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A Fateful Encounter: Act 1 of 'Romeo and Juliet'

Short Answer

1. Describe the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets as introduced in Act 1. What consequences does it have for the city of Verona?
2. What is the mood of Act 1, Scene 4, when Romeo and his friends are on their way to the Capulet's masquerade ball? How does Mercutio's monologue contribute to this mood?
3. Discuss the significance of Romeo and Juliet's first meeting at the Capulet's masquerade ball. What is ironic about their initial interaction?
4. How does Juliet's nurse demonstrate her affection and concern for Juliet in Act 1?
5. In Act 1, how does Romeo's infatuation with Rosaline compare to his feelings upon meeting Juliet? Explain the shift in his emotions.

