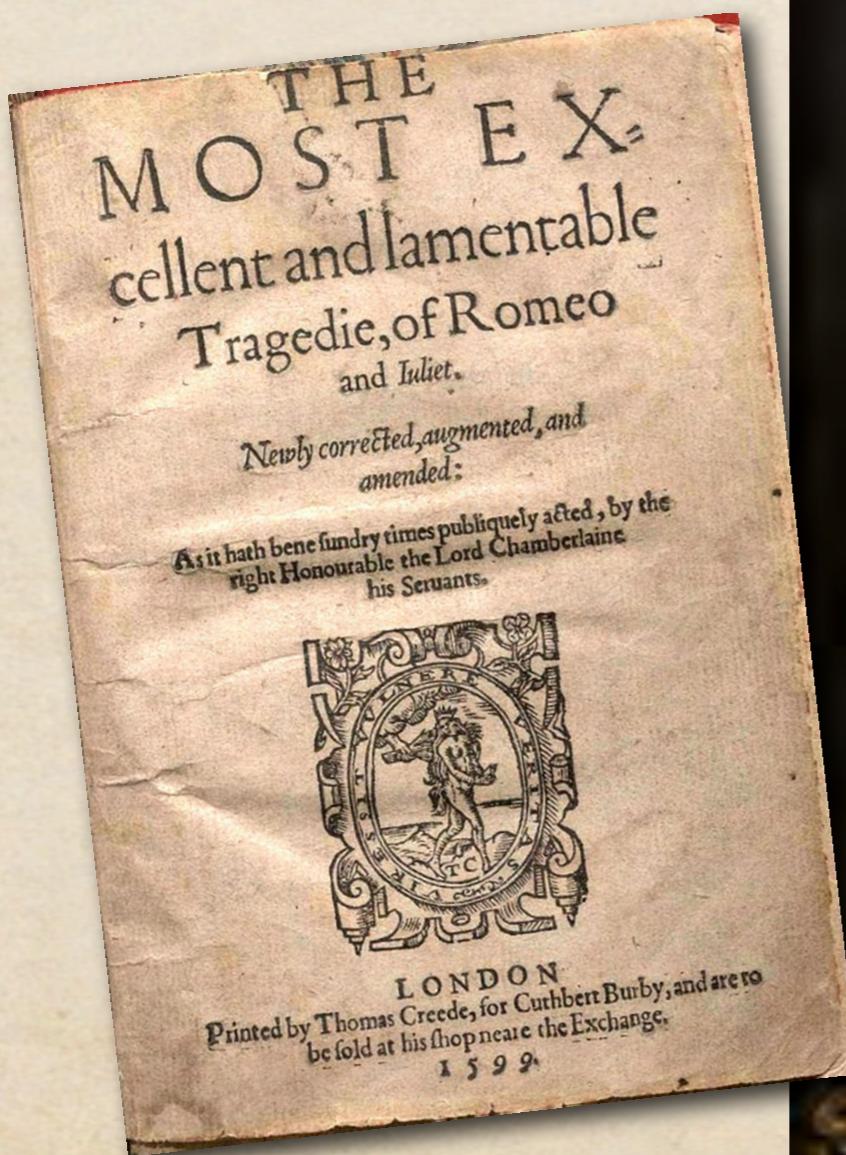
Because their families cannot accept the lovers' relationship, Romeo and Juliet's romance is fated to have a tragic end.



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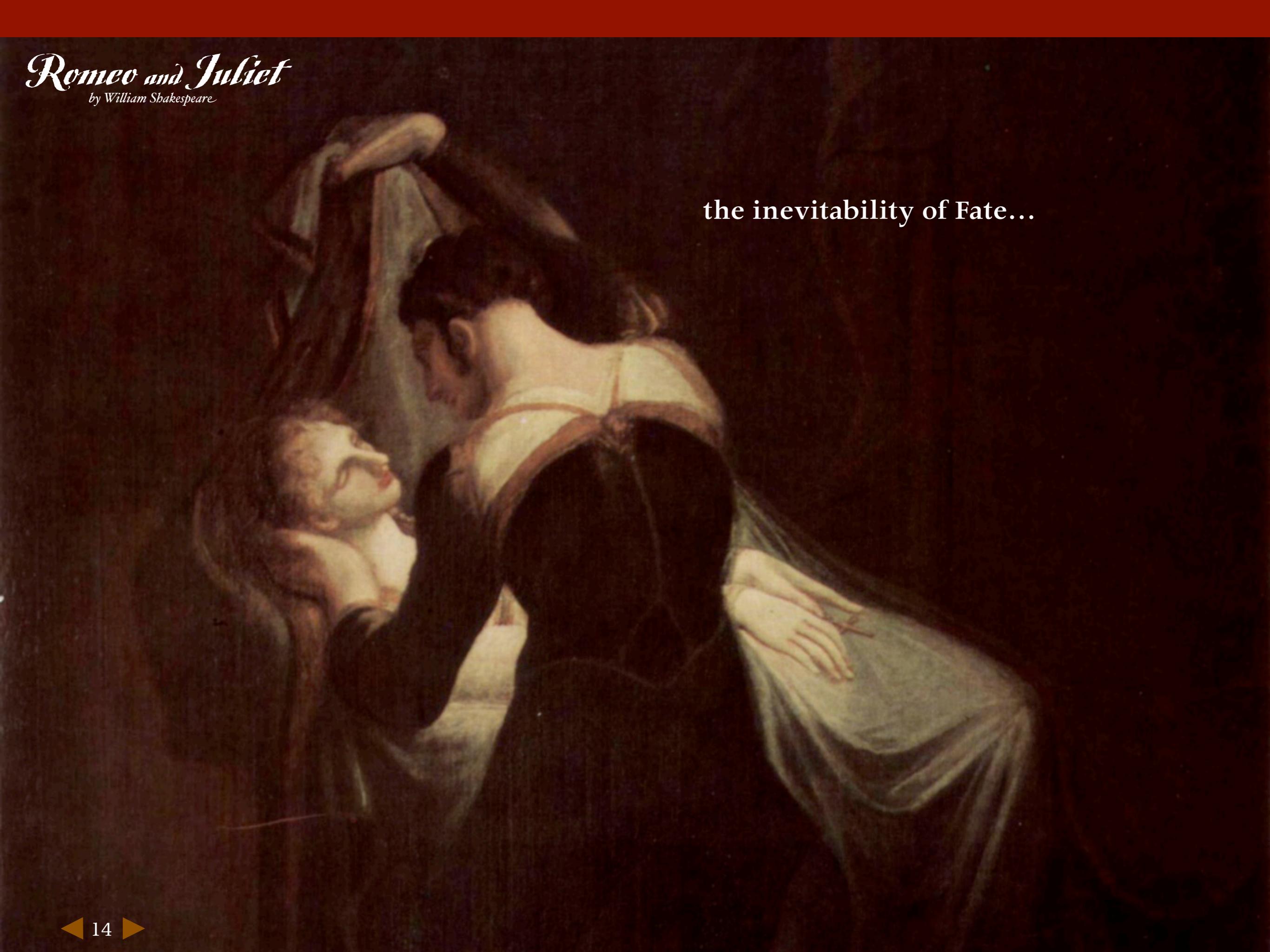
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Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, which first appeared in print in 1597, deals with the power of love...



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A painting depicting a dramatic scene from Romeo and Juliet. A man, Romeo, is shown in profile, looking down at a woman, Juliet, who is lying on the ground. Romeo is holding her hand. Both are dressed in period clothing. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights. The background is dark and indistinct.

the inevitability of Fate...