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YOUNG MACDUFF

Was my father a traitor, mother?

LADY MACDUFF

Ay, that he was.

YOUNG MACDUFF

What is a traitor?

LADY MACDUFF

Why, one that swears and lies.

YOUNG MACDUFF

And be all traitors that do so?

LADY MACDUFF

Every one that does so is a traitor and must be hanged.

YOUNG MACDUFF

And must they all be hanged that swear and lie?

LADY MACDUFF

Every one.

YOUNG MACDUFF

Who must hang them?

LADY MACDUFF

Why, the honest men.

YOUNG MACDUFF

Then the liars and swearers are fools, for there are liars and swearers enough to beat the honest men and hang up them.

LADY MACDUFF

Now God help thee, poor monkey! But how wilt thou do for a father?

YOUNG MACDUFF

If he were dead, you'd weep for him. If you would not, it were a good sign that I should quickly have a new father.

LADY MACDUFF

Poor prattler, how thou talk'st!