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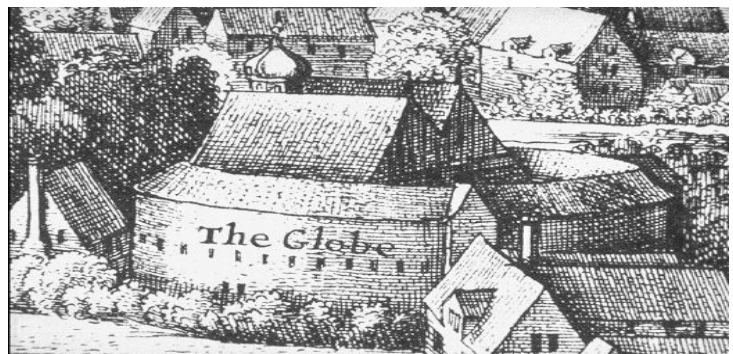
by William Shakespeare



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William Shakespeare who was born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, in 1564. Died in 1616.



The old Globe Theatre where Shakespeare's plays were performed on Bankside, London.

# The Story of Macbeth

## Introduction

This story is set in Scotland over five hundred years ago when a good man called Duncan was King of Scotland. Macbeth, a nobleman and a strong, powerful soldier, was a Commander in King Duncan's army.



Nearby, on wild heathland lived three witches. These witches had magical powers and could see into the future. On a dark afternoon, Macbeth met the witches who told him that, one day, he would be King of Scotland.

After the meeting with the witches, Macbeth couldn't stop thinking about becoming king. He and his wife, Lady Macbeth, planned to get rid of the king. However, Duncan was a good man and Macbeth wasn't sure what to do. Eventually, Lady Macbeth persuaded her husband to kill the King. After this, Macbeth had to commit many more terrible murders.

Desperate for help, Macbeth went to find the witches to ask for advice. He wanted to know what was going to happen to him. The advice they gave him made Macbeth believe that he was safe from danger, but this was far from the truth....



## The Characters

The Three Witches

Macbeth                      Commander of the Scottish army and  
    \*Thane of Cawdor

Lady Macbeth                Macbeth's wife

King Duncan                King of Scotland

Malcolm                      King Duncan's eldest son

Donalbain                    King Duncan's younger son

Banquo                        Commander of the Scottish army and  
    Macbeth's friend

Fleance                        Banquo's son

Macduff                        \*Thane of Scotland

Lady Macduff                Macduff's wife

***\* Thane is a special title given by the King, like, for example, a 'Lord'.***





*“Here I have a pilot’s thumb,  
Wreck’d as homeward he did come.  
A drum! A drum! Macbeth doth come.”*

### **Three Witches meet on the Moor**

Macbeth has been fighting a battle for King Duncan. He has been very brave and has helped to win the battle. Meanwhile, three witches meet on the moor. They are waiting for Macbeth to return from battle. They have news for him.



*The witches can see into the future? Would you believe them, if they told you about your future?*

### **The Thane of Cawdor**

We find out that the \*Thane of Cawdor, who was supposed to be on the King’s side, has been fighting against the King. The King decides to give the name ‘Thane of Cawdor’ to Macbeth (but Macbeth doesn’t know this yet). The old Thane of Cawdor is going to be punished and killed.



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