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Macbeth

Macbeth is a story about tragedy that turns into a dark and nature of humanity. Its set in Scotland, the play shows the downfall of the main character Macbeth, a warrior who desires for power and to be king that leads him down a very dark path of unloyalty and murder. That eventually leads Macbeth to death. In *Macbeth*, Macbeth's ambition shows how easily influenced he was by the witches through, by showing his rises and falls; from killing King Duncan, to get his way to thinking that he could never be touched, from Macbeth being fearful after killing Banquo, to him being a fearless in the end

When Macbeth and his friend Banquo experienced the witches Macbeth was very easily influenced by what the witches were saying. Macbeth was easily influenced by the witches' prophecies because it played into Macbeth's desires for power and to be king, making him think that everything that they were saying was true. "All hail, Macbeth! Hail to thee, thane of Glamis!"(Macbeth). On the other hand Banquo was not impressed with what the witches were saying. The witches state that "Thou shalt get king, though thou be none"(Macbeth). Saying that Banquo will not be thane but Banquo's line will become king. At first Macbeth did not believe the witches until he Macbeth become Thane of Cawdor then Macbeth soon wanted to test the theory that he would become Thane of Scotland. Macbeth expresses doubt by questing the witches and their knowledge of "the seeds of time".

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth came up with a plan to kill king Duncan. The plan was to get the guards drunk and frame them for the killing of Duncan allowing Macbeth to take the throne. “look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under’t”(Macbeth act1, scene 5). Saying that Macbeth seems innocent while planning the murder of the king. At first Macbeth didn't want to go through with the plan but Lady Macbeth took the lead to convince him to go through with it. To make sure they wouldn't be suspected Macbeth smears the guards with Duncan's blood making it look like they were the murderers. “Though I heard a voice cry 'Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep”(Act 2, Scene 1). Saying that Macbeth murders the innocents of sleep that he killed Duncan while he was innocent in his sleep. After killing Duncan Macbeth became very paranoid and filled with guilt, leading to Macbeth's downfall. “Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand? No, this my hand will rather the multitudinous seas incarnadine” (Macbeth). Meaning that not even water will wash the blood off of Macbeth's hands that the blood of king Duncan will forever be on his hands.

Macbeth's betrayal of Banquo is an important part of the play, showing his unloyalty and paranoia. Macbeth betrays Banquo by planning out his murder to prevent Banquo's line from taking the throne knowing that Banquo and Macbeth were close. “Tis he in the times past which held you so under fortune”(Macbeth). Macbeth hires two murderers to kill Banquo still if he kills Banquo his descendents will become king. Macbeth makes a plan for Banquo and his son to be ambushed. “The worm that's fled Hath nature that in time will venom breed, No teeth for the present”(Macbeth). This means that even though Banquo was killed there still is Fleance

Banquo's son. The killers successfully killed Banquo but his son Fleance got away. After the killing of Banquo Macbeth felt relief not having to worry about Banquo taking the throne, but still having to worry about Fleance taking the throne. Like the prophecy about Banquo's descendants can still come true . “Thou shalt get kings, though thou be none” (Macbeth act 1, scene 3).

Once Macbeth becomes king , the prophecies of witches continue to haunt him. In the beginning Macbeth is filled with guilt after killing king Duncan to become king, but the witches gave him a prophecy and told him no man born of women could kill him. “for none of the women born / Shall harm Macbeth”(Macbeth act 2 scene 1). This made him feel more powerful thinking he couldn't be killed, and pushing him to betray everyone. Macbeth killed one of his closest allies, Banquo. He wanted to eliminate the threat of Banquo's descendants taking the throne. As king, Macbeth's reign is marked by violence, paranoia, and betrayal, with each act pushing him further away from the noble warrior he once was.

In conclusion, Macbeth serves as a powerful cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked ambition and the consequences of betrayal. Macbeth thrust for power and the witches was his downfall. Every decision Macbeth made was fueled by the witches and his insecurities, which caused him to go down the wrong path. This shows how power can make you change on the ones we love the most. This tragedy shows that in the end no amount of power can save u from the consequences of their actions.

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