

The King is Dead

King Duncan found brutally murdered

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In the early hours of this morning, our beloved ruler King Duncan, a guest at the ancestral home of the Macbeth family, was brutally murdered in his sleep.

King Duncan and his two sons, Malcolm and Donalbain, were visiting Glamis Castle to celebrate the recent defeat of rebel forces and to honour Lord Macbeth, Duncan's cousin, with the title of Thane of Cawdor.

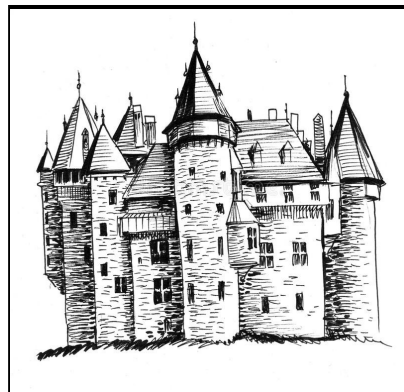
After a celebratory banquet, King Duncan, guarded by two his most trustworthy sentries, retired to his chamber in good spirits, . However, only a few hours later he was brutally murdered, his lifeless body being discovered at dawn.

It is believed that the gruesome attack took place in the early hours of this morning at around 3am. The King had been stabbed numerous times, the fatal wound, a blow to his heart.

Duncan's mutilated body was discovered by his host, Macbeth. Beside, the King lay his two guards who, according to Macbeth, were drunk, covered in blood and holding the murder weapons.

It is said that, overcome by grief, Macbeth slaughtered the guards.

"I think Macbeth acted too hastily. I believe the guards were innocent, and that they were killed to silence them!" Banquo later announced.



Glamis Castle - the scene of King Duncan's murder.

The guards however, are not only suspects. Duncan's two sons, Malcolm and Donalbain, fled the scene soon after the discovery of their father's mutilated corps. Could they be the true murderers? Indeed, both Macbeth and his wife, Lady Macbeth, have been implicated in the murder. It has been suggested that Macbeth is Duncan's killer, intent on claiming the Crown of Scotland for himself.

Investigations into this most heinous of crimes of continue. It is hoped that in time the real killer will be revealed and brought to justice!