

Macbeth suffers a terrible downfall – who is to blame? is it all his fault? is he...

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In the play "Macbeth", Macbeth suffers a terrible downfall. At the beginning of the play he is fearless and brave he doesn't have a care in the world but by the end he has become corrupted and a fearful, treacherous man.

At first we don't see Macbeth we only hear about him all we know at the beginning is that he is in battle fighting the norwegians and alongside him is Banquo his dearest friend. The king describes him as "Brave Macbeth" for his fighting shows he is brave as well as fearless so later in the play for this he is rewarded Thane of Glamis.

Along the way we hear about the 3 witches or as Macbeth calls them "The Instruments Of Darkness", Macbeth and Banquo run into them and they give Macbeth 3 predictions which are

1) He Becomes Thane of Cawdor

2) He Becomes Thane of Glamis

3) He Becomes King

He does not believe it but he is already Thane of Cawdor and anyone would know that. After hearing this Banquo asks about him and the witches say that he will not be king himself but his children or children's children will be, both Macbeth and Banquo are intrigued by what they have heard but when Macbeth asks to know more the witches vanish. This shows that these witches started everything off as you will see when the story moves on.

When Macbeth arrives back at his camp a messenger brings the news that he has become Thane of Glamis which was the witches second prediction. Glad

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to hear the news the witches bring him as well as becoming Thane of Glamis, Macbeth writes his wife (Lady Macbeth) a letter telling her what has happened, as Lady Macbeth reads the letter she builds up an idea in her head. By the time she had finished reading it she had a plan to make Macbeth king. This plan was to murder the king in his sleep and make it look like the guards did it by placing the bloody knives on them.

When Macbeth hears of this plan in his head he thinks to himself "should I or should I not kill the king" he doesn't know whether to be loyal to his king or to his wife. In the end he decides to choose his wife and go through with the murder. As he is walking to the king's chamber he sees a floating knife in his way which he thinks is a sign to go through with it (or is it a sign of guilt?) then blood appears on the knife and he knows what to do he murders the king. The murder was not shown on stage because the King/Queen always came to see Shakespeare's plays and if they see themselves getting murdered they might think that someone is plotting against them. Macbeth also kills the guards so he has less chance of being found out.

Lady Macbeth acts as if it can be forgotten she tells Macbeth to wash his hands clean of the blood and he will never be caught. In the morning when the king is discovered Macbeth tries to cover up his tracks; "Loyal, and neutral, in a moment; No man, the expedition of my violent love" this is what Macbeth says when the guards are discovered he said that he killed them in anger after finding out about the murder of the king. Lady Macbeth faints to draw attention away from Macbeth. When the air to the throne finds out the king is dead flees to another country.

The killing of Banquo is a simple thing to explain, Macbeth has him killed because of the witches predictions. He believes that Banquo's children or children's children will take over his throne so he has him killed BUT! his son Fleance escapes.

When Macbeth orders the killing of Macduff's family it is so dreadful because he wants Macduff dead not his family. I think that he has him killed so that Macduff is corrupted and gives himself up.

At the end of the play Macbeth changes totally in personality and everything. From starting of as brave, fearless Macbeth to fearful Macbeth. He believes he is invincible that he can not be killed but he soon finds out that he is wrong.

Macbeth's weak points in this story were his wife, the witches and his conscience. Killing the king was his own choice but his wife also played a big part in killing him telling Macbeth " He wasn't a man if he didn't go through with it" he also believed it was what he had to do after seeing the floating dagger covered in blood.

EVIL! evil is a man whom kills his king, evil is a man who kills his best friend, evil is a man who kills someone else's wife and children!

I believe that Macbeth is in fact evil for what he did to his king, best friend and Macduff's family. In the beginning I don't think he would have even dreamt of doing such a thing but after hearing the witches predictions he changes, his heart turns black and all he cares about is being King of Scotland that was

his goal and as far as he was concerned nothing was going to stop him by getting in his way!