

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Macbeth – Performance Analysis – Casting the witches transcript

PRESENTER

Their cauldron boils, their potions bubble, and casting these girls could be trouble. I say girls, could be guys, but whether fair or foul, wicked or wise, they'll cut Macbeth down to size.

This is Casting the Witches!

TITLE

MACBETH

CASTING THE WITCHES

WITCH

Fire burn and cauldron bubble! Ha-ha-ha!

CASTING DIRECTOR

I get it. You've gone for the classic evil witch. Guess it's a good job, but this whole green face, pointy hat stuff wasn't around in Shakespeare's time. Besides, I need something surprising.

PRESENTER

Oh-oh. Looks like the next auditionee has arrived early.

GIRL IN PINK

Oh sorry, am I early?

WITCH

Yes.

PRESENTER

Ooh. This could get messy.

WITCH

Yes, you are. This is my audition. Now [BLEEP] the [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP] [BLEEP].

Unbelievable.

PRESENTER

She's certainly got foul covered.

CAPTION

CASTING THE WITCHES

PRESENTER

The script does say they have beards, and these witches can be presented in so many different ways, why not as men?

Bitesize

MAN AUDITIONING

You should be women and yet your beards forbid me to interpret that you are so.

CASTING DIRECTOR

Sorry, you're reading Banquo's lines? We're casting for the witches.

MAN AUDITIONING

Well, I'm not doing that.

CASTING DIRECTOR

OK. So what's with the costume?

MAN AUDITIONING

Costume? Are you taking the mick?

CAPTION

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PRESENTER

Wow. Not necessarily what you'd expect but Macbeth is tempted by the witches' promises of power, and possibly beguiled by them, so the dance could work.

LADY IN RED

All hail, Macbeth. Thou shalt be kind hereafter.

I really want Macbeth to fall under my spell.

CASTING DIRECTOR

Yeah, I could see that. Thank you. We'll be in touch. I assume you're available.

LADY IN RED

Very.

CASTING DIRECTOR

I meant... for the play.

LADY IN RED

Call me.

PRESENTER

Her cauldron brings all the boys to the yard. Am I right, guys? Right, cos she's a witch, has a cauldron...Sorry.

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