

The Nerd by Larry Shue

Synopsis:

It is 1979, an aspiring architect Willum Cubbert has often told his friends about the debt he owes to a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam. So he is delighted when his guardian angel unexpectedly comes to stay for a visit. But his delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless nerd with boorish manners, little intelligence, and no apparent tact. His antics challenge Willum's patience and lead from one uproarious incident to another in one of the funniest plays ever to hit the stage!

Characters:

(ages refer to the character's age)

Willum Cubbert - Architect, late 20's to mid-30's. Kind and intelligent but lacks conviction and a backbone.

Tansy McGinnis - Mid 20's to late 30's. Smart friend of Willum, she is idealistic, upbeat. Wants to be a television weather forecaster.

Axel Hammond - Late 20's to mid 30's. Willum's best friend. A bit pretentious. Drama critic, always ready with a sarcastic comment.

Rick Steadman/Kemp Hall - The titular "nerd"; Late 20's to mid 30's. Oblivious to insult and lacks manners or sensitivity.

Warnock Waldgrave - 50's to 60's. Boisterous, slightly dim businessman, owner of eight hotels, no tact and bad temper.

Clelia Waldgrave - Mid 40's to 60's. Mr. Waldgraves' high-strung, put-upon wife. She holds back all of her emotions.

Thor Waldgrave – 6 -10 years old. The Waldgraves' terror of a son. Petulant and demanding.