# The evil with the angel inside: Lady Macbeth

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Most of readers regard Lady Macbeth as the source of all of the evil things. There is no doubt that Lady Macbeth is an evil, not only an evil with politeness, but also an evil with love, but the love is just for her husband, Macbeth.

There are many articles and papers describing her as a cruel and unconscionable woman, and there also exists a number of articles analyzing Lady Macbeth in different aspects. Some consider the character of Lady Macbeth from psychology’s perspective and regard her as a normal woman who commits a crime but feels guilty of what she has done and finally loses her sleep because of it. Others put forward their ideas based on character analysis, such as the view about Lady Macbeth that she has dual personalities, which means she is not only as brave as a man, but at the same time she is also as timid as a woman. And someone holds the opinions that Lady Macbeth is like a man with strong will while her husband Macbeth is like a woman who is a little timid.

In my point of view, Lady Macbeth is actually a mercy woman, but she knows Macbeth’s ambition and she knows they have to take the chance, otherwise his husband will never become the King and achieve his dream, so she force herself to be an evil.

*‘Come, you spirits that watch murderous thoughts, make me less like a woman and more like a man, and fill me from head to toe with deadly cruelty! Thicken my blood and clog up my veins so I won’t feel* *remorse, so that no human compassion can stop my evil plan or prevent me from accomplishing it! Come to my female breast and turn my mother’s milk into poisonous acid, you murdering demons, wherever you hide, invisible and waiting to do evil! Come, thick night, and cover the world in the darkest smoke of hell, so that my sharp knife can’t see the wound it cuts open, and so heaven can’t peep through the darkness and cry, “No! Stop!”*’

After receiving his letter, his ambition has been integrated into her heart, which makes her crazy. In this quote, many readers feel how cruelty she is. But if we notice it clearly, we will find she knows she is a woman who is not cruel and has human compassion, but she hopes the vicious spirits can help her become an evil so that she can not stop her evil plan. It’s really painful if a person tries to be someone he is not, nobody would like to do like this. Only her love for Macbeth can explain it. After that, when Macbeth want to give up killing the King so that he can keep the reputation and wealth. Lady Macbeth complain about his cowardice, because he wants to become the king but he doesn’t want to pay anything for it, and doesn’t want to hurt anyone, and she think he is like the poor cat in the old story who loves fish but doesn’t want to get feet wet. She knows her husband very well, Lady Macbeth wishes iron could turn into steel at once, and she is upset and angry rather than just cruel.

There is another detail about Lady Macbeth, “ *If Duncan hadn’t reminded me of my father when I saw him sleeping, I would have killed him myself.*” She does not dare to kill the king by herself because the king looks like her father. She has planned to avoid the blood, but after Macbeth kills the king, Lady Macbeth tries to comfort him with the reasons like worrying a lot is detrimental to his health and persuade him to wash his hand. And then helps him to shift the crime onto the guards.

In the Act 5, the gentlewoman told the doctor that “*Since Macbeth went to war, I have seen her rise from her bed, put on her nightgown, unlock her closet, take out some paper, fold it, write on it, read it, seal it up, and then return to bed, remaining asleep the entire time.*” The word “since” means that before Macbeth leave her, she still has spiritual pillar, he is still here and does not put her away for the cruel things she does for him, which makes her feel at ease. But now he is far away from her, so she can not sleep well and get crazy. We can know from here that she loves and believes Macbeth so deeply, so if he is here, she do not fare, but once he leaves, she will back to be mercy again and be under guilty.

Actually, their marriage is perfect. Macbeth is a little indecision, but Lady Macbeth have a strong will. But unfortunately, the love from Lady Macbeth was a little radical, she wants to help Macbeth to achieve his dream, and she know only by drastic measures, can they succeed. So, she has to be cruel, which finally cause the tragedy of Macbeth.

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