

The Tempest

Episode 4

- NARRATOR While Ariel is leading Ferdinand up to the cave, the courtiers are clumping round the island getting more fed up by the minute. They're hungry. Scared. Exhausted.
- Prospero - still of course in his invisibility cloak - flings a sleeping spell at them. But he lets Antonio and Sebastian stay awake. Within minutes Antonio's up to his evil ways again...
- ANTONIO Sebastian wouldn't you like to be King of Naples? Sebastian...if Alonso had a little 'accident', wouldn't you be king of Naples?
- NARRATOR 'Well, actually, no, that's not strictly true,' says Sebastian, 'because if the King had a little accident then his son, Ferdinand, would inherit the throne. Not me.'
- Antonio rolls his eyes...
- ANTONIO But Ferdinand's not here, is he? Ferdinand's drowned, hasn't he?
- NARRATOR Sebastian's a little slow on the uptake. So, Antonio spells it out:
- ANTONIO King Alonso is fast asleep. So's boring old Gonzalo. If they happened to die tonight, then Sebastian will be king.
- NARRATOR Sebastian's not so sure. But on reflection, bumping off Prospero didn't do Antonio any harm, so he moves closer. 'How would we do it?' he says.
- Antonio's eyes glint. From beneath his cloak he removes a leather case.
- ANTONIO Come, sit here. Open the case. Does your heart not leap at the very sight of it. A blade to die for, no? Touch the blade, Sebastian. Feel the metal.
- SEBASTIAN Ow!
- ANTONIO Toledo steel!

