

Macbeth

Three witches hail Macbeth as Thane of Glamis, which he was, as Thane of Cawdor, which King Duncan awards him and as King, which he becomes after murdering Duncan; and they hailed Banquo as father of kings to come, so Macbeth has him murdered. At a second encounter, they tell Macbeth his throne is safe until Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane, which it does as boughs shielding the army raised by Duncan's son, Malcolm; and that no man of woman born may slay him, but he is slain by Macduff who was "from [his] mother's womb untimely ripp'd". Malcolm becomes king.