**The Love Connection - Key**

*Romeo and Juliet*

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| **Character** | **Lines** | **Conclusions** |
| Romeo  1.1.195-199 | Well, in that hit you miss: she'll not be hit  With Cupid's arrow; she hath Dian's wit;  And, in strong proof of chastity well arm'd,  From love's weak childish bow she lives unharm'd.  She will not stay the siege of loving terms,  Nor bide the encounter of assailing eyes,  Nor ope her lap to saint-seducing gold: | * Infatuated with Rosaline * Rosaline isn’t giving him what he wants * She’s too smart for him |
| Benvolio  1.1.235-236  1.2.47-48 | I'll pay that doctrine, or else die in debt.  Turn giddy, and be holp by backward turning;  One desperate grief cures with another's languish | * Ben has promised Romeo that there are more fish in the sea, and that if he looks he’ll find someone else, or he’ll die in debt (not having fulfilled his promise) * Come on, man. You can put out one fire by starting another. A new pain will make the one you already have seem less. If you make yourself dizzy, you can cure yourself by spinning back around in the opposite direction. A new grief will put the old one out of your mind. Make yourself lovesick by gazing at some new girl, and your old lovesickness will be cured |
| Pairs  1.2.12 | “Younger than she are happy mother’s made.” | Paris is eager to marry.  Age is not an issue, |
| Capulet  1.2.13  1.2.16-17 | And too soon marr'd are those so early made.  But woo her, gentle Paris, get her heart,  My will to her consent is but a part; | * Juliet is still a young child; she’s too young to marry. * Go for it though, give her your hear; I give you my blessing, but that’s only a small part of the decision… |
| Juliet  1.3.71  1.3.103-105 | It is an honour that I dream not of.  I'll look to like, if looking liking move:  But no more deep will I endart mine eye  Than your consent gives strength to make it fly. | * I’m not even thinking about marriage. I don’t dream about being married. * I’ll scope it out – because you’ve asked me to, not because I want to |
| Lady Capulet  1.3.75-79 | Well, think of marriage now; younger than you,  Here in Verona, ladies of esteem,  Are made already mothers: by my count,  I was your mother much upon these years | * You’re getting old! You have to be married sooner rather than later. * I was your mother at your age. |
| Nurse  1.3.101 | No less! nay, bigger; women grow by men. | * It means a woman is defined by her man's status, the more successful and rich the man, the bigger the woman's status in society * Do it for the status! |
| Mercuitio  1.4.27 | If love be rough with you, be rough with love;  Prick love for pricking, and you beat love down. | * If you love someone, go after them no matter how hard it is. Don’t let love get you down; be better than it; put yourself out there and get what you want. * “Prick…pricking” is, of course, a penis joke. Mercutio is urging Romeo to “play the man.” |