

The Tempest

The survivors of the shipwreck crawl onto the beach. Prospero surveys all from the secrecy of his invisibility cloak. First he inspects the courtiers, who have been washed up together on one beach. They're all thoroughly miserable and bickering about who should be in charge. King Alonso is particularly upset - he thinks his son, Ferdinand, has perished in the storm.

Then Ariel shows Prospero two more of the passengers - Trinculo and Stephano - who have been washed up together on another part of the island. Trinculo is a jester and Stephano his friend.

Finally, Ariel shows Prospero Ferdinand, who hasn't drowned, but who is feeling upset because he assumes the other passengers - including his father - have died. Prospero's plan is coming together nicely...