
Macbeth Inc.



Characters

WITCH 1

WITCH 2

WITCH 3

MACBETH

BANQUO

LADY MACBETH

DUNCAN

ROSS

LENNOX

NEWSREADER

MACDUFF

SAMPLE

Setting

There is no set. The various settings should be established by the words, actions and costumes of the characters. Some basic items of furniture are needed. The newsreader can either sit at a desk or hold a black frame at shoulder height to give the impression of a television screen.

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Act I, Scene i

The three attractive young WITCHES are working out in a gym, reciting their chant while doing aerobics.

ALL: We must, we must, we must improve our bust.
The bigger, the better, the tighter the sweater,
We must, we must, we must improve our bust.

WITCH 1: When will we three meet again?
In thunder, lightning or in rain?

WITCH 2: In what place will we three be?
In nightclub, pub or rave party?

WITCH 3: When the hurly-burly's done,
When we three have had some fun.

ALL: When Macbeth has come our way
And when our work is done today.
Hubble bubble, toil and trouble
To work now, and on the double!

[The WITCHES laugh, slink off to the side and watch MACBETH and BANQUO. MACBETH and BANQUO enter, dressed in gym gear. They do not see the WITCHES.]

BANQUO: So, Macbeth, the deal is done.

MACBETH: Time to start on the next one.

BANQUO: Duncan's sure to raise our pay.

MACBETH: We'll get a bonus if I have my way—
We're loyal, tested, tried and true.
We'll go to the top, me and you.
Now, Banquo, let me call my wife—
Then we'll have the time of our life.

[MACBETH reaches for his mobile phone, but before he dials, the WITCHES sidle up to BANQUO and MACBETH.]

BANQUO: Mac, those babes— they're coming our way
They'll brighten up this fair, foul day.

WITCH 1: All hail, Macbeth, corporate raider!