

**Queen of Peace Middle School
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Presents**

“Dream Scheme”

Cast of Characters:

**Hilary Yetman.....Erica
Robyn Quigley..... Natily
Stephanie Dugour.....Alicia
Chloe Soroka..... Victoria
Katie Hinks..... Katie
Lorraine Matthews.....Jonathan
Thomas Abbass..... Cody
Nikita Keefe..... Custodian
Jessica Cocarell-Motty..... Principal/Teacher
Jaya Pradham, Berit Sellars.....Students
Yasmin Abohalima, Paige Talbot,
Shayla Loose, Ryan Hobbes**

Walls:

**Dee Hay Rumbolt, Shawnee Sampson
Kylie Michelin, Junior Best, Jaime Rose,
Samantha Lewis, Rhea Mitchelmore,
Hilary Beaufield, Candice Humpheries, Emily King,
Krystal Anne Kavanagh, Erica Penny, Haley Battcock,
Jillian Bessey**

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Music

Narration by the walls: (All walls say the **bolded** words in chorus.)

Wall # 1: Welcome, we, **the walls**, are going to talk to you tonight.

Wall# 2: Some of us feel we **have been silent too long**.

Wall# 3: You see nobody notices us so we get to **know everything**.

Wall# 4: Tonight we are going to take you to a normal grade seven classroom where the abnormal teacher is going to try something very different, **without the knowledge of the school board**.

Wall# 5: These days teachers are being asked to do more and more for their students. How can they do this if they don't know what their students are thinking. So this teacher tries an experiment. **Can you blame her?**

Wall# 6: So join us for this experiment in this **typical grade seven classroom!**

Music. Walls form shape for classroom during music.

Teacher: Okay kids, clear your desks and get ready for something really different!

Alicia: You mean you're finally going to give us a free period?

Teacher: No Alicia, today we're going to look inside your head and find out what's really going on in there!

Whole class (all together):	Berit	Don't expect much!
	Yasmin	How are you going to do that?
	Jaya	I can't wait to find out what Cody's thinking.
	Berit	As if you didn't know!

Teacher: Quiet everybody!! For this experiment we are going to use this special machine.

Jonathan: But Mrs. Johnson, that's just the basic Mini Effects Fogger, Model 2731, available at any Radio Shack for \$186.26.

Teacher: As usual you are correct Jonathan, but for this experiment we aren't using the regular oil, but a special formula that I developed myself. When I turn on this machine and you breathe this

fog, you will act out your inner most thoughts and dreams. You will tell us what is most important to you, what you keep locked up inside.

Alicia: That will never work!

Natily: I don't think I want anyone to know what I'm thinking.

Teacher: Well... if anyone doesn't want to participate it just so happens that Mr. Dove is about to start an extra help math class in the cafeteria. You just have time to make it. I thought so... Now everybody put your head on your desk. Shut your eyes. You will each get a turn. Ready?

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot Environmental sounds nature tape. Victoria comes forward walking through the walls which have become trees.

Victoria: Listen do you hear those sounds? Those are the sounds of nature. Frogs and birds and insects. The wind in the trees. The sound of rain on a woodland lake. These sounds are so soothing that some guy had the bright idea to make a tape of them so we could buy it and listen to these sounds. I wonder what he knew that the rest of us are just finding out? Do you know that there are kids in Toronto that have **never** seen the stars? How do you feel about the two toxic spills they have had recently at Voisey Bay? Wouldn't you think that man would finally be smart enough **not** to foul his own nest? Aboriginal people have lived here for **9000** years. We've practically got it ruined in just **500** years.

"Pave paradise and put up a parking lot."

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot Tammy Whynette singing D-I-V-O-R-C-E Walls form next shape. Jaya comes forward, Paige, Dee Jay, and Junior, come from the wings.

Wall # 7: That's right, divorce. It used to be that no one talked about it, now 50% of marriages end in it. You might as well just flip a coin!

Jaya: Our parents got divorced three years ago. I was nine.

Paige: And I was six.

Jaya: At first I thought it was a good thing...

Paige: At least they weren't fighting all the time...

Jaya: But then came "joint custody"...

Paige: And Dad had moved way across town...

Jaya: It's pretty hard to tell your Dad that you don't want to live with him. But all my friends...

Paige: And my stuffed animals... and clothes... I never seem to have what I need...

Father: I guess we just sort of grew apart... We tried to stay together, you know, for the children... but pretty soon you could see that that wasn't going to work...

Mother: I wanted something more... I loved being pregnant and they were so cute when they were small... But now I just want to get on with my life...

Jaya: If we could only walk between homes, you know, live in the same neighborhood, still see all our old friends, all the time.

Paige: And Dad's got different rules when were at his place, and mom's got a new boyfriend ...

Jaya: And Dad's got a "special friend", and she's pretty neat, but she's not my mom.... But you know what? It has made Paige pretty special to me. I guess we're really lucky to have each other.

Paige pulls Jaya down, sits on his knee and gives him a hug and a kiss.

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot Madonna singing Girls Just Want To Have Fun. Cody comes forward with his chair.

Wall #8: Yup, girls do want to have fun.... But so do boys. Lets take a look inside the mind of this thirteen year old male...

Cody: Man... did you see that new girl? I'm sure glad that every year there are new kids moving here. Not that there's anything wrong with the old ones, but ... I wonder if she would go out with me?... (sits in chair and goes into a dream) I wonder if she'd let me kiss her? (Big smile) Ohhhhh....

Sexy Girl #1: Cody ? What cha doing?...

Sexy Girl # 2: Cody are you busy after school today?...

Sexy Girl # 3: Cody, I got tickets to the drive in movie...

Sexy Girl # 4 Cody my parents have gone to the cabin for the weekend. How would you like to come over?

Lights Smoke Follow spot Freeze. Sexy Girl 4 has sat on Cody's lap, others pose around him. Yasmin comes forward in traditional clothing carrying a tennis racquet. She examines the frozen tableau in front of her.

Yasmin: You see, I am new here! But you can bet that I'm not one of the "new girls" he was talking about. As a matter of fact I don't think he has noticed that I exist. And it's not fair! I don't want to throw myself at boys, I want to play tennis. You see, there's this girl, Sania Mirza, she's Indian, and a Muslim like me, but she's a tennis sensation! She's eighteen and she recently made it to the cover of TIME magazine as an "Asian Hero". The first female, Indian athlete ever to be featured on the magazine's cover. She's awesome, she went from an International ranking of # 326 to #31 in just one year! London's intellectual weekly, New Statesman, has listed her as one of the "10 people capable of changing the world". They say she could inspire a whole new generation of Indian girls to express their hopes and ambitions through sports.

So, what's the problem? Well a group of Muslim clerics have issued a fatwa (a religious decree) demanding that she cover up during matches. They said her skirts and tee shirts are "un-Islamic" and "corrupting". Some Muslim leaders threatened to prevent her from playing if she showed up in a tight shirt and with her legs uncovered. Although Sania has received support from many Muslim groups and even religious leaders, she finds the public discussion of everything she says or wears makes her very uncomfortable. (Taking off traditional clothes to reveal a tennis outfit.) Me, I just want to play tennis! (Slams a ball thrown in from off stage.)

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot Concrete Angel

Wall # 9: Some of the stuff in young peoples minds... well maybe it should just stay there?? But if we don't talk about it, how are we gonna fix it?

Jack: Hey Shayla, is there anyone else home?

Shayla: Yeah, I think they're upstairs.

Jack: Have they been drinking?

Shayla: Yeah. Jack, I got this from one of the kids at school. It's the number for the kid's help line.

Jack: Do you think we should call?

Shayla: I'm scared Jack, that's all I really know, I'm scared.

Father and mother enter. They have been drinking and are getting ready to go out.

Father: Your mother and I are going out.

Mother: We will be back later. Jack find something to eat from the freezer.

Jack: Couldn't we have some money to order something?

Mother: Give them ten dollars Junior.

Jack: Thanks, but that isn't quite enough.

Father: Not enough? Well give it back then!

Finds paper with phone number with the money.

Father: Shawnee, look at this, an eight hundred number.

Mother: Let me see. You don't suppose the little brats were gonna use it do you?

Father: *(Taking off his belt.)* He'll be needing some help when I've finished with him.

Father approaches Jack. Shayla launches herself at his belt arm.

Shayla: Stop! Don't hit him! I got the number. We weren't going to use it.

Father: Shawnee, get that brat off me, or she'll get hurt too!

Strobe starts as Shawnee grabs Shayla and starts shaking her. Father is hitting the stage next to Jack's crouching body.

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot Concrete Angel which changes to Canadian Idol Theme.

Wall# 10: Ladies and gentlemen, this is the moment you have all been waiting for... Canada's newest Canadian Idol is... Berit Sellars!!!

Berit: Thank you, thank you so much. The only way I know, to really thank you, is to sing, so, Canada this is for you...

Music Lights Smoke Follow spot: class is set up during freaky music

Wall#11: Almost every kid has dreams of being trapped in the school. Join Erica as she takes us through her dream.

Custodian creeps in and locks library door. Principal comes to check library).

Custodian: I've already cleaned and checked that room *(with a chuckle)*

Principal shrugs and exits. Custodian peers through door window. He is spotted by Katie.

Katie: Who's that? *(Looking out the door window)*

Cody: Well, who are you, anyway?

Natily: That's Erica's little sister Katie, she came to watch the drama practice.

Katie: Yes, yes, but who was that?

Victoria: I don't know. But we have to leave, all the other groups have gone.

Erica: *(goes to open the door)* Why won't it open?

Katie: It won't open?

Jonathan: Well the only logical thing to take in prospective is . . .

Alicia: THE DOOR'S LOCKED!! How will I get my make-up, clean clothes, wash my hair, talk on the phone! *(Saying this while pushing Erica out of the way to pull at the door)* I have a date tonight!

Cody: I'm right here!

Alicia: *(miserably)* But you're not the same without your money!

Cody: Calm down we'll find another way out. *(Annoyed)*.

Katie: We will?

Jonathan: Cody and I will go see if the back library door is locked.

Alicia: *(dramatically)* We're going to die here.

Katie: We're going to die?

Erica: Not what I had in mind for my death place.

Victoria: No one's going to die.

Katie: Well that's a relief!

Natily: I knew going in drama would be trouble. At least next time you'll know to listen to me when something like this happens again.

Alicia: You just don't like drama because you never got the lead role like I did. *(Bragging)* I knew I would; obviously, I'm the best actress here.

Katie: No, Jonathan is the best!

Victoria: *(Ignoring Katie and Jonathan)* Natily could have got the lead role, she just didn't want it. She'd rather just help every one with things that need to be done.

Katie: No, No, No, It's always Jonathan!

Erica: We should phone home to explain why we aren't home yet.

Natily: I'll phone if Victoria will too?

Victoria: Sure, why not!

Victoria and Natily turn to face the boys who have just returned.

Jonathan: There seems to be no unlocked doors here in this library.

Katie: *(talking to Jonathan)* Your so smart!

Natily: Whatever!! Does one of you have a cell phone we could use then? *(Talking to the boys).*

Cody: Why do you want my cell phone?

Victoria: Duh, we need to phone home.

Katie: Yeah Cody, duh.

Cody: Oh, be quiet Katie. *(Passes his phone to Natily).*

Erica: Natily, ask your mom if she can pick us up.

Natily: *(talking to Erica)* The phone isn't working.

Cody: What did you do to my phone? *(Grabs his phone from Natily).*

Jonathan: I think I could get it working. All I'll need is pliers, a microwave and some wire.

Alicia: Oh Jonathan that's a great idea! IF WE HAD A MICROWAVE. Hello, we're stuck in a library!

Katie: Well I thought it was a great idea!

Victoria: Yeah, Katie's right. Alicia don't be so mean.

Alicia: Well you have to admit his idea was stupid.

Katie & Jonathan: NO IT WASN'T!

Erica: Enough you guys, we don't need to phone. But we still have to find a way out of here.

Alicia: Oh my gosh, how stunned am I??.

Victoria: Very much!

Every one laughs

Cody: Good one!

Alicia: Cody! I guess you don't want to know how I can get us out.

Katie: What, you know how to get us out?!

Natily: How?!

Alicia: Yeah right, now you guys need me.

Jonathan: ALICIA!!

Alicia: Ok, ok, ok, There's always more than one way to use hair products. *(Pulls a pin from Victoria's hair).*

Victoria: Hey, watch it!

Alicia opens the door with the pin from Victoria's hair.

Cody: You're the best Alicia!

Alicia: That's more like it Cody.

Katie: No, it's not more like it!! Cody's wrong! You're not the best, Jonathan is!

Jonathan: Now I can go home and study the encyclopaedia!

Erica: Geek!

Katie: I'm telling Mum on you Erica! You have to be nice!

All of them go into the hall.

Alicia: Oh no, there's that freak of a janitor down the hall.

Jonathan: Actually, to be correct, he's a custodian.

Cody: Shut up, you're so not cool.

Katie and Jonathan: HEY!!

Victoria: He's coming this way!

Natily: What are we going to say to him?

Victoria: I don't know.

Custodian: Hello you little brats.

Erica: Hello Mr. Janitor guy. *(In a nervous voice)*

Custodian is angry that the kids got out of the library.

Custodian: It's not Mr. Janitor guy!! It's Mr. Custodian guy!

Alicia hides behind Cody and Katie hides behind Jonathan.

Custodian: *(Unexpectedly grabs Erica and pulls her away. Yelling.)* You won't be seeing her again!!

Erica: Help! Help!!

All the kids scream and Katie starts to cry. Custodian puts Erica into a trolley and wheels her down the hall.

Custodian: *(singing)* You ain't nothing but a hound dog.

Principal: *(scared and stuttering)* H-h-hello J-jim

Custodian: Uhhh...

Principal: Did you find any kids in the building?

Custodian: Uh, no, not a one!

Principal: Ok then, could you please just finish checking all the bathrooms.

Return to the kids.

Natily: You guys, what do we do?

Jonathan: Well, technically, you are her friends, am I correct?

Alicia: No!

Cody: Yes!

Natily: Of course!

Victoria: OBVIOUSLY!

Katie: She's my sister, DUH.

Jonathan: OK, well then, we should go and seek her, but we will need to exercise extreme caution because of the custodian.

Natily: But I'm scared of him.

Katie: So? We still have to find her!

Cody: You're right of course, we do have to find her.

Alicia: Fine.

Natily: But what if the Janitor comes back and takes someone else?

Jonathan: Not janitor, the correct term is CUSTODIAN.

Alicia: WHAT EVER!

Victoria: Don't be so mean Alicia!

Katie: That will be a little hard for her to do.

Cody: Take cover every one, She's gonna blow!

Alicia: Cody!

Natily: What??

Victoria: Natily, look at Alicia.

Natily: Ohhhhh... I get it.

Everybody laughs.

Cody: Better take cover!

Victoria: Ok that's not funny anymore.

Cody: No. No. I mean we have to hide, I hear the janitor coming!!

Jonathan: *(As everyone is moving away)* The correct term is custodian. Custodian!

Cody: Nobody make a sound!

Custodian enters, looks around.

Custodian: Any twerps in here?

Katie: *(With out thinking)* No.

Jonathan: Katie?!

Katie: Whoops, I'm sorry Jonathan

(chase scene)

Cody: Everybody, quick, out the door!!

Victoria: Look! It's a frog!!

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Jonathan: Actually, that's a Rana clamitans, commonly known as a green frog.

Katie: Oh Jonathan, How do you know all these things?!

Jonathan: It's simple really, you can tell by the green...

Alicia: YES! RIGHT! Never mind that now! I hear him coming!

Natily: I knew he would find us! That's why I wanted to stay in the library.

Victoria: It's okay Natily, at least we're all together.

Cody: You guys, stop chatting and start running.

Katie: (*Looking around*) I can't see him! I don't know where he's gone.

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Victoria: That stupid frog is trying to talk.

Jonathan: Actually, the Rana Clamitans is one of the more intelligent members of the species.

Katie: (*With love*) Oh Jonathan!

Frog: (*Trying to point*) Ribbit! Ribbit!

Custodian: I've got you now!

Everyone: NO YOU DON'T!!

Another chase scene, frog very cleverly trips the custodian, giving the kids a chance to get away.

Custodian: Drat! They got away again, but I'll get them, sooner or later.

In another hallway.

Victoria: We lost him.

Alicia: DUH!

Cody: Alicia, stop picking on her, you're starting to annoy everyone!

Alicia: Whatever Cody. You are getting on my nerves too. Maybe you'd like to be going out with Victoria?

Cody: What??

Natily: Guys, please stop fighting! Right now we have more serious problems.

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Victoria: Look, there's that frog again, it seems like it's trying to tell us something.

Katie: I just want to find my sister.

Cody: We're trying, can't you see.

Alicia: So, if we can't find her, we may as well just give up.

Everybody: NO WAY!!

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Natily: I think you're right about this frog, Victoria, and there's something familiar about it...

Katie: What are we going to do now?

Natily: Why couldn't I have been sick today?

Victoria: I'm kinda getting creeped out too.

Cody: That's okay, we all are.

Jonathan: If my calculations are correct, the custodian will turn this corner a-n-y second now.

Custodian with the principal turn corner.

Everybody: Wow Jonathan, how did you....?

Principal: Why are you kids still in the school?

Frog: *(Trying to get the principal's attention)* Ribbit! Ribbit!

Principal: What's this frog doing here?

Cody: We don't know..., but he seems to really like you!

Jonathan: Actually, that frog is a female.

Principal: I don't care what it is, you kids have some explaining to do!

Victoria: Well, we were just leaving the library to go home after drama practice when that custodian locked us in! When we did manage to get out, he took Erica!

Alicia: And ever since that he's been chasing us around the school.

Cody: And, nobody's seen Erica!

Natily: I think Mr. Custodian Guy is the one who should be explaining.

Principal: Well, I don't know, Mr. Robinovich has been with us for a long time. On the other hand, some of you are pretty decent kids...

Natily: We are telling the truth! And I bet that he knows where Erica is.

Custodian: You are liars!

Jonathan: We outnumber you six to one!

Katie: What did you do to my sister? Where is she?

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Custodian: Well I don't know where she is now!

Frog: Ribbit! Ribbit!

Katie: I don't believe you! *(Starts to cry, but advances toward the custodian.)*

Principal: I think you better come clean Mr. Robinovich, these kids are starting to make sense.

Custodian: Alright, I may as well confess, I was going to kill her, I've started to hate you kids. I said if I found one more black mark in the corridor, one more piece of gum stuck to a desk, one more blocked toilet, I was going to...

Principal: Yes, yes, get on with it!

Custodian: Well, before I could kill her, she turned into a frog!!!

Everybody: You mean this is Erica?!!!

Smoke and music and lights as we return to the original class room where the teacher is shaking Erica to wake her up.

Erica: Oh no! Ribbit! Ribbit!

Teacher: Wake up Erica, you're just having a bad dream.

Erica: *(Looks around at everyone and then slowly pulls a large fly out of her mouth.)* Are you sure I was dreaming?