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Introduction

The Tragedy of Macbeth deals with the question as to how far human-beings will go in order to reach their aims. Where can ambition and the greed for power lead to? What are people willing to give up for the realisation of their secret wishes, and how do they cope with the fact that the price they have to pay is higher than they have expected? With regard to this topic conscience, dignity and honour have an important meaning, as William Shakespeare's Macbeth shows.

Act 1, Scene 1

There are three women who agree to have a meeting with Macbeth in a lonely place after the battle in which he has taken part. Their conversation conveys the impression that something wicked is going to happen.

Act 1, Scene 2

Messengers inform King Duncan about the fact that after several hard battles the rebels - headed by Macdonald, the Norwegian king and the Thane of Cawdor- have been beaten. They tell King Duncan that Macbeth has killed Macdonald and the Thane of Cawdor. Duncan is very impressed and looks upon him as a hero. He rewards Macbeth by giving him Cawdor's lands and title.

Act 1, Scene 3

While the three women are waiting for Macbeth they speak about the black magic they have performed. When Macbeth and Banquo arrive they predict what the future holds for both men, who are not sure whether these creations are women or demons, good or evil. They tell Macbeth that he will be Thane of Cawdor and even king one day. Banquo learns that he will be father to a line of kings. When some of the prophecies prove to be true right away Macbeth decides to believe them all.

Act 1, Scene 4

The king names his son Malcolm the Prince of Cumberland. That implies that Malcolm will be the next king of Scotland. Macbeth is very upset since it was prophesied to him that he shall be heir to the throne. Macbeth's desire to become king is very strong and therefore the idea of killing the king gets firmer.

Act 1, Scene 5

Lady Macbeth reads a letter that she has received by her husband. The letter informs her about the prophecies which make her decide the murder of King Duncan. She wants to ensure the implementation of the predictions but fears that Macbeth has too many scruples to commit the crime. So, when she learns that Duncan will spend the night at their castle, she takes the decision to kill him herself. When Macbeth arrives he behaves evasively with regard to her plans.



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