

Prospero's tale

- Prospero explains that he is the Duke of Milan and Miranda is actually a princess.
- Prospero explains that his magic books held more attraction than the business of being the Duke.
- Prospero explains that he allowed his brother - Antonio - to rule in his place, so that he, Prospero, could continue his studies.
- Prospero explains that Antonio undermined him and plotted against him to try to overthrow him, while he was busy with his studies.
- Antonio teamed up with the King of Naples to get rid of Prospero and seize the Dukedom, giving the King of Naples power of Milan.
- Prospero and his daughter Miranda were put out to sea in a rotten old boat in the middle of the night by the plotters.
- Gonzalo, a noble from Naples, provided Prospero and Miranda with clothing, necessities and books.
- Prospero and Miranda arrived on the island, where they have remained for the last twelve years, without seeing another soul.

