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My name is Macduff. I am the Thane of Fife, a Scottish nobleman. My mother had difficulty when I was born so I was born by caesarian section.

I went with King Duncan to visit Macbeth the Thane of Glamis. King Duncan rewarded Macbeth for his bravery in battle by making him Thane of Cawdor. I left Duncan there for the night and went on my business. It was a stormy night.

I returned the next morning with Lennox. It took a long time for the porter to open the door. He had been drinking the night before.

After he'd let me in I met Macbeth and asked after the King. I was told he was asleep. As he had asked me to make sure he got up early, I went to wake him. I found him dead, murdered in his bed. He was covered in blood. His servants lay there sleeping, one of them was holding a dagger.

I rushed back and told the others. Macbeth ran to the scene and killed both the grooms. We then found that Duncan's sons Malcolm and Donalbain had fled.

It became clear that Macbeth was to be the new King. I decided to return to Fife. Macbeth invited me to his coronation and to a banquet after it. I chose not to go. I did not think he liked that I stayed in Fife with my wife and family. When I heard of Banquo's death I left my family and went to England to Duncan's son Malcolm. I suspected Macbeth and wished to organise against him.

While I was with Malcolm I heard of the murder of my wife and children. This made me determined to bring down Macbeth. I said to Malcolm.

"Not in the legions of horrid hell can come a devil more damned in evils to top Macbeth."

We met with others who hated Macbeth at Birnham wood. Those who had stayed in Scotland said things were going from bad to worse. Macbeth, they said was mad.

We marched on Dunsinane. The soldiers disguised themselves with branches and leaves. I found Macbeth ranting in the palace. He said no man born of woman could kill him. I laughed. He did not know about my birth. I killed him and took his head to Malcolm and the army. Death to tyrants!



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Questions

1. What did Macbeth think of Duncan?
2. "*Out damned _____*" what? What couldn't the perfumes of Arabia do?
3. What was Banquo's job? Who did he work with?
4. Whose body was taken to Colmekill? What was there?
5. What were the last words heard by Duncan?
6. What was special about the goose, the finger and the pig's blood in the witches' brew?