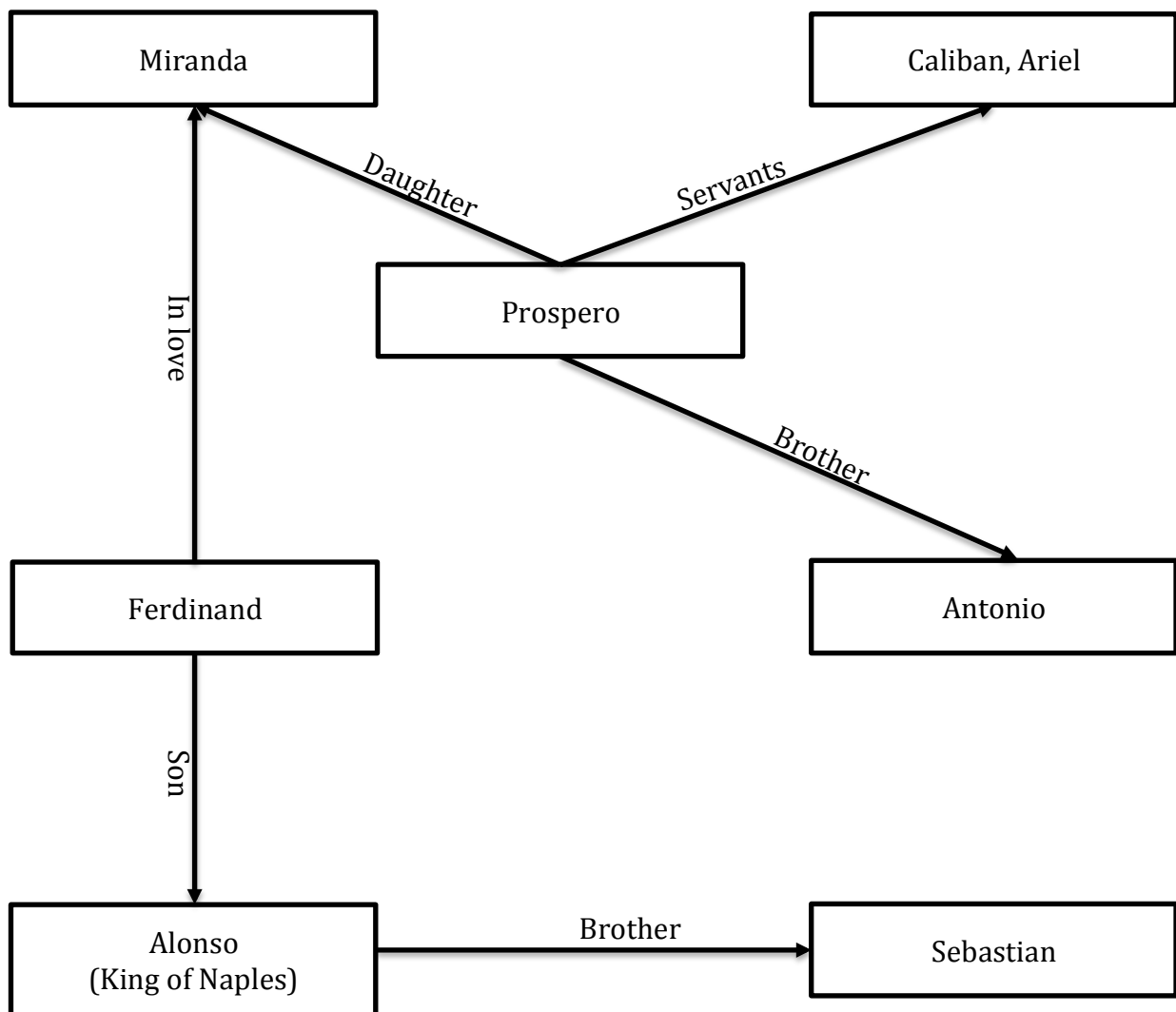


## William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

Year of publication: 1623, London

First performance: 1611, London

Character constellation:



## Characters:

**Prospero:** Protagonist, was the duke of Milan

**Caliban:** His speech and behavior is sometimes coarse and brutal, but also sometimes eloquent and sensitive; he is a very complex character

**Miranda:** Under fifteen years old, has never seen any men but Prospero and Caliban; she is a gentle and compassionate person, but also relatively passive

## Plot:

The play is about the fate of a wizard called Prospero and his daughter Miranda. He was the duke of Milan, but his brother Antonio drove him out. After that he escaped to an island with Miranda.

Prospero suppresses and exploits Ariel and Caliban, who are two fairies living on the island. With their help Prospero makes a ship sink near the island and all the crew are consequently stuck on the island. His brother Antonio, Alonso, the king of Naples, the king's brother Sebastian and the king's son Ferdinand were on the ship.

Shortly after, there are a lot of conflicts between the characters, but some of them start falling in love. After they get along with each other again all of them return back to the mainland and Prospero is restored to his dukedom. Last but not least Miranda and Ferdinand get married.