

Script Act III Scene 1

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Based on the play "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare.

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[Enter MACBETH and BANQUO]

MACBETH
Hey brother!

BANQUO
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.

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

[MACBETH points at BANQUO]

MACBETH
Here's our most important guest.

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

MACBETH
Hey Banquo, tonight we're having a
ceremonial banquet, and I want you
to be there.

LADY MACBETH
It'll be at seven o'clock.

BANQUO
Whatever you need, I'll be there.

[LADY MACBETH and EXTRAS disperse]

[MACBETH leads BANQUO outside to his car]

MACBETH
So, are you heading out anywhere
this afternoon?

BANQUO
Yeah, I'm gonna go for a drive.

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MACBETH

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

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

MACBETH

Don't miss it!

BANQUO

Don't worry, I won't.

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?

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.

[BANQUO drives off]

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SCENE III. THE SAME.

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[MACBETH walks around the corner and sees his 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

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 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.

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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
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 whackjob or a crazy
person to say, "Banquo did it!".

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

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
all. I just don't care anymore.

FIRST MURDERER
Same here. Nothing good ever
happens to me. None of my friends
are genuine people. I have no real
family, and even my dog ran 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 cool
by me too.

MACBETH
You both know that Banquo is a
terrible person.

BOTH MURDERERS
That's true, sir.

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

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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 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, away from 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 keeps him company. Getting rid of Fleance is as important to me as knocking off Banquo. Each of you should make up your own mind about whether you're going to do this. I'll come to you soon.

FIRST MURDERER
You know what, screw it. I'm in.

SECOND MURDERER
Me too.

MACBETH
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

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

[MACBETH exits]