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## ACT III SCENE III

### Where is Romeo hidden?

Act 3.2 begins in Friar Lawrence's cell. The Nurse has already said that Romeo is hiding there and this confirms that is true.

### How does Romeo bear the news of his punishment? How is that different than the way the Friar views it?

"Ha, banishment! Be merciful, say 'death,'" (3.3, 12)  
O rude and unthankfulness! / Thy fault our law calls death, but the kind Prince ... turned that black word "death" to "banishment" (3.3, 24-27)

### Banished

"'Tis torture, not mercy, heaven is here, / Where Juliet lives" (3.3, 29-30)

### Friar's monologue (109)

Thou hast amazed me. By my holy order, / I thought thy disposition better tempered. / Hast thou slain Tybalt? Wilt thou slay thyself, / And slay thy lady that in thy life lives / By doing damnèd hate upon thyself? .... What, rouse thee, man! Thy Juliet is alive, / For whose dear sake thou wast but lately dead— / There art thou happy. Tybalt would kill thee, / But thou slew'st Tybalt— there art thou happy. / The law that threatened death becomes thy friend / And turns it to exile— there art thou happy. / A pack of blessings light upon thy back, / Happiness courts thee in her best array," (3.3, 108-145)

### What is Romeo going to do next?

"But that a joy past joy calls out on me, / It were a grief so brief to part with thee. / Farewell. (174-176)