

**Jens Haven Memorial Drama Troupe
Jens Haven Memorial School
Nain
presents
“Lost”**

Cast

Ancestor 1.....	Darren Andersen
Ancestor 2.....	Mitchell White
Andrew.....	Josh Pamak
Aputik.....	Holly Anderson
Hannah.....	Janice Webb
Jenny.....	Crystal Webb
Kevin.....	David Dicker

Crew

Stage Manager.....	Josh Pamak
Assistant Manager.....	Jessica Dawe
Costumes.....	Darren Andersen, Sarah Hearn, Lavina Jararuse
Props.....	David Dicker, Harriote Lampe
Lights.....	Janice Webb
Sound.....	Josh Pamak
Understudy.....	Sarah Hearn

Teacher Advisor

Jennifer Harris

“Lost” is about finding and believing in the old ways. The spirits of long-dead ancestors come back and connect through a young girl. The others don’t believe in the old ways but together they try to find their way home. But how? This play was written through the hard work and inspiration of all the members of the drama troupe.

SCENE I: In the past (~1903) Fraser river landwash. Burial Ceremony (low trees - hilly backdrop) Two/three burial mounds.

Ancestor burial ceremony. They are in traditional dress. The scene has no dialogue, only movement and music throughout.

Drummers commence after burial is complete. All other characters exit except drummers. Play for ~20 seconds, then fade to black.

SCENE II - In the woods.

Enter all characters chatting and joking around. Kevin has everyone's attention. He is in the middle of a story.

Kevin: Anyway she says to me.....

Andrew: *(interrupts)* Ahhh.....wait a minute. Where did everybody go?

Kevin: Andrew! You didn't let me finish, man.

Hannah: Hey Kevin! Andrew's right, where are they? Where are we?

Kevin: Maybe everybody's lost but us?

Jenny: Sometimes I wish you were.

Aputik: That's funny, Jen. But what way did they go?

All: *(Pointing in different directions)* That way!

Aputik: Well, that solved a lot.

Hannah: Which way did we come from?

All: *(Point in different directions again)* This way?

Aputik: Great, so we came from everywhere?

Andrew: We're lost! So, now what?

Hannah: What? What do you mean, lost?

All talk amongst themselves.

Jenny: We can't be lost!

Kevin: We're not lost! We're right here.

Pause

Andrew: *(quick and worried)* They can't be too far. They were here a minute ago. Let's just stay here. They'll find us!

Jenny: *(Aside)* Sigh! Kevin and his stupid ideas. That's it.....no one's even going to realize we're missing.

Hannah: Oh Jenny..stop worrying. Everything's gonna be okay.

Jenny: Face it, we are lost!

Hannah: Stop grumbling will ya! The fact is we're lost so let's just deal with it.

Andrew: What we need is a plan.

Jenny: Give up - we're doomed!

Aputik: Hey! It's no time to give up. We got work to do if we are going to be stuck out here for a few hours.

Kevin: Speak for yourselves.

Andrew: While youse guys are acting like a bunch of babies, I'm gonna look around.
(Exits)

Kevin: *(Sits)* I'm tired. Let's take a snack break.

Hannah: *(Takes out chocolate bars from her knapsack and passes them around)* Here, fill your mouth with this.

Kevin: Man, this is crazy!

Hannah: Can you try to be a little more positive?

Jenny: Well. We can't all be serious.

Aputik: What's that supposed to mean?

Jenny: Nothing.

Aputik: isn't it better to be safe than sorry?

Jenny: Whatever!

(Enter Andrew)

Andrew: Hey guys! I found a hill we can use as a lookout but everything else is pretty much trees.

Kevin: What do we do now?

Andrew: *(pause)* It's getting late so let's just stay here. The others are probably setting up camp now wherever they are. We should build a fire and sit it out.

Aputik: I guess we have no other choice. Let's get some wood.

(Music starts. All look around picking up wood to build a fire. Characters spread out to gather the wood. Ancestors enter as spirits. They mime the character action as if helping them as they dance around. Fade to black)

SCENE III

As the scene progresses, lights dim to show a sunset. Lights are now on Jenny and Andrew - downstage. Others are gathering wood)

Andrew: So Jenny, what's going on with you and Aputik?

Jenny: *(Snaps)* I don't want to talk about it.

Andrew: Just trying to help. I mean, you've been best friends since grade one.

Jenny: As you can guess being lost is no picnic.

Andrew: *(nudges Jenny and laughs trying to lighten her mood)* Just ask Kevin.

Jenny: This is freaking me out and Aputik seems so calm. Nothing seems to bother her.

Andrew: It's okay. We'll be fine. We've got enough food for a few days. Besides, how can you go wrong with a guy like me here! *(Laughs)*

(Andrew and Jenny continue to pick up wood, then rejoin the group)

Kevin: I wish everyone would hurry up. I'm starving!

Aputik: Yeah me too. Here they come. It's about time slow pokes!

(Andrew and Aputik begin to light a fire. Andrew takes out matches)

Kevin: At least we don't have to catch our food.

Hannah: *(tosses cans to Kevin as she mentions them)* Guess again! So, is it beans or spaghetti? *(Sighs then pauses)* How did our ancestors ever survive out here?

Aputik: They were strong people.

Andrew: Yeah, I guess they had to be. Having no real home like we do, and living in tents and having to hunt and trap their food.

Hannah: That was hard times. But they got through it and so will we!

Jenny: But Hannah, that was their life. This is harder for us. It's the worst camping trip I've ever been on.

Kevin: Duh! Maybe that's because you were never lost on one before.

Hannah: At least now we get to make our own choices instead of someone else telling us what to do. It's like we're surviving all on our own.

Aputik: I'm cold. Let's huddle around the fire.

Hannah: Why don't we get in our sleeping bags?

Kevin: *(Grinning)* Mmmm! I smell a ghost story!

Jenny: No way! I'm scared enough as it is.

Kevin: C'mon scared little baby.

Aputik: Well Jenny, I could tell a story that's not scary. My grandmother tells me stories all the time about the past and how she survived when she was about our age.

Jenny: Well okay. I suppose. I think your granny is kind of wacky though.

Aputik: Jenny, can't you just give it a chance. *(Tells story)*

Kevin: Boring oh' story. I got one that will freak you out! And it happened right here in these woods.

All: Ooooooh!

Jenny: I think it was one of your stories that got us in this mess in the first place.

Aputik: You're not helping!

(Jenny sulks. Covers head with sleeping bag and lies down)

Kevin: Anybody wanna hear my story or whaaa?

(Everyone settles in. Kevin tells his story)

Andrew: *(nudges Kevin to get the girls going)* Did you hear that?

Girls: Hear what?

Andrew: That growling noise.

Jenny: *(From her sleeping position)* That was probably just Kevin's belly.

All laugh.

Jenny: Thanks.....I don't think I'll be able to sleep now.

Aputik: Jeez Jen. Hannah was right. We will be all right here on our own. At least we got each other.

All: Goodnight.

Pause. Campfire slowly fades out and music starts. Ancestors appear. Keep fire going and tuck in kids. When they leave Aputik sits up with a start and looks around, then goes back to sleep. She senses their presence)

SCENE IV: Sunrise

Aputik is the first to rise. She gets out of her sleeping bag and begins to pick up garbage and cleans up site. She shakes head in disgust. She begins to wake up others. All protest being woke up. They groan and moan. Hannah gets up and stretches.

Andrew: *(gets up and stretches)* Come on...get up! We have to try to find our way out of here.

Kevin: I'm not going anywhere, man.

Jenny: Yeah! I'm staying here til they find us. They probably don't even know we are missing yet.

Kevin and Jenny curl back up and go to sleep

Hannah: Hey, cheer up. We made it through the night didn't we?

Andrew: They're definitely looking for us by now. I'm going to walk back the trail we came from and see if I can see any sign of them. *(Exits)*

Aputik: You people are soooo messy.

Kevin: It's just a little garbage, leave us alone.

Aputik: *(rising anger, grabs knapsack and puts it on)* You have no respect for this land, Kev.. Or any of you. I'm not staying out here with you guys another night! I'm going up on top of that hill and I'm going to find us a way home. *(Exits)*

Hannah: Ahh you two get up. *(Sighs when they do not move. She pokes at the fire. Fade)*

SCENE V : burial site now covered in grass and moss. Take away forest setting

(Aputik enters with knapsack on, grumbling to herself, head hung low, kicks the ground)

Aputik: Why do they have to act that way? *(Kicks really hard dislodging something under the dirt)* Ummm, what's this? It looks like some kind of tool or something. *(Looks around)* What is this place? I wonder if it was an old campsite or something. There is supposed to be tons of them around here. *(Sits down and looks around. Takes a drink)* I like it here. It feels warm. *(Pause)* God, I'm exhausted. *(Lies down. Lights slowly dim to a silhouette. Music starts. Ancestors enter from already on stage. Their actions wake up Aputik. Scattered Inuk works. She dances with them as they drum. They show her things. Points to landmarks as they say works in Inuk. Give her ulu. They leave.)* Come back! *(First in Inuk then in English. She lies down again and sleeps)*

Others: *(offstage)* Aputik! Aputik! Where are you?

All enter and see her. They run to her and try to wake her up. Aputik is mumbling the words her ancestors told her.

Jenny: Thank God I found you. Wake up Apu! What's happened? Cover her quick, she's freezing!

Andrew takes sleeping bag from sack and covers her. Aputik comes around a little. Still slipping in and out of consciousness)

Aputik: Where am I? What happened?

Jenny: You must have fallen asleep.

Aputik: I just had the most amazing dream.

Andrew: Come on, we got to get her out of here.

Aputik: NO!

Andrew: We have to, it's getting dark.

Aputik: No! I'm not going anywhere. We can stay here.

Andrew: It's probably better seeing you're not feeling well. We got to get her warm. Let's get a fire going.

(Jenny stays with Aputik. The rest scatter looking for wood. Lights dim)

SCENE VI: It is dark. Fire is now lit

Aputik is sitting by the fire wrapped in a sleeping bag. All are gathered around her still concerned)

Aputik: I'm feeling better now. *(Pauses to take a drink)* I had the most amazing experience of my life. I was surrounded by people, ghosts...I don't know what they were. But they taught me how to get us home.

Kevin: Is this one of your grandma's stories?

Aputik: No! There were drums and dancing and traditional ways. They showed me...Look! There is a river close to here... That star up there, that bright one is the direction we have to go...

Jenny: Stop! I think you're just feeling the effects of the cold you got.

Kevin: No time for stories now.

Aputik: No wait. They told me what hills to look for...

Andrew: Apu stop it. You are talking crazy!

Aputik: But Andrew, those berries we saw the other day. Look. They gave me something. Where is it? What did you do with it?

Hannah: If they were ghosts, how could they give you something?

Aputik: But...but...wait, here it is. *(Pulls out ulu)*

Kevin: What is that?

Aputik: They called it an ulu. A woman's knife.

Jenny: Where did you get that?

Aputik: *(forceful)* You weren't listening! They gave it to me. *(Pause)* They told me to tell you they are always with you.

Hannah: Who did?

Aputik: They did. You don't believe me.

Jenny: Take it easy. We're all a little scared right now. This is all just a little too much.

Aputik: Fine! I don't care! It was wonderful and YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME!

Andrew: Okay. Everyone calm down. Let's call it a night. Tomorrow we will let Aputik show us what she means.

(Everyone lies down and sleeps, leaving Aputik awake, sitting up. She turns around and calls out to them)

Aputik: Please! Make them see! Make them understand! *(Pause)* Help me show them. *(She gives up and goes to sleep. The spirits enter. All but Aputik is awakened. They all stand up together. Spirits surround and dance around them. They are frightened at first but no words are spoken. The circle gets smaller. They begin to*

feel the power of the spirits enter them. They are touched and physically feel the energy. The circle widens. Characters re-enter sleeping bags and go to sleep. The spirits depart. It is morning. Lights slowly brighten to sunrise. Music stops. They all awake together except Aputik. They feel refreshed. Then they look at each other remembering what happened to them)

Andrew: What happened? Was it real? Did you.....

Jenny: Yeah! I'm not sure.

Kevin: Man, I don't know about you but I saw ghosts! It was freaky!

Hannah: Me too! It was so cool! I feel their presence all around me.

Jenny: Aputik was right. How could we not believe her? How could I not believe her! I have to tell her! *(Moves to Aputik)* Aputik wake up!

Aputik: What? What? I'm awake.

Jenny: Take us home!

All freeze, fade to black.