

“Evil Nora Never Strikes Again” by Brandon Beaver

Scene 1

Narrator: (Stands at stage left and speaks to the audience in a spotlight) Our story takes place in the 1870’s in the home of the Blackmore family in Denver, Colorado. A twelve-year-old boy named Brian with chestnut colored hair is eating dinner with his family. Suddenly his older sister comes bombarding through the door. (Curtain opens and stage lights turn on)

Shelly: (Shelly runs through the door holding a test in her hand) I got an A++ on my math test today!”

John: (Sitting at the dinning room table reading a newspaper) That’s excellent Shelly!

Sarah: (Standing by the stove with a pan in her hand) I am very impressed with your grades! Ever since you started taking tutor lessons, your grades have shot up!

Brian: (Sitting at the dinning room table smirking at Mom and Dad) Well I guess this would be a good time to tell you Mom and Dad the tragic news. I followed Shelly last week to her tutor’s house, but instead I saw Shelly go to the library instead, which means that Shelly must have cheated on her math test!

Shelly: (Runs to the dinning room table and slams the test on the table while staring angrily into Brian’s eyes) Oh little brother, you better run. I’ll give you a five second head start!” (Brian runs out of the room while Shelly runs after)

Narrator: (Still at stage left without a spotlight) this of course triggered off a tremendous amount of yelling and screaming, which turned into more yelling and screaming. But while Shelly and Brian are running around the house, I thought I should let you in on a little secret. Shelly is very different from the rest of her family, and by this I do not mean her learning disability. I mean that Shelly is magical! You see, she received these powers when she was born. After Shelly was born, a good witch named Clara came to visit Shelly. Now Shelly’s mother and father had no idea who Clara was. But they found that out soon enough when Clara stated that every one hundredth baby that is born receives a gift from her. The gift Clara bestowed was the gift of magic. So now you probably know how Shelly got that A++ on that math test. But anyway, let’s get back to Brian and Shelly. Now Shelly and Brian had been chasing each other for an awfully long time, but soon Sarah and John, their parents, stopped the two of them. (Brian comes running back followed by Shelly)

John: Shelly you are grounded, and Brian, you are grounded too

Shelly: Ah man! This is all your fault Brian.

Brian: Dad this isn’t fair, I didn’t sneak away from my tutor. Shelly did.

John: Well, you did sneak out and follow your sister, and your mother and I will not tolerate that at this house. Go to your room!

Shelly: Wait till I get my hands on you, Brian! (The children stomp off stage)

Sarah: Do you really think you should have grounded Brian honey. I mean, brothers' always spy on their sisters.

John: Well in this house I make the rules, and my rule is you cannot spy on your sister.

Sarah: Well you may make the rules but if Brian didn't spy on Shelly we would have never known that she was skipping her tutoring.

John: True, but he still should not have spied on her.

Sarah: I guess your right. Well, help me clear the table, I have a feeling dinner is over. (Lights go out, curtains close, and scene changes)

Scene 2

Narrator: (Lights come on and the curtains open) Now Brian had a plan up his sleeve for still having fun even though he was grounded. He planned to sneak out in the middle of the night and go down to the rock pond by their house. Brian loved rocks. He loved to climb on them, but most of all he enjoyed just sitting on them in the stillness of the night and just getting a chance to relax. And Brian had no intention of changing his plans. But little did Brian know that there was something lurking near the rocks tonight. When the time came Brian was ready to sneak out. He tiptoed to the front door, opened it quietly, went out and shut the door behind him. Careful not to be seen from the window, he hid behind bushes until he was totally out of sight. (Brian runs from stage left to the pond in the middle of the stage) He scurried to the pond where he sat down and relaxed. But suddenly someone came up and grabbed him and covered his mouth so he wouldn't scream. (Evil Nora covers Brian's mouth)

Brian: Helffpff! Helffp!

Evil Nora: I got you now! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Narrator: Brian could not see who the figure was because it was too dark to see. This figure was medium size. Brian panicked and did not know what to do. (Lights go out, curtain closes, and there is a scene change)

Scene 3

Narrator: (Lights come on and the curtain opens) this figure ran into the nearby forest where he took Brian into a castle of trees and sticks all molded together. (Evil Nora walks into the castle) Brian had never seen this castle before even though he has traveled through the forest many times. As the figure stepped inside, Brian could see that his abductor was an evil, witch. Brian was so dumbstruck by the sight of the witch. (Evil Nora throws Brian on the floor and sits at her throne and starts cleaning her fingernails) This witch was named Evil Nora. Now Evil Nora is the kind of witch who likes terrorizing children. She sometimes burns them, uses her magic to kill them, or even hang them and hit them with a stick until they die. (Evil Nora smirked at the boy. Brian runs for the door, but can't get out)

Evil Nora: Thought you could run away, huh. Well look sweetie, no one, I mean no one escapes me.

Brian: Well I guess I will be the first!

Evil Nora: Oh young, foolish boy, I would not talk so confidently because I have harmed many children before.

Brian: Well since you so smart, why haven't you already killed me?

Evil Nora: I have something better in mind.

Brian: Like what?

Evil Nora: (Gets angry) Alright kid, here's the deal, you make it one entire minute in my castle without me catching you then I will let you go. Do you accept the challenge?

Brian: Okay, I'll do it.

Evil Nora: Well this will be fun. On your mark, get set go! (Brian runs and hides behind Evil Nora's throne. Evil Nora sits down and waits for a few seconds, then stands up)

Evil Nora: Your head start is up. Here I come, Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!
(Evil Nora chases Brian around the room while throwing colored balls at Brian but missing until he trips)

Evil Nora: Are you ready to die? (Before Evil Nora could throw the ball, she dodges a yellow ball that comes from stage left. Then in walks Shelly. Evil Nora throws a colored ball at Shelly but misses, and this goes back and forth until Shelly is hit. Shelly falls to the ground)

Brian: Shelly!
(Brian picks up a spear hanging from the wall and stabs Evil Nora and she falls to the ground)

Evil Nora: (Whispers) I will get you some...some...someday!
(Brian rushes over to Shelly)

Shelly: (Whispers) I love you l...l...little brother, and I will never forget you, g...goodbye.

Brian: (Yells) Shelly, Shelly, no you can't die, w...w...wake up, oh come on Shelly wake up, you can't leave me!

Brian: (Brian cries while saying) I love you too, Shelly. (Brian bows his head and sobs)

Clara: (Walks in from stage right and puts a hand on Brian's shoulder) There, there, don't cry.

Brian: (Brian is startled) Wh...Who are you?

Clara: I am Clara, the good witch and Evil Nora is my evil sister. I am here to help you.

Brian: Yo...You're too late. Shelly is already dead, and it's all my fault!

Clara: Stand back my child. (Brian steps back. Clara waves her wand and a red spotlight shines on Shelly. Slowly Shelly gets up)

Brian: Shelly?
(The two children hug)

Brian: Thank you so much for helping me! Is there any thing I can do for you in return?

Clara: Just follow your heart.
(The lights flicker as Clara walks off stage right)

Brian: I am so glad your back, Shelly!

Shelly: Me too, Brian, me too.
(Lights go out and the curtain closes)

Scene 4

Narrator: (Spotlight on narrator) Two years later, these two angry children turned into the best of friends.