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Hamlet the power struggle is played by Shakespeare which is the between two main characters Claudius and hamlet. They are an ongoing battle throughout the game struggling for the power of the throne. The character of Claudius in play is having multiple people under him following his every rule and have antagonist personality. He wants to keep the throne by killing the other character of the game named Hamlet. The nature of Hamlet is the protagonist in the story and he going through death funeral of his father who was king of Denmark. Hamlet was studying in Germany when his father was poisoned and killed by his uncle. Claudius is the stepfather of hamlet who marries his mother named Gertrude after killing his father who is king of Denmark. The character of Hamlet becomes bitter and harsh after his father being murdered and wants to seek revenge from Claudius. The characteristics of Laertes, Horatio, Gertrude are the those trying to take sides between Hamlet and Claudius.

Claudius relationship with other people in play is manipulative and domineering. He manipulates other people to rise to the power of the throne. Hamlet character is more concerned about taking revenge instead of control of the throne. Claudius killed his brother for the power of throne and became king of Denmark where many people follow his orders. Claudius is a purely evil character in the play who is not honest with anyone except his wife and use manipulative behavior in politics to keep his powers.

 Claudius wants to kill Hamlet to keep powers to himself, even after being found guilty for the murder of his father. For this purpose, Claudius asks two of Hamlet's school friends Guildenstern and Rosencratzto spy on him so that he can kill him. Claudius finds an opportunity when Hamlet kills Polonius which makes his son Laertes angry. Claudius set a fight between two and their swords were poisoned to make it more deadly. The quotation where Claudius offers a cup of vine containing poison is as follow.

***“****Stay****;*** *give me drink.**Hamlet, this pearl is thine; here’s to thy health” (*King Claudius, Act 5, Scene 2, page 137)

 Hamlet refuses to drink, and Gertrude drinks the same cup of the vine. Claudius tries to stop her, but its too late and the poison kills her. Claudius loses his wife and throne despite playing a tricky game, and in the end, Hamlet kills him with poisoned word and cup of the vine. Hamlet kills Claudius, and the quotation of that scene is as follow.

*“Here, thou incestuous, murderous, damned Dane, Drink off this potion. Is thy union here? Follow my mother”.*(Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 2, page 139)

Hamlet struggles to avenge his father's death makes him kill six innocent people. Hamlet is in a relationship with a girl named Ophelia (Shakespeare et al.). She kills herself and her father after finding out that his struggle for taking revenge has made him mad. In the end, all Hamlet also dies with the same poisoned word.

When all rational thoughts are eliminated from the mind of a person and have no conception of surroundings, then it is known as madness. It is that experience of an individual with which his mind cannot cope with stituation. Throughout the play, it shows mad and evil behavior of both characters. Hamlet mad behavior is due to his father's murder and witnessing his mother remarriage making him insane. The evil genius of Claudius shows how much greed he had for the throne which made him kill his brother. Both characters lose accomplishing their goals in the because of having evil means. Hamlet gives all powers of the throne before his death to the crown prince name Fortinbras of Norway. Evil means have made them kill each other and also other people and none the parties were benefited from these means.

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