

Macbeth. A friend.

Banquo. What, sir, not yet at rest? The king's a-bed :
He hath been in unusual pleasure, and
Sent forth great largess to your offices.
This diamond he greets your wife withal,
By the name of most kind hostess ; and shut up
In measureless content.

Macbeth. Being unprepared,
Our will became the servant to defect ;
Which else should free have wrought.

Banquo. All's well,
I dreamt last night of the three weird sisters :
To you they have show'd some truth.

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Macbeth. I think not of them :
Yet, when we can entreat an hour to serve,
We would spend it in some words upon that business,
If you would grant the time.

Banquo. At your kind'st leisure.

Macbeth. If you shall cleave to my consent, when 'tis,
It shall make honour for you.

Banquo. *So I lose none*
In seeking to augment it, but still keep
My bosom franchised and allegiance clear,
I shall be counsel'd.

Macbeth. Good repose the while !

Banquo. Thanks, sir : the like to you !

[Exeunt Banquo and Fleance.]

Macbeth. Go bid thy mistress, when my drink is ready,
She strike upon the bell. Get thee to bed.—*[Exit Servant.]*

20. He had dreamed of the witches' prophecy, they had spoken truly for Macbeth, his cursed thoughts would make him a traitor. Macbeth is not the first here to mention the witches' predictions as he was in Scene 3, Act I.

26 *So I lose none.* The motive of this scene is to show the attitude of Banquo to the murder of Duncan. In effect he says "Proceed with the crime, but do not ask me to countenance it. I may profit by it, though."