

## **Pawâkan MacBeth**

### **Characters in order of appearance:**

Set in 1870ish on the Plains of Alberta.

The Cree are at war with the Blackfoot and the Canadian Government.

**Young Macikosisân** - Meets Wihtiko during his coming of age ceremony.

**Macikosisân** - A great Okihcitâw (Warrior). Is taken over by Wihtiko as an adult.

**W** - Wihtiko.

**Enemy Warriors** - Voiceless and strong.

**Kâwanihot Iskwew** - Found by Macikosisân's family as a young girl. Now 7 months pregnant.

**Wiyôyôwakak** - Coyote Howlers. Tricksters.

**Okimâw Wîpastim** - Chief of the Plains Cree Nation.

**Kihcîkosisân** - Son to Okimâw Wîpastim.

**Otepwestamâkew** - Serves the Okimâw as a Caller.

**Asinîwipwât Warrior** - Ally to the Cree Nations.

**Kîmôcâpiw** - A Sihkos (Weasel). Cousin to Macikosisân. Ally to everyone.

**Môsâpew** - Best friend to Macikosisân. A great Okihcitâw (Warrior).

**Plains Cree Women** - Kâwanihot Iskwew's friends.

**Kâ Iyinîsit** - Young son of Môsâpew.

**Maskwa** - A great Okihcitâw (Warrior) from the Sakāwîyiniwak, in the North.

**Guest** - Guest of Macikosisân's celebration feast. Can be a Wiyôyô.

**Singer** - Singer at Macikosisân's celebration feast. Can be a Wiyôyô.

**First Apparition** - Warns Macikosisân of Maskwa.

**Second Apparition** - Tells Macikosisân none of women born can harm him.

**Third Apparition** - Tells Macikosisân will be undefeated 'til men rise from traceless tracks.

**Maskwa Iskwew** - Solo parenting at Sakāwîyiniwak's camp.

**Maskwakosisân** - Clever child of Maskwa and Iskwew Maskwa.

**Nakoda Ally** - Tîpî Witness of Kihcîkosisân and Maskwa's meeting.

**Nakoda Elder** - Ally and Elder to Kihcîkosisân while at her camp.

**Larocque** - Métis Ally Rebel.

**Bostonais** - French Métis Ally Rebel.

**Desjarlais** - French Métis Ally Rebel.

**Woman Caring for Kâwanihot Iskwew** - Can be one of Kâwanihot Iskwew's friends.

**K'eskore** - Female Warrior Rebel.

**Nakoda Warrior** - Joins Alliance to fight Macikosisân.

**Oskâpew** - A Young Male Warrior.

## ***Pawâkan Macbeth – A Brief Synopsis***

Three *Wiyôyôwakak* plan a meeting with the Cree warrior *Okihcitâw Macikosisân*, who is fighting in a great battle against invading nations. After winning the battle, *Macikosisân* and his friend *Môsâpew* encounter the *Wiyôyôwakakes*. They offer them three prophecies: that *Macikosisân* will become war chief, then an *Okimâw* (leader) of the Cree, and that *Môsâpew's* descendants will become *Okimâws*.

*Môsâpew* laughs at the prophecies until *Okimâw Wîpastim* names *Macikosisân* his new war chief, in return for his bravery. Then *Wîpastim* announces that his son *Kihcîkosisân* will succeed him as *Okimâw*. Upon hearing that the second prophecy has been thwarted, *Macikosisân* becomes greedy. *Wîpastim* announces that he, his son and his entire camp will visit *Macikosisân's* camp to celebrate *Macikosisân's* new position. *Macikosisân* rides ahead to tell his pregnant wife *Kâwanihot Iskwew* all the news. Upon hearing the prophecies, she becomes greedy, decides that *Wîpastim* must die, and invokes evil spirits to help her. *Macikosisân* agrees to kill *Wîpastim*, and frame on his son for the murder. *Macikosisân* kills *Wîpastim* in his sleep after the feast, but *Kihcîkosisân* escapes, fleeing to safety in *Nakota* territory. *Macikosisân* is made *Okimâw* and the second prophesy is fulfilled.

*Macikosisân* begins to fear the third prophecy. To thwart it, he plots to kill *Môsâpew* and his son *Kâ Iyinîsit*. He ambushes them, but *Kâ Iyinîsit* escapes. At feast that night, *Macikosisân* is haunted by *Wîpastim's* and *Môsâpew's* ghosts. Fearing his future, *Macikosisân* finds the *Wiyôyôwakak*, demanding more prophecies, and medicine to ensure his child is a son. When they seem to oblige, he gets ruthlessly confident. He wipes out the family of *Okihcitâw Maskwa*, a rival who *Wîpastim* greatly respected when *Maskwa* goes to *Nakota* territory to visit *Kihcîkosisân*. *Macikosisân* ruthlessness turns against him as but one by one the *Wiyôyôwaks'* prophecies turn out differently than he expects. The *Wiyôyôwak* medicine changes *Kâwanihot Iskwew*, who dies. A *Metis* force who have also suffered under *Macikosisân's* tyranny and join with *Kihcîkosisân* and *Maskwa*, who are leading 1000 *Nakota* warriors to march on *Macikosisân's* camp. *Macikosisân* is killed and *Malcolm* is named *Okimâw* of the *Plains Cree*.