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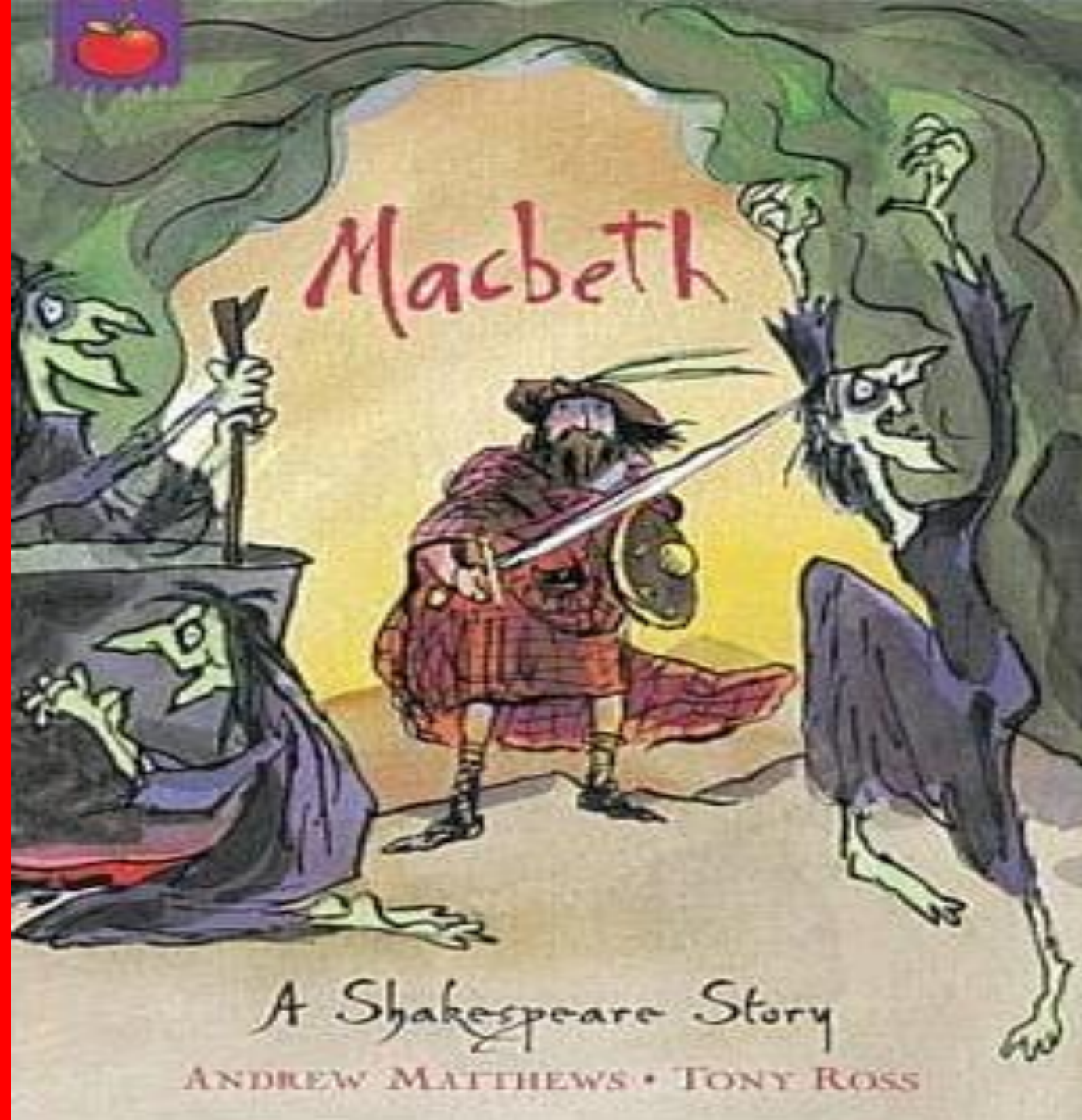
LO: To infer information.

Read p 45 - 49.

SC:

- to be able to infer information from a cover
- to deduce information from a blurb





Macbeth

A Shakespeare Story

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Cast List



The Three Witches - or Weird Sisters



Macbeth

Thane of Glamis
General to King Duncan



Lady Macbeth

Wife to Macbeth



Banquo

General to King Duncan



King Duncan

King of Scotland



Malcolm and Donalbain

The King's sons



Macduff

Thane of Fife



A servant of
Glamis Castle



Two
Murderers

The Scene

Scotland in the eleventh century.

When shall we three meet again?

In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

When the hurly-burly's done,

When the battle's lost and won.

First and Second Witches; I.i.

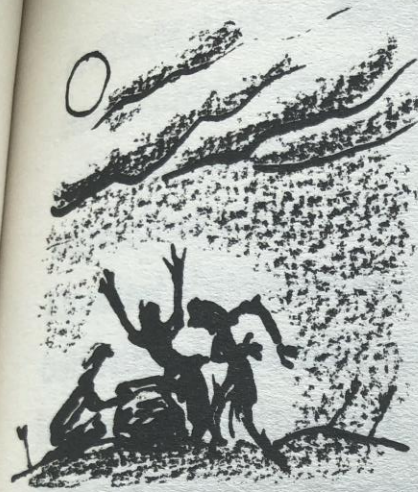
"My lords, the King is ill," Lady Macbeth said desperately. "Leave us now, and let him rest. In the morning, he will be himself again."

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"Myself?" Macbeth moaned softly to himself. "I will not be myself again until Banquo's spirit is laid to rest. Only the witches can set me free!"

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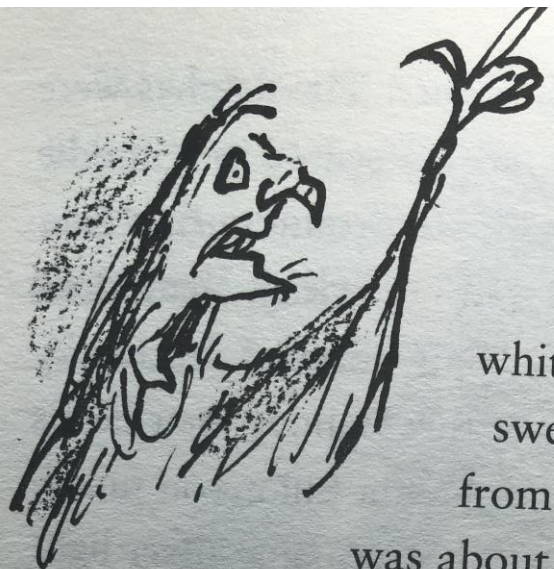
The witches were seated in a huddle around a fire, over which a cauldron bubbled. In the sky above their heads a full moon sailed, casting silver light

over the battlefield, still littered with unburied corpses.

The blind witch held up her crystal. Deep inside, a tiny horse and rider galloped wildly through the night. "He comes!" she cackled. "The spell is still strong!"

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And Macbeth
came out of the
moonlight, his
horse's flanks
white with lathered
sweat. He climbed
from the saddle and
was about to speak when
the hook-nosed witch called out, "The
King wishes to know the future!"

"It is not for the faint-hearted!" warned
the bearded witch.

"I have courage enough!" Macbeth
growled.

The blind witch dipped a wooden cup
into the cauldron, and held it out.
"Drink!" she said.

Macbeth took the cup and lifted it to
his lips, shuddering as he swallowed.

Fire, and ice, and the light of the moon
burned in his brain.

The blind witch's face melted like the
edge of a cloud, and became the face of
Duncan, his silver hair dark with blood.
"Beware Macduff, the Thane of Fife!"
Duncan said, and then he changed into
Banquo. "No man born of a woman can
harm you," Banquo said. "You will rule
until Birnam Wood walks
to Dunsinane."

"Then I am safe!"
cried Macbeth. "No
one can stop me!"

And he was
alone: the witches,
their cauldron and
the fire had
vanished.



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It was the start of a fearful time. On his return to Dunsinane, Macbeth ordered that Macduff be arrested. When he heard that Macduff had fled to England to join Malcolm, Macbeth had Macduff's castle burned, and his wife and children put to death. From then on, anyone who questioned the King's commands – no matter how harsh or unjust those commands might be – was executed.



The gap between Macbeth and his wife grew wider. The guilty secret of Duncan's murder gnawed at Lady Macbeth's mind like a maggot inside an apple. She fell ill and began to walk in her sleep, dreaming that she and Macbeth

were still covered with Duncan's blood. "Out, damned stain!" she croaked.

"Will nothing make me clean?" Doctors could do nothing for her, and she grew weaker every day.



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LO: To infer information from a text.

Task 1: p 45 - 49



1. As the witches sit huddled around their cauldron , they chant the famous lines: *“Double, double toil and trouble: Fire burn, and cauldron bubble...”* (IV.i) What is ‘toil’?
2. What *‘double trouble’* has Macbeth got himself into?
3. How do you think the witches are planning on devising more problems and trouble for Macbeth? What might it be?
4. Have a go at performing these famous lines!



Task 1:



1. What might the witches be thinking and feeling when they learn Macbeth is on his way to see them (pg 45)?
2. What evidence is there on page 49 that Lady Macbeth has lost her mind?
3. As Macbeth approaches the witches, the second witch says: “By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes...” (IV.i) How could you explain what the ‘wicked’ thing might be that’s coming towards them?
4. What do you think the witches mean when they say, “No man born of a woman can harm you”? Might it have more than one meaning? What?



Task 2:



Predict:

1. Do you think Macbeth is 'safe'?
2. Why do you think Macbeth should be wary of Macduff, the Thane of Fife?
3. What do you think Macduff and Malcolm will do when they hear that Macbeth has killed Macduff's wife and children?

Retrieve:

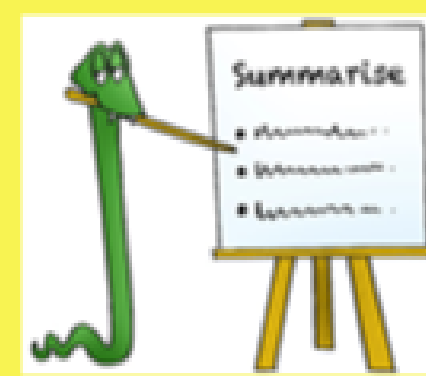
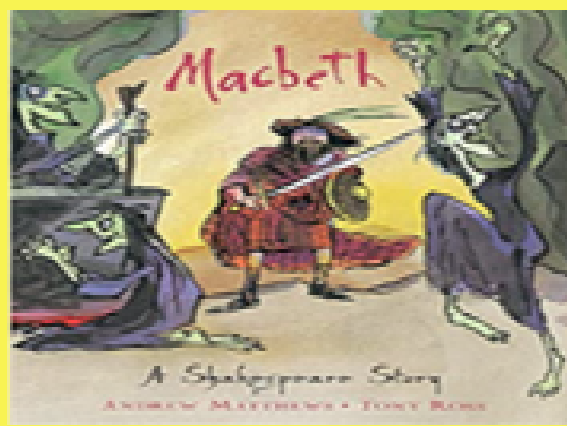
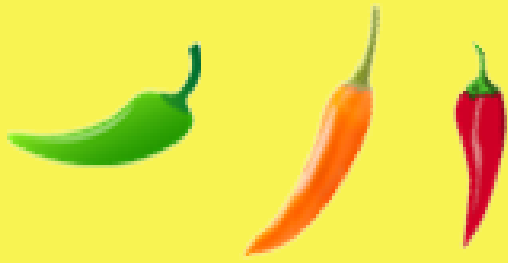
1. Where has Macduff fled to?
2. What does Macbeth do to anyone who questions him?
3. How has Duncan's death affected Lady Macbeth?



Explain:

1. When Lady Macbeth begins to sleep walk and go mad, she wrings her hands and says, "Out, damned spot! Out I say!" A 'spot' is a stain. What might Lady Macbeth believe she is stained with? What might she be trying to wash away?

Task 3:



Summarise:

How could you write a summary of the prediction/prophecy made by the witches on page 47?