



A peace was also concluded at the same time betwixt the Danes and Scottishmen, ratified (as some haue written) in this wise: That from thenceforth the Danes should neuer come into Scotland to make anie warres against the Scots by anie maner of meanes. And these were the warres that Duncane had with forren enemies, in the seventh yeere of his reigne. Shortly after happened a strange and vncouth wonder, which after ward was the cause of much trouble in the realme of Scotland, as ye shall after heare. It fortun'd as Makbeth and Banquho iournied towards Fores, where the king then late, they went sporting by the waie togither without o-ther companie, saue onelie themselues, passing thorough the woods and fields, when suddenlie in the middelt of a laund, there met them threë women in strange and wild apparell, resembling creatures of elder world, whome when they attentiuely beheld, wondering much at the sight, the first of them spake and said; All haile Makbeth, thane of Glammiss (for he had latelie entered into that dignitie and office by the death of his father Sinell.) The second of them said; Haile Makbeth thane of Calwder. But the third said; All haile Makbeth that heereafter shalt be king of Scotland.

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Then Banquho; What manner of women (saith he) are you, that seeme so little fauourable vnto me, whereas to my fellow heere, besides high offices, ye assigne also the kingdome, appointing forth nothing for me at all? Yes (saith the first of them) we promise