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Shakespeare’s Macbeth: The Inner Beast Unleashed

The Shakespearean play, *Macbeth* is a tale about a man and his wife who lose their lives pursuing what they feel will bring them more power and pleasure. They murder and manipulate others for their own selfish needs, and the results of their actions seem to back-fire in their faces. They end up miserable, meaningless and dead, much like the animals that show up frequently in the play. Based on the multiple animal references and their suggested symbolism, Shakespeare seems to imply that human nature is limited in what it allows due to the natural emotions and actions that seem to parallel those of animals. In other words, Macbeth can do nothing other than destroy himself and others due to animalistic human nature.

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