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The exorcist

by John Pielmeier

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Romeo and Juliet

by William Shakespeare

It's about two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, who are supposed to be sworn enemies but fall in love. In the end, they kill themselves.

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Hamlet

by William Shakespeare

It's about the Prince Hamlet and his revenge against his uncle, Claudius, who has murder Hamlet's father, but in the end, he loses his mother, his girlfriend, and his life.

3. _____

Steel magnolias

by Robert Harling

It's about a group Southern woman in northwest Louisiana, whose husbands leave them lots of time to gossip at the beauty parlor with a newly arrived and young girl.

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II. Read the excerpts from play scenes and identify the genre.

A: What's here? A cup, closed in my true love's hand? Poison, I see. I will kiss thy lips. Oh, happy dagger! Let me die.

1. _____

A: I'm not Regan.
B: Well, then let's introduce ourselves. I'm Damien Karras.
A: And I'm the Devil. Now kindly undo these straps.

2. _____

A: I'm so excited. I can't believe. It's happening. I'm a beautician.
B: In the most successful shop in this town.
A: Ah-ah-ah.
B: What's so funny? It's true.

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A: My lord, I came to see your father's funeral.
B: I pray thee, do not mock me. I think it was to see my mother's wedding.
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