

# ***PROTECTIVE ANGEL***

**Spring 2023 Script - Theater Lab Kids**

**Mark White Elementary**

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**Storyline Ideas:**

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**SYNOPSIS:**

*Protective Angel* is a drama fantasy play for children. Out of town for a business trip, a father leaves his two children: Bella and Ben, with their abusive stepmother. Due to hatred and her inability to bear her own children, the stepmother decides to vent anger on the two children. She locks them up in a basement without food or water. In a nearby forest lives a friendly Unicorn who happened to have lost her friends and was seeking new ones. She decides to look for new friends. Reaching the neighborhood, the Unicorn finds a young boy, Ronaldo, an aspiring soccer player practicing how to shoot penalty kicks. Unicorn grants Ronaldo his wish of one day becoming the best soccer player in the world and goes back to the forest. Ronaldo continues practicing penalty kicks. Ben and Bella are dismayed, stressed, hungry, and thirsty in the basement. Bella comes up with the idea of disconnecting the water pipe from the laundry machine to quench their thirst. Apparently, they cannot reconnect the water pipe, and the basement starts flooding. They cry and shout out for help. Outside, Ronaldo's ball strays and breaks the basement window. Going for his ball, he hears Ben and Bella crying for help. Ronaldo rushes to the forest and brings back the friendly Unicorn, who uses her supernatural powers to unlock the padlocks on the basement door and set Ben and Bella free. Ben and Bella make a wish that their father will come back from his trip and save them from their abusive stepmother. Unicorn grants their wish. Their father appears suddenly as the Unicorn disappears.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**

Bella: Little girl between 6-10yrs old. Sister to Ben .....CARMEN CONDE

Ben: Little boy between 6-10yrs old. Brother to Bella.....ANTON OBECANOV

Ronaldo: Boy between 5-10yrs. Aspiring soccer player and neighbor to Ben and Bella....LUCIAN BALAGNY

UNI the Unicorn: A Lonely but friendly unicorn with powers to grant wishes.....GWEN BALAGNY

Narrator/Father: Played by anyone with the ability to tell a story. Mature Man.....JASPER ODAK

Kiki: Stepmother to Ben and Bella (Does not appear on stage- only referenced).

**SETTING**

In the basement of a house situated in a remote neighborhood. Nearby is a thick forest believed to be the home of a friendly Unicorn with powers to grant wishes.

## TIME

Present.

### NARRATOR

This is my story, our story, my children, their stepmother, and myself. Before my current wife, Kiki, I had a beautiful and caring wife called Stella. With Stella, I was blessed with two beautiful children, Ben, and Bella. After a while, my wife Stella, died of cancer, I decided to remarry. You see, I'm a businessman, and I travel a lot, so I needed someone to love me and help me love and protect my children. Everything seemed ok at the beginning, Kiki loved the children, and Ben and Bella accepted and loved her back as they would their real mom. This new bond, however, did not last. After just a few months, Kiki started being cruel to Ben and Bella.

### SCENE 1

*(In a poorly lit basement. Inside are several containers, metals, tools, a washer, and a dryer. The scene starts with Ben and Bella locked in from outside with several padlocks on the lock. They helplessly plead with their stepmother to pardon and set them free.)*

### BELLA

Please, mom, do not lock us in here; we beg you... *(turns to Ben)* what are we going to do? Are we going to stay here until dad returns? We do not even know when daddy will be back.

### NARRATOR

Bella was very scared and she began to cry. Ben being the older sibling, comforted her.

### BEN

It is going to be okay, Bella. *(he makes an action to comfort her)* Do you remember the story mom used to tell us?

### BELLA

Which story?

### BEN

About the Protective Angel. Mom will send us a protective Angel to protect us... *(they sit quietly on the floor).*

### NARRATOR

That is how Ben and Bella found themselves in that lonely basement. They kept their hopes alive. They hoped and patiently waited for their mom to send them a protective Angel or for their dad to return from his business trip. As Ben and Bella were waiting across the nearby forest, there was a friendly Unicorn whose friends had gone on a faraway vacation, and she was now seeking new friends.

### SCENE 2

*(Outside on the playing field, not far away from the house where Ben and Bella are stuck in the Basement. Ronaldo is out there by himself practicing how to shoot soccer penalty Kicks. Suddenly the Unicorn appears. Scared, Ronaldo picks up his ball and starts running.)*

UNICORN

What are you doing? (*he goes to run away*) Please do not run. I will not hurt you.

RONALDO

Who are you?

UNICORN

I am UNI the Unicorn. I am a friendly Unicorn. I live in the forest. All my friends have left for vacation and I heard you playing. I am in search of friends.

RONALDO

Friendly Unicorn. I have heard of Unicorns. Do you have powers?

UNICORN

Yes. I magically grant wishes. Do you have a wish?

RONALDO

You will grant it?!

UNICORN

Yes, I will. Go ahead. Make a wish.

RONALDO

I want to be the best soccer player in the world when I grow up.

UNICORN

Your wishes are granted. You continue practicing and they will come.

(*Unicorn disappears suddenly followed by Ronaldo*).

### **SCENE 3**

NARRATOR

As Ronaldo continued practicing shooting penalty kicks, Ben and Bella were still locked in the basement, waiting for the protective Angel or their dad to return and save them.

(*In the basement*)

BELLA

I am hungry, Ben.

BEN

I know but we have to be strong, Bella. There is no food here. Maybe the protective Angel will bring us food.

BELLA

But how, Ben? Nobody knows we are here. I am thirsty.

BEN

I have an idea—the washer. Let us disconnect the water pipe and drink.

BELLA

Perfect idea.

NARRATOR

*(Quickly, they disconnect the water pipe connected to the laundry washer and begin to drink. They then try to reconnect the line to the washer but cannot. Water continues to flow, flooding the basement)*

And so, Ben decided to disconnect the water pipe from the washer to get water to drink for his thirsty sister. But he did not anticipate the water hose having a mighty flow. He was unable to reconnect the line, which began to flood the basement. The water was quickly rising. Ben and Bella realized they now needed the protective angel more than ever and began to cry for help.

BEN/BELLA

*(They start crying aloud for help)* Heeeelp! Heeeelp! We are drowning. Heeeelp!

#### SCENE 4

NARRATOR

Meanwhile, outside, Ronaldo anxiously practiced in the open field. He took aim at the window as his goal, which he would have never made before, but on this day, he shoots, scores, and.... He shattered the basement window allowing him to hear the cries from Bella and Ben.

BEN/BELLA

Heeeelp! Heeeelp! We are drowning. Heeeelp!

RONALDO:

Who is in there? What is happening?

BELLA

We are drowning. Heeeelp!

BEN

Please open the door!

NARRATOR

Renaldo reached the front door and realized it was unlocked, and no one was home. He went to the basement door and....

RONALDO

*(Trying to open the door)*

I cannot open the door. I do not have the Keys *(he calls aloud for help)*. Heeeelp! They are drowning.

*(The friendly Unicorn appears)*

NARRATOR

The friendly unicorn heard his calls and came to the rescue.

UNICORN

You called for help. What is going on here? Do you have a wish?

BEN/BELLA

Heeeelp! Heeeelp! We are drowning. Heeeelp!

BEN

Can you please unlock the door so we can escape? The water is rising!

NARRATOR

And so, the unicorn granted Ben's request and unlocked the door with ease. The children were freed from the basement but not safe, as they were anticipating the return of their stepmother.

*(without any tussle Unicorn magically opens the door. Ben and Bella rush out. They are scared to see the Unicorn and want to return to the basement).*

UNICORN

Do not be afraid. I am your friend. I want to be your friend.

BELLA:

Who are you?

RONALDO

She is UNI the friendly Unicorn. She grants wishes.

BEN

*(with new excitement)* Is that true? You grant wishes?!

UNICORN

Yes, I am the friendly Unicorn, and I grant wishes.

BELLA:

Will you grant my wish?

UNICORN

Yes, what is your wish?

BELLA:

Send our stepmother away for good.

UNICORN

I do not know about that. Why do you want your stepmother to go away?

BELLA:

She mistreats us. She locked us up in the basement. She is mean.

UNICORN

What if I change her instead? What if I make her a good person? What if she starts loving and treating you nicely? Would you still want me to send her away?

BEN/BELLA:

Noooo!

BELLA

I guess not!

BEN

She was nice to us before.

UNICORN (*to Ben*)

And you, do you want to make a wish?

BEN:

Yes. I want our daddy to return home right away.

UNICORN

There you go.

*(She says, pointing to the opposite side of the stage. Turning, Ben and Bella see their dad and rush toward him. Unicorn and Ronaldo disappear).*

BELLA

*(after hugging and embracing fondly)*

Daddy. We are so glad you are back.

FATHER

Why? And why are you all wet?

BEN

We nearly drowned in the basement.

BELLA

Yes. Had it not been for our friend Ronaldo and the friendly Unicorn, we would not be standing.

FATHER:  
How? Why?

BELLA:  
Our mother.....

BEN  
Stepmother...

BELLA  
Well, she locked us up in the basement and went away...

FATHER (angrily)  
Why? How can she do that? That is evil. She deserves to go to jail.

BEN  
I do not think so, dad.

FATHER (*surprised*).  
And why don't you think so?

BELLA  
UNI the friendly Unicorn said she could turn her into a good person. She can change her to be friendly, loving, and caring to us.

FATHER:  
I do not know about that. The *protective Angel* must have been with you in the basement and saved you from drowning. Let us get you dry and see if the Friendly Unicorn has kept her promise (*they walk into the house*).

NARRATOR  
When my wife, Kiki returned to the house, it was obvious that the Friendly Unicorn kept her promise to Ben and Bella. Kiki was remorseful and apologetic. She was dealing with depression but fortunately we were able to get her the care she needed and she returned to her normal loving self. On their side, the children were quick to forgive and from then on, we all.....

ALL  
Lived happily ever after.

**THE END**