

I **ran into** my neighbor, Dennis, yesterday afternoon. He asked if I wanted two tickets to the theater. He had **season tickets** but couldn't go to this performance. It was **opening night** of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. I jumped at his offer and invited Lucy to come along.

We arrived at the theater a half an hour before **opening curtain**. We had the tickets **in hand** and didn't need to pick them up at the **will call** window. The doors to the theater were open and we handed our tickets to the **ticket takers** standing in the **doorway**.

We looked for our seats and were pleasantly surprised to find that we had some of the **best seats in the house!** I thought we would be sitting in the **balcony** , but we were in the **orchestra section** in the center. This was great! The lights **dimmed** and the curtain **went up** .

After the second **act** , there was an **intermission**. Lucy and I went into the **lobby** and bought drinks from the bar. After about 15 minutes, the lights **flickered** and we went back to our seats.

After the last act, the audience gave the actors a **standing ovation**. This was the best play I had seen **in ages**. The acting was superb, the **staging** and **direction** were fresh. I **couldn't have asked for** a better theater experience. I owed Dennis **big time** for giving me his tickets.