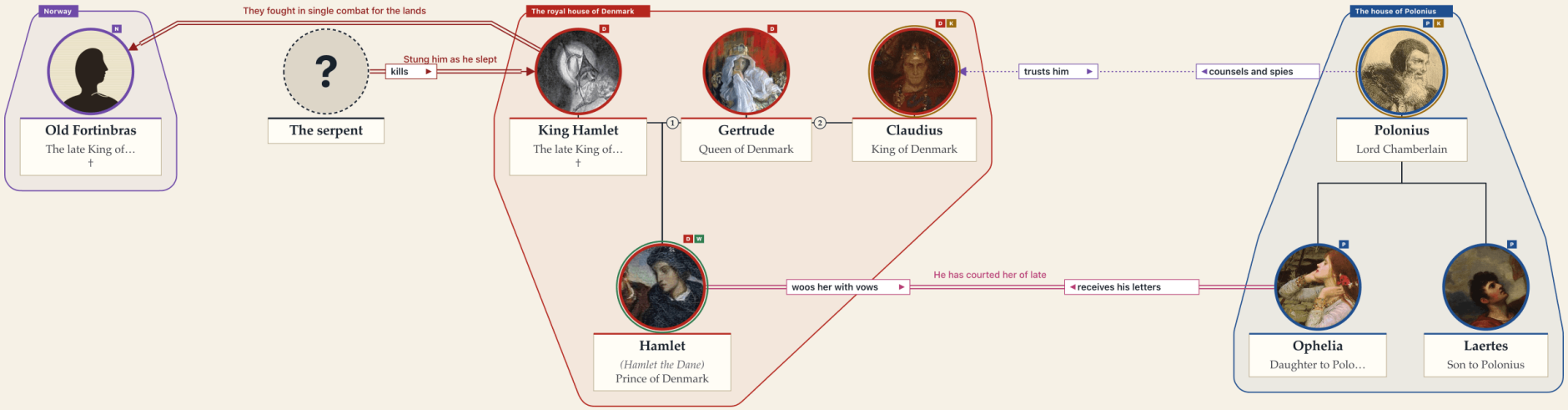
The royal house of Denmark in Hamlet



Move Story position to read the court as it stands at the end of each act. Nothing from a later act is drawn, so the chart can be read alongside the play.

The royal house of De…
Prepared 20 Oct 2026. 9 people.

Key *Notation: McGoldrick, Gers…*

PEOPLE
- Portrait
- † Died

COUPLES & CHILDREN
- Marriage
- Biological child
- Widowed

FACTIONS
- The royal house of Denmar…
- The house of Polonius (P)
- Wittenberg (W)
- The party of King Claudiu…
- Norway (N)

STORY POSITION
- Before the play

READING THE CHART
- Not yet known
- Words at the ends of a li…

YOUR LINES
- Kills
- Lovers
- Serves

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