

Rainland

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Synopsis

An old king lays dying. Beside him are his beloved wife and their two sons - Archie, their pride and joy, and the evil Edwin.

On his deathbed the king sits up and says 'Rainland. My sons will inherit Rainland.'

Edwin stops being bored with his father's prolonged illness, and begins to take notice.

'Rainland? What's that?'

The old king explains that it is his true kingdom - and that the one they have been ruling for many years isn't theirs at all. They were just visiting when circumstances took over.

He points before him, and passes away.

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Archie is sad, but Edwin joyfully hurries away to find a sea captain that will take the brothers to the wonderful land they have inherited.

But Rainland is not the idyllic kingdom of Edwin's imagination. In fact it turns out to be a rain soaked lump of rock protruding from an angry grey sea.

And there are only two people living there...

The king, a confused old man who passes away early in the story.

His queen, who never speaks again after her beloved husband dies.

Prince Archie, who is kind, caring and thoughtful.

Prince Edwin, who isn't.

The sea captain, who runs a tight ship, and doesn't take any nonsense from anyone, especially evil princes.

An old man, who is living on Rainland because it is the perfect place to develop his weather control machine.

Dewdrop, his beautiful daughter, who has to resist the constant advances of the evil Edwin.

And some small birds called Sunloungers...