

Friday Nights Frights Summary

Beware of the scare at the Buffalo State Haunted House. Beyond these doors expect your biggest nightmares of college life become a reality. Survive the house of horror or may your souls be lost to the darkness. Follow along Kai, an undeclared freshman who is full of doubt, and her friends as they journey through rooms that play on each of their deepest fears. Kai's struggle with their self-confidence challenges them more and more each second they spend in the house. As each of them fall victim to each room, Kai must overcome the biggest obstacle to save their friends...themselves.

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CHARACTER LIST

NISH NISH NARRATOR (N^3) - *SUMMER HARRIS*

AN ALL-SEEING EYE WHO KEEPS WATCH OVER THE STUDENTS. DRIVES THE MAGICAL SHUTTLE BUS THAT TAKES THEM TO THE HAUNTED HOUSE AND GUIDES THE STUDENTS THROUGH THE HOUSE. PLAYS MANY CHARACTERS THROUGHOUT THE PLAY AND CAN BREAK THE FOURTH WALL.

KAI - *KAELI MCGINNIS*

A BUFFALO STATE FRESHMAN WHO HAS YET TO DECLARE A MAJOR. EXPERIENCES LOTS OF SELF-DOUBT. WANTS TO DROP OUT OF BUFF STATE.

JAIME - *NAHEIM PARIS*

BUFFALO STATE FRESHMAN WHO IS VERY CURIOUS AND EXCITED ABOUT DISCOVERING THE SOCIAL LIFE AT BUFFALO STATE.

CAMERON - *AMBER GREER*

FRESHMAN WHO IS A BIG PERFECTIONIST AND HAS JOINED A LOT OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS. HAS TO HAVE PERFECT GRADES, AND WORKS ALL THE TIME ON ACADEMICS.

NOEL - *KENNEDY LEE*

FRESHMAN WHO HAS DYSLEXIA AND IS VERY SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT. STRUGGLES IN CLASSES BUT IS TOO PROUD TO GET HELP.

SHADOW - *GABBY MCKINLEY*

FOLLOWS KAI AROUND ALL THE WAY INTO THE ABYSS. A PERSONIFICATION OF DOUBT. SHADOW IS LIKE THAT VOICE IN YOUR HEAD THAT TELLS YOU THE NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF. (SEE WILL SMITH FULL INTERVIEW WITH ELLEN- 4:23) IN THE UNKNOWN, SHADOW IS MORE ACTIVE. KAI MUST LOOK THEM IN THE FACE IN HER DARKEST HOUR, AND TURN HER DOUBT INTO AN ASSET.

The characters in this play are gender neutral depending on who is playing which parts.

SCENE 1

The four students are walking through campus during their freshman orientation at Buffalo State. Their BEAT Team orientation leader is N^3. N^3's speech during this scene should sound like when the adults in Charlie Brown talk when he's giving out information, but normal when addressing the audience, as the students aren't paying attention. N^3 can notice their apathy and react to the audience (sighs, shrugs, nish nish hands, etc.) Every now and then, N^3 randomly shouts out Buffalo State information like, food pantry, emergency relief fund, UPD phone number, etc (Will be worked with director). Shadow follows close behind Kai and is only noticed by her.

N^3: And here is North and South Wing, aka, the Twin Rise buildings. Here you will find the... (start Charlie Brown talk)

The students slowly begin to giggle and laugh.
JAMIE: Man, this orientation is so boring. Hey, any of you want to skip the next session with me?

CAMERON: Yeah, no thank you. I'm here to learn. In fact (*emphasis on the t*), I am going to be double majoring in social work and psychology, and joining every organization I can, AND I'm going to apply to be on the senate for USG.

JAMIE: Anyone else want to skip?

NOEL: I'm good.

KAI: Yeah, me too.

JAMIE: Well, my names Jamie. What are yours?

KAI: Kai.

NOEL: Noel.

CAMERON: Cameron, if you must know.

All students look at CAMERON.

JAMIE: (*Turning to look at Kai and Noel*) Sooooo...where are you guys from?

NOEL: I'm from the city. Not this city, New York City.

KAI: I'm actually from here.

JAMIE: Really? I hear the weather can get pretty crazy up here.

N^3: (*Clears throat*) Excuse me.

All are quiet. Very quiet.

N^3: Like I was saying, over there is...(*Charlie Brown talk*)

NOEL: Okay, I know this is important and all, but this is way too much information for my brain to handle.

JAMIE: Yeah, no kidding. I couldn't keep my eyes open for two seconds. I'm just ready for the party they're throwing for us later tonight.

All the students, except CAMERON who is eavesdropping, adlib about the party and how much they look forward to it.

CAMERON: (*Interrupting*) Well not me. I'm going to be too busy getting ready for my classes. I've already bought my books online and walked my schedule.

JAMIE: Well nobody invited y-

KAI: Cameron, you should come too.

NOEL: Yeah, the semester hasn't even started yet. Don't be such an uptight goody two-shoes.

KAI and JAMIE adlib in agreement.

CAMERON: I am not an uptight goody two-shoes. And to prove it...I'll go to this party tonight.

Students celebrate. Not too loud, but enough to be noticed by N^3, who gives them the "nish nish" gesture.

N^3: And that's the end of the tour. You guys are free to do whatever you like for the day. I'll see you bright and early in the morning. (*Exits*)