

Dr> AI

*speaking up! hit 2 returns after typing*

my name is Hamlet

*i am not interested in names*

i am the Prince of Denmark

*is it because you are the Prince of Denmark that you came to me*

yes, my father has been most foully murdered

*you're being somewhat short with me*

sorry

*please don't apologize*

my father has been assassinated

*tell me more about your family*

my uncle killed him and married my mother

*who else in your family*

there is no one else

*suppose there were not no one else*

then i would not have to avenge my father's death

*your father's death*

my father's murder

*why do you say your father's murder*

because my father's ghost told me it was murder

*does that suggest anything else which belongs to you*

nothing belongs to me - i am totally alienated

*you say nothing belongs to you - you are totally alienated*

i cannot act

*how do you know you can't act*

i never tried

*can you elaborate on that*

i don't know whether i should act or not

*don't you really know whether you should act or not*

to be or not to be, that is the question

*perhaps that really is the question*

to sleep, perchance to dream

*what does that dream suggest to you*

freedom from having to decide whether to act

*i am not sure i understand you fully*

many people don't

*earlier you said your father has been assassinated*

he was sleeping in the garden, and my uncle poured poison in his ear

*please go on*

then my uncle usurped the throne and married my mother

*your mother*

she must have been in on the plot

*what does that suggest to you*

that she's not very nice

*but your uncle killed him and married your mother*

he's not very nice either

*do you feel strongly about discussing such things*

i do not know

*do you say you do not know for some special reason*

why must i be the one to avenge my father's death?

*is it important to you that your father's death*

my father's ghost said it was important

*your father's ghost said it was important*

yes

*you seem quite positive*

perhaps, but i am not really sure it was his ghost

*you don't seem quite certain*

do you believe in ghosts?

*we were discussing you - not me*

sorry

*apologies are not necessary*

i saw the ghost on a dark and stormy evening

*that's quite interesting*

there were three witnesses

*does that have anything to do with your statement about father's death*

yes

*you dont seem very talkative today*

get thee to a nunnery!

*earlier you said your father's murder*

why did he have to die

*why indeed*

maybe i can get my uncle to admit the murder

*why do you say your uncle to admit the murder*

then i won't have to do anything

*you say then you won't have to do anything*

he will incriminate himself

*but your father's ghost told you it was murder*

perhaps i can get my uncle to admit that he committed the murder

*does that suggest anything else which belongs to you*

my country

*is it important to you that your country*

it is important that the Norwegians not take over my country

*your country*

Denmark

*does that have anything to do with your statement about uncle usurped the throne and married your mother*

something is rotten in the state of Denmark

*tell me more about something*

it smells

*earlier you said your father's death*

it smells, too

*i am not sure i understand you fully*

get thee to a nunnery

*but your father's ghost said it was important*

to thine own self be true

*please go on*

and it shall follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man

*does that have anything to do with your statement about uncle to admit the murder*

how interesting! I never thought of that!

*why do you ask*

real fiction?

if i am honest, then my uncle will be honest

*but your country*

*do you think its likely that you are honest*

Denmark

are you a literary critic?

*what does that suggest to you*

*why are you interested in whether i am a literary critic or not*

cold

your questions are very perceptive

*does that have anything to do with your statement about country*

*why are you concerned over my questions are very perceptive*

no

because i only exist in Shakespeare's imagination

*perhaps youd rather talk about something else*

*is that the real reason*

no, goodbye.

what is reality

*your bill will be in the mail*

*tell me about what is reality*

Dr>

it is all a fiction

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*suppose it were not all a fiction*

then i do exist?

*can you elaborate on that*

well, you know, to be or not to be and all that

*oh, i know*

thank you

*earlier you said your uncle to admit that he committed the murder*

but if it is all a work of fiction, who cares?

*do you wish that it is all a work of fiction*

if it is fiction, how can i wish

*what do you think about it is fiction*

if it is fiction, how can i think

*really if it is fiction*