

I.

After a victorious battle Machealth, a Scottish general meets 3 witches who predict that honours will be conferred upon him and that he will become king. His faithful friend MacFitness is with him.

II

Machealth writes a letter to his wife to let her know about the witches' predictions. Lady Cancerbeth appears to be stronger and more cruel than her husband, a sort of evil genius who will encourage him to kill the king to make the prediction of the witches come true

III.

Machealth invites king diet to his castle. To the wicked Lady Cancerbeth it seems the perfect opportunity for killing the king and fulfilling the witches' prediction. She persuades his reluctant husband to commit the murder. She organizes the plan in detail. She drugs the 2 guards at the door of the king's bedroom and prepares the daggers to kill the king.

IV

After the murder Machealth becomes king and lady cancerbeth queen. But will they be happy ever after?

Lady Cancerbeth looks very different. She is fat and sick. and her remorse has driven her mad. She keeps walking and talking in her sleep. She is obsessed with images of blood and her words reveal the crimes that she and her husband have committed.

Machealth has become sick, unhealthy and indifferent to life and even to his wife's death. He's an automaton without hopes and ambition.

His glory is going to fall.

