Two servants exchange comments and jokes about the bad feeling between their households, the Capulets, and the rival family, the Montagues.

**Act 2 | Scene 2**

Enter Sampson and Gregory with swords and bucklers, servants of the House of Capulet.

**Sampson** Gregory, o’my word, we’ll not carry coals.

**Gregory** No, for then we should be colliers.

**Sampson** I mean, if we be in choler, we’ll draw.

**Gregory** Ay, while you live, draw your neck out o’th’collar.

**Sampson** I strike quickly, being moved.

**Gregory** But thou art not quickly moved to strike.

**Sampson** A dog of the house of Montague moves me. To move is to stir, and to be valiant is to stand: therefore, if thou art moved, thou runn’st away.

**Sampson** A dog of that house shall move me to stand. I will take the wall of any man or maid of Montague’s.

**Gregory** The quarrel is between our masters and us their men.

**Sampson** That shows thee a weak slave, for the weakest goes to the wall.

**Sampson** ’Tis true, and therefore women being the weaker vessels are ever thrust to the wall. Therefore I will push Montague’s men from the wall, and thrust his maids to the wall.

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**Gregory** The quarrel is between our masters and us their men.

**Sampson** ’Tis all one, I will show myself a tyrant: when I have fought with the men, I will be civil with the maids, and cut off their heads.

**Gregory** The heads of the maids?

**Sampson** Ay, the heads of the maids, or their maidenheads, take it in what sense thou wilt.

**Gregory** They must take it in sense that feel it.