

NORTHERN LIGHTS ACADEMY
Rigolet, Labrador

presents

SMOKER

Smoker is based on ghost legends. The pupils came up with the idea and they asked their parents and grandparents to tell them some stories concerning this ghost. The Smoker stories from 'Them Days' Magazine were also used. The plot was written down as situations developed the basis of the play and encompassed the legends. Speech and action were then added to make the situation come to life. This was done through questioning. "What will the father say to the wife that will make her mad and go outside?"

CAST: Grades 4 & 5

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DIRECTOR: Amanda Gaultois

SMOKER

Cast: Bill Husband & wife
Margaret
Jack Their father & mother
Sarah (grandmother & grandfather)
Tom Bill & Margaret's sons
Fred
Smoker Margaret's father. He's been dead for several years and appears to warn others of upcoming storms and danger.

SCENE I: (Bill and Margaret in kitchen)

Bill: Hurry up and go to the storehouse!

Margaret: We made a deal. It's your turn.

Bill: Oh, you're always fussing about something.

Margaret: You have a turn for a change. I always have to do everything.

Bill: You don't make any sense.

Margaret: I'm going out. I'll see you later!
(She goes out and sits down. She sees her father, Smoker, from behind screen.)
Father! (or Dad) (She runs behind screen to jump in komatik box)

SCENE II: (Rest of family comes back from fishing.)

Jack: Look at the nice big fish we caught today.

Sarah: Yeah, I'll clean them now and we'll have them for dinner.

Fred: Where's mother, Pa?

Bill: We had a row and she's gone outside.

Tom: We never saw her out by the door, Dad.

Bill: Oh, she's around somewhere.

Fred: Let's go take a look outside. (Tom and Fred go outside to look.)

Jack: What happened, anyway?

Bill: She always wants her own way.

Sarah: You two are always arguing. (Fred and Tom come in)

Tom: Mother's not around outside.

Jack: You'd better go look for her.

Fred: Come on, Tom, let's harness up the dogs. (Tom & Fred go out again. Margaret comes in.)

Bill: Margaret, where have you been?

Margaret: I went for a ride with my father.

Bill: What do you mean, you went for ride with your father? He's dead!

Margaret: Well, we thought so but he came along just now with the team and slowed down for me so I jumped into the komatik box.

Jack: My God! She's seen Smoker.

Bill: Don't be so foolish. There's no such thing as ghosts.

Jack: You'll find out, talking like that!
(Boys come back)

Tom: Dad, we saw a team of dogs outside.

Fred: Yeah, and they just disappeared out of sight!

Bill: Ah, go on with you! Let's get ready and go on the hunting trip.

Sarah: You don't mean to say you're still going hunting now?

Tom: Of course! Why not? We've been planning it for days.

Margaret: I think Dad might be trying to warn us about something.

Bill: What do you mean? What are you talking about?

Jack: Smoker only appears when there's a storm coming up.

Sarah: We're in for a bad one now.

Bill: Naw! It's a beautiful day! Boys, get the komatik packed and we'll be on our way.

Jack: Stop boys! You'll be lost! I don't think you should go.

(Bill, Tom, and Fred leave)
(Outside, blizzard has come up)

Fred: The snow is coming down so fast I can't see where we're going.

Tom: I'm so cold!

Bill: Let's take shelter behind that rock over there.

SCENE III

Margaret: How stupid of them to go out like that when Grandfather says there's going to be a storm.

Sarah: Margaret is right. (She looks out window) I can see that the wind is starting to pick up.

Jack: I knew the storm was coming up. That wind is growing stronger. I'd better go out and look for them.

Sarah: If you're going out, you'd better be careful.

Jack: Don't worry about me, I'll be OK. (Grandfather leaves)

Margaret: I hope they'll be OK. (Put's out light in house, She and Sarah exit)

SCENE IV (Jack is outside)

Jack: This snow is so deep, I can't even find the trail. How am I going to find them now? It's so cold! (Smoker appears) Is that Bill? (shouts) Bill! Bill! He can't hear me. (Starts to run after him) (Smoker disappears) What happened to him? Where'd he go? (Smoker appears again) There he is; he can't hear me! (Starts chasing again) (He disappears) I can't see him! (Smoker appears) (Again Jack follows) Over here! (He sees others lying on ground) Hey! What's that? That's them! (Runs over to them) Boy's are you OK?

Fred: Am I ever glad to see you.

Tom: I'm half frozen.

Bill: Let's go home. (They exit)

THE END