**Glossary: *Macbeth***

absolute - positive

Acheron - A river in Hades (one of five, this one of woe), compared to the cave where he meets the witches

adder's fork - The forked tongue of the adder.

adhere - agree

admired - disorder astonishing crazed behavior

affeered - affirmed

alack - an expression of dismay or surprise

alarum - battle noise not on the stage

alarm - call to arms

Aleppo - city in Syria

all-thing - in every way

amaking - in course of progress

angel – genius / demon

annoyance - self-injury

antic - old-fashioned

antic round - grotesque round dance

Mark Antony - Roman orator, politician and soldier around 80-30 BC. His love affair with Cleopatra split the empire, and he lost the war to Octavian (Augustus Caesar).

apace - quickly

argument - subject or theme

aroint thee - begone (go away)

artificial - made by art

assay - The greatest of skill

Augurs - A group of ancient Roman religious officials who foretold events by observing and interpreting signs and omens

augur - hole obscure place

avarice - greed

Avaunt - go away

avouches - affirms

bane - evil, harm

bark - small ship

beard - to confront boldly

bedlams - hags

Beelzebub - the devil

before - ahead (in merit)

bellmen - bellmen rang bells to announce a death in Elizabethan times

Bellona - the Roman goddess of war

bend up - stretch tight, like a bow

benison - blessing

bent - determined

bestowed - housed

bestride -stands over

Birnam - A high hill twelve miles from Dunsinance

birthdom - native land

bladed - When the ear of the corn is still green

blind-worm - A glow worm

bodements - foretellings

boot - in addition

borne - handled

borne - in hand deluded

brainsickly - madly

briefly - quickly

bring - conduct

broad - plain spoken

broad words - plain speaking

broil - battle

bruited - to spread news, make noise

by - judging by

casing - enveloping

cat in the adage - "The cat would eat fish, but would not wet her feet."

censures - opinions

ceremony - courtesy

chalice - a cup or goblet

chamberlains - attendants in a bed chamber

chaps - jaws

charnel houses - houses for storing the bones of the dead

chaudron - entrails

cherubin - angels in the second order

cleave to my consent - lend support or allegiance

dept - called

close - desk

coign of vantage - convenient corner

Colmekill - place where Scottish kings were buried, on the island of lona

colors - flags

compassed - surrounded

composition - a truce of peace treaty

compunctious - having feelings of pity

confounds - to ruin or destroy

constancy - firmness

continent - restraining

copyhold - a type of lease

countenance - look at

course a bout - in bear baiting, where a bear is tied to a stake and attacked by dogs

coused - chased

coz cousin

crack of doom - the thunder at the day of doom

cyme - A usually flat-topped or convex flower cluster in which the main axis and each branch end in a flower that opens before the flowers below or to the side of it.

dainty of - particular about

dareful - boldly

dear - deeply felt

degrees - degrees of ranks

deliver thee - report to thee

delivers - communicates to us

demi-wolves - a cross between dogs and wolves

discovery - scouting reports

disjoint - fall to pieces

displaced - banished

dispute it - fight against it; reason upon it

disseat - unseat

distance - hostility

divers - diverse, varied

doff - do off, put off

dolor - sadness

doubt - fear, suspect

drab - whore

drowse - become drowsy

dudgeon - handle of a dagger

dunnest - darkest

durst - dared

earnest pledge - money paid beforehand

easy - easily

ecstasy - any state of being beside one's self

Edward - Edward the Confessor, king of England

effects - act, actions

egg - term of contempt

eminence - distinction

enkindle - incite

enow - enough

epicures - a person devoted to luxury (especially with food), the root of hedonistic philosophy was Epicureanism as defined by the Greeks

equivocator - a person who speaks ambiguously, perhaps to mislead. Here is alludes to the 1606 trial of Henry Garnet, accused of treason.

equivocate to heaven - get to heaven by equivocation

ere - before

estate - royal dignity, succession to the crown

eternal jewel - immortal soul

eternal - perpetual

exasperaten - exasperated

Exeunt - They leave the stage

Expectation - those guests who are expected

expedition - haste

extend - prolong

fact - act deed

faculties - powers, prerogatives

fain - gladly

faith - breach treachery

familiar - a witch's evil spirit who acts as a servant

fantastical - imaginary

farrow - litter of pigs

favor - pardon, countenance, face

fears - objects of fears

feed - feeding

fee-grief - "grief that hath a single owner" (private grief)

fell - scalp

fellow - equal

fen - swamp or marsh

fie - used to express distaste or disapproval

Fife - a county in eastern Scotland, Macduff is the thane of Fife

file - list of qualities

filed - made foul, defiled

first - once for all from the beginning to the end

fits - caprices

flaws storms of passion

flighty - fleeting

Flourish - trumpet fanfare announcing the king

flout - mock, defy

fly - fly from me

foisons - plenty, rich harvests, abundance

follows - attends

forbid - cursed, blasted

forced - strengthened (reinforced)

forge - fabricate, invent

Forres - a town in northern Scotland

forsworn - perjured

founded - firmly fixed

frame of things - universe

franchised - free, unstained

free - freely

free - honorable

free - remove, do away

French hose - tight breeches

fright - frighten, terrify

fry - literally a swarm of young fishes; here used as a term of contempt

fry - offspring

function - power of action

furbish'd - burnished

gallow glasses - heavy-armed Irish troops

genius - guardian spirit which influences destiny

gentle senses - senses which are soothed (by the "gentle" air)

germins - germs, seeds, origins

get - beget

gibbet - gallows

gin - a trap to catch birds

gives out - proclaims

glass - mirror

golden round - the crown

Golgotha - Where Jesus was crucified, "place of the skull"

goodness - "the chance of success”

go off - die

goose a- tailor's smoothing iron, the handle resembling a goose's neck

Gorgon - A monster of Greek myth, whose look could turn a person to stone, as with Medusa.

gospeled - versed in the first four books of the New Testament, the Gospels

gouts - drops

grace - honor

graced gracious - full of graces

grandam - Grandmother

Graymalkin - The first witch's familiar, a gray cat

great doom's image - a sight horrible like the end of the world or Judgement Day

gripe - grasp

gulf - gullet (throat or esophagus)

Harbinger - forerunner, an officer of the king's household

hardly - with difficulty

harms - injuries

harp'd – hit, touched

Harpier - familiar of the third witch, maybe derived from harpy (a bird with a woman's head, part of Greek myth)

hautboys - high-pitched win instruments, oboes

hear - talk with

heart - the heart of any man

heath - a large piece of land with just low shrubs and herbage, a moor

heavily - sadly

Hecate - goddess of hell

hedgepig - hedgehog (like Sonic, except real hedgehogs are not blue)

hermit - this is a person who leads a reclusive life, originally for religious reasons being paid to pray; (in context) Lady Macbeth will pray for Duncan

hie thee - hasten

hit - matched

holds - withholds

holp - helped

homely - plain

hoodwink - blind

housekeeper - watchdog

howlet - small owl

how say'st thou - what do you think!

Hum! - a groan

humane - human

hurlyburly - tumult, uproar

husbandry - economy

Hyrcan - from Hyrcania, formerly a region south of the Caspian Sea

ill-composed - compounded of evil qualities

illness - evil

impress - force into his service

incarnadine - make blood-red

informs - takes visible form

insane root - hemlock, which can make you insane, or kill you like Socrates

instant - present moment

interdiction - exclusion

intermission - delay

intrenchant - can't be cut or penetrated

invention - falsehood

Inverness - Macbeth's castle in Dunsinane, in northern Scotland.

jocund - joyful

juggling - deceitful

jump - risk

just - exactly

jutty - projection jutty, frieze, buttress, coign of vantage, places where birds nest

kerns - light-armed Irish troops

kerns and gallowglasses - Irish soldiers, gallowglasses carry axes

kingdom's pearl - nobles

kites - scavenging birds

knell - funeral bell

knotted - rung

knowings - knowledge

lack - requirement

lapp'd - wrapped

large - unrestrained

largess - gifts

latch - catch the sound of

lave - wash

lease of nature - term of natural life

leave - leave off

lechery - excessive sexual activity, lewdness

lees - the dregs left after the best part of wine is gone, and is compared to what is left with the loss of the best part of life

lighted - descended

lily-liver'd - cowardly

alembic - device used for distilling wine

lime - birdlime (a sticky substance used to catch birds by putting it on branches)

limited - appointed

line - strengthen

list - place of combat, the lists

lodged - thrown down

look up clear - act normal, without troubles

loon - brute

Lord's anointed temple - this refers to the king's body, as the king was thought to be God's representative

luxurious lechery - excessive sexual activity, lewdness

maggotpies and choughs and rooks - magpies and choughs and rooks are birds that can be taught to talk

mark - listen

Marry an oath - ("By the Virgin Mary")

martle - a bird from the swallow family, a martin

mated - bewildered

maws - stomachs

meet - proper

memorize - make as memorable as

mere - absolutely

mettle - spirit

minion - favorite

minutely - every minute

missives - messengers

mockery - imitation

modern - ordinary

mortal - deadly

mortal thoughts - thoughts of death or murder

mortified - dead

mounch'd - munched, chewed with closed lips

murdering ministers - evil agents

muse - wonder

must be - was destined to be

napkins enow - enough handkerschiefs to wipe sweat caused by the heat of hell

naught - vile thing

nave - navel, middle

near'st of life - inmost life, most vital parts

nice - inaccurate

niggard - stingy person

nightgown - dressing gown

noise - music

nonpareil - without equal

Norway himself - the Norwegian king

Norweyan - Norwegian

nose-painting - drink makes the nose red

note - notoriety

nothing - not at all

oblivious - causing forgetfulness

obscure bird owl - the bird of darkness

of - by

offices - duty, employment

on - of

on's - of his

on't - of it

open'd - unfolded

order - battle plan

or ere - before

other's - other man's

ourselves - one another

outrun - did outrun

overcome - overshadow

over-red - redden over

owe - own, possess

owed - owned

owl - an owl's screech was considered to portend death

Paddock - The second witch's familiar, a toad

pall - wrap, envelop

palter - trifle (deal dishonestly)

passed in probation - went over the evidence

passion - strong emotion

patch - fool

peak - dwindle away

penthouse lid - eyelid

perfect well - perfectly acquainted

perturbation - disruption

pester'd - troubled

physics - cures

pitfall - snare

play the Roman fool - commit suicide the way Roman officials did to avoid being captured

poor - feeble

poorly - dejectedly, unworthily

portable - endurable

possess - fill

posset - a hot drink of milk, wine, and spices

posters - speedy travelers

prate - chatter

predominance - superior power

present - present time

presently - immediately

pretend - intend

Prince of Cumberland - The title of the king's successor

prithee - pray thee (please)

proof – proved, armour

proper - fine, excellent

proper stuff - nonsense

protest - show publicly, proclaim

pull in - rein in

purgative - cleansing (such as a laxative or cathartic)

purged - cleansed

purveyor - an officer of the king sent before to provide food for the king and his retinue, as the harbinger provided lodging

push - attack, onset

quarry - a heap of slaughtered game

quell - stop, (in context) murder

raveled sleeve - yarn or thread that is tangled or twisted

ravin'd - ravenous

ravin up - devour greedily

rawness - hurry

raze - erase

receipt - receptacle

received - believed

recoil - swerve

relation - narrative

relish - smack

remorse - pity

rendered - surrendered

repose - rest

require - ask her to give

resolve yourselves - decide, make up your mind rest remain

return - give back, render

rhubarb - The dried, bitter-tasting rhizome and roots of Rheum palmatum or R. officinale of eastern Asia, used as a laxative.

ronyon - a term of contempt

roof'd - gathered under one roof

rooky - gloomy

rubs - hindrances, impediments

rump-fed - well-fed, pampered

rump-fed ronyon - a creature that eats trash

safe - toward with a sure regard to

Saint Colme's inch - Inch is Scots for "island". Inchcolm.

sag - droop, sink

saucy - sharp

scarf up - blindfold

Scone - the ancient coronation place of the kings of Scotland

scorched - slashed

scruples - qualms

season - seasoning

seat - situation, site

seated - fixed firmly

second cock - the second crow of the rooster (3 AM)

security - confidence, consciousness of security, carelessness

reeling - sewing up the eyes of falcons to make them tame (blinding)

self-abuse - self-delusion

self-comparisons - measuring himself with the other

selfsame - very same

senna - The dried leaves of Cassia angustifolia or Cassia acutifolia (which are pinnately compound leaves and showy, nearly regular, usually yellow flowers) used medicinally as a cathartic (for emotional release).

sennet - a trumpet call for formal entrances and exits

sensible - perceptible, tangible

sere - dry and whithered

set forth - shewed

settled - determined

sev'n nights - weeks

Sewer - one who tasted each dish to prove there was no poison in it

shadow - hide

shag-eared - having having hairy ears

shame - am ashamed

shard-borne - borne by scaly wing-cases

shipman's card - a card used by sailors showing the compass

shoal - a shallow part of a water body, or an elevated sand formation that makes the water shallow and becomes a danger (sandbar)

shough - a kind of shaggy dog

shut up - enclosed, enveloped

shut up - ended his day

sicken - be surfeited

sightless - invisible

Sinel - The former thane of Glamis, Macbeth's father

single - individual

Sirrah - a term used to address male servants, inferiors, and sometimes children

skirr - scour

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slab - viscid

sleave - sleave-silk, floss silk

sleek o'er - smooth

slipp'd - let slip

slivered in the moon's eclipse - during the creepy time when the moon is in an eclipse

smack - have the taste, savor

so well - as well

sole - alone, mere

soliciting - inciting

solicits - enreats, moves by prayer

something - some distance

sometime - sometimes

soot - truth

sorely charged - heavily burdened

sorriest - saddest

speculation - intelligence

spongy - imbibing like a sponge

spring - source

sprites - ghosts, spirits

spy - Note

stableness - constancy

staff - lance

stamp stamped coin

stanchless insatiable

stand remain

stand not upon - do not be particular about

starting -startled actions

state - chair of State

state of honor - noble rank, condition

stay - wait for

stir - stirring, moving

stealing out of - overcharging for

sticking place - This is a reference to the medieval crossbow. The bowstring was pulled back by a crank, and the arrow placed in a notch (sticking place) until released.

storehouse - place of burial

strangely-visited - afflicted with strange diseases

stuff’d - crammed, full to bursting

suborned - bribed (subordinated)

substances- forms

sudden - violent

suffer - perish

suggestion - temptation, incitement

sundry - various

supp'd - had supper

surcease - cessation

surfeited grooms - servants who had too much wine

surveying - noticing, perceiving

sway by - am directed by

swears - swears allegiance

sweltered - sweated

syllable -- sound

taking off - murder

taint - be infected

Tarquin - The son of a Roman king who raped a married woman named Lucretia

Tartar - A member of any of the Turkic and Mongolian peoples of central Asia who invaded western Asia and eastern Europe in the Middle Ages. Often used to mean a violent person.

teems - teems with

temperance - moderation, self-restraint

tending - tendrance, attendance

tend on - wait on

Thane - Scottish noble

the evil scrofula - a disease of the lymph glands thought to be cured by the king's touch. James I, like Edward the Confessor in the play, thought to cure victim's of the king's evil by touching them

therewithal - therewith

thirst - desire to drink

thralls - slaves, bondmen

threat - threaten

till that - till

timely - betimes, early

titles - possessions

top - overtop, surpass

top-full - full to the top, brimful

touch - affection, feeling

touch'd - injured, hurt

towering - turning about

trace - follow

trains - artifices, devices

trammel up - entangle as in a net

transport - convey

transpose - change

traveling lamp - the sun

treasons - capital crimes of treason that merit capital punishment (death)

treatise - story

treble scepters - An ornamental staff signifying royalty. This likely shows King James' position as King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland in 1604

trifled made / trifling - made to sink into insignificance

truest issue - rightful heir

trusted home - believed completely

Turk - a person from Turkey or a Muslim

two-fold balls - Orbs (sphere topped by a cross) signifying royalty. This refers to King James and his kingship of both England and Scotland.

tyranny - usurper

unfix - make to stand on end

unrough - beardless

unsex me - (in context) take away my soft, feminine characteristics

unspeak - recall, withdraw

untimely ripped - born prematurely, by Caesarian section

untitled - having no title or claim

unto - to

upon - to

use - experience

using - cherishing, entertaining

vantage - opportunity

vault - place where wine is kept, or the earth with its vaulted arched) sky

verity - truthfulness

vizards - masks

vouch'd - assured, warranted

warder - guard

warranted - justified

wassail - drinking, partying watching waking

water-rugs - water dogs, a kind of poodle

weal - welfare, can also be used to mean skin raised by a blow (welt)

Weird sisters - Weird meant fate, and the Weird sisters were the witches

wherefore - why

whey-face - pallid (white) face, as from fear

while then - till then

whispers - whispers to

wholesome - healthy

witches' mummy - human flesh mummified

withal - with

without - outside

witness - testimony, evidence

worlds - heaven and earth

worm - small serpent

wrought - agitated

yawning peal - a peal which lulls to sleep

yesty - foamy (from the yeast used to make beer)

yew - a tree thought to be poisonous

yours - your relatives