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TV Show Review

Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning: Part Two

Main Performers: Neil Patrick Harris, Patrick Warburton, Malina Weissman

Studio/Network: Netflix

Reviewer: Lisa Packard

Season/Episodes: Season 1 Episode 2

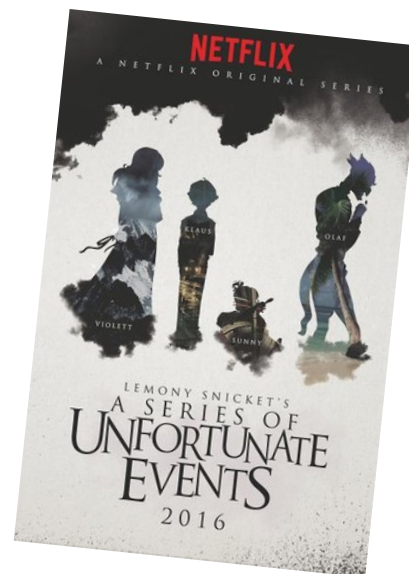
Air Date: January 13, 2017

TV Rating: TV-PG

Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Review



Count Olaf has come up with a scheme to get the Baudelaire fortune by casting them in his new play The Marvelous Wedding. He plans on using it to be married to Violet and obtain their fortune. To make sure Violet says yes and Klaus doesn't call the police, Count Olaf takes Sunny and locks her in a cage. Klaus gets to work trying to find a way to stop it, but nothing seems to be working; Count Olaf is always one step ahead. Violet tries to rescue Sunny from the tower, only to be caught. At the end of the play, Klaus has found a way out of their predicament. Violet signed the marriage license with the wrong hand, so it's not legal. Mr. Poe then realizes how dangerous Count Olaf is and takes them away to their 'uncle' Montgomery Montgomery. The Baudelaires' parents are now in a prison trying to escape, not knowing what is happening to their children.

Good overcomes evil for now once the adults finally realize that Violet and Klaus are telling the truth. The audience can finally take a deep breath, and can hope that the children will be out of danger and discover their parents are alive soon. When Klaus gives up on searching for a way out of the wedding, you can see his despair and anger. When Violet steps in to comfort him, their friendship and trust is palpable. Anyone that has a sibling like that or even a friend would be able to relate to the strong ties these three children have for one another. When one sibling can't carry the load anymore, another will pick it up and keep going and help them along. This is a wonderful story about using all your resources and thinking through your problems. When Klaus had done everything he could think of, Violet found what she could do to solve their predicament. Although the Baudelaires' story is sad and a bit scary at times, it has enough humor and fun in it to make it an exciting adventure for the whole family.

*Contains mild violence