Lady Macbeth and how to get what you want

Macbeth plot summary cards for Warmer

d
On the way home from battle a soldier called Macbeth and his friend, Banquo, meet three witches.

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The witches tell Macbeth that one day he will be King of Scotland and that Banquo’s children will one day also be kings.

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Macbeth is shaken after the meeting with the witches. The King of Scotland, Duncan, congratulates Macbeth on his bravery and asks if he can come to stay the night at Macbeth’s castle.

a

Macbeth writes to his wife to tell her that the King will be visiting them that evening. He also tells her of the witches he has met and what they have told him.

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When Macbeth gets home, his wife, Lady Macbeth, is very excited. She really wants Macbeth to become king. She persuades her husband to kill King Duncan when he comes to stay at their castle.

b

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth murder King Duncan and make it look as if the King was killed by his two servants. Macbeth kills the servants and becomes king.

g

Becoming king does not make Macbeth feels secure. He remembers the witches’ prophecy and starts worrying that Banquo’s children will become king and knock him off the throne. He hires an assassin to kill his friend Banquo.
Macbeth kills more and more people to make sure that he stays king. He also starts to see things which aren’t there, for example the ghost of his friend Banquo. Meanwhile, Lady Macbeth can’t stop thinking about the terrible murder and her part in it.

Finally, Lady Macbeth kills herself and Macbeth is killed in battle. The new King of Scotland, Malcolm, promises that he will rule Scotland kindly and well.
Situation 1: Student A

You and three of your friends want to go to a music festival in the countryside next weekend. You’ve bought your tickets and you’re really excited! The only problem is that you really need a car (you can’t get there by public transport) and you haven’t got one. You want your older brother/sister to lend you their car. If they do not lend you their car, you will not be able to go to the music festival. Your friends are counting on you!

Situation 1: Student B

Your brother/sister wants to borrow your car this weekend, but you really don’t want to lend it to them. Your brother/sister is really careless and last time you lent your car it came back badly scratched. Also, you are not at all sure about the people your brother and sister is hanging out with at the moment – you think s/he is in with a very bad crowd.

Situation 2: Student A

You have an English test coming up. It’s a really important one, because if you don’t pass it you won’t be able to get into university. Unfortunately, you’ve been a bit busy lately and you haven’t really studied enough. You need to ask your clever best friend if you can sit beside him/her in the exam and copy his/her answers.

Situation 2: Student B

Your friend wants to sit beside you in the English exam – they haven’t studied for the exam and want to copy your answers. You have worked really hard for this exam and you don’t think it is at all fair of your friend to ask you to do this. You are also worried that you will get into really big trouble if you are caught.

Situation 3: Student A

You have always wanted to go to New York. You have just seen a great deal with an online travel company – the bargain ends at midnight so you don’t have much time. You need to persuade your friend to buy tickets and come with you – you know s/he has enough money. You have other friends you could ask, but no one is quite as much fun as this friend.

Situation 3: Student B

Your friend asks you to go to New York with him/her. You’re really trying to save money to buy a new house, and if you go on holiday all your savings will be lost. Anyway, New York isn’t top on your list of places to visit – you prefer relaxing beach holidays.