

Act 3

Scene 1:

-Banquo suspects foul play ~ Macbeth

Banquo's ambition still evident - he shall bear kings though

"Blood cousins" - Malcolm & Donalbain fled to England/Ireland

Macbeth's Soliloquy:

-fears Banquo --> wise enough to act bravely yet safely

-he's the only one he fears

-if Macbeth won't pass on the crown, then he killed

Duncan for nothing - "fruitless crown"

--> he poisoned his soul for nothing; sold his soul so

Banquo's sons could be kings

-vows to fight to the death

Act 3, scene 1 (continued)

Macbeth hires murderers - tells them that Banquo is to blame for their troubles

--> instigating them to take revenge and kill him

--> questions their manhood - tells them to take action and MURDER BANQUO!!

***Sound familiar? Macbeth questions their manhood to instigate them to kill just like Lady Macbeth did to Macbeth.*

Macbeth successfully manipulates them - they'll do anything for revenge

Macbeth tells the men:

I need Banquo's friends, so I have to mourn his death in public (he'll "be the flowering face" - 2-faced theme)

-tells them to kill Fleance, Banquo's son as well.

Act 3, scene 2:

Lady Macbeth to Macbeth:

- if you're unhappy, then it was all for nothing
- what's done is done - you can't change it
- stop sulking!

Macbeth: it's better to be dead than alive and tortured
by guilt

-he can't sleep

-has nightmares

He's envious of Duncan who "sleeps"
in peace!

Lady Macbeth to Macbeth:

- be bright and cheerful at dinner

Act 3, scene 2 (continued):

Macbeth to Lady: fawn all over Banquo (have a "flowering face" - Macbeth suspicious of Banquo

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Macbeth - tells Lady of plan to kill Banquo and Fleance that night - says it's best if she doesn't know everything and can act surprised

- come night and blindfold day ***Prays for darkness, but
-night is coming darkness leads to trouble!*

Macbeth to Lady: You seem surprised!

-One bad deed leads to another

--> **Now MACBETH is the ruthless one!**

Act 3, scene 3

- Murderers kill Banquo but Fleance gets away
- Banquo to son: "Thou must revenge (me)."

Macbeth tries to control fate

**Irony: Darkness that Macbeth ASKED for AIDS
Fleance's escape!**