

LADY MACBETH SERIOUSLY ILL

■ DOCTOR'S REPORT DESCRIBES RBD OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S "INCOHERENT BABBLINGS"
 ■ ACROSS TOWN, MACDUFF'S HUSBAND AND CHILDREN ARE SLAUGHTERED IN THEIR HOME

by WEIRD SISTERS

THINGS GO from bad to worse at the Royal Bank of Dunsinane. Setting aside the bank's flirtation with a financial apocalypse, an epidemic of illness and death is sweeping through its executive committee.

The latest to succumb is Lady Macbeth (31), Head of Operations at RBD and wife of crazed CEO Macbeth. After a long absence from work, Lady Macbeth was yesterday taken to hospital, apparently having suffered a total mental breakdown.

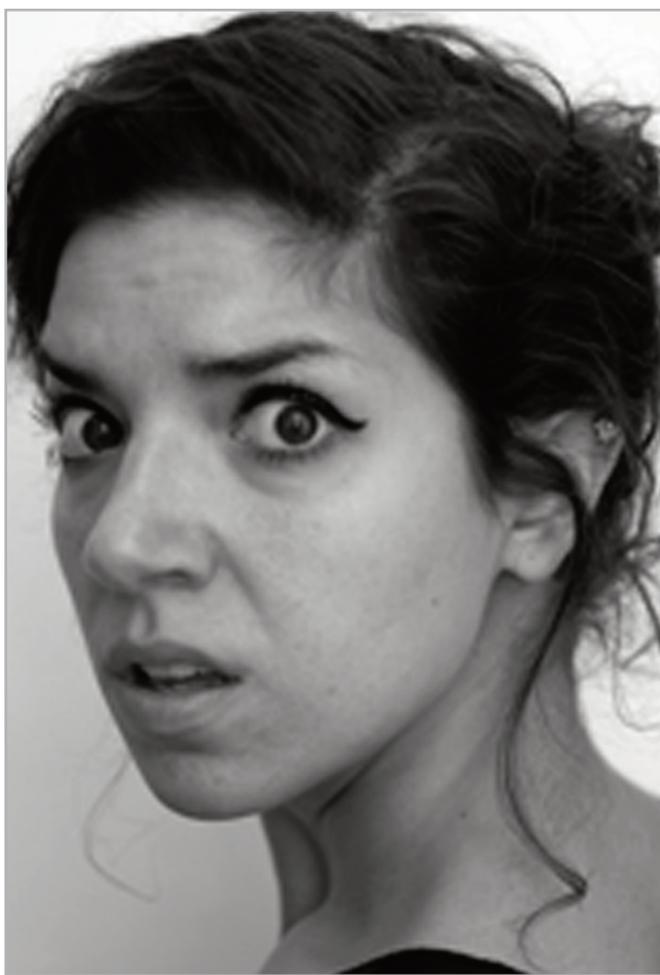
Speaking this morning, Lady Macbeth's private doctor painted a bleak picture of his patient's state of health. "She is very, very fragile, both physically and emotionally," Dr Seyton said grimly. When asked whether her life was in danger, Seyton simply said, "we're doing everything we can for her."

Seyton was rather more forthcoming in his personal diary, which has been acquired exclusively by the *City Times*. In it he refers to

his patient by her initials. "LM much worse [sic]," yesterday's entry begins. "Babbling. Diff to make out. Sthng abt stained hands & smell of blood. Imagines husband [sic] there & talks to him, scolding then begging. Cries a lot. Won't eat. V pail [sic] and thin."

Earlier in the day a gruesome spectacle was unfolding on Fife Street, where a handsome Fitzrovia townhouse had become a scene of carnage. The husband and three children of Lady Macduff, the self-exiled former Human Resources Director at Dunsinane, were hacked to pieces in their living room.

The finger of blame for this appalling crime immediately pointed at Macbeth. Macduff had been holed up with Malcolm and Donalbain, two former RBD executives and children of murdered CEO Duncan. The three are now confirmed to be in talks with the Bank of England and Birnam Bank.



Lady Macbeth yesterday, shortly before being admitted to hospital.

Ross, Macbeth's Communications Director, yesterday joined the rebels. She told *City Times* off the record that plans for a forced takeover of RBD

were "at an advanced stage." Quite how things will unfold over the coming days, for Dunsinane and for Lady Macbeth, is unclear.

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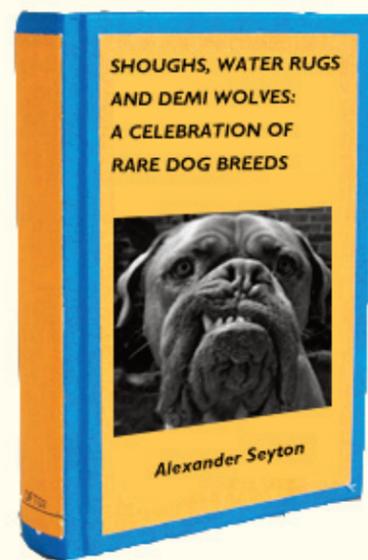
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Bank of England-Backed Birnam Wood Bailout Is Only Means of Vanquishing Macbeth

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MACBETH SHALL never be until Birnam Bank marches on Dunsinane and seizes it by force.

Dunsinane's former CEO and Chairman Duncan was an autocrat. He led firmly and did not tolerate dissent. Yet the tyrannical Macbeth has made his predecessor's reign look positively benign.

No matter what misfortune befalls Dunsinane, Macbeth refuses to yield his position.

The bank's balance sheet is in tatters. Its share price has hit rock bottom. Runs on high street branches have stripped its retail arm bare. Key executives have found themselves in pools of their own blood. The once-venerable institution is on the brink of insolvency. Yet Macbeth

remains obstinately in office, convinced of his supremacy.

The only way to avoid unimaginable catastrophe is a forced bailout by Birnam Bank, led by Siward and backed by the Bank of England. May it come soon.

Birnam Bank: the only hope?

