Radio SanJoSerena presents:

One Shakespeare, three interviews! (this is the transcript of the podcast).

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### Intro

Hi, welcome to Radio SanJoSerena. "Your radio, your voice" With you today is Paula, Mónica, Marta.D, Marta.T, Marta.C and Malak. We'd like to role-play a little, so 3 of us will be role-playing a famous English writer, probably the most famous English writer of all times. Can you guess who that is?

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE!

So 3 of us will be William Shakespeare and 3 of us will be interviewers.

# Interview one

**Shakespeare (Marta C.):** Hello! I'm looking for a job in your book company. Interviewer: Perfect! You can take a sit.

Interviewer (Malak): So, why do you want this job, Mr Shakespeare?

**Shakespeare:** You can call me Will. Well. I want this job because I really like writing plays and books, so I think if I work here, I will improve my writing skills.

**Interviewer:** And when does your writing interests started? Is it because of your parent's job? **Shakespeare:** No, it isn't. In fact, my father was a glove maker and my mother was a farmer. My passion started because since I was 5 years old, I really loved reading books, plays and poetry. **Interviewer:** So tell me about your studies.

**Shakespeare:** I studied at the Stratford Grammar School in my native town, grammar and Latin literature. Then, I moved into London to work as a dramatist. Years later, I became an actor, writer and finally a coowner of a theatre company called "Lord Chamberlain's Men" Also, I created my own company, "The Globe", but it got burnt.

Interviewer: Oh! That looks so interesting. Can you tell me more about your personal life?

**Shakespeare:** Well, I got married when I was 18 with my actual partner Anne Hathaway. Then, I had a daughter, Susanna, and twins called Hamnet and Judith. Unfortunately, my only son died when he was 11 years old. Interviewer: Oh! I'm so sorry.

Shakespeare: It doesn't matter. I have overcome it.

Interviewer: Can you tell me about the best play that you have written?

**Shakespeare:** Well, I have written a lot of plays that I'm proud of, like Hamlet or Othelo, but personally, my favourite one is Romeo and Juliet.

Interviewer: That's sounds interesting. Tell me more about it.

Shakespeare: Ok. It's my favourite one because I deal with a lot of themes, like arranged marriages,

impossible and forbidden love and death.

Interviewer: What happens in the story?

**Shakespeare:** In the story, there are two main characters called Romeo and Juliet. One day, they meet in a party and they fall in love. But there's a problem: their families are enemies, so they can't be in relationship. And finally, they die because is the only way to be forever together.

**Interviewer:** I think that you may have a very high potential in our book company. Have you got any questions for me? Shakespeare: No, I haven't. Thank you, that's it.

Interviewer: Goodbye, nice to meet you. Shakespeare: Nice to meet you.







#### Interview two

**Interviewer:** Welcome to radio SanjoSerena! Today we have the opportunity to interview William Shakespeare. He needs a job, and he has come here to try to get it.

Shakespeare: Hello everybody! Interviewer: Welcome to radio SanjoSerena. We are happy because you're here.

Shakespeare: Thank you!

Interviewer: Did you bring your resume?

**Shakespeare:** Of course! Here you are.

Interviewer: Ok, please, sit down. So the first question, why do you want this job?

Shakespeare: Because doing plays I don't earn the money that I need to live.

Interviewer: Tell me about yourself.

Shakespeare: I'm a writer and a hard worker, also I can do anything. I was born in Stratford-Upon-Avon,

England in 1564. My dad was a gloves maker but he died last week. I have 3 children; and we live in London.

Interviewer: What was the last play that you have written?

Shakespeare: It was "Romeo and Juliet".

**Interviewer:** What does it talk about?

Shakespeare: It talks about an impossible romance and about the stereotypes.

Interviewer: And why is it an impossible romance?

Shakespeare: Because their families are enemies.

Interviewer: How does the story end?

Shakespeare: Well; the two main characters die, because it was the only way to stay together forever.

**Interviewer:** Oh! That's a wonderful story. I must buy the book.

Shakespeare: Thank you!

**Interviewer:** Ok, so we hope we will see you soon.

Shakespeare: Bye, bye.

Interviewer: Bye.

### Interview three

Interviewer (Paula): Today in Radio SanjoSerena we are interviewing William Shakespeare.

Good morning, listeners! Today is the World's Book Day; and here in our studio we have the pleasure to count with Mr. Shakespeare.

Shakespeare (Marta): Oh it's my pleasure.

Interviewer: Let's start! What is your full name?

**Shakespeare:** My name is Guilielmus Johannes Shakespeare, but you can call me William Shakespeare. **Interviewer:** Wow, this is a great example of an old name, new to many people and very interesting to others. Let's keep going! Did you go to school? What you study?

Shakespeare: Of course, I went to school and studied Grammar and Latin Literature.

Interviewer: Oops, I forgot! Where and When were you born?

**Shakespeare:** Don't worry, I was born on April 23<sup>th</sup>, 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, a small town located in Warwickshire, South of Birmingham (England)

**Interviewer:** You are a great poet and playwright, what prompted you to write many of your works, such as Romeo and Juliet?

**Shakespeare:** Well, my main inspiration for this work was Arthur Brooke's The Tragicall History of Romeus and Juliet (1562), a long and dense poem.

Interviewer: How did you feel writing this play and what do you think about it?

**Shakespeare:** I felt happy for being able to draw inspiration from the work of another writer to be able to do a similar one and what I think about it today is that apart from the fact that it was a success, you can see that love is worth everything.

**Interviewer:** In this play, you decided that the two main characters died at the end of the play, why did you do that?

**Shakespeare:** I decided that they both die at the end since having a pressure due to the rivalry between their families and a series of fatalities, they decided to die before being separated since their love for each other was practically unbreakable.

Interviewer: Finally, do you think that people today like this type of reading?

**Shakespeare:** Of course, there are many different types of readings and many people feel more attracted to more modern types of readings, but there are people who prefer ancient readings and when they read them they feel as if they were in that era.

Interviewer: Wow, your life is amazing! Thank you for this good time. Bye!

Shakespeare: Thank you, bye!

# End

So this is the end of our creative interviews to William Shakespeare. We hope you've enjoyed them and learnt a lot about this great writer.

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