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Ghostly Whispers

In the kingdom of Scotland, a brave warrior named Macbeth had just won a great battle. As he and his friend Banquo walked home, they came across three strange women. Their clothes were tattered, their voices sounded like the wind, and their words sent chills through the air. They were witches, and they had a shocking message for Macbeth.

“You will be king!” they whispered. Banquo, too, received a prophecy: his descendants would rule Scotland one day. Then, just as mysteriously as they appeared, the witches vanished.

At first, Macbeth didn’t believe them. But when King Duncan rewarded him with a new title, just as the witches had predicted, he began to wonder—could they be right about him becoming king, too? This thought filled his mind, and soon, he told his wife, Lady Macbeth. She was thrilled and convinced him that they shouldn’t wait for fate to make it happen. That night, Macbeth did something terrible—he took King Duncan’s life in his sleep and became king himself.

But Macbeth was not at peace. The witches had also said Banquo’s family would rule in the future, and this made Macbeth afraid. He could not let Banquo’s children take his throne! So, he arranged for Banquo and his son to be killed. Banquo was slain, but his son escaped. That night, Macbeth saw Banquo’s ghost at a feast. It stared at him with empty eyes, sending fear through Macbeth’s heart. Was his mind playing tricks on him, or was Banquo really there?

Desperate for answers, Macbeth visited the witches again. They told him three new things: Beware of Macduff, no man born of a woman could harm him, and he would be safe until a great forest moved to his castle. Macbeth felt powerful again—after all, how could a forest move?

But the witches’ words were not what they seemed. Macduff, who was born in an unusual way, led an army that used tree branches to hide their approach. In the final battle, Macduff fought Macbeth and defeated him. The witches had tricked him with their riddles.

Macbeth’s belief in the supernatural led him down a dark path. Instead of using wisdom and patience, he trusted eerie voices and visions, which led to his downfall. His story reminds us that listening to dark whispers can lead to disaster.