

## **Lady Macbeth**

*Macbeth has just killed the King so that he can become King himself. In this scene, he goes to tell Lady Macbeth, his wife, what he has done. He is carrying the daggers he used to kill the King and his hands are covered in blood. As you read this scene, consider whether Lady Macbeth is a villain or a victim.*

*Looking on his hands*

### **MACBETH**

This is a sorry sight.

### **LADY MACBETH**

A foolish thought, to say a sorry sight.

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### **LADY MACBETH**

These deeds must not be thought  
After these ways; so, it will make us mad.

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### **LADY MACBETH**

Go get some water,  
And wash this filthy witness from your hand.  
Why did you bring these daggers from the place?  
They must lie there: go carry them; and smear  
The sleepy grooms with blood.

### **MACBETH**

I'll go no more:  
I am afraid to think what I have done;  
Look on't again I dare not.

### **LADY MACBETH**

Infirm of purpose!  
Give me the daggers: the sleeping and the dead  
Are but as pictures: 'tis the eye of childhood  
That fears a painted devil. If he do bleed,  
I'll gild the faces of the grooms withal;  
For it must seem their guilt.

*LADY MACBETH exits and then re-enters*

### **LADY MACBETH**

My hands are of your colour; but I shame  
To wear a heart so white.

### **GLOSSARY:**

Grooms – Guards

Infirm of purpose! – You are a coward!

Withal – With

