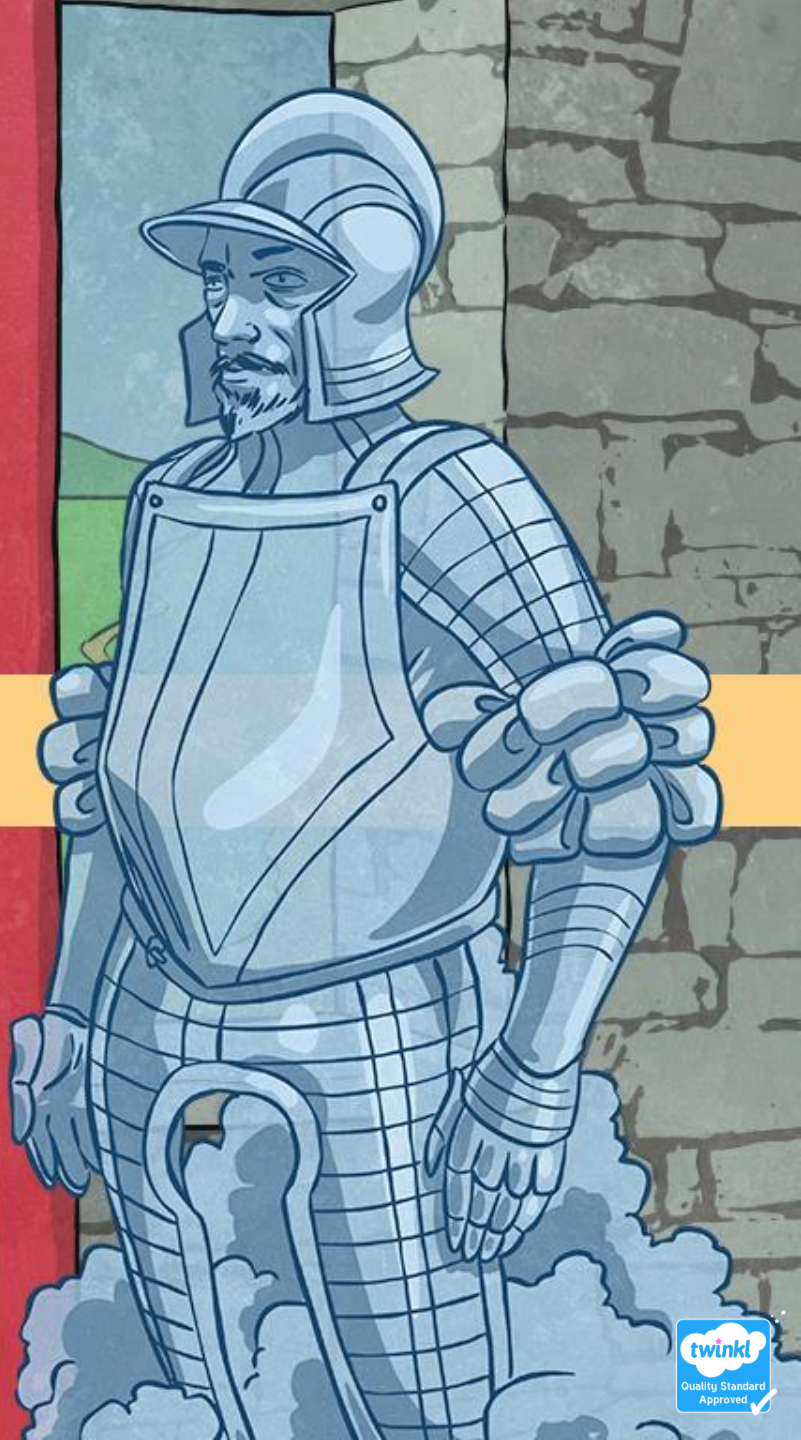
Hamlet: A Tragedy

by William Shakespeare



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You have arrived at your destination...

Elisnore, Denmark
in the late 14th century.

Denmark prepares for war with Prince Fortinbras of Norway.

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Who Are the Characters We Meet?



Hamlet



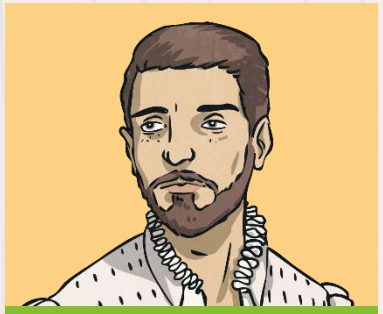
King Claudius



Queen Gertrude



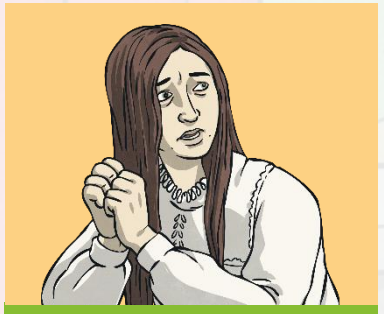
Ghost of King Hamlet



Laertes



Polonius



Ophelia



Rosencrantz & Guildenstern

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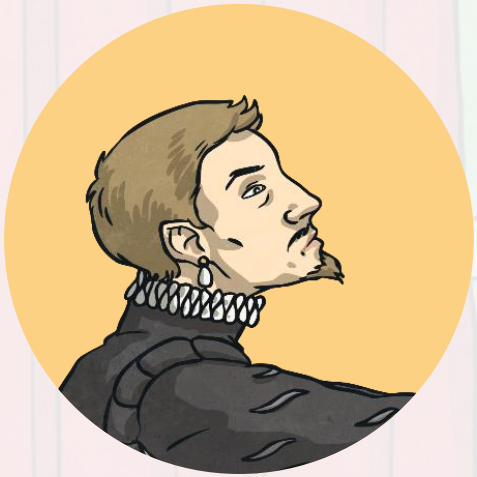
Hamlet's father, who was the King of Denmark, is dead. Hamlet is visited by his father's ghost who says he was killed by his brother, Claudius, who is now King and has married Hamlet's mother.



#OMGatalkingghost

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This makes Hamlet thoughtful and suspicious. However, others think that he is going mad. Polonius (the advisor to King Claudius) says Hamlet is love sick for his daughter, Ophelia.



#Hamletdoolally

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King Claudius gets two of Hamlet's friends, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, to spy on Hamlet to see what is wrong with him.

They spy on him talking to Ophelia and see that he is definitely not love sick. Hamlet tells Ophelia to 'get thee to a nunnery'.



#he'snotthatintoher

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A group of travelling actors come to town and Hamlet hatches a plan to get them to act out a scene similar to that of his father's murder to see if King Claudius reacts.

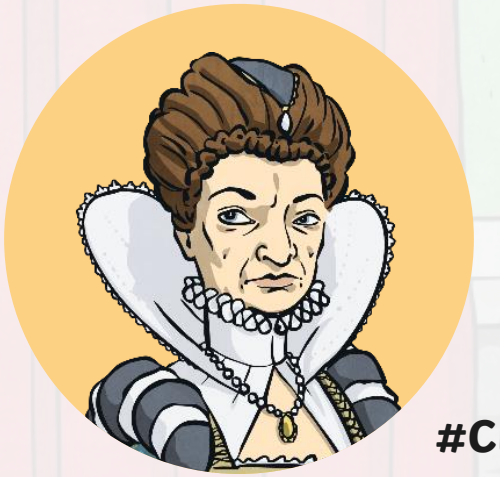


#cunningplan

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Hamlet organises for King Claudius and his mother to see the play. When 'that scene' happens, Claudius appears shaken and leaves. Hamlet now knows that Claudius is guilty and his father's ghost was right.

King Claudius prays and realises that Hamlet's strange mood is because he knows the truth. To try to save himself, he orders Hamlet to be sent away to England.



#Claudiushasbeenrumbled

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Hamlet confronts his mother about the situation. Meanwhile, behind a nearby tapestry, Polonius is eaves-dropping.

Hamlet quickly realises someone is there, assumes it is King Claudius and stabs with his sword through the tapestry. Sadly, Polonius dies.

Because of his terrible crime, Hamlet gets sent to England straight away.

However, he has to return after his ship is attacked by pirates.



#whoops

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Ophelia, who is saddened by her father Polonius's death, drowns herself in a river.

After this second tragedy, Laertes (Ophelia's brother) wants revenge on Hamlet for killing his father and causing the death of his sister.



#revengeafoot

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Knowing that Laertes is seeking revenge, King Claudius plans a sword fighting match between Hamlet and Laertes.

However, King Claudius poisons Laertes's sword tip so that it will kill Hamlet when he is first stabbed.

Taking no chances, King Claudius adds poison to Hamlet's wine.



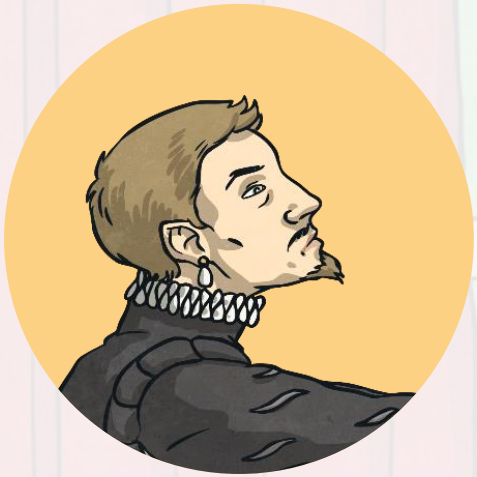
#doublepoisonplan

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The time of the sword fight arrives...

Hamlet scores first. His mother Gertrude proposes a toast and unknowingly drinks her son's poisoned wine and dies. Hamlet is pricked by the poisoned sword.

Laertes also gets wounded with his own poisoned sword, but he doesn't die straight away. With his last breaths, Laertes tells Hamlet that Claudius is now also responsible for his mother's death.



#notgoingtoplan

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Seeking revenge for the death of his parents, Hamlet then kills Claudius with the poisoned sword and forces him to drink the rest of the poisoned wine.

All three men die.



#threemoredead

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You'll remember back at the beginning that Prince Fortinbras of Norway was going to war with Denmark...

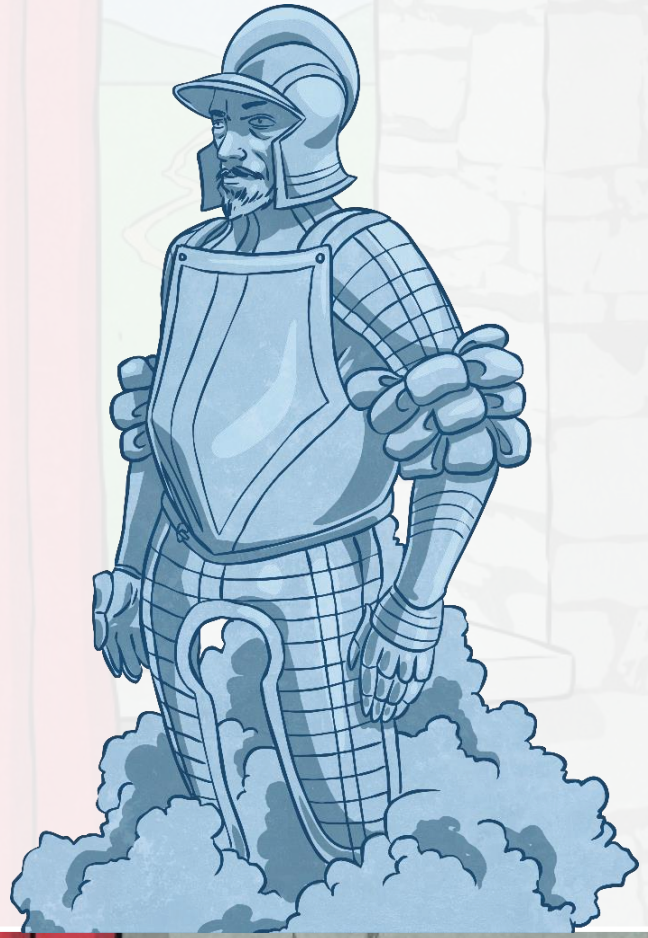
Because everyone was now dead, Fortinbras arrived and easily became the new King of Denmark.

#Fortinbrasthewinnerbynotbeingdead

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