



# THREE TAKES ON THE WITCHES

## 1 Stagehands in Tech

First Witch  
(holding clipboard)



*When shall we three meet again  
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?*

Second Witch  
(flipping through script)  
*When the  
hurlyburly's done,  
When the battle's  
lost and won*



Third Witch (to light booth)  
*That will be ere  
the set of the sun*



## 2 Dollhouse



Little girls playing with dolls



*Thrice to thine  
and thrice to mine  
Peace! the charm's  
wound up!*



## 3 GAME SHOW



**All hail Macbeth,  
that shall be king  
hereafter!**

**Come, sisters,  
cheer we up his sprites  
And show the best of our delights**



# Top Five Shakespeare Characters Who Only Speak One Line

Of the 1,222 characters in Shakespeare, 138 speak exactly one line.

The leads are always self-absorbed aristocrats: Prince Hamlet, King Lear, Lady Macbeth. But the soldiers, messengers, citizens, are mysterious and succinct, a world in one line.



Third Looter  
*Coriolanus*

“A plague on't!  
I took this for  
silver.”



First Apparition  
*Macbeth*

“Beware the thane of Fife.  
Dismiss me. Enough.”



Soldier  
*Henry VI pt.2*

Jack Cade declares he is  
Lord Mortimer, and not  
“Jack Cade.”  
A soldier rushes in:

*“Jack Cade! Jack Cade!”*

and is immediately killed.



Third Musician  
*Romeo and Juliet*

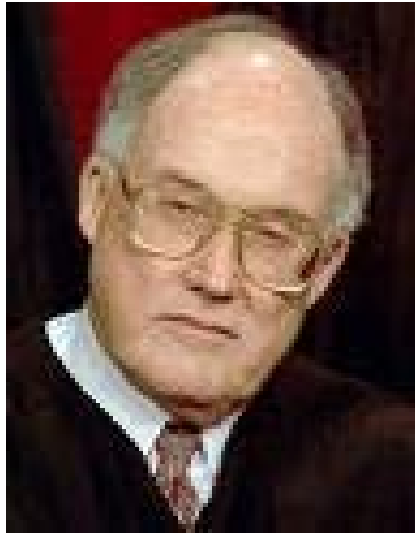
“Faith, I know not  
what to say.”



English Herald,  
*Henry V*

“Here is the  
number of the  
slaughter'd  
French.”

# Séance in Court



Right-wing judges love to quote this



It's the go-to quote in defamation lawsuits to smother anything bad for public relations



This quote works its way into hundreds of court decisions crushing free speech. Judges quote "the immortal Bard" without the slightest acknowledgment of who is saying it.



Like a bad horror movie: evil fictional character materializes to possess the living

*But it's Iago!  
Iago is saying this!*

in the moment he convinces Othello to suffocate love.

(this point is wasted on Republican judges)

Good name in man and woman,  
dear my lord,  
Is the immediate jewel of their souls.  
Who steals my purse steals trash;  
'Tis something, nothing;  
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and  
has been slave to thousands;  
But he that filches from me  
my good name  
Robs me of that  
which not enriches him,  
And makes me poor indeed.  
*Othello, III.3*



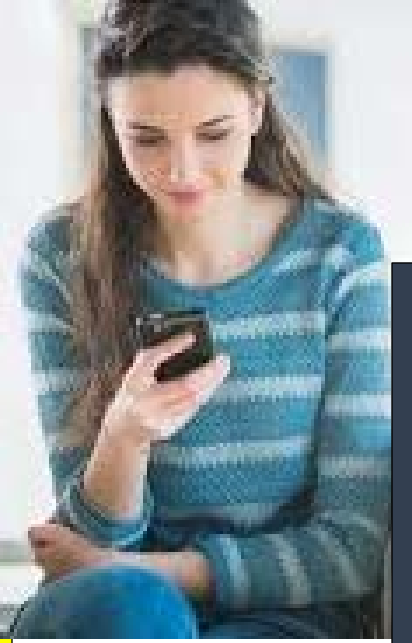
*thus do I ever make  
my fool my purse*

# Top Five Voice Mails in Shakespeare

*How art thou out of  
breath, when thou  
hast breath to say  
to me that thou art  
out of breath?*

*The excuse that  
thou dost make in  
this delay is longer  
than the tale thou  
dost excuse. Is thy  
news good, or bad?  
**Answer to that.***

—Juliet VM for Nurse



*Deny to speak with me?  
They are sick? they are weary?  
They have travell'd all the night?  
**Fetch me a better answer.***

— Lear (voicemail for Regan)

*What said he? How looked he? Wherein went he?  
What makes him here? Did he ask for me? Where  
remains he? How parted he? and when shalt thou  
see him again? **Answer me in one word!***

— Rosalind VM for Celia



*To me you speak not;  
If you can look into  
the seeds of time,  
And say which grain will  
grow and which will not,  
**Speak then to me.***

— Banquo VM for Witches



*What you have said  
I will consider; what you have to say  
I will with patience hear, and find a time  
Both meet **to hear and answer** such high things.*

— Brutus VM for Cassius

# My Favorite Chess Trap



1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♞f6 3. ♘xe5 ♞xe6?  
4. ♚e2 ♞c5?? 5. ♘c6+!

Chess isn't math. It's conflict and sex and desire. Even grandmasters play out their first memories of these magical dolls.

- Garry Kasparov

Witchcraft in Petroff's Defense: White's knight throws itself on the pawn wall to reveal check. Black is bewitched. He can save his king, or his queen, *but not both*.

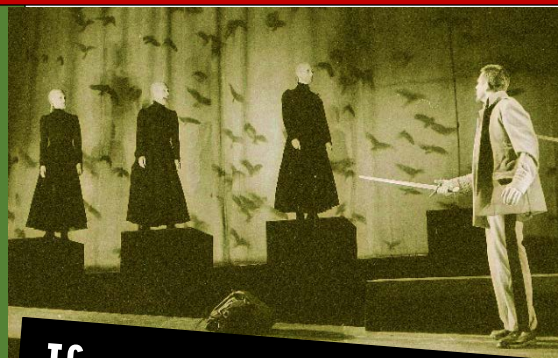


When I'm in a complex position I feel I'm lost in a magical forest, every tree is alive, and I have to listen to their whispers to find a way out.

-GM Jennifer Shahade

Such a metaphor- knight suicide, discovered check revealed like a Jackie Chan fan-punch,\* the Queen, my lord, is dead.

\*see below



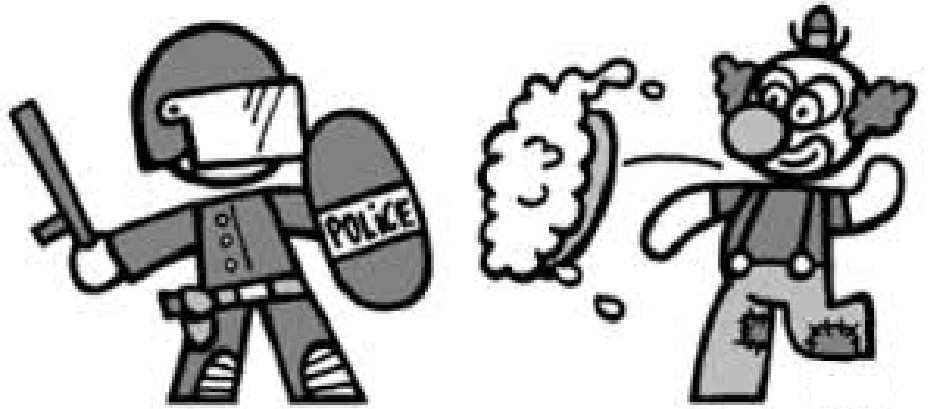
If you can look into the seeds of time

Macbeth as a chess play: Banquo sees the sacrifice, Macbeth not so much

Speak then to me



# Clown Wars



A recent phenomenon:  
militant clowns in protest actions  
in Europe and US



*History repeats, first as tragedy, then as farce.*

the future confronts the State,  
not as its victim, but as a surreal joke  
a joke the State doesn't get,  
which makes it more anxious than terror

*And let those that play  
your clowns speak no more  
than is set down for them.*



*- Dost thou call me fool, boy?  
- All thy other titles thou hast given  
away; that thou wast born with.*



*(It is meat and  
drink to me to  
see a clown.)*

# Richard III

on why his posts get no likes on social media

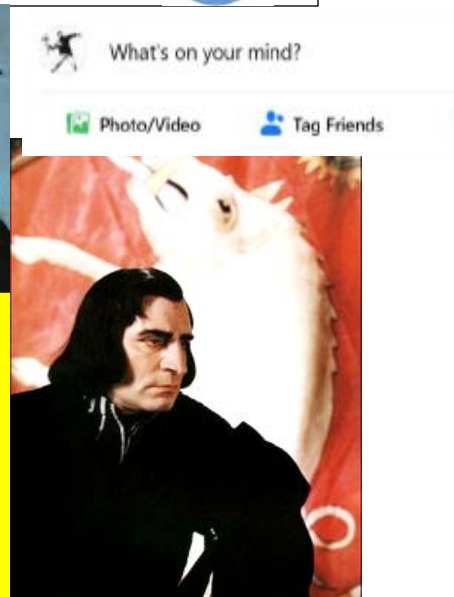
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I do suspect I have done some offence  
That seems disgracious in the city's eyes,  
Cannot a plain man live and think no harm,  
But thus his simple truth must be abused  
By silken, sly, insinuating Jacks?



I am a villain: yet I lie. I am not.  
Fool, of thyself speak well-  
There is no creature loves me




My eye's too quick,  
my heart o'erweens too much,  
And this word 'love,'  
which graybeards call divine,  
Be resident in men like one another  
And not in me: I am myself alone.



## To block someone:

### New Facebook

- 1 Click  in the top right.
- 2 Select **Settings & Privacy > Settings**.
- 3 Click **Blocking** in the left side menu.
- 4 In the **Block users** section, enter the name of the person you want to block.
- 5 Select the specific person you want to block from the list that appears and click **Block [name]**.



Why, I, in this weak piping time of peace,  
Have no delight to pass away the time,  
Unless to spy my shadow in the sun  
And descant on mine own deformity

