

New Kids on the Rock
Episode 8: Bad Lucked

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EXT. FIELD - DAY

In a calm meadow, a solitary four-leaf clover rests. As the wind grazes the clover a hand reaches down and plucks the clover, then brings it upward. The hand is revealed as NEIL's, as he smiles at his newfound luck charm.

NEIL
(to himself)
Wow... a four-leaf clover... this
must be the luckiest day of my
life!

With that, a lightning bolt immediately strikes down from the sky on to Neil's head. RYAN and KEVIN are flying a kite a few dozen yards away when they notice Neil in trouble.

RYAN
NEIL!

Kevin and Ryan rush over to find Neil on the ground, coughing as he steams with heat from the lightning strike. Kevin props Neil up as he coughs.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Neil, are you ok?

Neil coughs one last time, then presents his four-leaf clover, his hand shivering.

NEIL
Ch... check it out.

KEVIN
Wow... check that out- a four leaf
clover!

RYAN
You're so lucky Neil!

Neil smiles and nods his head, still holding his clover up.

WHOOSH WHOOSH TRANSITION

INT. CLUBHOUSE - DAY

Ryan is watching Neil and Kevin build a house out of cards. Neil has his four-leaf clover pinned to his shirt.

KEVIN
Aaaaaallright, what now Ryan?

Ryan closes one eye, puts his thumb up in front of him, and sticks his tongue out.

RYAN

Neil, you're going to want to put another three on top of Kevin's last pillar.

NEIL

Sure thing friend.

Neil goes to put a card on the house, then jerks back in pain and winces.

NEIL (CONT'D)

Ah, paper cut!

Ryan holds up Neil's hand, looking at the cut.

RYAN

Yeah, a classic case I'm afraid. You better go wash that up.

INT. BATHROOM

Neil turns the sink on, still holding his hand. Neil looks to the mirror above the sink and sighs. Neil begins to wash his hand when he notices a penny on the floor.

NEIL

Hey, a one-cent piece!

Neil picks up the penny and sees it is resting tail-sides up. A look of caution washes over Neil's face. After a moment the bathroom mirror cracks for no particular reason.

INT. CLUBHOUSE

Neil walks into the room quietly as Kevin is adding a card to the house again.

KEVIN

You all set buddy?

NEIL

Yeah... I'm fine.

RYAN

Here you go. Put this one on and it'll be all set.

Ryan holds out a card to Neil, who stares with uncertainty at the card.

RYAN (CONT'D)

Neil?

NEIL

Sorry... let me just take that.

Neil cautiously and deliberately takes the card from Ryan, turns to the house of cards, and calmly places the card on the house. The tension subsides and the house of cards stands with pride. The three guys take a step back and marvel at their handy work.

RYAN

Gentlemen, I'd say that's a job well done.

NEIL

(relieved)

Yeah, heh, it's really nice looking isn't it-

Suddenly the house of cards bursts into flames. Neil screams as Ryan looks on at the house with alarm. Kevin immediately hits the wall, activating a secret panel which unveils a fire extinguisher. Kevin grabs the extinguisher and puts the fire out.

RYAN

Is that where we've been keeping the fire extinguisher?

KEVIN

What's eating you Neil- are you all right?

NEIL

Me? What- can't a guy have a few accidents without having a federal case made out of it? What's the big idea?

RYAN

Neil... are you worried that you may becoming... *unlucky*?

NEIL

(nervous towards the attention)

NO! What, me? Good old Neil?

(MORE)

NEIL (CONT'D)
Pfft, don't be silly! Why I'm just
as lucky as ever. Yup- lucky ol'
Neil!

A fax machine in the room begins to go off, spurting out a document.

NEIL (CONT'D)
Hey look guys- a fax from the
studio!

Neil tears the paperwork from the fax.

NEIL (CONT'D)
(glances at paper)
Guys! They want us to make a clown
movie this time. Wont that be fun?!
A CLOWN video! We can ALL be
clowns, you, me, everybody!

With this Neil grabs a cup filled with popcorn, turns it over, and places the empty cup on Kevin's head.

NEIL (CONT'D)
And Kevin can be the captain clown!

Kevin and Ryan look concerned.

WHOOSH WHOOSH TRANSITION

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

Kevin and Ryan are approaching a car with various bits of equipment and costumes in their hands. As Ryan sits down in the driver's seat, Neil walks over to the car with pride and a horse shoe around his neck.

KEVIN
Neil, what's the story with the
horse shoe?

RYAN
Yeah, are you trying to ward off
the bad luck?

NEIL
Where have you been guys- everyone
knows that horse shoe necklaces are
the in thing right now.

Ryan shrugs and turns the car's engine over. Suddenly, Neil's horse shoe perks to attention and he is pulled violently towards the car.

The horse shoe makes a loud clang as it magnetically grasps the car, pinning and choking Neil in the process.

KEVIN

NEIL!

Ryan cuts off the engine. The horse shoe and Neil are released as Kevin catches Neil before he hits the ground. Neil is in a state of shock.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Ryan, what just happened?!

RYAN

It's an electric car... the engine must be magnetized!

KEVIN

(to himself)

An electric car...

Kevin, still holding Neil, looks to the sky.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

(screaming)

When will we learn. WHEN... WILL...
WE... LEARN!!!!!!

INT. CLUBHOUSE - EVENING

Neil is sitting down in the living room, wearing a neck brace. Kevin and Ryan are sitting across from Neil, waiting patiently.

NEIL

(annoyed)

Well what are you lookin' at?

RYAN

Neil... we're worried.

KEVIN

You're not doing so great. This bad luck thing-

NEIL

There you guys go with that bad luck stuff again! It's a bunch of fiddle faddle.

Kevin nods his head.

KEVIN
Okay Neil, okay. Here, look at
this. Ryan?

Ryan immediately presents a pair of dice from under a red cloth, not unlike a magician. Kevin takes the pair and presents them up to Neil.

KEVIN (CONT'D)
Here, watch.

Kevin rolls the dice, rolling a seven. Kevin then hands them to Neil.

NEIL
(scoffing)
Anyone can get a seven, why I bet
I'll roll seven sevens in a row!

Neil then shakes the dice and rolls them onto the floor. The dice hit a table, knocking a third die down onto the floor. Their combined total is thirteen.

NEIL (CONT'D)
Practice roll.

Neil then rolls the two dice again. This time they bounce, break through a window, and an explosion is heard outside along with car alarms.

RYAN
Neil.

NEIL
(breaking down)
Fine! I admit it- I'm unlucky, ok?
This... thing THING has brought me
nothing but misery since I
discovered it.

Neil stands up, walks over to the broken window, and throws the clover out the hole left from the dice.

NEIL (CONT'D)
Good riddance!

Neil wipes his hands clean of the clover and turns around. In slow motion we see Neil's footprint step downward onto a crack. Ryan's spine immediately lets loose a snapping sound, Ryan grabbing at his own back in agony. Kevin catches Ryan, as a look of horror befalls Neil's face.

RYAN
My... my back! It's broken.

Neil's horror soon becomes determination.

NEIL
That's it. We're going to beat this thing.

KEVIN
(overacting)
I've seen too many of my friends hurt today... I'm not taking it anymore.

RYAN
Gentlemen... fetch me... the bible.

A lightening strike skews across the sky outdoors.

INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

Neil is now tied down to a bed frame, looking determined as ever. Ryan rolls over to the bedside in a wheelchair, wearing a priest outfit, a rabbit's foot necklace, and holding a bible and holy water.

RYAN
Neil, are you ready for this?

NEIL
My luck is in your hands, friend.

Ryan nods to Neil, then looks over to Kevin.

RYAN
Kevin, are you just about ready?

Kevin is heating up his proton pack.

KEVIN
Just about. You guys ready to do this?

Neil nods. Ryan pats Neil on his hand.

RYAN
Then we must begin.

Ryan stands tall from the wheelchair, his back cracking. Ryan shudders just a bit, then takes a deep breath.

RYAN (CONT'D)

Emerson once spoke "Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect." Tonight we shall bring out the cause which wrought Neil of his misluck, the pox which was brought upon him by the four leaf-ed monstrosity which befell him several hours ago.

Ryan then begins to read from his bible.

RYAN (CONT'D)

Quanto-forigno, Martin-Sinatra-Davis-fumblojunk. Byrnicles, Bowichiel, Springteenio- Jitlov!

Ryan continues to spurt mumbo jumbo from the bible and the room becomes deathly cold. Kevin exhales to realize that his breath is visible due to the temperature. Neil begins to contort. Furniture begins to rumble, Ryan's wheelchair flips over, a light bulb pops.

RYAN (CONT'D)

Kevin, prepare for the worst- the luck demon shall emerge soon!

The room suddenly becomes very still and peaceful.

NEIL

(panting)

Is it... is it over?

RYAN

I'm ...not sure-

Suddenly, a horrible ghost emerges from Neil's feet. The monster is in the shape of a four leaf clover with terrible teeth and barnacles.

NEIL

AHHHH!!! KILL IT!!!

RYAN

Kevin!

Kevin immediately blasts the monster. Chaos ensues in the room as Neil holds the covers over his head, screaming. Ryan continues to scream words from the bible as Kevin wrangles the ghastly luck demon.

KEVIN
 RYAN, I CAN'T HOLD IT MUCH LONGER!!
 WE NEED TO CAPTURE IT!

The demon knocks a book at Kevin. Kevin stops shooting to dodge the book and the demon is freed to attack.

Ryan rips the foot off his neck and goes to rub it- but the demon knocks Ryan over. Ryan drops the foot.

NEIL
 GET THE FOOT- GET THE FOOT!

Kevin blasts at the demon, shooting far right and then left- missing it both times. The demon goes to attack Kevin when Ryan grabs the foot and begins to rub it.

The demon is suddenly sucked into the rabbit's foot, writhing and prying away as best it can. The foot's force ultimately wins out.

LUCK DEMON
 YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME,
 NEW KIDS ON THE ROCK!!

The demon is sucked in and the entire room is calm again. The foot is steaming. Ryan feels his back.

RYAN
 My... my spine. I'm whole again.

KEVIN
 How about you Neil? You feeling lucky?

Neil takes a step off the bed and walks over to a revolver resting on a bookshelf. Neil spins the bullet chamber around, aims the gun to his head and clicks the gun 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 times. On the sixth click Neil aims the gun to the ceiling and gun goes off. Some debris and plaster from the ceiling fall on Neil's head.

NEIL
 I'd say I'm feeling *just* fine.

WHOOSH WHOOSH TRANSITION

INT. CAR - DAY

The guys are sitting in a parked car outside of the Hollywood East office.

Ryan is holding a film canister, Neil is holding his laptop, and Kevin is in the driver's seat. Neil flips a coin to open the shot up, the coin lands heads up.

NEIL

You know, I got a feeling they're going to like this one.

KEVIN

Well they better- this one was a lot of work.

RYAN

I'd say. This clown picture was a toughie to make this week, especially with that bad luck spell Neil had.

KEVIN

Not to mention your typhoid fever.

NEIL

Yeah, but let's be honest. That was a much less entertaining ailment.

KEVIN

Hey look, it's done uploading!

NEIL

(looks to his laptop)
Oh yeah, there it is! Shall we go deliver the film print?

The three guys look at one another for a moment. Then laugh.

KEVIN

Oh film, who needs ya when we've got the internet?

RYAN

That's right. The digital information super high way... home of:

NEIL

HTTP Colon slash slash www dot

As the guys pull out in their car, running over the film reel.

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