



Spiced cups
prepared for
the Danes.

The Danes
overcome
with drinke,
fall asleepe.

Macbeth af-
saileth the
campe of the
Danes, being
overcome
with drinke
and sleepe.

The slaugh-
ter of Danes.
Sueno with
ten other esca-
ped.

The Scots hereupon toke the iuice of mekil-
wozt berries, and mired the same in their ale and
bread, sending it thus spiced & confectioned, in great
abundance vnto their enimies . They reioising that
they had got meate and drinke sufficient to satisfie
their bellies, fell to eating and drinkeing after such
greedie wise, that it seemed they stroue who might de-
uoure and swallow by most, till the operation of the
berries spread in such sort through all the parts of
their bodie, that they were in the end brought into
a fast dead sleepe, that in manner it was impossible
to awake them. Then forthwith Duncane sent vnto
Macbeth, commanding him with all diligence to
come and set vpon the enimies, being in easie point
to be overcome. Macbeth making no delai, came
with his people to the place, where his enimies were
lodged, and first killing the watch, afterwards ente-
red the campe, and made such slaughter on all sides
without anie resistance, that it was a wonderfull
matter to behold, for the Danes were so heauie of
sleepe, that the most part of them were slaine and ne-
uer stirred: other that were awakened either by the
noise or other waies forth, were so amazed and dizzie
headed vpon their wakening, that they were not a-
ble to make anie defense: so that of the whole num-
ber there escaped no more but onelie Sueno him-
selfe and ten other persons, by whose helpe he got to
his ships lieng at rode in the mouth of Tait.

The most part of the mariners, when they heard
what plentie of meate and drinke the Scots had sent
vnto the campe, came from the sea thither to be par-
takers thereof, and so were slaine amongst their fel-
lowes: by meanes whereof when Sueno perceiued
how through lacke of mariners he should not be a