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 Hamlet by Shakespeare

1. Hamlet a play about two heads:
2. The head alive is that of Hamlet the prince: The dead head is that of Hamlet the king.
3. Prince Hamlet is contemplating the burnt head of his king father.
4. Contemplation leads not to politics but to philosophy and poetry.
5. Hamlet will never redeem the throne by philosophizing.
6. The newly killed king father should be revenged through killing.
7. Politics means la mise a mort de l enemy.
8. The ghost

a.The ghost or the spirit of the dead king haunts the whole kingdom.

b. The soul of the king is not in peace and no one is in peace.

c. Peace or harmony is possible if prince Hamlet succeeds to revenge his father.

d. The ghost speaks to no one except his son.

d. The problem is that Hamlet is not a politician.

c. A philosopher-poet cannot kill because he has first to contemplate killing as such!!?.