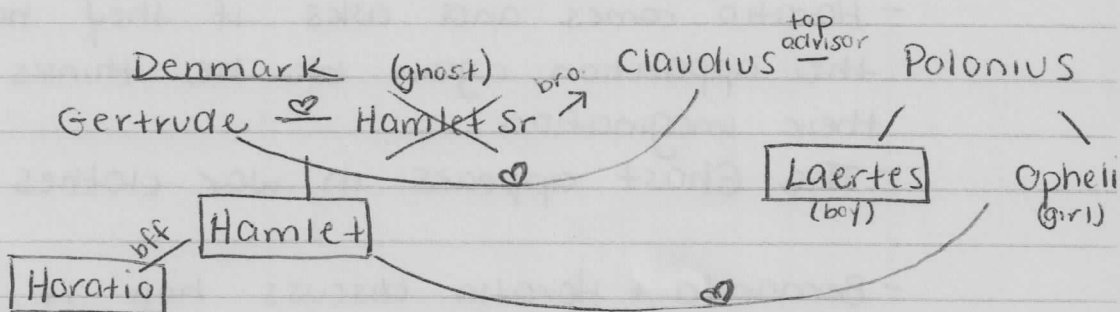


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Hamlet

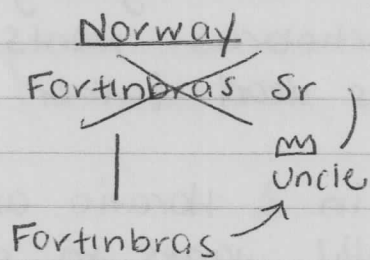
Hamlet takes place in Denmark. There is a queen Gertrude whose husband (king) was Hamlet Sr. His brother Claudius marries Gertrude but she already had a son Hamlet (prince) Hamlet has a best friend Horatio (confidant).



They come back ¹⁾ to bury his father
²⁾ wedding of Gertrude & Claudius

Laertes, Hamlet, Horatio & Fortinbras are foils to e/o
Hamlet is in love with Ophelia

Denmark + Norway are at war. King Fortinbras Sr died and his brother takes over instead of Fortinbras Jr.



A sons devastation with fast marriage and his mothers sexuality

Hamlet Sr.s ghost comes b/c we know s/t is upset in the great chain of being (rightful heir)

Act I

Barnard, Francisco, Marcellus

scene 1

- The night guards at Elsinore decide to call Horatio b/c they see Hamlet Sr.'s ghost.
logic + reason

- Its very cold and quiet and Bernardo comes to switch with Francisco.

- Horatio comes and asks if they have seen the apparition again b/c he thinks its their imagination.

- The Ghost appears in war clothes

- Bernardo + Horatio discuss how it looks like the dead king Hamlet Senior

- They try to talk to the ghost but it leaves

- Horatio finally believes that there is a ghost

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"This bodes some strange eruption to our state" → something's wrong

- Horatio & Bernardo explain why Denmark is going to war and the situation with Fortinbras.

- Hamlet got land he was fighting over w/ Fortinbras^{sr} so Fortinbras wants to get it back to honor his dead father.

- The ghost comes in & Horatio asks him to speak but he really wants to speak to Hamlet.

- The rooster crows → morning } the ghost leaves
cock

- King says your father wants you to move on - you're being an immature coward.
We are worried so were not letting you leave
His mom begs him to stay and he says
I will obey you mother.

- The king is drinking and all over his mother - it disgusts Hamlet

P.29 Hamlet's Soliloquy:

- I don't want to live anymore I wish it wasn't a sin to commit suicide. I take no enjoyment from the world. Denmark = a garden full of weeds. My father has been dead for not even 2 months. From a sun god (Hyperion) to Claudius (satyr). He loved + protected her, she would hang on him and fell deeper in love - Lies!
And in a month my mother is weak →
"frailty, thy name is woman"

My mom married my uncle but hes not like my dad just like Im not like Hercules. Within a month she married - incestuous. it breaks my heart but I can't say anything.

- Horatio is going to tell Hamlet about the ghost.

- Hamlet wants to know why they left Wittenberg - schools still in session.

- Horatio said he came for the funeral.

dramatic irony

- Hamlet says I think I see my dad and Horatio thinks its the ghost but Hamlet says I saw him in my head.

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- Horatio says I saw him last night - a ghost that was just like him.
- Hamlet decides to wait & see if it comes again but please don't tell anyone. I'll visit you later.
- Hamlet suspects some foul play.

scene 3 - Polonius' house

- Laertes + Ophelia are talking and he tells his sister watch out for Hamlet - he is a prince & his will is not his own → don't spend too much time w/ him. [Ophelia says don't be a hypocrite]
- Don't lose your virginity to him b/c he is being persistent.

Blessing

- Polonius says - give your thoughts no tongue - think before you speak. Don't be over emotional, be friendly but not too friendly. Keep your friends close and don't get into fights but if you do scare them. Listen to e/o but only confide in a few people. Don't judge and only buy what you can afford.

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"Neither a borrower nor a lender be"
Be true to yourself and you can't be false to anyone else.

- Polonius asks Ophelia what's going on with Hamlet and she says he loves her.

- Polonius says men say what they want when they're with you but they might not love you ^{when} the heat of the moment passes

Scene 4-

Hamlet goes to find the ghost (almost 12)

- The king is drinking and partying downstairs

- The ghost appears

Hamlet asks why aren't you resting in peace? Why are you coming back?

- The ghost wants to speak to Hamlet alone but everyone's scared - Horatio convinces him not to.

- Hamlet goes with the ghost & Marcellus

p55 - says "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark"

→ They follow.

Scene 5-

- Ghost says when I tell you, you need to take revenge.

- I am stuck inbetween heaven + hell.

- Hamlet's ghost says everyone thinks I was bit by a snake when I was sleeping in my orchard b/c my skin became scaly BUT know "The serpent

p59 - that did sting thy father's life now wears his crown."

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- The ghost now talks about the uncle Claudius how he took his "seeming-virtuous queen" - p 59
Hamlets ghost is angry about his wife but smells the morning so hurrys up

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- Claudius took the pain juice of hebona & poured it in his ears - his blood curdled and a rash quickly developed and died.

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- I didn't have time to make ammends - I died with all my sins on my head. Handle Claudius but don't take revenge on your mother.

→ Ghost leaves - morning is coming

p63- "One may smile & smile & be a villain"
→ Appearance vs. Reality

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- Hamlet makes Horatio + Marcellus swear that they wont repeat what they saw.

- Hamlet tells Horatio there are more things in life then you could ever dream of.

p. 67- "There are more things in heaven + earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy"

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Hamlet: "As I perchance hereafter shall think meet to put an antic disposition on"

→ I am going to pretend I'm going crazy to see if the ghost is real and now they wont worry that he's a threat to the throne so he'll get more info.

• SPYING •

Act II

scene 1 - ①

Polonius sends Reynaldo to spy on his son Laertes whose at university

He tells him to talk to people & tell them he is a gambler, womanizer & see what they say

② Ophelia is sent to see if Hamlets madness is true (b/c he ♥'s) or if he fears something

③ Guildenstern + Rosencranz (Hamlets friends) were sent to spy on him b/c the king + queen want to know whats bothering him

- At the same time a theater group arrives at the castle which excites Hamlet.

P. 77-

"By indirections find directions out"

By going out of the way find the way

} Polonius to Reynaldo

to Polonius, her dad

- Ophelia says Hamlet came to see her & he looked terrible and was crazy. Ophelia thinks it was

b/c she was forced to break-up with him. (Antic Disposition)

→ Now Polonius wants to tell the king.