

## The Tempest abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 2.3

### Resentment

**Situation:** Years ago, Sycorax, now deceased, a purported witch from Algiers, “was hither brought with child and here was left by th’ sailors,” along with “her servant,” Ariel, a highly skilled spirit. Ariel is now a servant to Prospero and Sycorax’s son, Caliban, is now dependent on Prospero. Prospero calls him “my slave.”

PROSPERO TO CALIBAN: Come forth!

Caliban enters.

CALIBAN: A southwest wind blow on you and blister you all o’er.

PROSPERO: For this, be sure, tonight thou shalt have cramps, side-stitches that shall pen thy breath up.

### Caliban to Prospero

This island is mine, by Sycorax, my  
Mother, which thou tak’st from me. When I  
First encountered thee thou made much of me;  
Wouldst give me water with berries in  
It; teach me what the bigger light might be  
And how the lesser light the night doth win.  
And I loved thee, showing thee the features  
Of th’ isle, the fresh springs, where danger lures,  
The barren place and the fertile. Cursed be  
I that did so! All the magic spells of  
Sycorax, toads, beetles, bats and flies flee  
To you; once being king, now kept above  
The mad sea penned in this cave of rock and  
Denied the rest of my mother’s island.

PROSPERO: I have used thee with humane care, and lodged thee in mine own cell, till thou didst seek to violate the honor of my child.