

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

The Tempest – Plot summary transcript

You've all heard of those trips to an Island in the Mediterranean with booze, romance, backstabbing, and all-you-can-eat dinners? Yeah? Well, just add a storm, an angry Wizard, young lovers and you've got The Tempest!

Hey, It's Antonio, Duke of Milan; and Alonso, King of Naples back from a wedding in Tunis. I expect that's why they're puking over the side. No! It's a storm! And the ship's broken apart and they've all drowned.

No they haven't! Whattayaknow! It was a magical storm, raised by the wizard Prospero, who used to be the Duke of Milan, until his brother Antonio, helped by Alonso, exiled him.

And here he is, with his daughter Miranda, his magical spirit Ariel, and his nasty slave Caliban, who used to live on this island alone – until Prospero was marooned here. They used to get along, but – yeeeah – that's why they fell out.

So, Ariel saved everybody. Including Ferdinand, Alonso's son, who is lured towards Prospero and Miranda! The kids fall instantly in love!

Meanwhile, The Duke Antonio and King Alonso are wandering about with their servants, Sebastian and Gonzalo.

There's a bit of a mid-snooze assassination attempt, but Ariel wakes him up.

Meanwhile Caliban's picking up sticks and there's a scene under a cloak with a jester called Trinculo, a drunk butler called Stephano, and a bottle of booze. At the end of it, Caliban thinks Stephano is a god!

These crazy guys attempt to overthrow Prospero.

Meanwhile Miranda proposes marriage to Ferdinand! Prospero's all UUUHH. Cute. But not for long. It's wizard revenge time!

He lures Antonio and Alonso to a magical banquet and Ariel changes herself into a big nasty bird lady.

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Meanwhile, Miranda and Ferdinand get married and Prospero invites Greek Gods along! Clever. Just think of Presents!

Meanwhile... what is this!?! Meanwhile Island?

Meanwhile Caliban's crazies are all off to kill Prospero, so Ariel distracts them with magical clothes and then chases them away with spirit dogs.

And at last Prospero reveals himself and gives his bro Antonio and King Alonso a big telling off, then forgives them.

He releases Ariel from serving him, frees Caliban. And everybody gets back in the mended ship. He says goodbye to his magical staff and books.

Hang on, is that...? Nah. Can't be.

Next Year! Ibiza!