

Mercutio

“I do but keep the peace: put up thy sword or manage it to part these men with me.”

“I pray thee, good Mercutio, let's retire: The day is hot, the Capulets abroad, and, if we meet, we shall not 'scape a brawl;”

“We talk here in the public haunt of men: Either withdraw unto some private place, or reason coldly of your grievances, or else depart; here all eyes gaze on us.”

Benvolio is Romeo's cousin and close friend. He is trusted by Lord and Lady Montague, as well as by Prince Escalus. Benvolio is the character that persuades Romeo to go to the Capulet party where Romeo will meet Juliet.

Characteristics of Benvolio:

- Overly Nice
- Peaceful
- Wants a quiet life
- Immature and Naïve
- Serious about Juliet

Benvolio will live throughout the whole play.

