

Asides: Say it like you mean it

Concealed Knowledge and Subtext in Act IV of *Romeo and Juliet*

Scene Summary: IV.i.1-17 (Paris and Friar Laurence) *

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Performance: Be prepared to perform your scene to the class by saying your line summaries of the public meanings to each other in dialogue and then revealing your subtext to the audience as **asides**. Include blocking in your performance. You need to know when to say your line, so in your script you should note when other characters speak, though you don't need to write out their line summaries.

“On Thursday sir?”

to

“here comes the lady toward my cell.”

Example: Friar's script

Summary Script
(say to other character)

Friar:

You're getting married Thursday? That's really soon.

P's line.

Subtext Script
(say to audience about other character)

Friar's subtext:

Uh-oh. Plan backfired. I don't have very long to fix this Romeo-Juliet situation I got tangled up in.

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“Happily met”

to

“That's a certain text”

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P's line.

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Scene Summary: IV.i.46-88 (Friar Laurence and Juliet) **

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"O Juliet, I already know thy grief"
to
"unstained wife to my sweet love."

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P's line.

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P's line.

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Scene Summary: IV.ii.11-22 (Lord Capulet, Nurse, and Juliet) **

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"What, is my daughter gone"
to
"I am ever ruled by you."

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(say to other character)

Friar:
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P's line.

Subtext Script
(say to audience about other character)

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Scene Summary: IV.ii.33-47 (Lord Capulet, Lady Capulet, Nurse, and Juliet) *

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“Nurse, will you go with me”

to

“this same wayward girl is so reclaimed.”

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(say to other character)

Subtext Script

(say to audience about other character)

Friar:

You're getting married Thursday? That's really soon.

Friar's subtext:

Uh-oh. Plan backfired. I don't have very long to fix this Romeo-Juliet situation I got tangled up in.

P's line.

P's line.

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Scene Summary: IV.i.22-28 (Paris and Juliet) ***

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“Come you to make confession”

to

“Being spoke behind your back, than to your face.”

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(say to other character)

Subtext Script

(say to audience about other character)

Friar:

You're getting married Thursday? That's really soon.

Friar's subtext:

Uh-oh. Plan backfired. I don't have very long to fix this Romeo-Juliet situation I got tangled up in.

P's line.

P's line.

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Scene Summary: IV.ii.23-32 (**Lord Capulet and Juliet**) *

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"Send for the county"
to
"our whole city is much bound to him."

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<i>P's line.</i>	<i>P's line.</i>

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Scene Summary: IV.i.89-126 (**Friar Laurence and Juliet**) **

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"Hold, then."
to
"Farewell, dear father."

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Friar: You're getting married Thursday? That's really soon.	Friar's subtext: Uh-oh. Plan backfired. I don't have very long to fix this Romeo-Juliet situation I got tangled up in.
<i>P's line.</i>	<i>P's line.</i>

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Scene Summary: IV.i.29-36 (**Paris and Juliet**) **

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“Poor soul”

to

“it is not mine own.”

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P's line.

P's line.

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Scene Summary: IV.i.37-45 (**Paris, Friar Laurence and Juliet**) **

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“Are you at leisure”

to

“past hope, past care, past help!”

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