**"The Curse of Macbeth"**

 **The "Curse of Macbeth" is the misfortune that can happen during the production of the play.**

**Shakespeare included actual black magic spells in the incantations of the witches. Those who appear in the play or those who mention the play's name inside a theatre risk having these evils unleashed. The superstition is not so much about doing the play as about naming it. You are not supposed to mention the title in a theatre.**

***The Tragedy of Macbeth* is considered so unlucky that it is hardly ever called by name among actors. People just refer to it as "*the Scottish play*." It is supposed to be bad luck to quote from the play or to use any sets, costumes, or props from a production. There has been a long line of disasters starting back when the play was first opened on August 7, 1606. The boy actor playing Lady Macbeth died backstage on opening night. In 1934, Macbeth had to be postponed for three days after four actors played the part of Macbeth in a single week because of accidents and illnesses. In 1937, the play was delayed because of the death of an actress who was to play Lady Macbeth.**

**There is a lot of fighting, action, murders and death in *Macbeth*. It is inevitable that in the long run of the play someone is going to get hurt or die.**

**The most interesting theory is that the play contains the devil in the form of the porter at the gates who lets in Banquo to discover that King Malcolm has been murdered.**

**The most common remedy to get rid of the curse is the following:**

1. **the offender must step outside the theatre,**
2. **turn around three times,**
3. **spit**
4. **say the foulest word he/she can think of, and**
5. **wait for permission to re-enter the theatre.**