

**B L Morrison School
Postville
presents**

“There’s Nothing We Can’t Do”

Cast of Characters

**Greg Jacque..... Damien
Jan Bremer..... Chris
Hilary Edmunds..... Cindy
Hayward Sheppard..... Allen
Andy Jacque..... Ben
Megan Edmunds..... Michelle
Glenda Sheppard..... Sarah**

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This play is about a group of Labradorian high school graduates who find themselves packing up their school lives and are about to venture out into the unknown - university in Toronto.

While packing, they discover treasures and memories that they find hard to leave behind. But in realizing the strength they obtain, they also discover that they have a very rich culture and background that they’ll take with them always; and with that, there’s nothing they can’t do.

Scene 1

(Lights appear on two brothers sitting on the floor, packing; friends are sitting around watching t.v.)

Damien: *(packing, points)* Hey Chris, you wanna hand me that alarm clock over there? I have to make sure to pack it in here so I'll know where it is when we need it. The hotel might not have one and those early morning flights can be brutal.

Chris: *(passes the alarm clock)* Good, I don't have to pack mine. Just make sure you don't lose it!

Damien: I won't.

Cindy: *(snatches it away)* You most certainly will! I'm packing it in with my stuff.

Damien: *(to Chris)* See, it's good to have a girlfriend who controls every aspect of your life.

Cindy smacks Damien. Chris exits.

Allen: *(slides up behind Damien and Cindy)* Can I ask you guys where exactly Chris is going? Isn't he a bit young to be going off to college?

Damien: He's not. He's just coming so far with us. We're going to drop him off at my dad's place in Halifax and then on to Toronto like we planned.

Cindy: *(whispering)* Since the divorce, it's been really hard for him being away from his dad for so long. And now that Damien is going to be away at university, his mom thinks it would be a good idea for him to attend school up there for awhile.

Allen: Oh right. Poor guy!

Chris enters

Chris: Our tickets are here. *(Waves them around)*

Damien: Oh good! I got mine really cheap 'cause I told the ticket agent lady it was my eighteenth birthday. *(stands up)*

Chris: Yeah, I know. I tried the same thing but she said she would never believe in a million years that we were twins.

Allen: I wonder why!

The two brothers look each other up and down.

Ben: *(Sitting extremely close to the t.v.)* Will you guys keep it down! I'm trying to watch Shrek 2 here!

Cindy: Ben, shouldn't you be packing too?

Ben: There's plenty of time for that, Cindy. We're not leaving for another two weeks.

Allen: But Ben! There's loads of stuff to do before then!

Ben: No, not really. Just packing up my room and goodbyes. I can do that in three days tops.

Damien: *(rubbing his own back)* It's harder than it looks Ben, really!

Ben: *(chuckles)* Yeah, sure Damien. Five bucks says that when you're all done here, Cindy's just gonna take it all out and re-pack it anyway. *(Damien clenches his fists jokingly at Ben)* Seriously you guys, don't worry about it. When it comes time to get on that plane and venture out into the unknown, I'll be ready. But for now, shhhh! It's getting to the good part!

(Chris, Allen, Damien, and Cindy all shake their heads)

Scene 2

(Lights dim, reappear on Cindy, sitting on her bed packing; friends are sitting around her)

Cindy: This packing business is really overwhelming! You girls should be glad you're not going to university for another two years. My advice to you, start packing up your stuff now and you MIGHT be ready by then!

Michelle: *(lying on the floor in front of the t.v.)* It can't be as bad as all that. After all, the boys can do it.

Sarah: No, the boys can NOT do it! I looked through Allen's room this morning, and it's a mess! Cindy, I hope you re-packed all of Damien's stuff for him?

Cindy: Don't worry. I let him do it himself in front of his friends, but when they left, I went right to work on it. The one I worry about is Ben. I don't think he knows how to pack- sloppy or otherwise!

Michelle: Nope. Come to think of it, I'm pretty sure he's only ever gone as far as Makkovik.

Cindy: Oh wow, I didn't know that. It must be scary for him to think about leaving here and going to live in Toronto. I couldn't do it without Damien.

Sarah: Yeah, it's so great you guys get to go together. You were such a cute couple at your grad! I can't believe the four of you have actually been accepted to the same university. You'll have to keep an eye on Allen for me 'til I get out there.

Cindy: Don't worry, I will. I have the feeling those boys still need a lot of mothering yet.

(Damien, Chris, Allen, and Ben come running in with food and dive for the t.v., pushing the girls out of the way)

Michelle: Boys!

Allen: We brought pizza!

Damien: *(to Cindy)* Looks like the packing is coming along nicely.

Cindy: *(waving her arms around nicely)* It's not! How can you say that? Look at this place!

Damien: Ok, fine. It's a disaster! *(Cindy smacks him)* Owwww! *(Rubs his arm)* When are you gonna stop doin' that?

Cindy: When you learn!

Damien: Learn what? *(Cindy smacks him again)* Oh, that!

(Sarah and Michelle nudge Cindy to look at Ben, who is sitting directly in front of the t.v.)

Cindy: So Ben... How's the packing coming along?

Ben: *(still looking at the t.v.)* Oh, just fine.

Cindy: That's good. *(Shrugs at her friends)*

Allen: Boy, I can't wait to get out of here. So boring! I'm NEVER coming back here if I don't have to.

Chris: Yeah, I know what you mean. I haven't even graduated yet and I can't wait to leave. I'm so glad I'll be living in Halifax.

Michelle: Hey guys, don't depress us. Me and Sarah still have a few years left in high school before we can even think about going anywhere.

Sarah: Yeah, I can't wait to go! It'll be even more boring now with you guys gone.

Damien: You'll be out there with us soon enough and you won't wanna come back either.

Ben: Shhh! I'm TRYING to watch Shrek!

Chris: No, that was Shrek 2. Now I'm watching the first one.

Cindy: So, in other words, you're done packing?

Ben: Not quite, but I will be soon enough.

Sarah: Why don't you tell us how much you have packed and ready to go?

Michelle: Yeah Ben, tell us

Ben: Will you girls get off my back already! Cindy, I told you, when the time comes, I'll be ready. *(looks around the room)* This place is a mess. Why don't you worry about getting yourself ready, and let me watch my movie.

Allen: Easy there Ben. The girls are just making sure that you'll be ready. If you need any help, you know we'd be glad to help you sort out your stuff.

(All shake their heads)

Scene 3

(Lights dim and reappear on Allen packing, friends are sitting around watching t.v.)

Allen: *(putting books into a box)* Man, when did I get time to read all these? Shakespeare, Sophocles, some great writers!

Sarah: And you'll be a great writer too someday.

Allen: I hope so. Ben. Can you pass me the tape there by your foot? *(Ben sits with his eyes glued to the t.v., sits silently)* Damien, can YOU hand me the tape?

Damien: *(passes tape to Allen)* Wow, you're not taking all of those are you?

Allen: Nah, just boxing them up to get 'em out of the way here. *(Tapes up the box and hands it to Chris)*

Chris: *(takes the box and puts it to one side)* You've sure got a lot of stuff that you are taking.

Sarah: Yeah, his dad is turning his room into an office and he doesn't want to much of his stuff left around.

Cindy: That's a good idea. I wonder what my room will be used for when I'm gone.

Michelle: What's in all those boxes over there, Allen? *(pointing offstage)*

Allen: Awards and little things from the Creative Arts Festival and Sportsmeets and stuff.

Michelle: Oh, I don't think I've kept anything from the Drama's and Sportsmeets I've been to.

Allen: My mom always liked to have little things like that put up around the house.

Sarah: Yeah, 'cause he's a little momma's boy, that's why!

Girls: Awww!

Mother: *(from offstage)* And don't forget to pack all the new underwear I bought you!

(Girls giggle)

Sarah: See, what'd I tell you?

Chris: Don't worry about it, Allen. I know what it's like! That's why I'm glad I'm finally gonna get to see my dad for awhile. He doesn't care about my underwear.

Allen: *(digging through papers and mess, pulls out a medal)* Hey! My very first Sportsmeet medal! Can you believe I still have this?

Cindy: *(looking around)* I can believe you still have your first baby tooth somewhere in this mess!

(All look at Cindy) What?... You were all thinking it!

Damien: I remember that Sportsmeet. It was my first. We beat Hopedale for first place at ping pong.

Michelle: Yeah, and I came third in running.

Chris: That wasn't the best one though! I remember one year we beat Rigolet at Volleyball. I know it was only once, but hey, I got a medal out of it.

Sarah: *(pulls out some papers)* Look! These are from Drama.

(Everyone goes to look at them)

Allen: I can't believe Tim Borlase retired! He put so much into the Festivals to make them what they were.

Damien: Yeah, I know a lot of people who are gonna miss him!

Cindy: He was probably thinking the same thing we are: Time For A Change. And that's why we're leaving for Toronto in *(pauses to look at her watch)* five days, seven hours, and twenty-seven minutes! Anybody excited yet?

Damien and Allen: Me!!!

Ben: *(stands up)* I'm sick of this! All you want to talk about is leaving and changing and moving on. What about our lives here? Sure, it's boring sometimes, but that's life! Why do we always have to be changing? You guys never appreciated living here!
(Storms out; all are shocked)

Scene 4

(Lights dim, reappear on Ben sitting in his room, head in hands)

Ben: Everybody wants to go and change and be and do! They talk about past times being so great, they don't mention how we'll never see our friends and families and how scary it'll be when we first get there. I've tried to keep my fears to myself, but it's no use. I'm just afraid and nobody seems to understand that.

(Cindy, Allen, and Damien come in to find Ben sitting in a huge mess)

Cindy: *(goes to sit beside Ben)* Ben, are you ok? We're all very worried about you. *(Damien and Allen sit beside them and nod)* Why haven't you got anything packed? We've only got a few more days before we leave.

Ben: I really don't know what to say, other than, I don't want to go! I'll miss it here too much. And it'll be scary in the city. You guys can make it anywhere. But me, I'm just a Labrador boy, plain and simple! I'll never last out there.

Damien: Ben! Is that all it is? We're all scared Ben. All of us! It's gonna be a drastic change from what we're used to, but we have each other, and a strong heritage that we'll take with us no matter where we go. Surely that must count for something.

Allen: He's right, Ben. We've all taken time to think about the old times and how much fun we've had. But we know that no matter what, we're all Labradorians at heart and always will be! Just because we leave the place doesn't mean the place leaves us.

Cindy: I don't think it ever does.

Ben: But you guys keep talking about changes. Why do we always have to be changing?

Damien: Changes are a way of life, Ben. Everything that lives has to go through some kind of change, sooner or later.

Allen: But nobody says these changes have to be bad and we're not looking to change who we are, just what we'll be doing for the next few years.

Cindy: And we'll all help each other through whatever changes we need to make. That's why we're going together, remember?

Ben: *(smiling)* I remember. I just don't want my family to think they've spent so much time teaching and raising me just to have me run off and leave them the first chance I get.

Cindy: They won't. I'm sure they want you to go on and take what they've taught you and become the best person you can possibly be.

Ben: I guess you're right. But I'm sure going to miss hunting with my dad and fixing my ski-doo and attending the youth gatherings every year.

Damien: We'll all miss those things. They're great memories and we're lucky to have them. Some people never get to experience the North like we do.

Allen: Right, but we'll make new memories and nobody says they can't be just as great.

Ben: But they won't be the same.

Damien: No, they won't. Nothing can replace what our culture has given us over the years. But we have a strong background, and it's time we go out into the world and use what we've learned to make a difference.

Cindy: What do you say, Ben? Let's go out there and show them what we're made of! Be true Labradorians!

Allen: Yeah, and when Christmas rolls around, we can make plans to come home and visit.

Damien: And I'll call ahead and tell your dad to break your ski-doo for you so you'll have something to fix when you get home.

Ben: Home?

Allen: Sure, this is our home. Where else can you go and make a huge mess and have someone else clean it up for you?

Ben: That's true. I can live with that.

Cindy: Good! Now can we please get started on this room? We've got five days to get you ready and out the door.

Ben: That's right! We'll never do it in time. I'll have to ship everything!

Cindy: We'll get it done. *(Starts picking up papers)* We're Labradorians pulling together- there's nothing we can't do!