

Northern Lights Academy
Rigolet

presents...

All That Glitters Is Not...

This play began as a revision of the play "The Long Lost Princess" and then took on a life of its own!

Cast

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Jonathan Boone

Genevieve Hayward
Kristy Sheppard
Timothy Pottle
Chesley Wolfrey
Marilyn Faulkner

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Mayor Notsorichyet (Mayor)
George Banks (CEO Diamond Field Resources)
Pumpkin Banks (CEO's Daughter)
Stella (Maid)
Bubba Gump (Kidnapper)
Obed (Kidnapper)
Wilma Anderdaughter (Government Official)
Maxine Stoned (P.I.)

Directors

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Scene 1 - The Hotel Room, Mid Morning

Maid: (Opens the door carrying four bags. Forced pleasantries)
Now sir - come right in. You too sweety! This is our best room. We haven't rented this room since Mel Woodward stayed here. Now I cleaned it since then. Mind you, just look at that view! That's the generating station: bit noisy. I'll just shut this.

Daughter: Excuse me maid, but I believe we asked for adjoining suites.

Maid: Sweets? Sweets! Of course, you get a bowl full right after you eat! And wait till you see what we got for supper. Old Alphonse got his moose and the hotel bought a whole quarter. We're gonna have moose burgers followed by chocolate mousse for dessert.

Daughter: (exasperated) Vegetables? Vegetables? Don't you have any vegetables?

Maid: Don't you worry now sweety. I can get you some french fries out of the freezer. Now is that all you'll be needing for now?

CEO: I'm sorry. I don't remember seeing the bathroom.

Maid: Oh we got a bathroom all right. It's not froze up yet. It's just three doors down on the right. I'll just run along and start on lunch. You just rest up and make yourselves comfortable. Remember the Mayor and the MCP will be visiting right after lunch.

Maid exits

Daughter: Dad, what are we doing here?

CEO: Now, Pumpkin - you know why we're here and its very important that we create a good impression.

Daughter: But Dad, I'm a vegetarian. I can't eat Alphonse's old moose.

CEO: Pumpkin, you promised me that you would try not to cause troubles.

Daughter: I'll starve to death then.

CEO: (exasperated) Look, I'll get some fresh vegetables flown in. In the mean time, please try not to complain, especially in front of the mayor. Now, let's

get ready for lunch.

Lights fade

Lights up

Daughter and CEO return from lunch. Daughter looks sick.

Daughter: (starts to gag) Bathroom?

CEO: Three doors down on the right.

Daughter leaves. CEO wanders around.
Daughter returns - sits still looking ill.

CEO: Look Pumpkin, I know how hard this is for you. I think it would be best if you weren't here while I meet these people. Why don't you take your skate board and go out and get some fresh air. Here's twenty dollars pocket money.

Knock on the door CEO answers

Maid: Sir, your guests are here. Now may I present his honour the Mayor of Rigolet, Mayor Notsorichyet, and our local MCP Wilma Anderdaughter. And may I introduce to you, the Chief Executive Officer for Diamond Fields Resources, Mr. George Banks, and his delightful daughter Pumpkin.

Handshakes all around. Maid beams.

Daughter: If you'll excuse me I think I will leave you all to your business and take in the sights of Rigolet.

Maid: Well now don't you be late for supper. I have a special treat for you!

Maid & Daughter leave
End Scene.

Scene II

The Streets of Rigolet

-After quickly roaming around (there isn't much to see) Pumpkin addressed the audience from front and centre.

-Oh my God, like how could anyone live here. I don't know why I bothered to bring this. There's nothing here but sand and potholes. Potholes, I swear there's a pothole here that would float a small baot. Speaking of boats, I bet they all rush to the dock every time one comes in. (laughs) Of course, what else can they do. Primitive. One store! One hotel and that's loosely named. I'll tell you. The kids must go nuts here. I can just imagine what it's like when winter really sets in. Brrr...

-Bubba and Obed cross along street behind Pumpkin.

-Hey they look kinda cute. I think I'll see if I can talk to the locals! Wish me luck.

Pumpkin: Hey you guys!

Bubba: Hide. She's talking to us!

Obed: Just be cool. I'll handle this. (aloud) Hi! What can we do for you.

Pumpkin: I'm very new in town and I thought you might, like, tell me what you guys do all day around here! Like do you have friends or anything?

Obed: (patiently) Of course, we have lots of friends.

Pumpkin: Lots!?! Like how many people even like here?

Obed: (snotty) There's 358 people but you see the place is so small we have to be nice to one another so we work at it! Come on!

-Pumpkin is left with her big mouth open.

-Boys move to street sign.

-Pumpkin off other side.

-Bubba uses boot phone...

-Mayor comes out of freeze in hotel room to take call at the window.

No line of movement in Hotel scene.

Mayor: What are you doing phoning me here?

Bubba: Where were we supposed to phone?

Mayor: Look butthead, what do you want?

Bubba: We want to confirm the identity of the target.

Mayor: Does she have purple hair?

Bubba: That's affirmative.

Mayor: Of course its her you idiot, go get her.

-Bubba and Obed pull down face masks and move quickly and quietly right.

-Sound of abduction off stage.

Special fades to black before sounds.
End scene.



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Scene III

The Hotel Room (Afternoon)

Mayor: Before we start our business, I would just like to welcome you to Rigolet and to thank you for agreeing to meet with us.

Official: I am also pleased to make your acquaintance and speaking for all of my constituents I would also like to welcome you to Rigolet. I know that after you have heard our lies...I mean our presentation that you will have no trouble agreeing to locate your smelter here.

CEO: Well I'm very pleased to be here and I am very interested in anything you have to offer. (jingles change in pocket)

Mayor: Oh Hark! Do we have lots to offer! We got...

Maid: (bursting in) Here George, try some of these buns. They're hot and steamy right out of my oven!

CEO: Well thank you Miss. That's very thoughtful.

Maid: Oh, you can call me Stella. (bats eyelashes)

Mayor: As I was saying...we have lots to offer. First just take a good look at our harbour - ice free and a ten knot current. That'll really flush your toilet if you know what I mean! And a work force, have we got a work force. Most of them have been resting up for this for the last ten years Sir. We are ready!

CEO: That sounds excellent. Now about the harbour. I heard that ice forms just over there and is continuous all the way to the open sea.

Official: I knew you would have heard that rumour but I've got a study here (finds one) that proves that the Greenhouse Effect and global warming have reduced the amount of ice out there so you can barely cool a drink with it...

Maid: (bursting in again) Did I hear someone say drink?

CEO: Well thanks, a little iced tea would really help with this bun.

Maid: Oh, this isn't iced tea George, this is water fresh from our hose.

CEO: Oh well thank you Stella.

Mayor: Yes now thank you Stella but we are very busy. Would

you please just wait until we call you..please.

Maid: But I'm only trying to help.

Mayor ushers her out.

Official: Anyway Mr. Banks, trust me, all the studies indicate that ice will not be a problem.

CEO: Now I noticed as we flew in that there isn't a road into here.

Mayor: Ah yes - it's almost finished,...I think...Wilma, can you update us on this detail?

Official: (pulls out another study) According to this study by DND this road was completed in 1985 and has been misplaced. We have contacted Sar-Tech over at Five Wing and they assure us that this road will be found momentarily. It's just a matter of time.

CEO: Well that's very reassuring, now how about land?

Mayor: Land have we got land! We'll give ya all you need no problem there.

CEO: But aren't there unsettled land claims?

Mayor: Don't you worry about a little thing like that. Gee, for a few dollars more even the grave yards would be up for sale!

Maid: (bursting in) Spirits or hot cross buns?

CEO: Stella you little devil that sounds heavenly!

CEO passes bun and water to Stella to receive hot cross bun and beer. Accidentally drops first bun on Mayor's foot.

Mayor: (showing Stella out) Now Stella if you'll just leave us alone now, George might have time for you later!

(Maid conveys indignance.)

Now Mr. Banks do you have any other concerns?

CEO: Everything seems OK so far, there's jusy the matter of cheap electrical power. Now that's a diesel generating plant I see out there isn't it?

Official: Yes, that's Rigolet's best kept secret. Looks just like a regular Hydro plant doesn't it?

CEO: Well yes, yes it does.

Official: It's actually the latest model of a Candu Reactor. This little nuclear plant will provide all the power you will ever need.

Mayor: (himself surprised) Yes it's amazing isn't it. (keeps looking at the plant)

CEO: Well, I must say I am very impressed. None of the other sites I have visited have met my requirements the way yours has. You should feel very proud of your community.

Maid: (bursts in with phone) Now Mayor, don't get your knickers in a knot. I know you told me not to interrupt but there is someone here says it's really important he talk to George so...

CEO: Yes, this is George Banks speaking.
-Yes, yes, I do
-But why?
-This is ridiculous. I won't give in to this kind of shenanigans.

Hangs up abruptly.

Maid: Georgie, what is it?

CEO: They've taken Pumpkin.

Maid: That's nonsense. Who would want to take Pumpkin?

CEO: They say I won't see her alive again unless the smelter is located here.

Black Out.

Scene IV

Crawl Space

Pumpkin: Who are you guys? What do you want with me? Where are we? What's that smell?

Bubba: Just take it easy little lady. We'll answer your questions in good time.

Pumpkin: I want my questions answered now! Do you know who my father is?

Bubba: Don't worry deary, we know exactly who your father is.

Pumpkin: Well, then release me immediately or you're diamond dust.

Bubba: If your father co-operates, we'll all get some of that diamond dust.

Pumpkin: (turns to Obed) What is he talking about?

Obed: First of all, my name is Obed, and this clown here is called Bubba. We are in the crawl space under the school and I can't imagine what the smell is because we are a scent-free school. Very simply we have kidnapped you to force your father to build his smelter in Rigolet.

Bubba: That's right missy. Rigolet needs the money and jobs a smelter will provide, and you are the key.

Pumpkin: Are you nuts? First of all my Dad doesn't care what happens to me and although he may be stupid, he's not so stupid to build a smelter in this hole.

Bubba: We'll see about that Punk.

Obed: Come on Bubba, lets get her to write that note and take that picture so we can send it to the hotel.

Bubba: I loves pictures (fixes his hair) How do I look?

Obed: You idiot, you can't be in the picture.

Bubba: Oh...why not?

Pumpkin: So, what am I supposed to write?

Bubba: Tell you father that you're doing all right and that we means business. If he doesn't agree to locate the smelter here within 24 hours we'll start sending him your body parts one by one.

Pumpkin: So I've been trying to lose weight. By the way, are you planning on feeding me? My lunch didn't agree with me today.

Bubba: Don't worry. We'll look after the merchandise.

Obed: Hey Bubba, why don't you go out and pick up some Mary Brown's?

Bubba: Are you crazy? Go Goose Bay tonight?

Obed: Look, we got to feed her. I thought you liked chicken and don't forget who's paying our expenses.

Bubba: Ya!! and:
"I feel like chicken tonight!
Chicken Tonight!
Bluck! Bluck!"

Bubba flaps out.

Obed: Don't worry, as soon as I take this picture, I'll tell you the real plan. Here hold this up in front of you.

Passes Pumpkin a copy of the Rigolet News.

Pumpkin: Why do I have to hold this?

Obed: I don't know, they always do it. I think its to show that you're almost bored to death.

Scene Ends with a Flash.

Scene V

The Hotel Room

CEO: My daughter kidnapped...so, this is the perfect town for a smelter? What are you going to do about this?

Mayor: Well just relax. Nothing like this has ever happened in Rigolet before. I'm sure it's just a joke.

CEO: Joke my foot. I want something done about this immediately. Get the RCMP involved.

Mayor: Of course, I'll phone them right now. They could be here within the week if the weather holds.

CEO: A week! Weather! I want action now, like immediately. She may not be much but she's the only daughter I have.

Mayor: Okay, just wait now, let me think.

Official: Aren't you forgetting something Mayor?

Mayor looks stunned.

Official: You know Mayor, agent Maxine Stoned.

Mayor: (his face brightens) Of course, she's just the one and local talent too!

CEO: Quick, get Stella. Get the phone. Let's get her onto this immediately.

Mayor opens the door to get Stella. Stella falls through the door, she has been listening.

Maid: You called?

Mayor: Stella get Maxine up here immediately.

Maid: Maxine...you want me to get Maxine...but your honour, don't you think...

Ushers Stella out.

CEO: Now Wilma tell me about this Maxine person.

Official: She's the best investigator based in Rigolet. She single handedly figured out that most residents in Rigolet want running water and a gym. Right now she's looking for that road to Goose Bay!

CEO: Well she sounds excellent!

Stella enters with Maxine.

Maid: Here she is Georgie but if you ask me I think you'd be better off...

Mayor: Thank you Stella, that will be all. Go on now!

Maid: (as annoyed as can be) I'll be back with a snack.

Mayor: Now Maxine have you been briefed on this case? ..

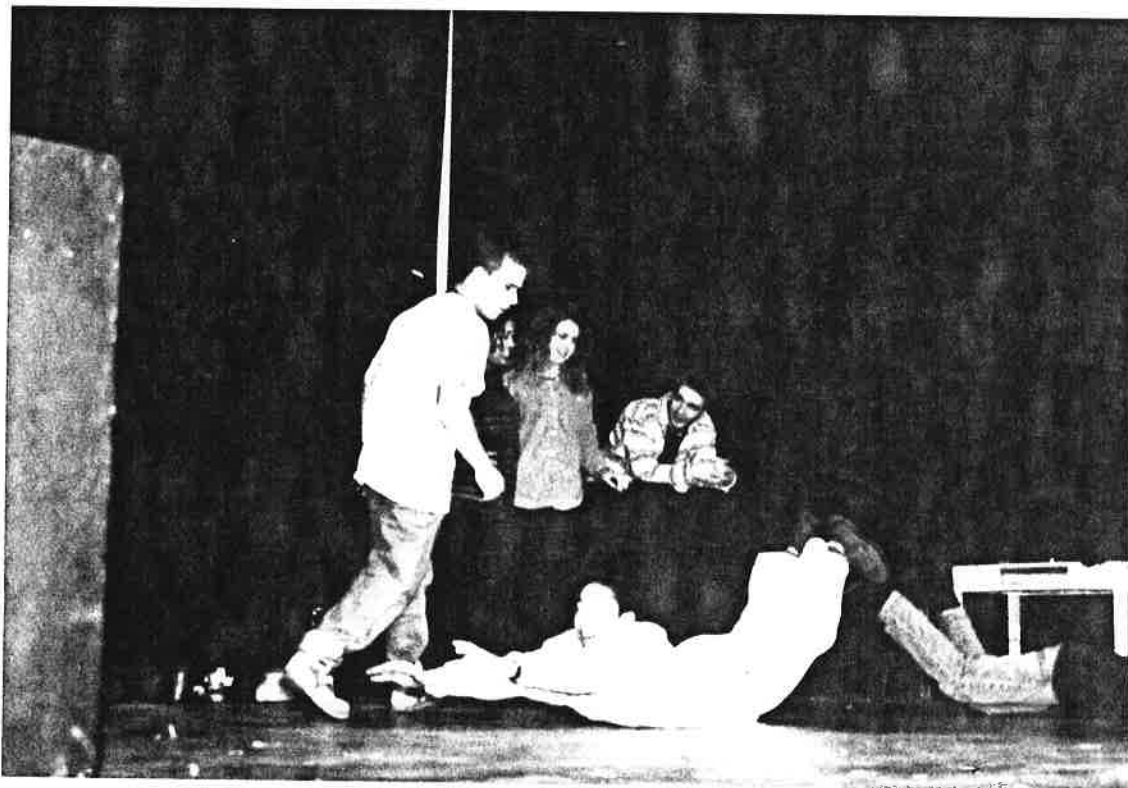
Maxine: Well, Stella gave me the outline and I found this note to someone called "Georgie"!

CEO: Quick, that's me.

Grabs note, rips it open, picture falls out.

CEO: Oh, my God. 24 hours and they start sending me body parts!

Maid: (bursting in) Chicken fingers anyone?



Improvisation: Father Leo J. Austin School, Whitby Ontario

Scene VI

The Crawl Space

Pumpkin: So, what's the "Real" plan? I hope it includes feeding me, I am hungry.

Obed: Don't worry Bubba would do anything for Mary Brown's, especially with someone else's money. He'll be back.
(pause) I really wanted to speak to you alone.

Pumpkin: Well I feel pretty alone.

Obed: Look I don't want a smelter in Rigolet.

Pumpkin: You don't?

Obed: No, I don't. I thought this idea of kidnapping you would work against a smelter more than for it. No one else knows I feel this way.

Pumpkin: So what plan do you have for Rigolet?

Obed: Well you see I like Rigolet the way it is.

Pumpkin: You do!? Are you nuts?

Obed: I knew you would think that but you haven't lived here like I have. When you grow up in a place like this, you become attached to it.

Pumpkin: And what are you going to do for a living, pick berries?

Obed: I know there are problems...but there are solutions too. I think we could live in Rigolet and make some money without destroying our environment. By the way blueberries are Nova Scotia's number one cash crop.

Pumpkin: Hey (touching his arm) you've really thought about these things haven't you?

Obed: Yes I have. I have hundreds of ideas but nobody takes me seriously. I know we can't live like our grandfathers did but I think we can make a living showing the outside world the good things about our land and culture.

Pumpkin: I'm sorry Obed, but I don't see too many good things about Rigolet.

Obed: (with feeling) That's because your eyes aren't open. You're looking for Malls and Skateboard Parks.

Pumpkin: Yeah well I like those things but...

Obed: (with even more feeling) Have you ever had a whale surface next to your boat? Have you ever heard a flock of geese calling in the night? Have you ever had a bright salmon strip off all your line, and break free? Have you ever ridden in a komatik pulled by eight dogs that would all gladly die for you? Have you ever seen the northern lights dancing in the sky?

(Period of silence)

So have you?

Pumpkin: (subdued) No, I haven't.

Obed: (embarrassed) Look I gotta go. Will you be all right here till morning?

Pumpkin: I don't want to stay here alone. Will you just stay with me?

Obed: You'll be all right. Bubba will be back by morning.

Pumpkin: Please...

Obed: OK...Here put your head here.

(Silence)

Pumpkin: Obed?

Obed: (sleepy) Yeah.

Pumpkin: Will you show me some of those things tomorrow?

(Fades to darkness)
(Darkness continued)

- Sounds of banging into things. We hear "Holy Muckoo" very loud. More banging. Lights up on Obed and Pumpkin staring at Bubba who is soaking wet dripping on them holding a frozen piece of chicken in his hand.

Lights down
End Scene

Scene VII

Streets of Rigolet

- Maxine is wandering the streets with her magnifying glass. She meets different people as she gradually works closer to the crawl space.

- First she meets Bubba who is leaving the crawl space with left over chicken.

Maxine: So, what are you doing out so early Bubba?

Bubba: (nervous) I just got back from picking up this chicken in Goose Bay. You know me, "I felt like chicken last night. Chicken last night. Bluck! Bluck!"

Maxine: That's a lot of chicken just for you.

Bubba: Well I can put it away. (pats tummy) Look I gotta go now.

Maxine: Don't get any ideas about leaving town.

- Next meets the Official and the Mayor.

Maxine: Your honour, what are you and Ms. Anderdaughter doing out and about so early?

Mayor: We're campaigning, never too early to get a start.

Official: Yes, we thought we'd do some while the air is still clean.

Mayor: Have you found anything Maxine?

Maxine: There seems to be a strange smell coming from the school.

Mayor: Oh? We noticed that something seemed to exciting the dogs down by the hydro plant.

Official: Mayor we must get down to work. Come along.

- Maxine keeps moving towards the school. Meets the CEO and the maid. CEO sincerely worried and the maid sincerely in love.

CEO: There you are! Have you discovered anything? Oh, I miss her so much.

Maid: Oh don't you worry Georgie! (Just my luck the little brat will turn up.)

Maxine: I think I'm onto something sir. I may have something by this afternoon.

- Meanwhile, behind them Obed escorts Pumpkin across the back of the stage and away.

CEO: Oh, please...I never realized how much that purple haired little Pumpkin means to me.

Maid: Come with me back to the hotel Georgie and I will fix you a nice hot bath.

- Maxine bumbles and stumbles her way to the crawl space (now empty) and starts picking up clues.

Lights down and slow fade
End Scene

Scene VIII

On Top of Sunday Hill

- Obed arrives on top of hill and reaches back to help a winded Pumpkin, who now looks much softer. (a cute cap) Obed looks stoically around. He is strong and proud.

Pumpkin: My God Obed it's beautiful. I've never seen anything like this. The caribou moss, the trees, the water, the snow on that hill. The sky is so huge.

Obed: I am gald that you can feel it too. Words sometimes can't describe the feeling of Labrador.

Pumpkin: I'll say! Obed...what's that out there on the water? It's enormous! Obed what is it?

Obed: (with pride) We call them Grampus but they are Minke Whales. They feed on krill moving with the current.

Pumpkin: I can't imagine anything that big being in that water. I have never seen anything...Look there's another!

Obed: (caught up) Now you know why I want to keep it safe, so I can show more people like you.

Pause

Pumpkin: Obed would a smelter ruin all this?

Obed: I don't know, technology has come a long way but we don't know everything. There are always accidents.

Pumpkin: Obed I think you should take me back to my father.

Obed: I think so too.

They embrace.

Slow fade.

Scene IX

The Hotel Room

- Open with Stella fussing over George. Dressed in French Maid costume.

Maid: Now you just relax, put your feet up. We'll hear from Maxine in a little while. Now is there anything else I can get you?

CEO: Oh, Stella you are being so good to me, but my life is changed. I now know that the things that I thought were important aren't. Who cares about land claims and smelters and ore bodies and diamonds...I lose my little pumpkin then I have nothing.

Maid: Well I wouldn't carry things too far.

CEO: Pardon?

Maid: I mean things will brighten up, you'll see. Here take my heart.

CEO: Pardon?

Maid: I mean here, have one of these candy hearts.

- Knock on the door.

CEO: Quick Stella see who it is?

- Stella opens the door. Enter Mayor Notsorichyet and Ms. Anderdaughter.

CEO: Have you found anything?

Mayor: No we haven't but Ms. Anderdaughter and I are in agreement.

Official: We think you should agree to the kidnappers demands.

CEO: (for the first time really mad) Are you two crazy? Build a smelter in the town that stole my heart, my Pumpkin? Never I would die first.

Knock at door.

CEO: Quick Stella get the door.

Enter Maxine Stoned.

CEO: Well Agent Stoned what have you found?

Maxine: I found where she spent the night but she's gone.

Official: Gone!

Mayor: Gone?

Stella: Gone.

CEO: Gone.

- Bubba bursts in.

Bubba: She's gone Mayor, she's gone!!

Mayor tries to hide.

CEO: (pulls himself together) What's going on around here? Young man who are you and what do you know about my daughter?

Maid: (tough) OK Mayor, you know more about this than you are letting on. Let's have the truth.

Official: I think we better tell him Mayor, I don't think it would have worked anyway.

Mayor: Now Mr. Banks, I want you to know that we did this to help our town. The salmon have been falling off, the people need the work, they need security, so here's what we did.

Fade to Black.

Fade up.

Mayor: All right now, and thanks to this burgler (points to Bubba) I don't know where your daughter is!

- Door opens, in comes Pumpkin and Obed.

- Pumpkin runs to father and sincerely embraces him.

Pumpkin: Oh Daddy, I've missed you so.

CEO: I've missed you too Pumpkin, if only you knew.

Pumpkin: Dad I want you to meet someone, someone very special.

- She brings Obed forward.

Obed: I am pleased to meet you Sir. Your daughter is also very special.

CEO: I know that now Son.

Pumpkin: Dad I saw a whale and I climbed this huge hill and Dad it's so beautiful here. Will you come out with us?

CEO: Well now that's a good idea! Perhaps I better see what they really have around here before we do anymore business.

Maid: Yes Georgie let's all climb Sunday Hill.

CEO: Maybe we'll find that road!

Black out.

Colours of the Wind - low but growing.

Cast move off and out in black.

Music still swelling with lights.

Through hotel door--

- Bubba and Maxine
- Wilma and Mayor
- CEO and Maid
- Pumpkin and Obed

Take one bow and lose character.

Must acknowledge the audience.

In the way you want to but sincerely wave and walk off the stage.

The set is now a stage.