

**Prospero:**

Know thus far forth.

By accident most strange, bountiful Fortune,  
Now my dear lady, hath mine enemies  
Brought to this shore; and by my prescience  
I find my zenith doth depend upon  
A most auspicious star, whose influence  
If now I court not but omit, my fortunes  
Will ever after droop. Here cease more questions.  
Thou art inclined to sleep; 'tis a good dullness,  
And give it way. I know thou canst not choose.  
Come away, servant, come! I am ready now.  
Approach, my Ariel, come. (*Enter Ariel.*)

(*Miranda sleeps*)

**Ariel:**

All hail, great master! Grave sir, hail! I come  
To answer thy best pleasure; be 't to fly,  
To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride  
On the curled clouds. To thy strong bidding, task  
Ariel and all his quality.

**Prospero:**

Hast thou, spirit,  
Performed to point the tempest that I bade thee?

**Ariel:**

To every article.  
I boarded the King's ship; now on the beak,  
Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin,  
I flamed amazement. Sometimes I'd divide,  
And burn in many places; on the topmast,  
The yards, and boresprit, would I flame distinctly,  
Then meet and join. Jove's lightnings, the precursors  
O' th' dreadful thunder-claps, more momentary  
And sight-outrunning were not; the fire and cracks  
Of sulphurous roaring the most mighty Neptune  
Seem to besiege and make his bold waves tremble,  
Yes, his dread trident shake.

**Prospero:**

My brave spirit!

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1. Read and re-read passage until you get a good feel for it.
2. Annotate the passage, remembering to look beyond basic comprehension and into the elements of the passage -- the words, imagery, selection of details, figurative language, syntax, etc.
3. Reflect on the passage by answering the questions below.

★ What is the relationship between these two characters and how do you know?

★ What is notable about Prospero's character?

★ How do the stage directions give you insight about this passage?

★ What is significant about this passage and how do you know?

★ What did you notice about how meaning is created in this passage that you think others might have easily overlooked?