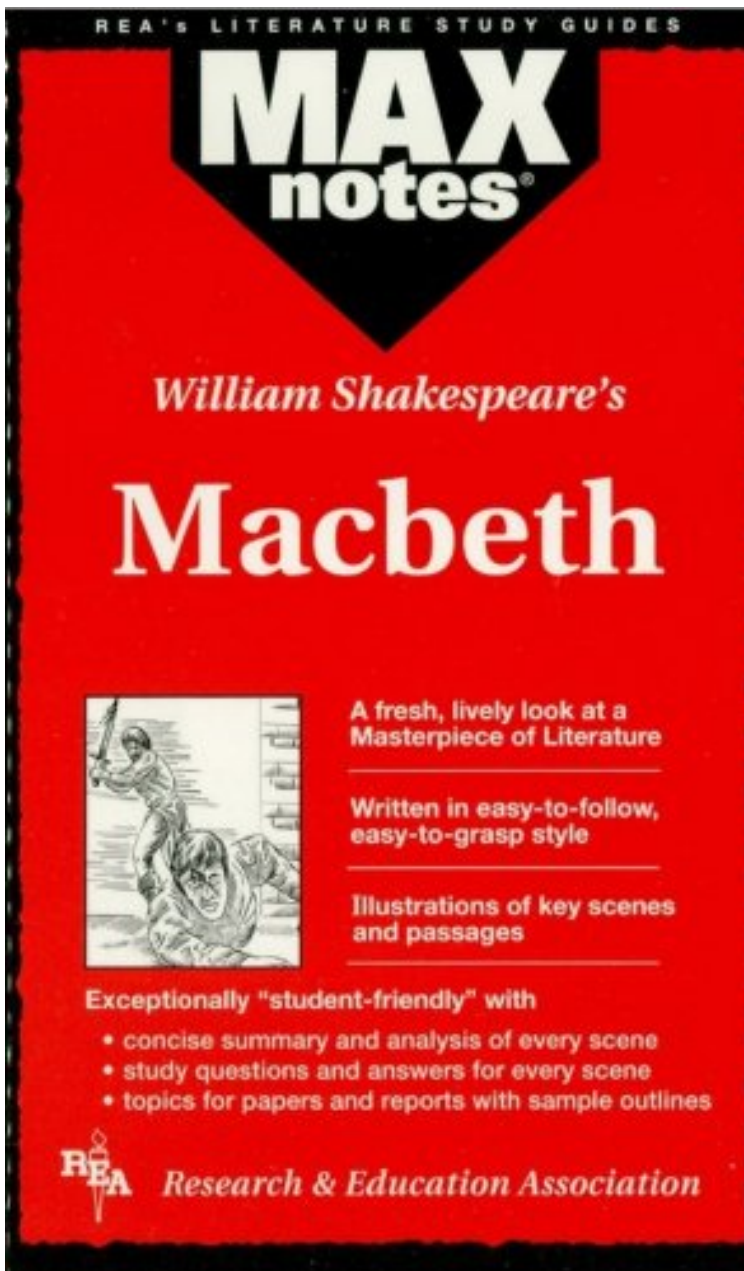


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ScotlandLADY MACBETHBANQUO, a thane of ScotlandFLEANCE, his sonMACDUFF, Thane of FifeLADY MACDUFFSON of Macduff and Lady MacduffLENNEXROSSMENTEITH thanes and noblemen of ScotlandANGUSCAITHNESSSIWARD, Earl of NorthumberlandYOUNG SIWARD, his sonSEYTON, an officer attending MacbethAnother LORDENGLISH DOCTORSOTTISH DOCTORGENTLEWOMAN attending Lady MacbethCAPTAIN serving DuncanPORTEROLD MANThree MURDERERS of BanquoFirst MURDERERS at Macduff's castleMESSENGER to Lady MacbethMESSENGER to Lady MacduffSERVENT to MacbethSERVENT to Lady MacbethThree WITCHES or WEIRD SISTERSHECATEThree APPARITIONSLords, Gentlemen, Officers, Soldiers, Murderers,and AttendantsSCENE: Scotland; EnglandLocation: An open place.hurlyburly tumultGrimalkin i.e., gray cat, name of the witch's familiara demon or evil spirit supposed to answer a witch's call and to allow him or her to perform black magic.Paddock toad; also a familiarAnon At once, right away.1.2 Location: A camp near Forres.0.1 Alarum trumpet call to arms1.1 * Thunder and lightning. Enter three Witches.FIRST WITCHWhen shall we three meet again?In thunder, lightning, or in rain?SECOND WITCHWhen the hurlyburly's done,When the battle's lost and won.THIRD WITCHThat will be ere the set of sun.first witchWhere the place?second witch Upon the heath.third witchThere to meet with Macbeth.FIRST WITCH I come, Grimalkin!SECOND WITCH Paddock calls. THIRD WITCH Anon. ALLFair is foul, and foul is fair Hover through the fog and filthy air. Exeunt.1.2 * Alarum within. Enter King [Duncan], Malcolm, Donalbain, Lennox, with attendants, meeting a bleeding Captain.DUNCANWhat bloody man is that? He can report,As seemeth by his plight, of the revoltnewest state latest news. sergeant i.e., staff officer. (There may be no inconsistency with his rank of "captain" in the stage direction and speech prefixes in the Folio.)broil battle spent tired out choke their art render their skill in swimming useless.The merciless . . . supplied The merciless Macdonwaldworthy of the hated name of rebel, for in the cause of rebellion an ever-increasing number of villainous persons and unnatural qualities swarm about him like verminis joined by light-armed Irish footsoldiers and ax-armed horsemen from the western islands of Scotland (the Hebrides and perhaps Ireland)And Fortune . . . whore i.e., Fortune, proverbially a false strumpet, smiles at first on Macdonwald's damned rebellion but deserts him in his hour of need.well . . . name well he deserves a name that is synonymous with "brave"minion darling. (Macbeth is Valor's darling, not Fortune's.)the slave i.e., MacdonwaldWhich . . . to him i.e., Macbeth paused for no ceremonious greeting or farewell to Macdonwald.nave navel. chops jawsousin kinsmanAs . . . swells Just as terrible storms at sea arise out of the east, from the place where the sun first shows itself in the seeming comfort of the dawn, even thus did a new military threat come on the heels of the seeming good news of Macdonwald's execution.skipping (1) lightly armed, quick at maneuvering (2) skittishsurveying vantage seeing an opportunityThe newest state.MALCOLM This is the sergeant Who like a good and hardy soldier fought'Gainst my captivity.Hail, brave friend!Say to the King the knowledge of the broil As thou didst leave it.CAPTAIN Doubtful it stood,As two spent swimmers that do cling together And choke their art. The merciless Macdonwald Worthy to be a rebel, for to that The multiplying villainies of nature Do swarm upon himfrom the Western Isles Of kerns and gallowglasses is supplied; And Fortune, on his damned quarrel smiling, Showed like a rebel's whore. But all's too weak; For brave Macbethwell he deserves that nameDisdaining Fortune, with his brandished steel,Which smoked with bloody execution,Like valor's minion carved out his passage Till he faced the slave, Which ne'er shook hands nor bade farewell to him Till he unseamed him from the nave to th' chops, And fixed his head upon our battlements.DUNCANOh, valiant cousin, worthy gentleman! CAPTAINAs whence the sun 'gins his reflection Shipwrecking storms and direful thunders break, So from that spring whence comfort seemed to come Discomfort swells. Mark, King of Scotland, mark. No sooner justice had, with valor armed,Compelled these skipping kerns to trust their heels But the Norwegian lord, surveying vantage, With furbished arms and new supplies of men,Began a fresh assault.Yes . . . eagles Yes, about as much as sparrows terrify eagles. (Said ironically.)say sooth tell the truth cracks charges of explosiveExcept Unless memorize make memorable or famous. Golgotha "place of a skull," where Christ was crucified. (Mark 15:22.)Thane Scottish title of honor, roughly equivalent to "Earl"seems to seems about to flout mock, insult fan . . . cold fan cold fear into our troops.Norway The King of Norway. terrible numbers terrifying numbers of troops dismal ominousTill . . . proof i.e., until Macbeth, clad in well-tested armor. (Bellona was the Roman goddess of war.)him i.e., the King of Norway. self-comparisons i.e., matching counterthrustsDUNCANDismayed not this our captains, Macbeth and Banquo?CAPTAINYes, as sparrows eagles, or the hare the lion. If I say sooth, I must report they were As cannons overcharged with double cracks, So they doubly redoubled strokes upon the foe.Except they meant

to bathe in reeking wounds Or memorize another Golgotha, I cannot tell. But I am faint. My gashes cry for help. DUNCAN So well thy words become thee as thy wounds; They smack of honor both. Go get him surgeons. [Exit Captain, attended.] Enter Ross and Angus. Who comes here? MALCOLM The worthy Thane of Ross. LENNEX What a haste looks through his eyes! So should he look that seems to speak things strange. ROSS God save the King! DUNCAN Whence cam'st thou, worthy thane? ROSS From Fife, great King, Where the Norwegian banners flout the sky And fan our people cold. Norway himself, with terrible numbers, Assisted by that most disloyal traitor, The Thane of Cawdor, began a dismal conflict, Till that Bellona's bridegroom, lapped in proof, Confronted him with self-comparisons, Point against point, rebellious arm 'gainst arm, Curbing his lavish spirit; and to conclude, The victory fell on us. Norways' Norwegians'. composition agreement, treaty of peace Saint Colme's Inch Inchcolm, the Isle of St. Columba in the Firth of Forth dollars Spanish or Dutch coins Our (The royal "we.") bosom close and intimate. present immediate Location: A heath near Forres. Aroint thee Begone. rump-fed runnion fat-rumped baggage Tiger (A ship's name.) like . . . do (Suggestive of the witches' deformity and sexual insatiability. Witches were thought to seduce men sexually. Do means [1] act [2] perform sexually.) DUNCAN Great happiness! ROSS That now Sweno, the Norways' king, craves composition; Nor would we deign him burial of his men Till he disbursed at Saint Colme's Inch Ten thousand dollars to our general use. DUNCAN No more that Thane of Cawdor shall deceive Our bosom interest. Go pronounce his present death, And with his former title greet Macbeth. ROSS I'll see it done. DUNCAN What he hath lost noble Macbeth hath won. Exeunt. 1.3 * Thunder. Enter the three Witches. FIRST WITCH Where hast thou been, sister? SECOND WITCH Killing swine. THIRD WITCH Sister, where thou? FIRST WITCH A sailor's wife had chestnuts in her lap, And munched, and munched, and munched. "Give me," quoth I. "Aroint thee, witch!" the rump-fed runnion cries. Her husband's to Aleppo gone, master o'th' Tiger; But in a sieve I'll thither sail, And like a rat without a tail I'll do, I'll do, and I'll do. SECOND WITCH I'll give thee a wind. FIRST WITCH Thou'rt kind. I . . . card I can summon all other winds, wherever they blow and from whatever quarter in the shipman's compass card. I'll . . . hay (With a suggestion of sexually draining the seaman's semen.) penthouse lid i.e., eyelid (which projects out over the eye like a penthouse or slope-roofed structure). forbid accursed. sev'nights weeks peak grow peaked or thin Weird Sisters women connected with fate or destiny; also women having a mysterious or unearthly, uncanny appearance Posters of swift travelers over THIRD WITCH And I another. FIRST WITCH I myself have all the other, And the very ports they blow, All the quarters that they know I'th' shipman's card. I'll drain him dry as hay. Sleep shall neither night nor day Hang upon his penthouse lid. He shall live a man forbid. Weary sev'nights nine times nine Shall he dwindle, peak, and pine. Though his bark cannot be lost, Yet it shall be tempest-tossed. Look what I have. SECOND WITCH Show me, show me. FIRST WITCH Here I have a pilot's thumb, Wrecked as homeward he did come. Drum within. THIRD WITCH A drum, . . . Revue de presse' This updated edition of Macbeth reveals thorough research, it is conscientiously annotated, and it appears a superb tool for researchers and students involved in Shakespeare scholarship.'

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