

Soul of Wit

Act 1 Scene 4 Summary

Romeo & Juliet

Factual details of character, and setting accurately recorded

Summary is brief but effectively records all key events

Highly relevant quotation supported by a detailed interpretation Place: On the way to Capulet's party

Time: Sunday Night

Characters: Romeo, Benvolio, Mercutio

Summary: It is soon before the Capulet party begins. Romeo is describing a dream he had which he believed was a premonition of his 'untimely death'. However Mercutio is having none of this, and goes to great lengths to describe the mischief of dreams.

Quote: 'I fear, too early, for my mind misgives

Some consequence yet hanging in the stars

Shall bitterly begin his fearful date.'

This suggests that Romeo knows that something will begin tonight that is linked to his fate (the starts can be equated to heaven). Yet he still chooses to go to the party.

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