

To Nanna,

As part of my work this term I have been learning about Shakespeare and have listened to the story of Macbeth, I now want to share this story with you.

Scotland had just won a huge war. A soldier named Macbeth who was a successful general in king Duncan's army, was riding on his horse along with his friend Banquo through the battlefield when they saw three witches. Macbeth stopped his horse and got off to talk to them, he got out his sword in case they were hostile towards them, when they spoke to Macbeth and Banquo they spoke in a voice that sounded like iron scraping metal. They said that Macbeth would be a thane, Macbeth would be king and Banquo's sons will be kings.

Macbeth wrote to lady Macbeth writing about the witches' predictions and how he would become king, Macbeth became Thane of Cawdor making this the first correct prediction from the witches.

King Duncan came to stay at Macbeth's castle, whilst he was staying lady Macbeth said that Macbeth should kill King Duncan so that he could become king, he blames king Duncan's servants for the killings and King Duncan's sons ran away as they feared for their own lives. Macbeth feels guilt for killing the king but is happy that he is now king.

He is worried that his friend Banquo knows that he killed the king, and also that Banquo's children could become king, so he decides that Banquo needs to be killed also. He orders his servants to do this.

Both Macbeth and lady Macbeth feel guilty about their parts in the killings. Lady Macbeth starts sleepwalking and she keeps washing her hands that she thinks has blood on them. Macbeth starts to see Banquo's ghost and decides he needs to speak to the witches again. The witches tell him that he needs to be careful of Macduff, they tell him that no one a woman has given birth can hurt him, and he won't be defeated until Birnam wood moves. Macbeth thinks he is unbeatable.

Macbeth had Macduff's family murdered, whilst Macduff was trying to get Malcolm (late king Duncan's son) to fight Macbeth. Malcolm agrees

and they arrive in Scotland with an army. They cut down branches from the trees in Birnam woods and they use this as a camouflage, this also makes another one of the witches' predictions true. Macbeth was killed by Macduff and he reveals that he was born by caesarean this then fulfilled the final prophecy.

Hope you enjoyed reading about Macbeth

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