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Banquo's descendants he plans to kill Banquo and his son Fleance. So Macbeth hires two men to commit the murder.

### **Act 3, Scene 2**

Macbeth and his wife have a conversation about their awkward situation. Macbeth is tortured by his bad conscience and his fear of the future. Lady Macbeth tries to reassure him, but her husband is convinced that violence is the only method that guarantees security. He intimates another crime without informing his wife in detail about his plans.

### **Act 3, Scene 3**

The two men Macbeth has hired to kill Banquo and Fleance meet to commit the crime. A third murderer, who has also been engaged by Macbeth, indicates Macbeth's distrust. Banquo is murdered, but Fleance is able to escape.

### **Act 3, Scene 4**

The Scottish aristocracy is present at Macbeth's because a royal feast takes place. The evening is interrupted and ruined by things that remind the new king of his evil deeds. He has an appearance of Banquo's ghost, which frightens him very much, so that he gives himself away in the presence of his guests. Lady Macbeth isn't able to control the situation, so she tells her guests to leave. This scene shows that although Macbeth and his wife have reached what they wanted they are incapable of enjoying it.

### **Act 3, Scene 5**

The goddess of witchcraft reproaches the weird sisters with their dealings concerning Macbeth. Knowing he will come to meet them again she tells them to be prepared.

### **Act 3, Scene 6**

Two Scottish lords talk about their anger with regard to Macbeth's misrule of the country. At first they speak cautiously, but later they speak more directly and it is clear that they long for relief from Macbeth. They hope for Malcolm, Duncan's son, and Macduff, who are calling the English court for help.

### **Act 4, Scene 1**

Macbeth meets the weird sisters and asks them to predict him his future. Three appearances make him believe that he is invincible, but another show of spirits confirms Macbeth's fear that Banquo's descendants will get the crown. This encounter encourages him to go on using violence. When he hears that Macduff is staying in England he makes up his mind to kill Macduff's family.



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