

**SPRUCE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HAPPY VALLEY - GOOSE BAY**

**presents**

**"One Now Dead"**

**Cast**

Lt. Josephineson .....	Sharon McLean
Sgt. Nolan .....	Gary Tibbo
Lt. Jenson .....	Janice Mitchelmore
Golm .....	Gordon Dew
Wayrench .....	Matthew Hunter
Mangins .....	Timothy Hopkins
Olson .....	Renée Dove
Grandmother .....	Shannon Scott
Melissa .....	Pamela Stuckless
Chris .....	Sheldon Campbell
3 Inuit .....	David Hapgood
.....	Johnny Stuckless
.....	Mark Lukassen
3 Waitresses .....	Autumn White
.....	Michelle Oliver
.....	Lita Tretina
Director .....	Jessica Hunter
Teacher Adviser .....	Mr. Rick Fennimore



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**Scene 1 Attic**

**Melissa:** Chris, want to play dress-up?

**Chris:** No Melissa!

**Melissa:** Please Chrissy.

**Chris:** O.K., but only if you don't call me that stupid name again.

*Children go to the trunk, lift up Army jacket and the War diary falls to the floor.*

*Grandmother enters*

**Grandmother:** I was wondering where you were all that time.

**Chris:** Grandma I found an old book!

**Grandmother:** Bring it here children.

*Grandmother sits in rocking chair, children pass her the diary and sit at her feet.*

**Grandmother:** Oh, I remember this. This is your Grandpa's diary from World War 2.

**Children:** Tell us what happened to Grandpa.

**Grandmother:** Listen closely while I tell you what happened. It was 1942 when your Grandfather was on route to Goose Bay, Labrador from Greenland. As it turns out there was a navigational mistake and they ended up crashing three miles from Hebron in Saglek Bay in Northern Labrador.

*Lights go dim over Scene 1.*

## Scene 2 Inside Plane

*Hear Plane Crash. Lights come on.*

**Olson:**(shouts) Is everyone O.K.?

**Everyone:** Yes, sir.

**Olson:** Not a bad landing if I say so myself. Wayrench, how is the Plane?

**Wayrench:** *(Looks out window)* We hit a rock that tore the bombay open and one prop tip has gone through the fuselage.

**Olson:** Can it be repaired?

**Wayrench:** I don't think that we will be able to fix it sir, but I will start working on it right away.

**Olson:** Mangins, is the putt-putt radio operational?

**Mangins:** The battery cells are cracked captain, they are beyond repair.

**Olson:** Ok men, it looks as if we are going to be here for the night until help arrives. I want everyone to search the plane for blankets and food.

*All men search the plane. Men come back to Olson with supplies.*

**Olson:** So what do we have?

**Mangins:** This is the list of food we have sir: 7 cans of spam, 3 cans of peanuts, 8 cans of chicken, 2 cans of pineapple, 3 can of fruit cocktail, 2 cans of date nut roll, 12 loaves of bread, 3 boxes of chocolate, 28 Hershey bars, 4 packs of dates, 1 pound of crackers, 4 boxes of fig newtons, 1 pound of cheese crackers, 12 bottles of Coke, 2 cans of Salmon, 3 pounds of coffee and 20

packages of caramels.

**Olson:** How long do you think that food will last us?

**Mangins:** This should do us for about a month sir.

**Olson:** Well with any luck we should be out of here by tomorrow. Until then lets build a fire, have some chicken, and plan our rescue.

*Lights go dim over scene 2. Scene changes back to Scene 1.*

**Grandmother:** Your Grandfather Olson didn't get rescued as fast as he hoped to. The weather started to get colder and after a week of being stranded they decided it was time to take things in their own hands.

*Scene changes back to #2*

**Olson:** I need three volunteers to take the boat and head south to find help.

**Josephson:** I will

**Nolan:** Me too

**Jensen :** I'll go

**Olson:** Ok men tonight we will feast and pray for the safe return of our brave brothers.

*The men eat, laugh, prepare the boat, and plan their trip south. The three men including Olson and Golm tow the boat off into the darkness, never to be seen again. Olson and Golm return to the plane with a small tree.*

**Olson:** I pray to God for their safe return.

**Wayrench:** I'm sure they will be fine.

**Mangins:** I see you have brought some fire wood.

**Olson:** No, I figured since tomorrow is Christmas Eve we would decorate our own Christmas tree.

**Everyone:** Good idea sir!

*The men continue to decorate their tree with bits of paper, empty cans, etc. The mood becomes joyous as they stand drinking coffee and singing Christmas carols.*

**Everyone:** *Singing "Joy to the World"*

**Wayrench:** Captain Olson I have a small gift for you from myself and the rest of the crew. *(Wayrench passes Olson a small diary)*

**Olson:** *(Opens gift, speaks softly)* Thank you all so much. I've been feeling responsible for everything that has happened to us. *(Olson starts to cry)*

**Wayrench:** Hey, don't cry sir. It's not your fault. You didn't have any control over what happened.

**Mangins:** Lets not let this mood spoil our Christmas.

*Lights go dim over scene 2. Scene changes back to Scene 1.*

**Grandmother:** It was two weeks since the crash. The crew really began to miss their families but they held on to the hope that Josephson, Nolan, and Jensen would return with help. In order to pass the time your Grandfather began writing each day in the diary that the men gave him. Mangins feet began to blister badly.

*Lights go dim over scene 1. Scene changes back to scene 2.*

**Olson:** How are your feet Mangins?

**Mangins:** They still hurt but they feel as if they are getting better.

**Golm:** Look I lost a fingernail!

*Everyone gathers around Golm to see his fingernail. Olson and Golm come centre stage and begin to talk.*

**Olson:** Golm it looks like we are going to have to cut down on the rations. See what food we have left and try to make it last as long as possible. By the way the weather is acting up we might not see our rescuers for some time. If at all.

**Golm:** Yes sir. *(Golm exits to look at rations)*

*All the men gather their blankets and sit by the fire. Olson sits and writes in his diary.*

**Mangins:** I've always wanted to go to Paris to become a great saucier. Then I would return to New York and open my own restaurant. I would call it Heavenly Bistro.

**Golm:** What's a saucier?

**Mangins:** It's a chef who specializes in sauces. I would make all kinds of magnificent gourmet sauces..

**Wayrench:** *(laughs)* Stop your making me hungry.

**Mangins:** When we get out of here I promise I will make you a dinner you will never forget.

**Olson:** I love Roast Beef and potato with rich gravy.

**Wayrench:** Chicken is my favourite with buttered carrots and snow peas.

**Golm:** A pizza with the works would be fine with me right now.

**Wayrench:** I'll pay, if you go get it!

**Everyone:** *(Laughs)*

**Olson:** Well tonight we only have some caramels and peanuts but we should be grateful for that.

*The men share their meal and drink coffee.*

*Scene changes to scene 1*

**Melissa:** What happened next Grandma?

**Grandmother:** A full month has gone by now since the crash. The three men who went in boat have been gone for twenty days. Their food supply was becoming very low. Here is a quote from your Grandfathers' diary "If we don't live to eat some of the food we talked about, we've mentally eaten one of the best meals in the world."

*Scene changes back to Scene 2*

**Olson:** When we get out of this mess I think I will retire. *(Everyone laughs)*. This is it men, this is the last of our food, some bouillon powder.

**Wayrench:** I love my country but I don't think I'm ready to die for it.

**Golm:** Me either.

**Olson:** I will always remember you as the bravest crew a captain could ever have. *(Everyone hugs, hear some crying)*

*Lights go dim. Dark. Lights come on again.*

*Enter the three Inuit.*

*The three Inuit come on stage. They check to see if the men are alive.*

**Inuit 1:** They are all dead!

**Inuit 2:** I wonder how long they were here?

**Inuit 3:** Look a diary.

*They begin to read the diary.*

*Scene changes to Scene 3, The Heavenly Bistro, New York City. All the crew are gathered at a table, except for Mangins. They are all dressed in white.*

**Waitress #1:** Who ordered the roast beef? *(She brings the Plate to Olson.)*

**Olson:** I did! *(Starts to eat)*

**Waitress #2:** I've got an order here for chicken, carrots, and peas.

**Wayrench:** Right here please, I'm starving. *(Starts to eat)*

**Waitress #3:** I've got the pizza!

**Golm:** I've got the appetite! *(Starts to eat)*

*Mangins enters*

**Mangins:** So boys what do think of my restaurant?

**Everyone:** It's heavenly!

*Lights go off*