

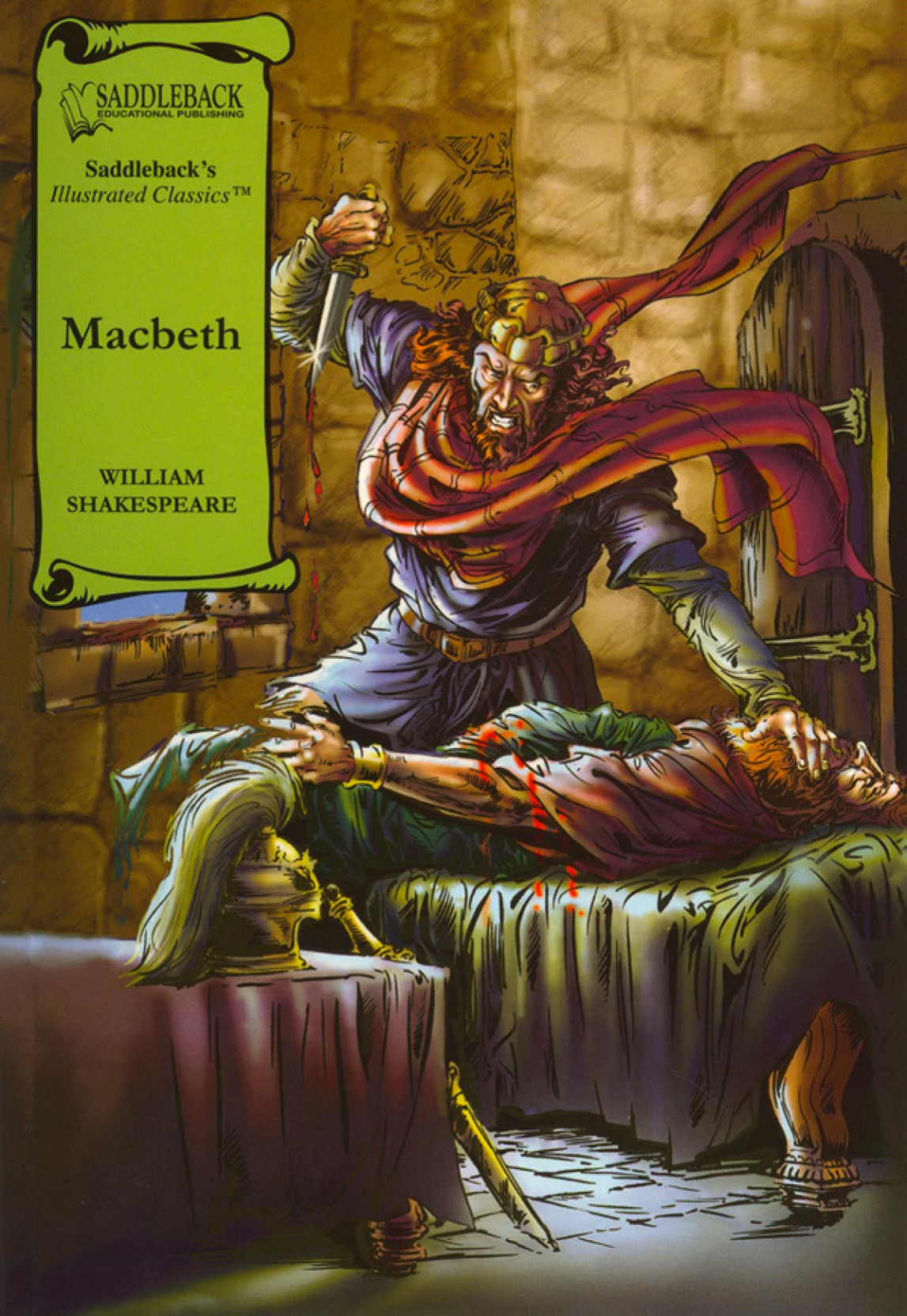


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Macbeth

WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE





* a large kettle

** an army officer of the highest rank

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

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



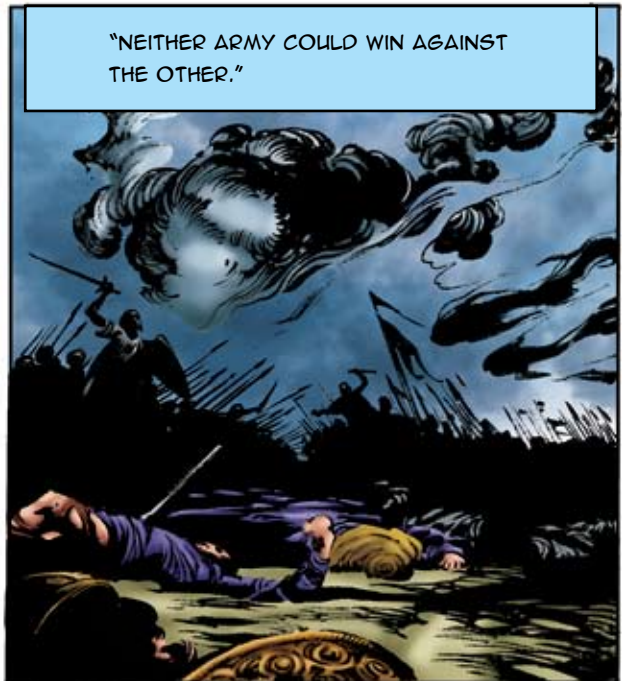
TELL MY FATHER ABOUT THE BATTLE, FRIEND!



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 officer

** 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 MACDONWALD'S HEAD."



"WITHOUT A LEADER, THE REBELS RETREATED.** 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



THAT IS GOOD NEWS, ROSS. THE WAR IS OVER.



I WILL SIGN A TREATY** WITH KING SWENO. BUT THE THANE OF CAWDOR MUST BE EXECUTED** FOR BEING A TRAITOR.



MACBETH MUST BE REWARDED FOR HIS GOOD WORK. I WILL MAKE HIM THE NEW THANE OF CAWDOR.

I'LL GO AND TELL MACBETH ABOUT THIS AT ONCE.

* 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

MACBETH, WHO WAS ALREADY THANE OF GLAMIS BUT DID NOT YET KNOW DUNCAN HAD NAMED HIM THANE OF CAWDOR, SHUDDERED* AT THE WITCHES' WORDS. HE KNEW THE ONLY WAY HE COULD BECOME KING WAS IF GOOD DUNCAN DIED.

DO NOT BE SO AFRAID, MACBETH. THEY HAVE NOT SAID ANYTHING TO HARM YOU.



THEN BANQUO TURNED AND ASKED THE WITCHES A QUESTION.

AND WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT ME?

YOU WILL NOT BE A KING, BUT YOU WILL BE THE FATHER OF KINGS.



WHEN THEY HAD FINISHED SPEAKING, ALL THREE WITCHES VANISHED** INTO THIN AIR.

WAIT! WHY DO YOU SAY THESE THINGS? YOU MUST TELL ME MORE!



* trembled, shook

** disappeared, went away