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Abstract:

In Shakespeare's plays, most notably *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Macbeth*, the supernatural world provides a space to discuss desire, a force both uncanny and inescapable. In the modern fantasy genre, the liminal world of the fair becomes just as essential, and the question of human versus super-human experience takes center stage. Terry Pratchett's invocation of Shakespeare in the *Discworld* series, particularly in the novels *Wyrd Sisters* and *Lords and Ladies*, allows for an exploration of the ambivalent relationship between Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* respectively, enchantment, and human free will. In these novels, Pratchett suggests that while desire is an unavoidable, powerful part of life, with all attendant dangers and strengths, the heart of successful magical thinking lies in human responsibility.

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