Macbeth Vocabulary

Glossary
ADAGE a proverb, or saying
AVAUNT be gone, go away, be off
BELDAMS old, ugly women; witches
BIRNAMWOOD where Malcolm and his soldiers march through
BLOOD-BOLTERED when hair or fur becomes matted with grime, sweat, and blood
COMPUNCTIOUS remorseful, contrite, conscience-stricken
DOFF to throw off, get rid of, do away with
DUNSFASNEHILL where is castle is located where Macbeth is killed
EQUIVOCATOR dealer in ambiguities, trader in double meanings
FIFE Macduff’s castle
GRAYMALKIN: the familiar of the first witch, a grey cat.
HARPIER the familiar of the third witch, a creature that has the head of a woman and the body and talons of a bird.
HURLYBURLY noise, commotion on the battlefield
PADDock the second witch’s familiar, a toad
PARRICIDE the murderer of a father
POSSETs a drink consisting of spiced wine and curdled milk
TWIX between
USURPER someone who wrongfully takes someone else’s place
VIZARDS masks for disguise or protection
WASSAIL spiced ale or a mulled wine, drunk during Twelfth Night celebrations or on Christmas

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