

Home Alone

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Home Alone is a funny, mischievous story about the antics of a young child left to his own devices; every kid's dream right? By a mishap of confusion, Kevin is left behind while his parents and family are on vacation in France. The movie introduces the viewer to the fantasies that all kids have of being 'home alone.'

Home Alone opens with the Christmas season bringing normal confusion to an already abnormal family. Kevin, the youngest of four children, and his family

are visited by relatives. As a present to the family, a well-to-do Uncle purchases tickets for the family to fly to Paris for the holidays. After a scuffle with brother 'Spike,' the family scolds Kevin for always causing trouble. A heated debate outbreaks with his mother which ends with Kevin saying 'I wish I didn't have a family.'

In sort of a predictable twist, when counting heads before leaving for the airport, a neighbor-boy is counted as Kevin. This gives reason for Kevin being left behind. Without a second thought, and a score

of children, the family embarks for France while the neighbor disappears. Kevin awakes to find that the family has left, and that his wish had come true.

This is where the laughs begin. Kevin lives his dreams by pulling stunts for which he normally would be punished; some of these stunts include raiding Spike's beloved junk trunk, frightening pizza delivery men, and bed jumping.

Without revealing the whole plot, Kevin is assaulted by two motley cat-burglars. The most hilarious parts occur during these scenes. It

is not until the family reaches Paris that they realize that they had left Kevin. The mother tries to return to Chicago and her child. The rest of the movie is about the antics of the return trip and the apprehension of the criminals.

In all, the movie is quite predictable, yet it does express the desires of all who were young once. Through all the cliches, the movie proves quite funny. Being the number four ticket seller at the box office shows that this humor is one that America wants at a PG rating. I recommend *Home Alone* as—Three Stars ***.

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