

ABRIDGED SCRIPT
TO MEET TIME
REQUIREMENT

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SCENE I. A ROOM IN A HOUSE.

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Nick walks line

[Enter MACBETH and BANQUO]

MACBETH ^{NICK} WALKING TO COUCH
Hey brother!

BANQUO ^{DAN}
MacBeth, you've got everything you want now, just like those women said you would. Maybe my boys will become kings too! But, for now, I think it's best if we keep this low-key.

Dan doing his paragraph

[A trumpet plays. LADY MACBETH enters dressed as a queen, ~~together with EXTRAS: LENNOX, ROSS, LORDS, LADIES~~]

Jordan walking in

[MACBETH points at BANQUO]

^{NICK}

MACBETH ^{NICK}
Here's our most important guest.

Nick's bro leaves

LADY MACBETH ^{Jordan}
If we forget him, our big celebration wouldn't be complete, and that wouldn't be any good!

scene talking back and forth

MACBETH ^{Nick}
Hey Banquo, tonight we're having a ~~ceremonial banquet~~ dinner, and I want you to be there.

LADY MACBETH ^{Jordan}
It'll be at seven o'clock.

BANQUO ^{Dan}
Whatever you need, I'll be there.

[LADY MACBETH and EXTRAS disperse]

Jordan leaves
Nick + Dan leave

[MACBETH leads BANQUO outside to his car]

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SCENE II. ON DRIVEWAY OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE.

MACBETH ^{Nick}
So, are you heading out anywhere this afternoon?

Talk

BANQUO ^{Dan}
Yeah, I'm gonna go for a drive.

run some errands

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Outside car
Dan opens doors

MACBETH ^{NICK}

We would've liked to have heard your good advice, which has always been very serious and helpful, at the council today, but we'll have to wait until tomorrow. Are you driving far?

BANQUO ^{DAN}

I don't know, with traffic I'll probably get here in time for dinner.

MACBETH ^{NICK}

Don't miss it!

BANQUO ^{DAN}

Don't worry, I won't.

Banquo in car

MACBETH

We hear that the princes, those nasty murderers, are hiding out in England and Ireland. They've been staying under the radar, and they're awfully good at deceiving their hosts. But we can talk more about that tomorrow, when we'll discuss matters of state that concern us both. Hurry up and go get to your car. Good-bye, until you get back later tonight. Is Fleance going with you?

We can talk more tomorrow, I'll see you later tonight
Is Fleance going with u?

Both talk

BANQUO

Yep, I think it's time we hit the road.

MACBETH

Well, I hope your car doesn't give you any trouble going all that distance. And with that luck, I send you off. See you later, man.

Nick talks
Dan drives

[BANQUO drives off]

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SCENE III. THE SAME.

[MACBETH walks around the corner and sees his friend SERVANT standing guard]

[MACBETH notices a car idling at the foot of the driveway and gestures towards it]

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MACBETH
Are those men in that car down
there waiting for me?

SERVANT *Nicks Drove*
Yes, sir. They told me they had a
meeting scheduled with you, but I
didn't see anything on your
calendar today. I'm sorry, I just
can't get them to go awa-

[MACBETH interrupts SERVANT]

MACBETH
Let me deal with them. Tell them to
come up here.

[The SERVANT motions for the men to drive up the driveway]

[SERVANT exits]

[BOTH MURDERERS drive up the driveway, greet MACBETH]

MACBETH
Hey fellas. Wasn't it yesterday
that we spoke to each other?

FIRST MURDERER
Yes, sir, it was.

MACBETH
What do you say we go grab some
lunch.

SECOND MURDERER
That sounds good, ~~Mr. Macbeth~~

*Matt
Drives
up*

*Matt's talk with
Nick*

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SCENE IV. A RESTAURANT.

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[MACBETH and BOTH MURDERERS are seated at a table, engaging
in conversation]

MACBETH
So, did you think about what I
said? Don't you realize it was
Banquo who's always making *causing* *trouble*
~~everything so hard for you, not me?~~
It wasn't me. I had proof. I
~~explained how you were tricked, how~~
~~you were blocked from success, the~~
~~things that were used against you,~~
~~who was working against you, and a~~
~~lot of other things that would~~

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MACBETH (cont'd)
~~convince even a weak job or a crazy~~
person to say, "Banquo did it!"

FIRST MURDERER
We're only men, Mr. MacBeth.

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MACBETH
Yes, I do realize that. ~~You are a~~
~~human being who identifies as a~~
~~male. Just like all dogs, whatever~~
~~breed they might be, are all just~~
~~dogs at the end of the day. But,~~
~~some dogs are smart. Some dogs are~~
~~quite foolish. Some are fast, while~~
~~others are slow. So, I ask you now,~~
~~are you a fighter, or are you a~~
~~loser? If you consider yourself~~
~~strong men, then I have a plan that~~
~~will eliminate your enemy, and give~~
~~you everything you want. Not to~~
~~mention, you'll get even closer to~~
~~the power that I now hold. So,~~
~~what's it gonna be- are you a~~
winner or a loser?

SECOND MURDERER
Mr. MacBeth, ~~I'm so done with this~~
~~shit~~. I just don't care anymore.

Single
shot

FIRST MURDERER
Same here. Nothing good ever
happens to me. ~~None of my friends~~
~~are genuine people. I have no real~~
~~friends and even my dog is away~~
~~from me. I will do anything, as~~
long as it gives me just a speck of
hope that things will get better.
~~And if they don't, and I end up~~
~~getting myself killed, that's~~
~~by me too~~ ~~shit~~

MACBETH
You both know that Banquo is a
terrible person.

~~BOTH MURDERERS~~
That's true, ~~shit~~.

MACBETH
He's my enemy too, and I hate him
so much ~~that every minute~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~alive~~ ~~it~~ ~~kills~~ ~~me~~. This is my
← keep

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NICK SOLO

COUNTRY
HOMER

MACBETH (cont'd)
~~kingdom~~ now. I could simply use my power to get rid of him, but that wouldn't work out in the long run. We've got a lot of mutual friends, so I need to appear innocent and mourn Banquo's death. Now, the only way this is gonna happen is if you two would please just help me out and slit his throat.

SECOND MURDERER

I don't know, I'm kind of having second thoughts ~~on~~ ^{about} this ~~all~~

FIRST MURDERER

Yeah, you're right. This plan is too risky. Give me some time to-

[MACBETH interrupts]

MACBETH

There is no time to think about it. It's either now or never. It must be done tonight, ~~you know the~~ ^{house}. Always remember that no one can know I'm behind this all. For the plan to work perfectly, you two need to kill both Banquo and his son, Fleance, who ~~is his~~ ^{son}. Getting rid of ~~him~~ ^{him} is as important to me as knocking out Banquo. Each of you should make up your own mind about whether you're going to do this. ~~It's up to you~~ ^{both}.

FIRST MURDERER ^{were}

~~You know what? screw it. Do it.~~

SECOND MURDERER

~~Me too~~

MACBETH

last

That's the attitude I like. I will call you guys soon. Remember: lay low, and make sure that under no circumstances does someone find out I'm behind this.

[BOTH MURDERERS nod their heads implying that they understand the orders]

[BOTH MURDERERS exit]

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Macbeth 9 Matt / ...

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last { MACBETH
The deal is closed, Banquo. If that
perfect soul of yours is gonna make
it to Heaven, tonight's the night.

[MACBETH exits]
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