

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies

MACBETH

Act II, scene 2: Lady Macbeth, Macbeth

LADY MACBETH

Hark! I laid their daggers ready; He could not miss 'em...
[Enter MACBETH] My husband!

MACBETH

I have done the deed....This is a sorry sight.
[Looking at his hand]

LADY MACBETH

A foolish thought, to say a sorry sight.

MACBETH

One cried 'God bless us!' and 'Amen' the other;
As they had seen me with these hangman's hands.

LADY MACBETH

Consider it not so deeply.

MACBETH

Methought I heard a voice cry 'Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder
sleep, Macbeth shall sleep no more'.

LADY MACBETH

Who was it that thus cried?
Go get some water, and wash this filthy witness from your hand....
[He reveals daggers]
Why did you bring these daggers from the place?
They must lie there!
Go smear the sleepy grooms with blood.

MACBETH

I'll go no more:

I am afraid to think what I have done; Look on't again I dare not.

LADY MACBETH

Infirm of purpose! Give me the daggers.

For it must seem their guilt.

[She exits to put the daggers in the king's chamber. Knocking within]

MACBETH

What hands are here? Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood

Clean from my hand? No!

[Re-enter LADY MACBETH]

LADY MACBETH

My hands are of your colour...

[More knocking offstage] I hear a knocking, be not lost so poorly in your thoughts!

MACBETH

To know my deed, 'twere best not know myself.

[More knocking offstage]

Wake Duncan with thy knocking! I would thou couldst!