

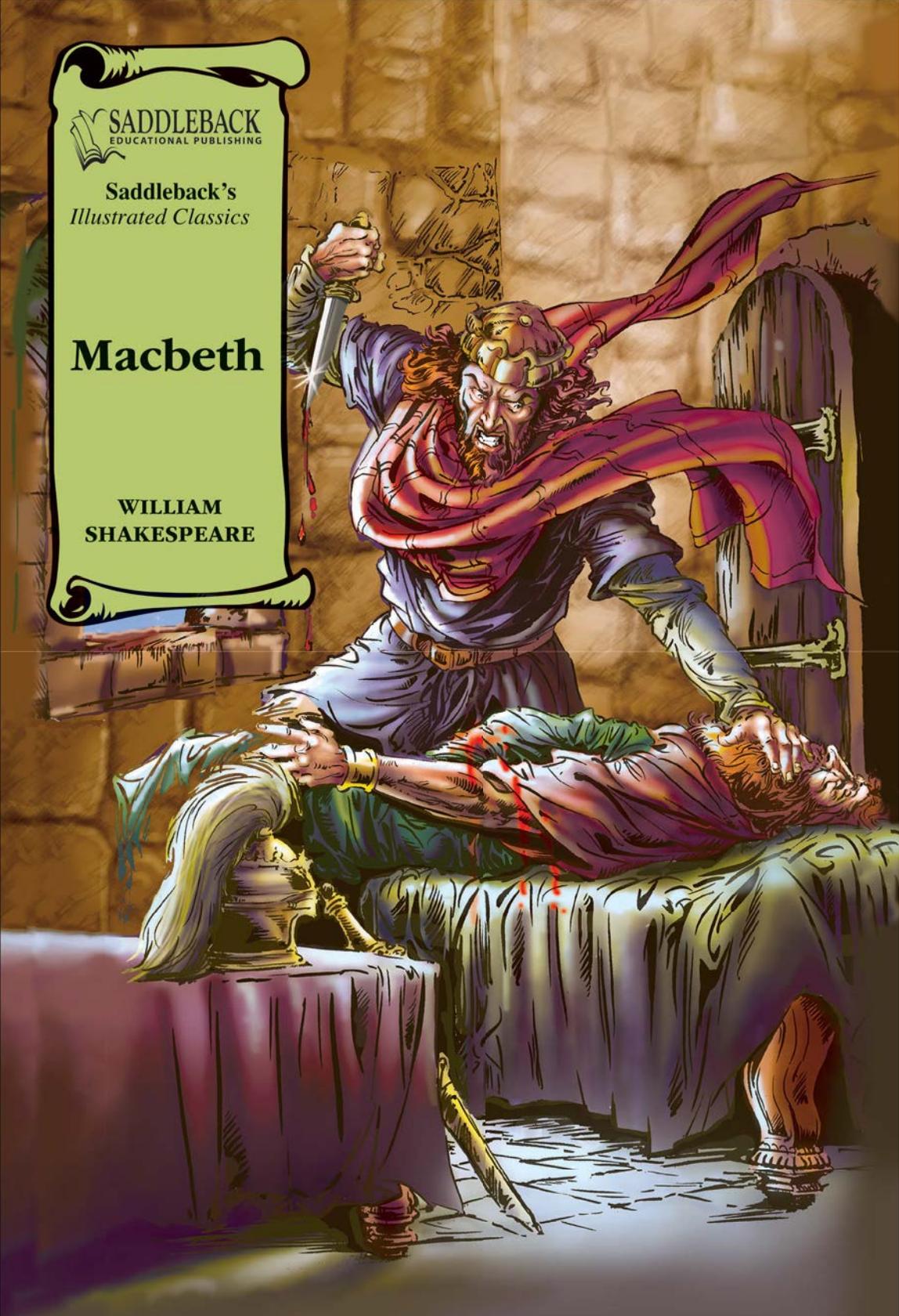


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William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was baptized on April 26, 1564, in Stratford-on-Avon, England, the third child of John Shakespeare, a well-to-do merchant, and Mary Arden, his wife. Young William probably attended the Stratford grammar school, where he learned English, Greek, and a great deal of Latin. Historians aren't sure of the exact date of Shakespeare's birth.

In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway. By 1583 the couple had a daughter, Susanna, and two years later the twins, Hamnet and Judith. Somewhere between 1585 and 1592 Shakespeare went to London, where he became first an actor and then a playwright. His acting company, The King's Men, appeared most often in the Globe theater, a part of which Shakespeare himself owned.

In all, Shakespeare is believed to have written thirty-seven plays, several nondramatic poems, and a number of sonnets. In 1611 when he left the active life of the theater, he returned to Stratford and became a country gentleman, living in the second-largest house in town. For five years he lived a quiet life. Then, on April 23, 1616, William Shakespeare died and was buried in Trinity Church in Stratford. From his own time to the present, Shakespeare is considered one of the greatest writers of the English-speaking world.

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Macbeth





* a large kettle

** an army officer of the highest rank



GOOD KING DUNCAN WAS JOINED BY HIS TWO SONS, MALCOLM AND DONALBAIN.



ALSO AT THE KING'S SIDE WAS A NOBLEMAN* NAMED LENNOX AND MANY ROYAL ATTENDANTS.**



* a man of high rank, often an advisor to the king

** members of a king's court

A BLEEDING MAN WAS BROUGHT TO HIM FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

THIS IS THE SERGEANT* WHO FOUGHT TO KEEP ME FROM BEING CAPTURED.**



TELL MY FATHER ABOUT THE BATTLE, FRIEND!



FOR A LONG TIME IT SEEMED THAT THE ENEMY AND THE KING'S FORCES WERE EQUALLY MATCHED.



"NEITHER ARMY COULD WIN AGAINST THE OTHER."



* an office

** taken away by the enemy

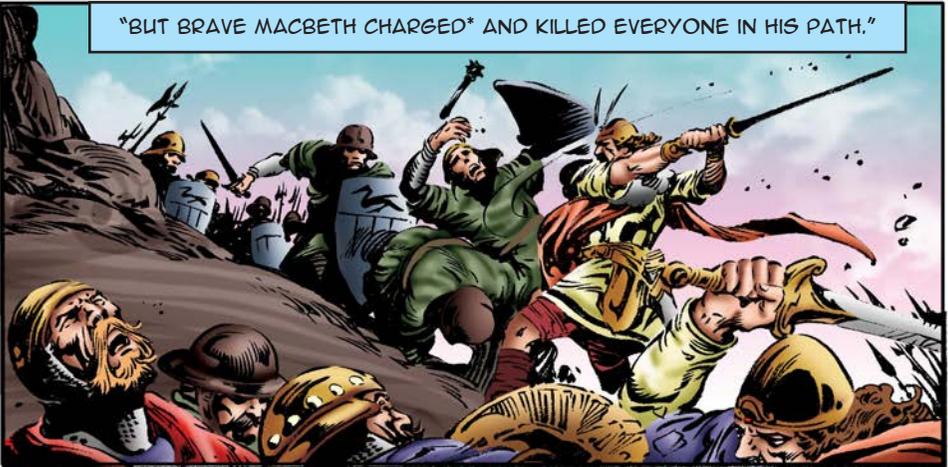
"MACDONWALD, WHO LED THE ENEMY, ADDED SOME IRISH FOOT SOLDIERS TO HIS FORCES."



"IT SEEMED THAT THE ENEMY MIGHT NOW BEGIN TO WIN OVER THE ARMY HEADED BY MACBETH AND BANQUO."



"BUT BRAVE MACBETH CHARGED* AND KILLED EVERYONE IN HIS PATH."



* went forward into battle

"AS HE FOUGHT, MACBETH FINALLY
CAME UPON MACDONWALD."



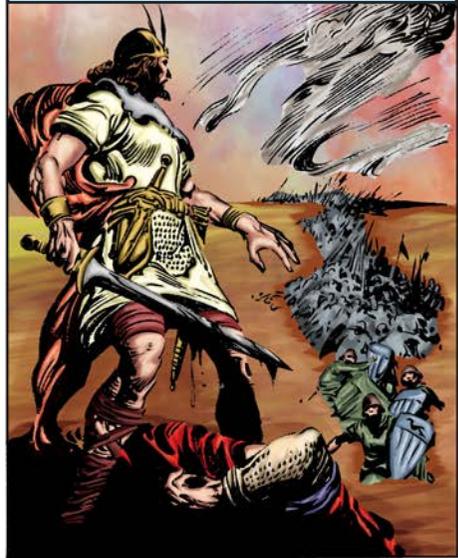
"RAISING HIS SWORD HIGH IN THE AIR,
MACBETH BROUGHT IT DOWN ON THE
REBEL'S* CHEST."



"THEN HE CHOPPED OFF MACDON-
WALD'S HEAD."



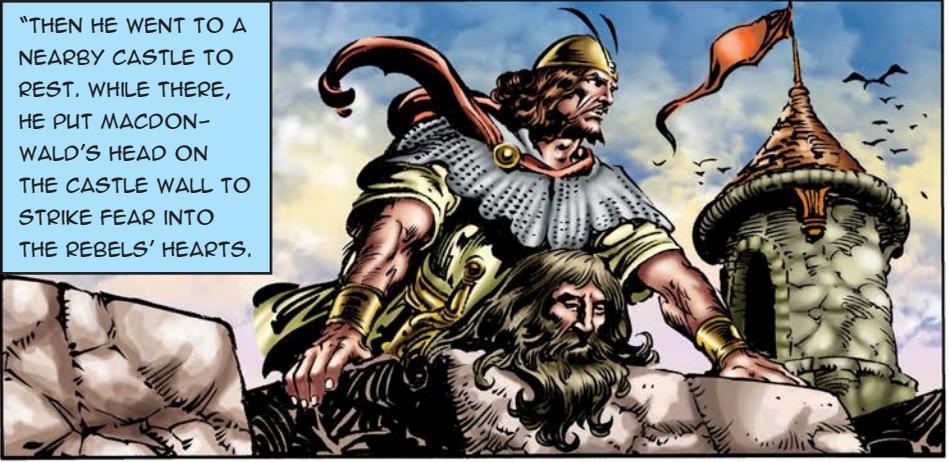
"WITHOUT A LEADER, THE REBELS
RETRATED.** MACBETH HAD WON THE
BATTLE!"



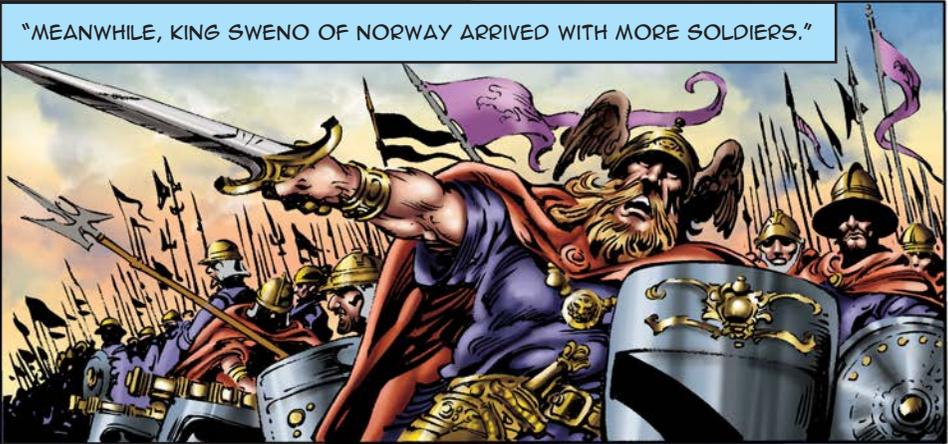
* a person who fights against the leaders of his own country

** moved back or away

"THEN HE WENT TO A NEARBY CASTLE TO REST. WHILE THERE, HE PUT MACDONWALD'S HEAD ON THE CASTLE WALL TO STRIKE FEAR INTO THE REBELS' HEARTS."



"MEANWHILE, KING SWENO OF NORWAY ARRIVED WITH MORE SOLDIERS."

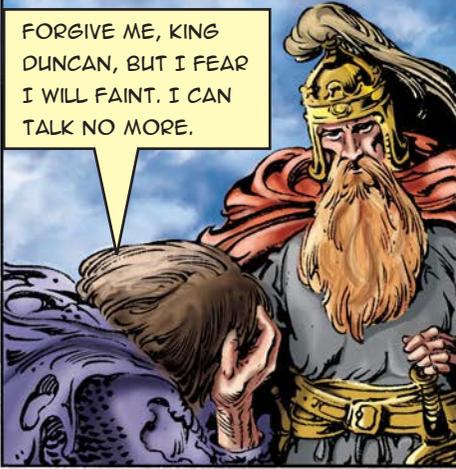


"GENERAL MACBETH AND BANQUO MARCHED AHEAD OF THEIR ARMY TO MEET THE NEW CHARGE."



BUT THE BRAVE SERGEANT COULD NOT FINISH HIS STORY.

FORGIVE ME, KING DUNCAN, BUT I FEAR I WILL FAINT. I CAN TALK NO MORE.



YOUR WOUNDS* MUST BE LOOKED AFTER. MY MEN WILL TAKE YOU TO THE DOCTOR.



JUST THEN TWO NOBLEMEN, ROSS AND ANGUS, ARRIVED. KING DUNCAN WAS EAGER** TO HEAR WHAT NEWS THEY BROUGHT.

WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM?

FROM THE FIGHTING NEAR FIFE. MANY MEN WERE SENT AGAINST MACBETH AND HIS ARMY BY KING SWENO.



* injuries, cuts and gashes received while fighting

** anxious, looking forward to

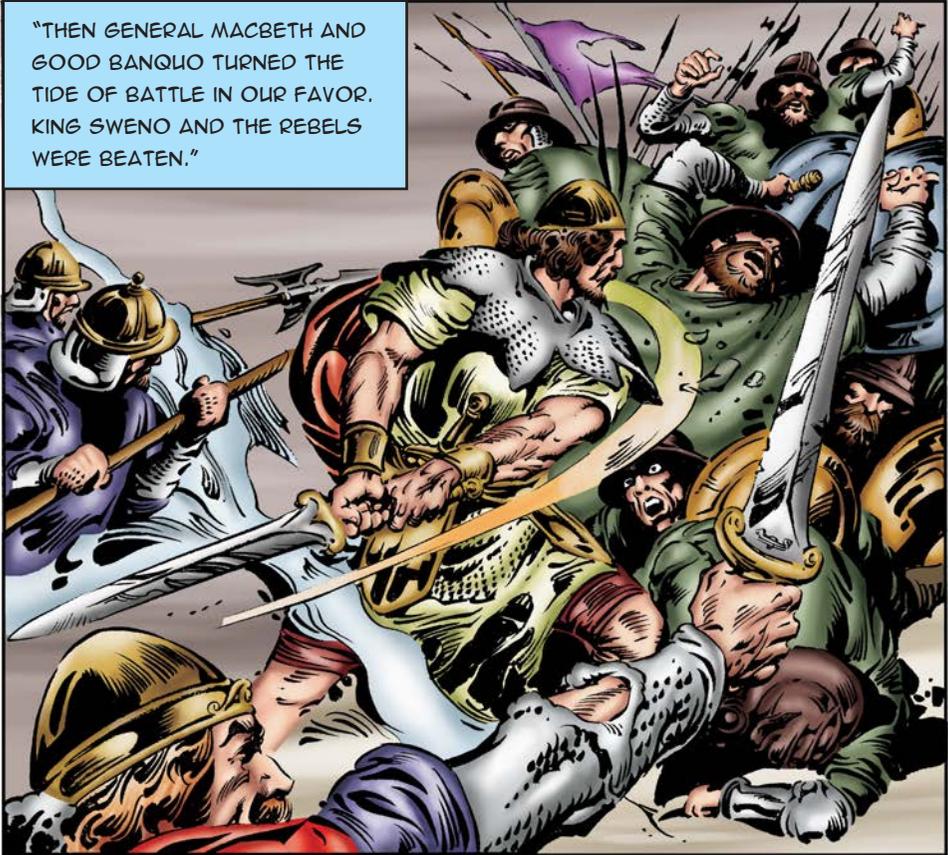
"KING SWENO WAS HELPED BY THE THANE OF CAWDOR.* HE TURNED TRAITOR** TO SCOTLAND AND FOUGHT WITH THE NORWEGIANS AGAINST US."



"AGAIN IT SEEMED AS IF WE WOULD LOSE."

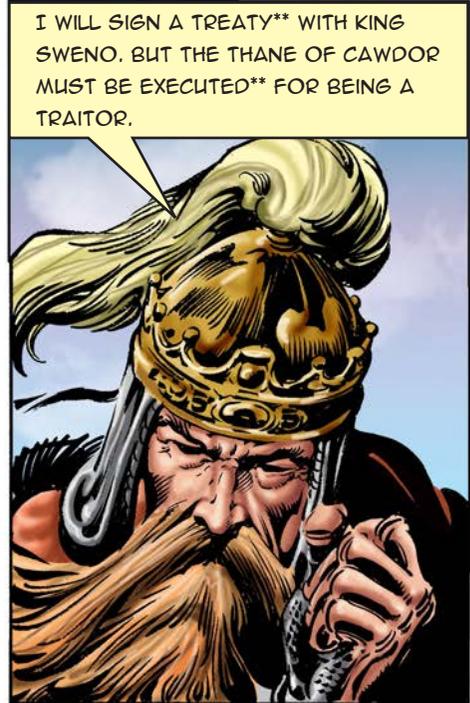


"THEN GENERAL MACBETH AND GOOD BANQUO TURNED THE TIDE OF BATTLE IN OUR FAVOR. KING SWENO AND THE REBELS WERE BEATEN."



* a Scottish title given to a trusted nobleman

** a person who joins forces with an enemy to fight against his own country

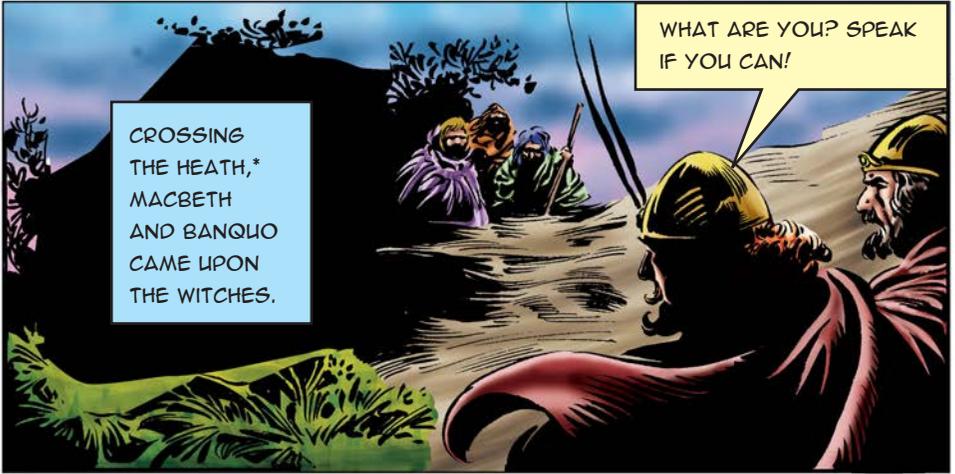


* a paper signed to end a war

** killed according to the law



MEANWHILE, NOW THAT THE FIGHTING WAS OVER, THE THREE WITCHES WAITED TO SPEAK WITH MACBETH AS HE LEFT THE BATTLE.



CROSSING THE HEATH,* MACBETH AND BANQUO CAME UPON THE WITCHES.

WHAT ARE YOU? SPEAK IF YOU CAN!

HAIL,** MACBETH, THANE OF GLAMIS!

HAIL, MACBETH, THANE OF CAWDOR!

HAIL, MACBETH, THE NEXT KING OF SCOTLAND!



* a stretch of marsh land covered with grass and low bushes
 ** a greeting