

PEACOCK ACADEMY, HAPPY VALLEY

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CAST:

Ann Makin (from Toronto) - Willow Jackson
Carol Blake (from Goose Bay) - Sherri Goudie
Mrs. Makin (Anne's mother) - Jessica Nisbet
Mrs. Blake (Carol's mother) - Jessica Nisbet
Jim Blake (Carol's brother) - Delane Brown

INTRODUCTION:

An Ontario girl has outdated opinions about Labrador. A Labrador girl attempts to help her get a true picture of Labrador.

ANNE IS WRITING A LETTER TO HER PENPAL, CAROL BLAKE, WHO LIVES IN GOOSE BAY:

Dear Carol:

My name is Anne Makin. You don't know who I am and I don't know who you are. Today my teacher, Ms. Bayling, gave my class some names and addresses of students from all over Canada. I chose your name because I want to learn something about your homeland, Labrador. Being a city girl from Toronto, Ontario, I do not know much about your land. From what I have read and from what I have seen on T.V., I don't know how you could possibly live with snow all year 'round and with very little sunshine at that!

Do you live in an igloo? Doesn't the heat from the fire melt it? Honestly, I don't know how you can live without electricity! No T.V. or anything. Oh well, I guess you entertain yourself with snowshoes and dogteams. By the way, do you have your very own?

Write soon.

Your new friend, Anne Makin.

P.C. I am enclosing a picture of me. Please send one of you.

(Anne takes the letter to the mailbox and leaves the stage, left.)

CAROL RECEIVES ANNE'S LETTER AT THE POST OFFICE. SHE GOES HOME AND READS IT: Haha, snow all year round...hardly any sunshine, who is this bird, anyway? Do I live in an igloo, really! Ha, no T.V....DOGTEAMS...I'm gonna have to write a letter to set that poor naive person straight. No electricity, well, well, well!

CAROL STARTS THE LETTER:

Dear Anne:

I received your letter today. It was hilarious! Obviously, you have alot of misconceptions about Labrador. We do not live in igloos and yes, we have electricity. We have running water; some people even have waterbeds. You are surely lacking knowledge of Labrador. What do they teach you in those Ontario schools anyway? I guess the only way for you to learn anything is to come and see for yourself. We have no school from March 15 to the 20th. Can you come for a visit then? My mother, brother and I would love to have you visit us. You can fly in (it's quicker than dogteam) and you can stay with us. Phone me at 709-896-5698 and let me know if you can make it. I

anxiously await your reply.
Your penpal, Carol Blake.

(Carol mails the letter and Anne receives it. Anne is excited about the offer and tells her mother.)

ANNE (AS SHE READS THE LETTER): A trip to Goose Bay! Mother, come here. Listen to this. (She reads the part where Carol has invited her.) What do you think, Mother? Can I go? I'll only miss a week of school.

MOTHER: I hate the thought of you going up to that frozen land all by yourself. I don't know anything about these people. What if you get sick eating all that raw meat? And no fruits and vegetables. You might get scurvy.

ANNE: I'll take my Vitamin C tablets with me. Oh, Mother, please say yes.

MOTHER: I will talk to your teacher first. If she says it's O.K. then I'll consider it. I'll phone Ms. Bayling right now. (Leaves room.)

ANNE: Ms. Bayling will say yes. I'm an A student. My grades won't suffer. Why, she let Joseph Barker go to Florida and he only has a C average. I've got to go. I want to go.

(Enter Mother.)

ANNE: Well, what did she say?

MOTHER: Ms. Bayling said it might be a good learning experience for you. She's all for it, but, I don't know...

ANNE: I'll phone every night. They have phones you know. And Carol sounds so nice in her letter. I'll dress warmly. Please, Mother...

MOTHER: O.K. Let's phone the travel agency and, then, we'll phone Carol. I hope we're making the right decision.

(They both leave the stage. Anne and her mother arrive at Toronto airport.)

MOTHER: Now, Anne, you've got everything have you? Your warm underwear, your fur coat, and your Vitamin C tablets?

ANNE: Yes, Mother. Don't worry. Everything is taken care of.

VOICE: Passengers travelling to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Goose Bay, Labrador, please enter Gate C and have your boarding passes ready.

ANNE: Good-bye, Mother. I'll call as soon as I get there.

MOTHER: Anne, be careful. Watch out for wild animals. Don't forget to phone.

(Anne leaves stage right. Mother leaves stage left. SCENE: Goose Bay Airport. Carol, Mrs. Blake and Carol's brother, Jim, are awaiting the arrival of Anne's flight.)

VOICE: Announcing the arrival of Flight 109 from Toronto and Halifax.

CAROL: That's Anne's flight. I can't wait to meet her.

(Enter Anne.)

ANNE: I hope Carol is here. I hope she recognizes me. I'm glad I sent her my picture.

CAROL: That must be Anne. Yes, that is her. Come on, Mother, Jim. Let's go meet her.

(They walk towards Anne.)

CAROL: Hello, Anne?

ANNE: Yes. Are you Carol?

CAROL: Yes. I'm glad you're here. I'd like you to meet my mother and my brother, Jim.

ANNE: Hello. I really didn't expect an airport building. I thought, uh, I don't know what I was thinking. I have a funny feeling I'm in for many more surprises.

JIM: You can bet your life on that. Mother, is the dogteam ready?

MOTHER: Jim, stop joking! The car is all warmed up and ready to go. Come on everyone.

(They all leave. SCENE: The Blake's home. Jim, Carol and Anne are in the living room.)

ANNE: I just called Mother and assured her everything is fine.

CAROL: Great!

ANNE: I like your house. I didn't imagine it would be like this.

CAROL: You didn't really expect igloos, did you?

ANNE: Well, I guess not.

JIM: Anne, do you want to see how a ski-doo works?

ANNE: A ski-doo!? You mean those funny looking cars that travel over snow?

CAROL: They're hardly cars. In fact, I have my very own. Jim, explain how they work.

JIM: Let's see. First you put the key in the ignition. Then you pull on this long thing. When the motor starts, you're on your way. It's a lot of fun. We'll take you out tomorrow if you like.

ANNE: I'd love to. Now, what's this ice fishing I've read about?

CAROL: That's not much fun.

JIM: Yes it is, Carol. You just don't like touching the fish. Anyway, first you drill a hole in the ice. Then, you put your line in the hole. When the fish bite, you pull up. Would you like to try that?

ANNE: Only if you promise to take the fish off the hook for me. Let me get this straight. You do these things, not because you have to, but for fun? Is that correct?

CAROL: Yes. You see, people in Labrador like the same things you like, they do the same things you do and they know everything you know. But, we have certain customs, just like you have certain customs. Some things are part of our lives just as certain things are part of your life. Do you see what I mean?

ANNE: Yes, Carol, I do. Coming here made me realize alot of things. I guess my teacher knew what she was talking about when she said that this trip would be a great learning experience. When I go back, I'll tell my classmates everything about Labrador.

JIM: Come on. The Cosby Show is on cable. Let's grab an apple and go watch it.

ANNE: Cable TV! Apples! Well, I never expected...

(Jim and Carol give Anne a hard look.)

ANNE: Just joking, guys, just joking.

(They all leave.)

THE END