



### 3.4 – Macbeth and Lady Macbeth host a party. Banquo appears as a ghost – the invited guest

#### Audience

**Will** Macbeth discover that Fleance has escaped?

**What** will he do when he finds out the news?

**Who** will tell him the news?

**Are** we going to see him murder anyone else?

#### Setting

**Location:** Macbeths' castle

**Conditions:** This is the first party given by the King and Queen. The castle will be full of guest, cooks and servants.

**Time:** Macbeth in 3.3 tells Banquo the time the party will start *Night till seven at night* ( 3.3 : 41)

**Space:** This is the King's space – *You know your own degrees, sit down* (1)

#### Character

**Status:** Macbeth is meant to have the most power but the ghost has the real power.

**See:** Macbeth sees his dead friend. Banquo see's the man who had him murdered. Lady Macbeth see her husband losing control.

**Envy:** Macbeth envies Banquo's ability to *rise again* (78). Banquo envies Macbeth mortal power. Lady Macbeth envies her husband's role as King

**Predicament:** Macbeth wants to forget his dead friend all he can do is look at him. Banquo wants to protect his child all he can do is intimidate Macbeth. Lady Macbeth wants to take control all she can do is protect her husband

**Stakes:** Macbeth gain his subjects allegiance/respect. Banquo gain Macbeth's attention. Lady Macbeth gain her husbands sanity

**Identity/unidentity:** Macbeth *humble host*/ confused King. Lady Macbeth *hostess*/controlling queen

#### Language

**Pre-scene:** has Macbeth told her he has got Banquo killed. Who is on the guest list?

**Under poem:** send/house/tomorrow/sisters/know/good/blood/more/o'er/hand/scanned/sleep/self abuse/use/deed (128:142). Erratic underpoem

**Pronoun:** Macbeth uses *I* 9 times in this section – becoming preoccupied with what he has done

**Iambic:** *We are but young in deed* (42) short line reflects the youthfulness of their crimes

**Hear:** How the language jumps between personal and public

#### Impact

**See:** A King at his first feast losing his status to a ghost – they can see his conscience

**Remind:** of the witches, the floating dagger and now his dead friend

**Think:** how will he banish the ghost/guilt of Banquo

**Feel:** afraid for Macbeth – they don't know what could happen next

**React:** will the ghost rest?