

William Shakespeare's Macbeth: Summary & Analysis

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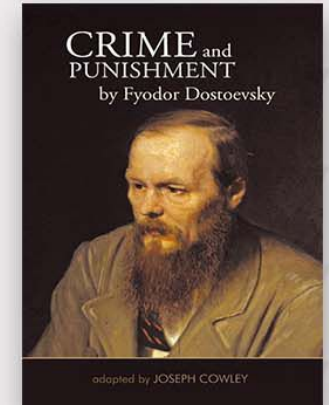
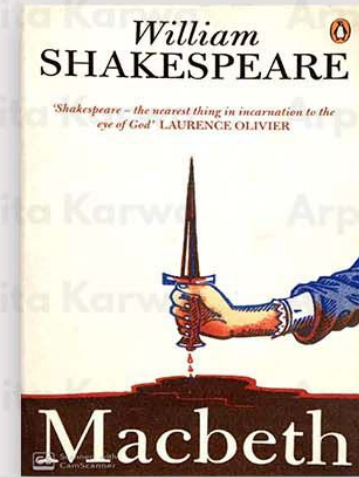
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INTRODUCTION TO MACBETH (1623)

- 1 Backstage it is called, *"The Scottish Play"*
- 2 Inspiration for Macbeth, Macduff and Duncan : Holinshed's Chronicles (1587), a history of England
- 3 Boris Pasternak: Compared Macbeth to Raskolnikov, the main character of Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- 4 Thomas De Quincey: *"Knocking on the gates of Macbeth"*



INTRODUCTION : IMPORTANT CHARACTERS

- 1 **Macbeth:** *Scottish general in King Duncan's army; Thane of Glamis*
- 2 **Lady Macbeth:** *Wife of Macbeth*
- 3 **Banquo:** *Scottish nobleman; gets killed by Macbeth*
- 4 **Macduff:** *Scottish nobleman; kills Macbeth*
- 5 **King Duncan:** *Is killed by Macbeth*
- 6 **Malcolm:** *Eldest son of King Duncan*



SECTION 1 : THE WAR

- 1 War between Scotland and Norway
- 2 Scottish rebels supporting Norwegian army
- 3 Scotland (*ruled by King Duncan*) wins
- 4 Credit goes to Macbeth

SECTION 2 : ENCOUNTER WITH THE 3 WITCHES



King Duncan
(King of Scotland)

Make him Thane of Cawdor



Macbeth

(Scottish General in King Duncan's Army)

Laugh at the predictions



Banquo

Scottish Nobleman

1. Thane of Cawdor
2. King of Scotland



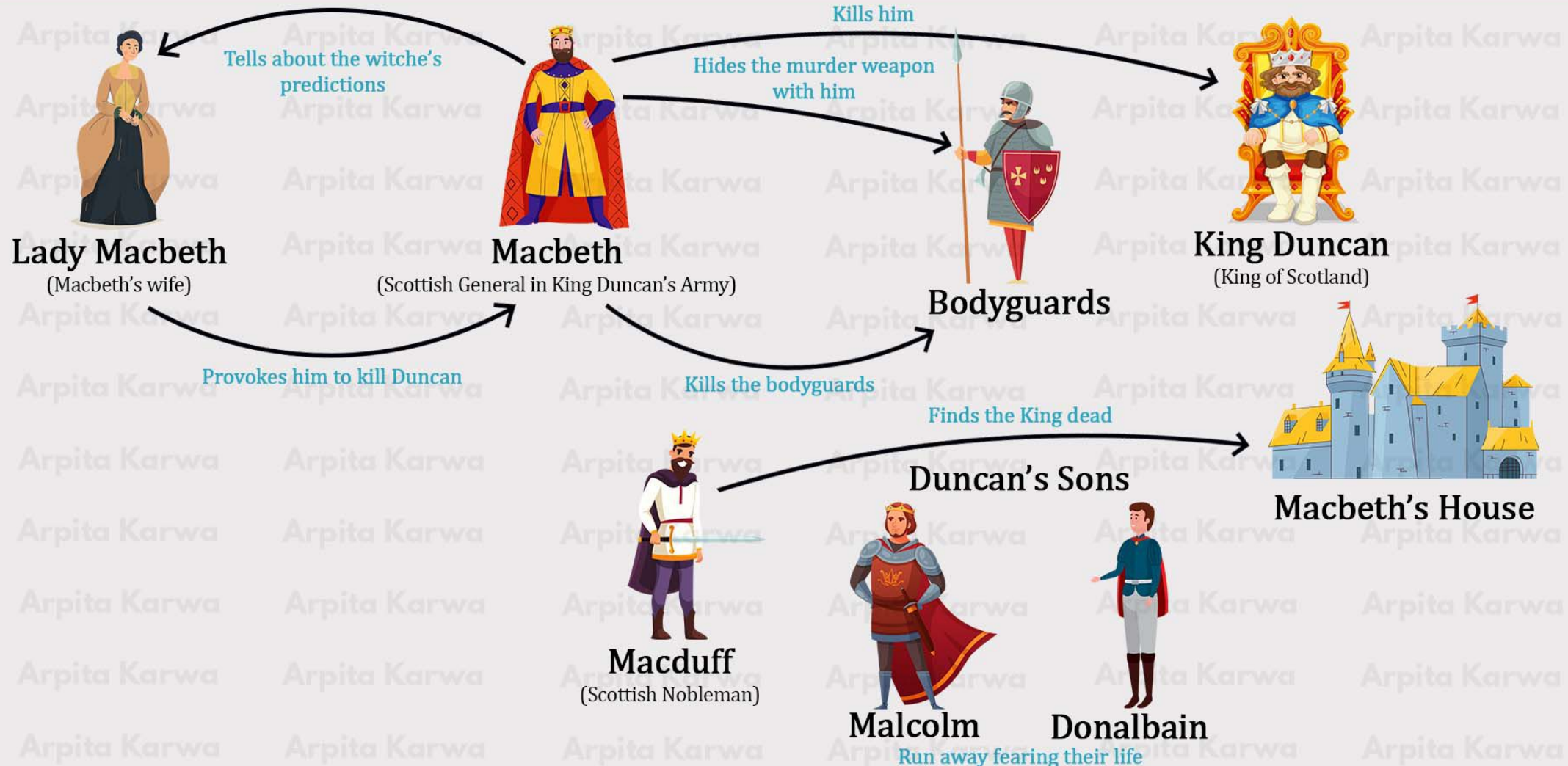
3 Witches

1. Son will become the King after Macbeth

SECTION 3 : ANNOUNCEMENT BY DUNCAN

- 1 Duncan announces that his eldest son (*Malcolm*) will become the king after him
- 2 Macbeth gets angry

SECTION 4 : KING'S MURDER



SECTION 6 : BANQUO'S MURDER



Macbeth

(Scottish General in King Duncan's Army)



Ghost of Banquo



Banquo

Scottish Nobleman

Murdered



Banquo's Son

Escaped



Macduff

(Scottish Nobleman)

Is sure Macbeth killed Banquo and the King



Malcolm

(King Duncan's eldest son)

Preparing an army against macbeth



**King
of England**

England

SECTION 7 : PREDICTION ABOUT DEATH



Macbeth

(Scottish General in King Duncan's Army)

Ask for their predictions about his death



3 Witches

1. Stay careful of Macduff
2. Any man born from a woman cannot kill you
3. You cannot be killed unless the jungle walks towards your fort

SECTION 8 : MACDUFF'S FAMILY IS KILLED & LADY MACBETH TURNS INSANE

- 1 Macduff's family is killed by Macbeth
- 2 Macduff is heartbroken
- 3 Lady Macbeth has become insane because of guilt
- 4 She dies

SECTION 9 : END OF MACBETH

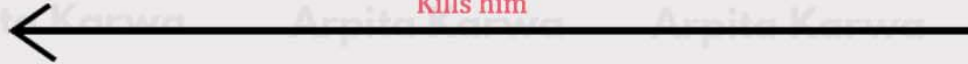


Macbeth



Macbeth's Fort

Kills him



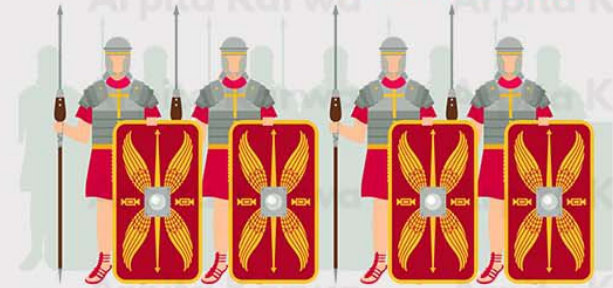
Macduff

(Scottish Nobleman)



Malcolm

Becomes the King



Army

Strategy: Put plants in front of them and move towards the fort