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## DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

MARY, *Queen of Scotland.*  
 LORD DARNLEY, *King-Consort.*  
 EARL OF MORAY, *Half-brother to the Queen.*  
 EARL OF BOTHWELL  
 EARL OF MORTON  
 EARL OF ROTHES  
 LORD RUTHVEN  
 LORD LINDSAY  
 MAITLAND OF LETTINGTON  
 SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS  
 KER OF FAWDONSDIE  
 HEPBURN OF BOLTON  
 HAY OF TALLO  
 DALGLIESH  
 WILSON  
 NICHOLAS HUBERT  
 EARL OF HUNTLEY.  
 LORD FLEMING.  
 LORD SETON.  
 LORD SEMPLE.  
 ARTHUR ERSKINE.  
 SIR WILLIAM STANDEN, *Equerry to Darnley.*  
 A FRENCH PHYSICIAN.  
 ADAM  
 PETER } *Serving-men.*  
 TAYLOR, *a page.*  
 COUNTESS OF ARGYLL, *Half-sister to the Queen.*  
 MARY LIVINGSTONE, *Maid of Honour.*  
 CHRISTIAN PAIGES, *a Tire-woman to the Queen.*  
*Courtiers, Citizens, etc.*

} *Conspirators against  
Darnley.*

} *Minor Conspirators.*





ACT I

SCENE I.—*Gateway leading into the Court of Holyrood House—Surging crowd of citizens mingled with retainers of the different factions—Great tumult—Torchlight—Confused shouting: "Treason!" "Douglas!" "The Queen!"—SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS enters hastily from the House.*

DOUGLAS.

Hell broken loose! Ho, peace!

VOICES.

Treason! Treason!

DOUGLAS.

In the Queen's name, peace!

A VOICE.

The Queen's murdered!

DOUGLAS.

A rat's murdered! Friends, hear me!

VOICES.

The Queen! Treason! Show us the Queen!

*(Great uproar.)*

DOUGLAS.

Fools! Fools! Peace, I say!

HUNTLEY.

Show us the Queen! *(Uproar renewed.)*

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DOUGLAS.

Here's din enough to alarm a churchyard. Listen, for God's sake! The drum of my ear's broken: the sleepers in the chapel will rise and swear at us!

HUNTLEY.

The Queen—we demand——

DOUGLAS.

My lord, on the word of a gentleman, the Queen's safe and sound. We'll take you to her highness.

*(Enter ARTHUR ERSKINE.)*

HUNTLEY.

*(To ERSKINE.)* Explain this uproar in the name o' God.

ERSKINE.

It is a bloody treason. In the Queen's face,  
The Secretary's murdered.

VOICES.

To arms! Treason!

DOUGLAS.

Treason to kill a fiddler!

*(Hubbub renewed: cries of "Douglas" and "Gordon.")*

HUNTLEY.

Quiet, you dogs, quiet! Marry, I'll thrash you knaves!

DOUGLAS.

. . . 'Tis a rare din!  
As if the tower of Bel were being built,  
And all the men had quarrelled frantically,  
And did vituperate and fiercely swear  
Against each other's worth.

HUNTLEY.

Peace, I say!