

Audition lines

ANTONIO: Hmm. Well, I'm not sleeping. But I do believe I'm dreaming, Sebastian.

SEBASTIAN: Oh yes? And what do you dream?
Antonio crouches down by Alonso.

ANTONIO: I dream that this crown - sits upon your head...

SEBASTIAN: Some hope. Ferdinand's next in line to the throne. Not I.

ANTONIO: But Ferdinand's drowned - don't you think?

SEBASTIAN: Doesn't make me king. As long as Alonso lives.

ANTONIO: He lives. Or at least - he sleeps. But sleeping...dreaming...dying... What's the difference?

SEBASTIAN: King Sebastian -

ANTONIO: Sounds good, doesn't it?

ARIEL: Twelve years I've been doing this. Twelve long years working for Prospero. Not that I'm complaining, mind. He's a good boss. Very fair. Plenty of time off. Excellent working conditions. But - I'm a sprite, man, I'm a sprite! Sprites aren't meant to work - sprites are meant to...sprite around doing sprite stuff.
He pulls a deckchair from the jungle and settles into it for a sulk.

CALIBAN: Do this. Do that. Sit down. Stand up. I'm a slave, that's all I am. And you know what? I was king of this island once. Before nibs turned up. And look at me now.
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From somewhere on his fishy person a long and unpleasant comic noise emerges. Caliban's leg shakes!

CALIBAN: Phwoar. Better out than in.

GHOULS: You three did supplant good Prospero. You stole his kingdom. The gods delayed your punishment. But now you shall suffer. Alonso - your son is dead. And all of you shall have a living death, alone upon the island. We shall make you...mad!

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GONZALO: So, as I was saying. If I were king of this island there'd be no rich people or poor people, no work, no weapons, just lots of time off. And fun. And music. And people would laugh all day long.

FERDINAND: No, really. I think - you're...amazing!
MIRANDA: Wow.
FERDINAND: I suppose you've met loads of princes.
MIRANDA: No. In fact - do you want to know a secret?
FERDINAND: Ooh, I love secrets.
MIRANDA: You are the first man I've ever met!
FERDINAND: Come on. You're just saying that.
MIRANDA: Am not.
FERDINAND: Are too.
They giggle again.

PROSPERO: *(To audience)* Twelve long years I have waited for this. Twelve years, dreaming of revenge. And now...all the characters who've played a part in my story are here. The question is - how shall I end it?

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With a mighty wave of his staff he freezes the stage. He walks through the frozen players.

TRINCULO: *(To the sky)* Aagh! Don't do that!
He spies Caliban. Goes suspiciously to him. Hits him a few times with his bladder stick.
Well, what have we here? Man or fish? Dead or alive? Phew - smells like a fish. Looks like a monster. Got legs...and fins...or are they arms? Hmm. Still warm. Must have been hit by lightning...

If the character you want to play is not here, please select a different character to audition with and you can let us know who you would like to be on Monday.