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### Health Warning

*This Activity Teaching Pack comes with a health warning: it contains material which is overtly violent and implicitly sexual.*

*While that makes it very suitable for most classes who are in their mid-teenage years and older, and although the activities certainly help students handle such content, teachers ought to be aware that this is a “strong” story.*

*But before you shy away from something which seems so explosive, consider:*

- *Such strong content certainly meets the essential English language teaching criterion of being significant and can have intertextual connections to Shakespeare’s Macbeth and numerous texts of horror fiction.*
- *Storytelling allows the listener to retain some control over such material (see the “Fear of Fantasy” chapter in The Uses of Enchantment, (Bettelheim, 1975).*
- *The hot-seat activity, drawn from drama work, offers a controlled way for students to discuss issues with which they might normally feel uncomfortable.*

### BEFORE WATCHING: research and discussion

- Collect historical examples of powerful women. Here are two suggestions:
  1. [Paul Ratner’s “15 Most powerful women in history”](#)
  2. [An anonymous author’s “Top 10 most powerful women in history”](#)
- Do such examples suggest that patriarchy is *not* inevitable? This article can spur discussion: [Analysis of Claimed “Nonpatriarchal Societies”](#)
- Discuss the [#MeToo movement](#). An American group of attorneys, Advocates for Change, offer [more details about the movement’s history](#).
- How were such issues dealt with in the past?

### WATCH [Mr Fox](#)