

Macbeth

To reward Macbeth for his victory and loyalty, King Duncan awards the title of Thane of Cawdor to Macbeth. Macbeth begins to think the weird sisters spoke truthfully when they said he would be king.

The Weird Sisters

"Fair is foul, and foul is fair;
Hover through the fog and filthy air."



The Royal Family

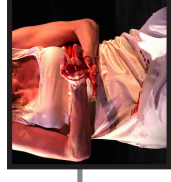


On a foggy heath near a battlefield in Scotland, Macbeth and Banquo stumble upon three weird sisters, who greet Macbeth with three titles: Thane of Glamis, Thane of Cawdor, and future King. The Thane of Cawdor and King Duncan are alive, so Macbeth is puzzled. The women also tell Banquo his sons will be kings. When the men seek further explanation, the figures disappear.



Macbeth

Thane of Glamis
*"Stars, hide your fires;
Let not light see my black
and deep desires."*



Lady Macbeth
Macbeth's Wife

Noble Scottish Families



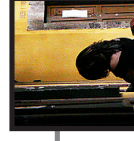
Macduff

Thane of Fife
*"What, all my pretty
chickens and their dam
at one fell swoop?"*



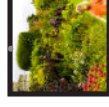
Banquo

A commander of
Duncan's army
*"Thou hast it now... and
I fear thou played'st
most foully for 't."*

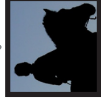


Lady Macduff

Macduff's Wife
*"Thou hast it now... and
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Young Macduff



Fleance

Banquo's Son

Malcolm's Army

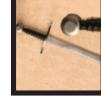


Angus Ross Lennox Caithness Mentieth
Scottish Nobles



Siward

Commander of the
English forces



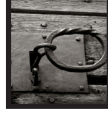
Young Siward

Siward's Son

Macbeth becomes King, but he is afraid of how easy it would be to lose the crown. He seeks out the weird sisters, who tell him to "beware Macduff," but that "none of woman-born" can harm him. To "make assurance double sure" he orders the deaths of Banquo, Fleance, and everyone in Macduff's castle.



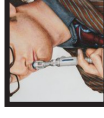
Three Murderers



Porter



Servant



Doctor

attending Lady Macbeth



Gentlewoman

Macduff arrives in the morning to rouse Duncan, but finds he's been murdered. Duncan's sons flee to England and Ireland, afraid that they will also be murdered. However, their flight makes them look guilty.