

Macbeth

Act 3

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Scene 1

- Setting

- Macbeth's palace in Forres. This is not the castle from before.

- Characters

- Banquo, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Servants and Murders

- Summary

- Banquo is by himself in the beginning, and he is thinking about how Macbeth has become king. Macbeth asks Banquo to come to a banquet that night. Banquo says he will come, but Fleance and he are going out for the day. Macbeth later thinks about what the witches said about Banquo's children being king's. Macbeth send murders to kill Banquo and Fleance.

Scene 2

- Setting
 - Inside the palace in Forres
- Characters
 - Macbeth and Lady Macbeth
- Summary
 - Lady Macbeth and Macbeth are talking about thoughts and dreams they have been having since they killed the king. They agree not to show their troubles at dinner that night. Macbeth hints that something bad is going to happen that night.

Scene 3

- Setting
 - A park close to the palace
- Characters
 - Murders, Banquo and Fleance
- Summary
 - The 1st and 2nd murder are asking who had sent the 3rd murder. Then they attack Banquo, and kill him. Fleance gets away.

Scene 4

- Setting
 - The dining hall in the palace
- Character
 - Macbeth, Lords, Lady Macbeth, Murderer, Ross and Lennox
- Summary
 - The banquet has begun. The murderers explain that Fleance's escaped. Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost during the dinner he reacts in a terrified manner. None of the others can see the ghost. Lady Macbeth tells the guests that he has had these episodes since he was a small child. At the end of the dinner Macbeth says to Lady Macbeth that he is worried about Macduff's absence. Later Macbeth states that he was going to see the witch.

Scene 5

- Setting
 - The Heath/hill where the witches are
- Characters
 - Witches and Hecate
- Summary
 - Hecate, the goddess of witches, is scolding the witches for interfering with Macbeth, on their own. Hecate plans the next meeting with Macbeth. She is planning Macbeth's down fall.
- Note- It is believed that this scene was written in after this play was first written by someone other than Shakespeare.

Scene 6

- Setting
 - The Palace
- Characters
 - Lennox and Lords
- Summary
 - They are discussing what has happened so far.
 - Duncan's death
 - Malcolm and Donalbain killing their father and running away.
 - Banquo's death
 - It is thought now that Fleance killed his father.
 - Malcolm is in England
 - Macduff is going to England to talk to Malcolm.