

The Tempest

Episode 5

NARRATOR

King Alonso, Gonzalo and their minions are fast asleep. Sebastian and Antonio's knives glint in the sun. They're stepping forward to commit the murders, when...

Ariel whooshes in and whispers in old Gonzalo's ear. Gonzalo wakes up and shouts 'Save the king! Save the king!'

The king splutters awake too. 'What's going on? And why the knives, Antonio?'

Antonio is a quick thinker - bad guys tend to be. 'Lions!' he cries.

'That's right - a whole herd of them!' shouts Sebastian.

'Monsters, too! Coming to attack the king,' says Antonio.

'And an earthquake - I think,' adds Sebastian.

The courtiers look at each other - and fall for it. Every last lie. They pat Antonio and Sebastian on the back - then go deeper into the island to look for Ferdinand.

Meanwhile...remember the jester, Trinculo, and his mate, Stephano? On the other side of the island they're getting into their own trouble. Stefano floated ashore on a barrel full of wine. He and Trinculo have already drunk half of it. If they were stupid before, they're stupid and stupider now.

They've made friends with Caliban, who's another of Prospero's magical servants. Trouble is - Caliban's half sea-monster and half man...and he's not the happiest of creatures. He doesn't like himself much. And he likes Prospero even less. He thinks these two idiots are going to be his best friends. Especially when they promise to get rid of Prospero.

You see what's going on? Everyone who lands on this magical island reveals who they really are - deep down inside. But they don't know that Prospero is watching their every move...



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- CALIBAN Right. Here's what we're going to do then. Prospero sleeps every afternoon. Up in his cave. So first we nick his magic book..then we nick his staff...then we bonk him on the head. Wallop!
- STEPHANO You may smell like a donkey's bottom, Caliban, but I do believe you have potential. We shall take over the island. And I'll be king. I love it.
- TRINCULO What about Miranda? What do we do with her?
- STEPHANO I shall marry her, I think.
- TRINCULO Very nice!
- CALIBAN And what about all his spirit servants?
- STEPHANO Wallop! Wallop! Wallop!
- CALIBAN Ah - I love you, my master!
- STEPHANO King Stephano! Ha!! I feel a song coming on...
- ALL 'We're off to kill the wizard, we're off to kill the wizard...'

