

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

The Tempest – Performance analysis – Casting Caliban transcript

PRESENTER

Caliban! A tricky part to cast. Some say he's a man and some say he's a monster. Some say savage and some say sad. Some find him funny and some find frightening. Some say evil and some say mad. I say it's time someone made their flipping mind up because this is Casting Caliban.

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PRESENTER

Interesting! Caliban is described as a strange beast and he's even mistaken for a fish when he's first found so this snaky thing could work.

CALIBAN

Sometime am I all wound with adders who with cloven tongues do...

DIRECTOR

Excuse me. I appreciate the effort but Stephano specifically says, this is some monster of the isle with four legs. So this isn't quite working for me really.

CALIBAN

Right fine. Fine I'll go then. But you're making a big mistake.

PRESENTER

I think it's storming out. This could take a while.

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CALIBAN

Do not torment me prithee. I'll bring my wood home faster.

DIRECTOR

Hey. Yeah great. Can I just stop you for a moment? Caliban is part man for sure but you're kind of all man at the moment.

CALIBAN

Ehh!

DIRECTOR

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Yeah. Great.

PRESENTER

Blimey, there's a monster in him after all.

CALIBAN

Eh, eh, eh! Do not torment me prithee, I'll bring my wood home faster.

DIRECTOR

Love it.

CALIBAN

Eh, eh, eh, eh...ooh that's better. Eh, eh.

DIRECTOR

Next.

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He looks more miserable than monstrous. But Caliban certainly is Prospero's prisoner. Savage yet enslaved.

DIRECTOR

So do you have an agent?

CALIBAN

I did. But I killed him and ate him.

DIRECTOR

No agent. No agent.

PRESENTER

It's been a strange afternoon that's for sure. But this is a fascinating interpretation. Lots going on here. Maybe monstrous, possibly magical, man or beast. And he really stinks. This is method acting and no mistake.

CALIBAN

Ooh look at that.

DIRECTOR

Like it. Nice touch. So how did you hear about the audition?

CALIBAN

What is audition? Poom.

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