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“Some of the most poisonous people come disguised as friends and family.” This quote by Emilio Cogliani perfectly describes the relationship between Macbeth and Banquo. The two characters are first introduced as both friends and fellow soldiers. Their relationship seems to be good and solid...until it’s not. Banquo is responsible for the tragedy of Macbeth because he flaunted the fact that he’d father kings.

First and foremost, Banquo was unnecessarily boastful. The things he said to Macbeth pushed him over the edge of sanity. For example, the text states that Banquo said, “The crown would not go to your descendants.” He also said, “My sons and grandsons would be kings.” He made Macbeth feel inadequate because he and his wife could not have children to take over the throne. Banquo teased him about losing the crown, and it made Macbeth snap.

Some may argue that Macbeth is to blame. This is because he was the one who made the choice to kill anyone who seemed to be a threat to his title as king. Macbeth, indeed, could have made better choices. However, he would not have done the terrible things he did if Banquo had left him alone. Macbeth felt pushed to take matters into his own hands, which he later regretted.

In conclusion, Banquo played a significant role in the downfall of Macbeth. He said hurtful things to him and made him snap. If Banquo could have quietly supported him, many people would still be alive. He was not a friend to Macbeth. Banquo, instead, was Macbeth’s downfall. Anyone can be provoked to kill under the right circumstances.