

Count Olaf - by Magnus Stark, Aged 9 ¼

It all started in 1943, a new being had just been welcomed to the world, his parents named him Olaf. Well, Olaf's family didn't have very much money. To make matters worse, he didn't have any friends at school, and it was down-right painful to listen to the other children talking about their parents' money. Olaf couldn't bare it anymore. One day the school bully, Collin, had been boasting about his new jacket, not only was it pure leather but it also had a picture of Pelé, footballing superstar, and Olaf's idol. He couldn't take it anymore. It was on that day an evil seed of resentment had just been planted inside his skull. But little did he know that it would stay buried there the rest of his horrible life.

That night, Olaf was lying in his bed plotting an evil plan. He was going to rob the bank at just 14 years old. Surely his parents wouldn't mind a bit more money. So, he got out of bed and went to do the first evil job of his life. He ran down the street for almost 30 minutes. And there it was, Barclays Bank of London. He smashed open a window setting the alarm off. Guards came flowing out of thin air with guns and handcuffs. Olaf grabbed a bag and ran back home. The next week, Olaf did the same thing, but this time put someone in hospital...his father. A guard had been chasing Olaf back home and shot at Olaf's father instead of Olaf. Doctors tried and tried and tried but it was no use. Olaf's father died a week later. Ever since the accident Olaf swore he would always get money in any way possible just in case the same thing happened to his mother so he could pay for excellent treatment. He was now known as 'Count' Olaf.

When his mother died, he couldn't take it any longer. If he got angry with people, he would get revenge by hurting or killing them or their families. He would kill and disappear without the police knowing it was him. The people that knew it was Olaf would tell the police but they never believed them. Olaf decided enough was enough, he was sure to get found out soon. So he decided to become an actor. He first tried out at being an actor at Adelphi Theatre, but it didn't work out. So, he decided to make his own acting troupe. He invited many people (mostly crooks) to his enterprise. It included Fernald the Hook Handed Man, The Bald Man with The Long Nose and The White-faced Women (two very interesting elderly twins). Count Olaf then decided to get a tattoo of a very peculiar eye. Only Count Olaf knows why. So, Count Olaf set off with his troupe, hoping to get a spot in the theatre...It didn't work. Ultimately, Count Olaf lives on, soon to find 3 children with a mysterious backstory...

