

Hamlet Close-Reading



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✦ *Act I. Sc. 5, lines 49-59*

Chosen Speech

- ✿ *Ay, that incestuous, that adulterate beast, With witchcraft of his [wit,] with traitorous gifts -- O wicked wit and gifts, that have the power So to seduce! -- Won to his shameful lust. The will of my most seeming-virtuous queen. O Hamlet, what <a> falling off was there! From me, whose love was of that dignity That it went hand in hand even with the vow I made to her in marriage, and to decline Upon a wretch whose natural gifts were poor to those of mine. - Ghost (Act I. Sc. 5, lines 49-59)*

Portion annotations

Incest refers to one who is having sexual relations throughout their family or classified as being too close to every marry each other. The portion where it says adulterate beast classifies his brother as a traitor and a dangerous man.

Part of the King's witchcraft was giving him the gift and father to seduce the Queen. The power the fore-take in this killing and to use his gift to trade on his with his wife.

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Witchcraft one may ask? How is he capable of being a witch. What makes someone so powerful to enchant to form part of witchcraft

This entire scene was the ghost depicting the death of his own and how the lust of his wife and brother caused his brother to commit murder. I believe that it is a great and wild representation of the entire scene. In fact, it highlights the entire book, because in the future Hamlet will have to deal with finding himself with knowing who the murder of his father was after this apparition appeared. The king of now was more concerned about getting then Queen instead of his brother who he killed.

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In order for this incest of the queen and new king to be ever able to occur the incest that actually happened. The queen seemed true to his emotions, all for the King who once was, until his life was ended and his fair queen showed no despair, but went for the new King. She incestuously loved him.

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To know that the King didn't do enough to keep his wife happy is what tears him apart, to know that his brother pleased his wife more than did he.

It through the King off to know that his Queen had done this to her. He expected it from his brother, but not his lady. The Queen disregarded all of the vows that they had made, except for death do us part. All that mattered for the slaughtered King was dignity, that he was loving the queen like he should.