

10 Point Summary

- ✓ The magician Prospero asks his magical spirit, Ariel, to create a great storm (or 'tempest'). Prospero used to be Duke of Milan and he wants to shipwreck his brother Antonio and the other men who sent him away from Milan. The ship is apparently destroyed in the storm but all of the crew are saved. They are washed up on the shore of Prospero's magical island.
- ✓ Prospero tells his daughter, Miranda, how his wicked brother Antonio sent him from Milan 12 years earlier and became duke in his place! Prospero and the very young Miranda had to escape by sailing away to the island.
- ✓ After the shipwreck Miranda sees Ferdinand, who has been washed ashore. They fall instantly in love, but Prospero is angry that Miranda has fallen in love and takes Ferdinand prisoner!
- ✓ Caliban, a monster who is Prospero's slave, meets some very silly characters - a drunken butler (Stephano) and a jester (Trinculo) who are two more people from the shipwreck. He thinks they are gods and tells them to kill his master Prospero!
- ✓ Meanwhile, up to his old tricks, Prospero's brother Antonio talks the brother of King Alonso into killing Alonso while he is sleeping. Luckily Ariel wakes Alonso just before they attack. Phew!
- ✓ Ariel plays tricks on the shipwrecked survivors by showing them a magical table of delicious food which he then transforms into a terrifying image of a monster just as they are about to sit down to eat! The shipwreck survivors run away in horror!
- ✓ Prospero's heart melts as he sees how much Miranda and Ferdinand love each other. He finally agrees to release Ferdinand.
- ✓ Ariel tells Prospero that Caliban is plotting to kill him! He and Ariel set up a trap - and Ariel sets a pack of magical monstrous dogs on the silly trio. The two fools Trinculo and Stephano run away!
- ✓ Ariel casts another spell and brings everyone to Prospero. Despite how they have all treated him, Prospero forgives the shipwrecked survivors. They all agree that Prospero can become the duke again and it is agreed that Miranda and Ferdinand should marry.
- ✓ Ariel the spirit is set free by Prospero. Prospero and Miranda travel back to Milan on the rescued ship, which wasn't destroyed after all! Everyone lives happily ever after.