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My name is Macbeth. I started as the Thane of Glamis, at that time I lived with my wife Lady Macbeth in a castle in Inverness, Scotland.

I was related to King Duncan the Meek. I fought for him with Banquo.

On the way back from battle, Banquo and I met three witches. They prophesied to us. They said I should become Thane of Cawdor and then King. I wrote about this to my wife.

She was very ambitious for me. Duncan made me Thane of Cawdor but that wasn't enough for her, she kept on telling me to kill Duncan so that I could become King.

In the end I did just that. I had to psyche myself up.

*"Is this a dagger which I see before me. The handle toward my hand?  
Come let me clutch thee".*

I killed him in his sleep. His blood went everywhere.

The lying started. The sleeplessness started. It felt like: I'd been told *"Macbeth hath murdered sleep, Macbeth shall sleep no more"*.

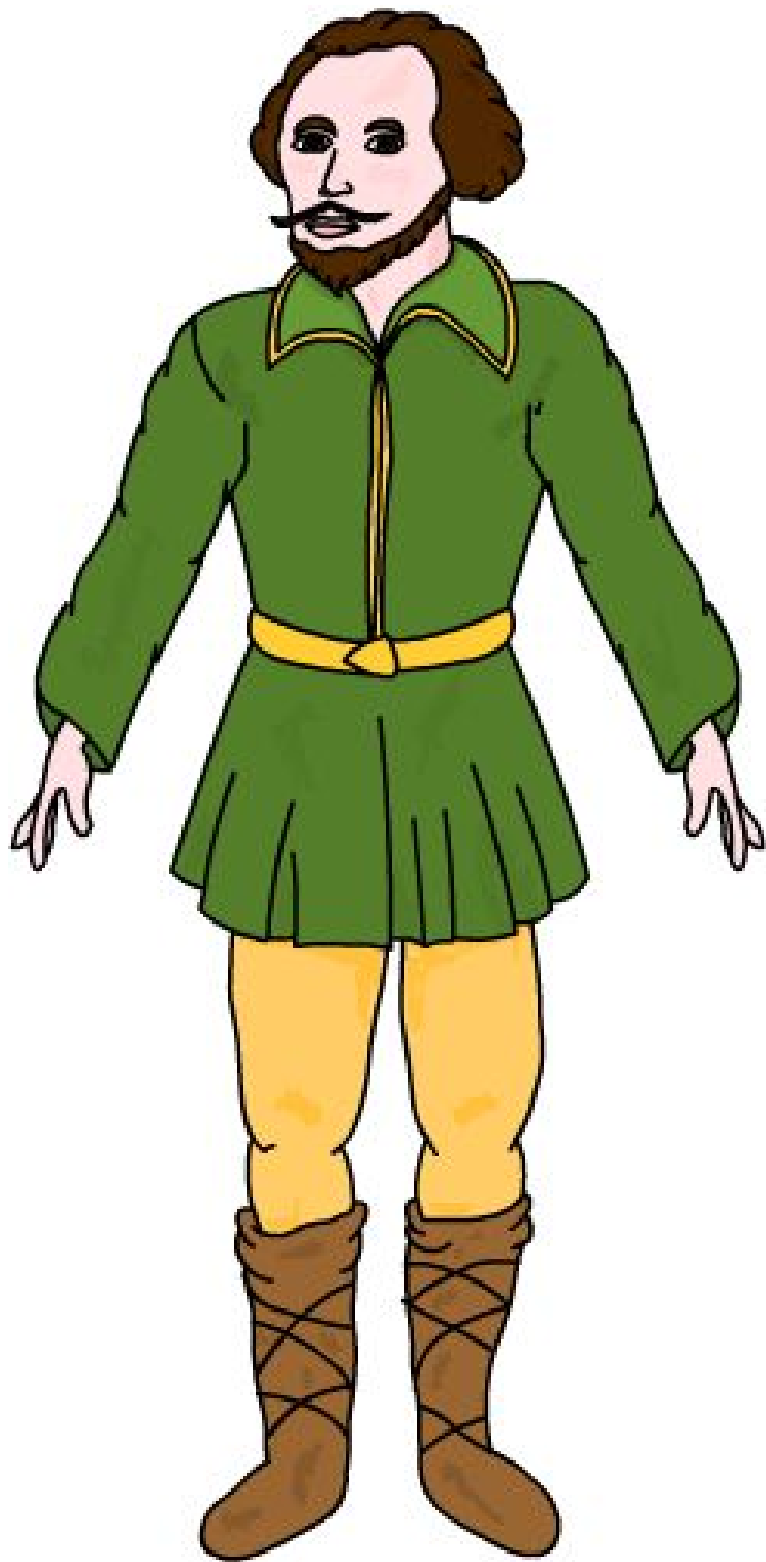
Becoming King did not make me happy. People kept getting in the way.

First Banquo had to go, because the witches said his son would be king. Then later MacDuffs family. Banquo's son got away and so did MacDuff.

I was never at peace. I hadn't really wanted to kill Duncan, he was a good king and treated me well. Banquo was my friend. He came back to haunt me. My wife went mad and died.

I had to live on. The witches told me *"None of woman born shall harm Macbeth"*. They told me other things too.

They all turned on me. Armies of them. They besieged my castle at Dunsinane. I had been warned of MacDuff by the witches. He had an odd birth, I had not known that. He killed me.



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## Questions

1. Why did MacDuff suspect you so quickly?
2. Who was your cousin?
3. What did the armed head tell you?
4. What did your wife think of you as a person?
5. How many kings were there in Banquo's line?
6. *'Not in the legions of \_\_\_\_\_  
can come a \_\_\_\_\_ more damned in  
\_\_\_\_\_ to top Macbeth.'*