Caliban's story

My name is Caliban.

I want to tell you my story.

My master is the great Prospero: the magician who rules this island. I have served him for twelve years.

Let me tell you a secret. This island is mine! I am the son of the witch, Sycorax, who owned this island long before Prospero arrived. Her sorcery was so strong that she could control the moon!

Before HE arrived, my mother died. And when he arrived he soon took over the island. I showed him all over the island - from the fresh springs to the magical woods.

Prospero stroked me and was kind to me. He taught me how to speak his language and the names of the moon and the sun.

But then he accused me of attacking his precious daughter, and since then he has banished me to this cave, and ordered me to collect and carry wood for him.

He calls me a slave and a brutish thing of darkness.

I hate him.

I am glad that he taught me how to speak. Because now I know how to curse him.