

HENRY GORDON ACADEMY

Cartwright

presents

"GOOSE BAY! GOOSE BAY!"

A group of students and a teacher, travelling to an Arts Festival in Goose Bay, are involved in a plane crash.

ACT I

Abe father of Liz..... Dwayne Burdette
Pearl mother of Liz..... Marjorie Morris

Barb friend of Pearl's and
Jessie's Mother ... Joanne Martin

Anne Labrador Airways Rep-
resentative, Cartwright... Elaine Learning

ACT II

Pilot ~~Dwayne~~ Carl

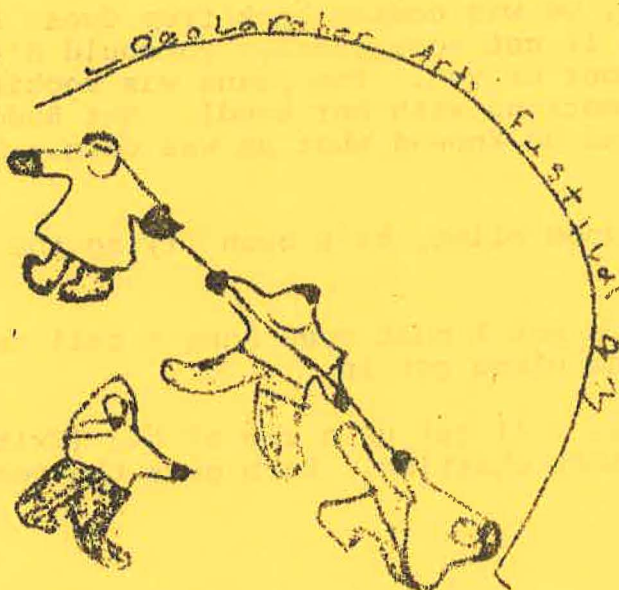
Teacher Julie Clarke

Bobby, a student ~~Dwayne~~ Burdette

John, a student Joanne Martin

Liz, a student Elaine Learning

Jessie, a student Sandra Holwell



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ACT I: Kitchen Scene. Pearl & Abe are in their kitchen, after supper, about to have a cup of tea. They are sitting at the table chatting. Barb enters and pulls up a chair and sits down.

BARB: "What's ya up to?" Pearl replies: "Not much, just goin to get a cup of tea. Well maid I s'pose they're soon be there."

PEARL: "Yes maid, I dare say. I told Liz to call when she gets there."

ABE: "What's they doin out there anyways. Are they acting on stage in front of strangers or students or what?"

BARB: "Yes bye, they're actin on stage in front of a real audience. There's bunches of 'em goin over from all the schools on the coast; its called the arts festival or something. It's a big do for the kids."

PEARL: "Sure, I told you all about it."

ABE: "Aw, I don't listen to half what you says" (he gets up and goes to the window, looks out at the weather and returns to his seat.)

PEARL: "He don't listen to anything I tells him".

ABE: "Byes, I tell ya, its starting to blow a livin gale out there now and I believe the snows gettin thicker."

PEARL: "I've seen them fly in worse weather than this."

BARB: "Well I tells ya, we was coming back from Goose Bay last winter and it got some stormy; ya could n't see your hand in front of you. The plane was rockin just like this (she motions with her hand). But Buddy Jim was our pilot and he knowed what he was doin. He got us down."

ABE: "I knows he's a good pilot, he's been flying the coast for years sure."

PEARL: "Liz hasn't called yet I must give Anne a call and find out when the plane got in."

BARB: "Yes you go ahead, I'll get us a cup of tea (Exit Pearl; Abe & Barb are left chatting. Barb gets the tea.)"

BARB: Hope Jessie don't spend all that money I gave her. I must've give her at least a hundred bucks. If she comes back here with 'nere penny in her pocket I'll skin her alive.

ABE: Now Barb, you knows they're only kids and they're goin to buy whatever they sees.

BARB: Yes, I s'pose. I never saw kids go through so much money as they do these days. Everything costs an arm and a leg. Ya can't keep up with 'em.

ABE: That's for sure, and they don't know but it grows on trees. I dare say Liz'll spend every cent we gave her. Well, its all right I s'pose. They don't get a chance to do something like this every day.

BARB: "No bye, it'll be a good experience for all of 'em."

(Pearl returns)

PEARL: "I was just talking to Anne. She says they're not there yet."

BARB: "Oh well, they're probably slowed down by the weather."

(Lights go down)

(Lights come up again)

(Kitchen Scene again one hour later)

Scene 2: (after lights go up...)
2nd time.

PEARL: (Looking at her watch) "Another hour gone and I still haven't heard anything. I should go call Anne again."

ABE [
BARB [
"Yes, give her another call." (They are left on stage chatting.)

BARB: "I s'pose they forgot all about calling home. You know kids these days they forget everything they're told to do."

ABE: "Yeah, and Liz would forget her head if it weren't screwed on!"

BARB: "I spose they're all excited now, meeting new people and getting unpacked and everything."

ABE: "Yes, I dare say."

(Pearl returns, looking nervous)

Pearl: "I called Anne but I couldn't get any answer. Some-
things wrong, she's usually there this hour. I'm
getting worried.

BARB: "No maid, Anne probably ran next door to get a can
of milk or have a cup of tea or something, (etc.)."

ABE: "Yeah, why don'tt you give her another call in a
couple of minutes."

PEARL: (A little calmer) "Yes, I spose".
(Knock on door)

ABE: "Wonder who that is now." (he opens the door, Anne
comes in). "Oh, that's Anne; what're you doin over
this way."

BARB
& PEARL: Anne, what's goin on what're you doin over here?

PEARL: (realizes what's happened and she rises out of her
chair very excitedly) "It's the plan isn't it;
the plane's gone down isn't it? Oh my God!" (Abe
goes over to Pearl and puts his arm around her saying
things like "wait now Pearl, clam down!")

BARB: (also realizes and gets upset) "Anne is that it? Is
it the plane - the kids, my God are the kids all
right?? "Tell me what's happened!"

ANNE: (slowly, trying to make the others calm) Look, there
might be nothing wrong at all, but they're not there
yet. Goose hanger was talking with Jim a half an
hour ago and he was just headin down into Goose then.
He said it was pretty bad but he was going to try
to make the airport.

He might have seen a good spot to set down on and
decided to land on the river or anywhere.

PEARL: (interrupts) But wouldn't you have heard from him
if he did that?

ANNE: We haven't heard anything yet.

(lights go down)

ACT 2 - SCENE I

When curtain opens the pilot has been laid on a cot.
Liz and Jessie are attending him.

LIZ: "My God, why did this have to happen?"

JESSIE: "Liz, what if they die?"

(there is a sound of people approaching outside the cabin and Jessie rushes to the door as she hears John call.)

JOHN! "Keep the door open!"

(Jessie opens the door wide and begins to whimper)

JESSIE: "Oh my God, look at Miss Hillier. Whats we goin to do with 'er?"

John: "Look for something to put under her head."

JESSIE: "Where's I goin to find something like that" (and she finds a piece of old rug) "Here put this under."

BOBBY: (concerned) "Byes, I don't think we should've moved 'em. We could be tearin up their insides".

JOHN: (short tempered) "Oh sure, we could've left them out there to freeze."

(Liz is trying to make the pilot more comfortable and when she moves his head a little she sees a great deal of blood slowly oozing from the wound on his head. She cries out).

LIZ: (in a loud frightened voice) "Oh my God, look at all the blood comin out of the pilot!"

(they all look...and Jessie screams hysterically, and backs away.)

JOHN: (upset by Jessie's reaction) For God's sake, shut up. You keeps at that we'll never get anywhere." (He attends to the pilot)

BOBBY: Don't you screech at my girl. She's only scared just like the rest of us.

JESSIE: Oh Bobby.

BOBBY: (putting his arm around her says): "Look Jess, we're going to have to keep these two warm. Why don't you and Liz go around back to that old shed we saw and look for wood. Stay close to the cabin and for God's sake don't get lost."

(They put their hoods up, Liz puts her gloves back on exit Liz & Jessie) Bobby walks over to the door with Jessie and when the girls have gone he turns and goes back to John - he is angry.)

BOBBY: "Listen here my son, don't go gettin pushy and..."

JOHN: (interrupts Bobby) "Shut up! This is no time for arguing. We gotta figure out what we are goin to do with these two. (He points to the two injured people).

BOBBY: (realizes he's right) Boy, dat pilot looks awful bad. (he moves over to look at the teacher) She don't look too good either, but at least she's not bleedin'.

JOHN: She could be bleedin inside for all we knows.

(pause) (John is thinking about something) "Bobby, can you remember anything about first aid, you know all that stuff we learned in scouts.

BOBBY: (thinking) "I remember something about wrapping up boxes." (He thinks again; he gets frustrated.)

JOHN: Come on Bobby do something.

BOBBY: (Scared & mad, throws his hands up in the air and yells at John) "I can't remember anything about bleedin. You knows just as much as I do. You was in the scouts too."

(They hear the girls coming back.)

JOHN: "Look, we can't let the girls know how worried we are. We gotta do something. Bobby, go look around for something to tear up for bandages. I'll see if I can stop the bleedin somehow.

(the girls enter)

JESSIE: "I'm froze!"
LIZ "It's some bad out there."

JOHN: "Where's the wood?"

JESSIE
& LIZ : "There's none, we couldn't find any."

JOHN: "No wood! no heat; my God, we gotta keep these two warm somehow."

(Coats are put on the injured.)

(Jessie, very upset screams)

JESSIE: "We'll all freeze to death (and falls to her knees sobbing)."

(At that moment Bobby looks excited.)

BOBBY: "John!" "You know what's in that plane? A first aid kit and..."

JOHN: (Interrupts) "Yeah, why didn't I think of that?"

BOBBY: "And the C.B. might still be working for all we know; we might be able to call for help."

JOHN: "Good idea Bobby!"

BOBBY: "I'll head back now; if I'm....."

JESSIE: "No! Bobby. You can't go out in this weather. Please don't go Bobby. Don't leave me with these two lying here like this. If they dies I'll die too."

JOHN: (throws his hands up) "Oh God!"

BOBBY: (puts his arm around Jessie) "Jess, look someone's got to go and I know my way in the woods. I'll be OK. Don't worry. It might be our chance to get back home. Liz and John will be here with you...just take it easy OK.)

(He goes over to John and says) "If I'm not back in an hour, John, come lookin for me."

(Liz, John & Jessie watch him leave. Liz tries to comfort the pilot. Jessie is still upset.)

LIZ: "Jessie, why don't you try to keep Miss Hillier as warm as you can. She's not bleedin so you don't have to worry about that."

JOHN: "I'll look around for more things to tear up for bandages." (He moves to the edge of the scene)

(Jessie tries to help Miss Hillier keep warm)

JESSIE: (looking over at the pilot & Liz) "Liz, you think he's goin to make it?" (She starts to become a little upset again and Liz stops her.)

LIZ: "Jessie, don't think about it, just keep Miss Hillier warm." (there is a pause)

LIZ: "I'm gettin cold!"

JESSIE: "God, I'm hungry."

JOHN: (coming back to centre stage) We're all cold and hungry! We gotta try not to think about it too much.

JESSIE: "How can we not think about it! (getting more upset) We might all just die here! One after another."

JOHN: "Your a great help."

LIZ: "John, how long's Bobby been gone now?"

JOHN: (looks at his watch) "Give him a little more time. The snow's pretty thick out there."

(Lights up on John & Liz bringin Jessie back into the cabon.)

(Liz is still upset.)

JOHN: "All right now, I'm goin to find Bobby. You'll be all right. Just stay here!"

LIZ: "Be careful John".

(John takes his coat and exits)

(The two girls are left on their own. Liz goes over and puts her jacket on the pilot. Jessie looks at him too.)

JESSIE: "Liz, he looks worse. He's awful white."

(Liz doesn't say anything. She goes to his head to check the wound again. She touches the wound and the pilot starts to move in convulsions. He seems in agony but isn't conscious. Liz is frightened and so is Jessie - Jessie starts to panic.)

JESSIE: "My God, he's movin, he looks funny - he's dyin!"

LIZ: (also very shaken, can't take any more from Jessie. She shouts a very loudly at her) "JUST SHUT UP - YOU THINK I'M NOT SCARED TOO. We're all scared. I don't know what to do! Just shut up! I can't take any more of your wailin. (She is very upset and just manages to keep from crying).

(Jessie shuts up. It is quiet. The pilot has stopped moving.)

(Lights go down)

(Lights up on Bobby and John at the plane crash.)

Spotlight on John & Bobby. John finds Bobby half frozen, struggling to keep warm as well as get through to Goose Bay.) Bobby is huddled up close to the C.B., he can barely move. John sees him there.

JOHN: Oh my God, Bobby. (runs toward him)

BOB: (tries to turn towards John) John oh John (he cries with relief.

JOHN: (makes Bobby get up) You've got to get up, you've got to move, you must try to keep warm.

BOBBY: (trying very hard) I can't, I can't, I'm so cold.

JOHN: Oh my God we'll never get out of this. (He starts to move. Bobby's arms for him.) C'mon try to move your own arms.

BOBBY: (Trying again) It hurts. I can't do it.

JOHN: (Very frightened says in a loud firm voice) Think of Jessie she is depending on you (a bit more sharply). If you don't try you'll die, if you die, so will she.

BOBBY: (tries again) He keeps mumbling. Jessie I gotta do it. I gotta do it.

(While Bobby tries to keep warm, John fiddles with the C.B.)

JOHN: Goose Bay, Goose Bay. Someone come in. Do you hear me. Oh God, Goose Bay, Please come in. GOOSE BAY.

SPOTLIGHT flicks off

Lights up on Cabin scene.

Cabin Scene: (open Jessie & Liz in the cabin attempting to be sensible.

JESSIE: (a little frightened) How long's John been looking for Bobby.

LIZ: I don't know but I'm gettin frightened.

JESSIE: (starts to cry!) Oh my God I know they are goin to die.

LIZ: Jessie Be...

JESSIE: If they don't come back we'll die too.

(Liz and Jessie clutch each other really frightened. Both are crying and very frightened. They say "We're going to die. I knows we're goin to die."

LIZ: (Lifts her head up. Jessie is sobbing loudly.) Sh! sh! Liz says excited, I hear something.

Enter John holding Bobby. Bobby is still very weak and is fairly stiff in the movements.

JESSIE: (seeing Bobby cries) Oh Bobby! (she runs over)
Oh Bobby!

LIZ: Oh my God, what happened? (She sees John has the first aid kit) You've got the first aid kit. (She points to the pilot). He's saved.

JESSIE: We're saved.

LIZ: (stops in her tracks) Did you get through?

JESSIE: (jumps up, goes over to John, grabs his arm and says excitedly) Did you get Goose Bay? Did you, Did you!

JOHN says (quietly in a dazed way) Thry're on the way.
