

Two men dead in nasty street brawl ✓

Battle between houses turns deadly in minutes ✓

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Verona, Italy- Yesterday afternoon, Mercutio and Tybalt Capulet were stabbed and found dead in the streets of Verona. This was a result of a battle between the Capulet family and the Montague family. ✓

According to sources, Romeo Montague was seen attending a party hosted by the Capulet family a few days earlier. Witnesses say that Tybalt spotted Romeo and wished to kill him, but did not. Tybalt later challenged Romeo to a duel. ✓

Benvolio and Mercutio were seen walking through the streets of Verona yesterday by several eyewitnesses. They claimed Tybalt came to ask the two men where Romeo was. Shortly thereafter, Romeo appeared on the scene. ✓

Tybalt challenged Romeo to fight, but Romeo declined. Mercutio then stepped up to fill his spot. When asked why his friends would react so differently, Benvolio commented, "Romeo is a lover, not a fighter. Mercutio is rather hot-tempered and is always eager for conflict." ✓

Witnesses say that Mercutio was stabbed by Tybalt under Romeo's arm when he tried to intervene. Tybalt then fled the scene. ✓

"Mercutio passed away too quickly for a surgeon to aid him," Benvolio affirmed, "But not before he could curse the Montagues and Capulets." ✓

Tybalt was spotted returning to the street where the murder occurred by nearby civilians. That's when Romeo attacked and sparred with Tybalt, only to kill him in turn. ✓

The Prince, royalty of Verona, claims the incident is a result of a war between the two houses. He has banished Romeo from Verona for his crime. ✓

If you have any information on Romeo's whereabouts, please contact the authorities. ✓



Tybalt and Romeo prepare to duel. Photo submitted by Benvolio. ✓

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