

**Amos Comenius School
Hopedale
presents**

Taking Flight

Cast List

Hayley and Teenage Bronson	Kimberly Pilgrim
Old Cassidy, Mother, and Charlie	Rosie Edmunds
Nurse, Megan, Pilot, and Teenage Rebecca	Cassie Vincent
Young Rebecca, Teenage Susan, Travis and Old Rebecca	Angelica Vincent
Pilot, Young Cassidy, Coach and Teenage Susan.	Brenda Flowers
Young Susan, Rebecca and Principal	Veronica Flowers
Teenage Cassidy, Pilot and Old Bronson	Jenna Flowers

Inspired by the real life story of our cast member's sister who was born on a plane, Taking Flight is a story that explores the life of Cassidy Hunter and her friends.

Scene I

Downstage left there is a twin otter set assembled with small chairs to look like the interior of the plane. Center stage is empty and downstage right there is a Medevac assembled with small chairs and a stretcher. Lights go up on stage left and characters board the plane.

Hayley: My nan said these planes were small but I didn't think she meant this small.

Passenger: First timer.

Pilot: Our first stop is Rigolet and it will be around forty-five minutes.

Hayley: Excuse me, do you know how long it is to Hopedale?

Cassidy: Well ,we just left Goose Bay, so around an hour and twenty minutes.

Hayley: Oh great, I can't wait to see what Hopedale looks like.

Cassidy: You've never been there before?

Hayley: No it's my first time. I hope it's a great experience.

Cassidy: I'd say it will be. I grew up there and I loved it.

Hayley: What was it like?

Cassidy: It was like a roller coaster ride but the good memories I'll never forget.

Hayley: What was your favourite memory?

Cassidy: They're all my favourite memories. So why don't I start at the beginning the day my mother had me on a plane.

Lights out. Lights up stage right and Cassidy's mother is on the stretcher, Cassidy's grandmother is holding her hand, the nurse is kneeling beside her and the pilot is flying the plane.

Nurse: I'm sorry but your baby is coming now, you have to start pushing.

Mother: WHAT? I WANT TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL!

Pilot: I'm sorry we are still an hour away.

Nurse: Romain is right, there's no time.

Grandmother: Don't worry Panik, your baby is going to be just fine.

Baby crying

Nurse: Congratulations it's a girl. (*Passes the baby to her mother.*)

Mother: My beautiful little angel, Cassidy Ann Romain Hunter.

Lights out. Characters return to stage left.

Scene II

Lights up stage left

Hayley: So you were named after the pilot?

Cassidy: Yeah I was.

Hayley: One question, your grandmother said "Panik" what does that mean?

Cassidy: It's the Inuit word for daughter.

Hayley: Cool. Everyone must have been talking about you in your hometown.

Cassidy: Yeah, my family made a really big deal about it, almost as big as the time I was out sliding with my best friends.

Hayley: Really? What happened?

Lights out. Lights up center stage. Cassidy is on a sled waiting to be pushed by Rebecca and Susan is off to the side building a snowman.

Rebecca: Ready?

Cassidy: Give me a push.

Rebecca gives Cassidy a push she slides down the "hill" and then brings the sled back to the top.

Cassidy: Again, again, again, again!

Susan: How about this time you go faster?

Cassidy: Huh? Cool!

Susan joins Rebecca behind Cassidy and on the count of three they give her a push.

Susan & Rebecca: One, two, three.

Cassidy slides down the "hill" but this time she rolls off the sled and lands with her leg in an awkward position. She starts to cry and Susan and Rebecca rush down to see what happened.

Rebecca: What's wrong?

Cassidy: I can't feel my leg, go get my mom.

Rebecca rushes off stage right to get Cassidy's mother.

Susan: Don't worry . It's going to be okay.

Cassidy: Does it look bad?

Susan: *[Sarcastically]* Umm nope, it's just a scratch.

Enter Rebecca and Cassidy's mom stage right.

Mother: Oh my goodness, what happened?

Rebecca: Susan and me were pushing her down the hill and I didn't mean to go so hard and she hit a rock and rolled down the hill.

Mother: It's okay accidents happen, let's just bring her to the clinic.

Lights out. Rebecca and Susan return to the plane on stage left. Cassidy and her mother join the nurse and pilot on stage right.

Nurse: Don't worry I'll put a splint on her leg and when we get to Goose Bay they will take x-rays and give her a cast.

Mother: I hope she's okay, her leg looks really bad.

Nurse: She looks familiar. What's her name?

Mother: Cassidy Ann Romain Hunter.

Nurse: Oh, the little girl that was born on the plane. It's some nice to see you again.

Cassidy: I would be happier if my leg wasn't broken but nice to see you again.

Pilot: Don't worry, we will get there safe and sound just like last time.

Cassidy: When was the last time anyway? I don't remember.

Mother: When you were born, silly.

Cassidy: Oh my goodness, you're the pilot that was flying the plane the day I was born.

Pilot: Yup, that was me. In fact, your middle name is my name, Romain.

Cassidy: Oh yeah, I remember Mom telling me that.

Lights out. Characters return to stage left.

Scene III

Lights up stage left.

Hayley: That was really awesome that you got to see the same pilot and nurse again.

Cassidy: Actually I saw that same nurse two times after that happened.

Hayley: Really? You saw that same nurse again.

Cassidy: Yeah, she was at my school giving needles.

Hayley: I hate needles.

Cassidy: I don't like needles either, but I do like the ones that gave me my tattoo on my ankle.

Hayley: Is it a real tattoo? What kind is it?

Cassidy: It's real, it's a nanuk. I got it in university to help me remember the good old days when I was nanuk #12.

Hayley: What's a nanuk?

Cassidy: It means polar bear. A nanuk was our team's mascot.

Lights out. Characters move to center stage. Lights up center stage characters are playing with a "volley-ball" and the coach is off to the side.

Coach: Okay guys practice your drill. Volley, bump and spike.

Megan: We're girls, not guys.

Rebecca: I can't believe this is our last practice . Let's try our hardest.

Cassidy: Yeah, I can't wait to go to Nain tomorrow.

Susan: Let's kick some butt this weekend and bring back the gold.

Coach: Well, if you guys, I mean girls want to kick some butt let's get practicing.

Players pair up and volley, bump and spike. After a few rounds the coach blows her whistle.

Megan: Miss let's play a three on three game.

Coach: Good idea Meagan.

Players take their positions and start a game. During the game the coach gives words of encouragement such as, "Way to go Cassidy, That's it Susan, Great block Rebecca, etc."

Coach: Great job girls. Now go home and get some sleep and I'll see you all tomorrow.

Lights out. Characters move to stage left. Lights up and the pilot boards the plane.

Pilot: Alright, forty minutes till Nain.

Cassidy: I can't wait to go to Nain and see all my friends from there and the ones from Postville and Makkovik.

Rebecca: More like you're excited to see Bronson.

Cassidy: Well obviously.

Everyone laughs.

Coach: We're going to Nain to play sports, not to see boyfriends.

Cassidy: Yeah we know.

Pilot: Now Cassidy last time I saw you, you weren't even thinking about boys. Man, you grew up so fast.

Lights out. Characters return to their normal places on stage left.

Scene IV

Lights up stage left.

Hayley: So whatever happened to you and Bronson?

Cassidy: We were high school sweethearts, but after graduation we went to different schools and grew apart. I didn't go back to Hopedale but Rebecca and Bronson soon became a hot item.

Hayley: Did your team win the gold?

Cassidy: We sure did. We then went to compete in Regionals and we even made it all the way to Provincials and we brought home the gold.

Hayley: You guys must have been good.

Cassidy: We were the best on the coast and we stayed the best all throughout my high school days. We were so used to seeing gold that we used it as one of our grad colours.

Hayley: What was your grad like?

Lights out. Characters move to center stage. Lights up on center stage we see the graduating class and their dates sitting at the head table. The principal is behind them standing at the podium.

Principal: Welcome family, friends and graduates. This evening we will be celebrating the graduating class of 1999.

Rebecca: I can't believe we are graduating. It felt like yesterday when we were out sliding and you broke your leg.

Cassidy: I'm so happy that we are going to the same school next year.

Susan: Too bad I can't come. I'm going to miss you guys, but I am so happy that I am going to the National Theatre School of Canada.

Rebecca: We're going to miss you too.

Cassidy: But we are really happy for you and a bit jealous.

Charlie: I can't wait to be done with this place.

Cassidy: How could you say something like that? I love this place.

Bronson: I wish I went to ACMS. It seems awesome here.

Rebecca: You would have loved it.

Susan: You know what I love? I love your hair and dress.

Rebecca: Thanks, yours is pretty too.

Bronson: Typical girls.

Principal: *(Looking around it seems that most everyone has finished their meal and now that you are enjoying your tea and coffee.)* I would like to call on Cassidy Hunter to address the parents.

Cassidy: I'd like to thank all the parents for encouraging us to wake-up every morning to go to school and nagging us to finish our homework so that we could accomplish anything we set our minds to. I know that I wouldn't be standing here today without the love and support from my mom and dad.

Principal: Thank-you Cassidy for those lovely words, now I'd like to call on Rebecca Vincent to address the teachers and staff.

Rebecca: I would like to thank all the teachers and staff for helping and supporting us during our school days. I know we were hard on you guys but you never gave up on us. You believed in us and that helped us believe in ourselves. I know I speak for all the graduating class when I say thank-you.

Principal: Thank-you Rebecca. Last but not least I'd like to call on Susan Flowers to address her fellow graduates.

Susan: I remember the first day of kindergarten when we were are so happy to be in school. Then as we got older we made up all these excuses to stay home. Now *that it's all over and we have to leave, we have mixed emotions. This is our time of change when we have to face growing apart in order to go in different directions.* But, no matter how far apart we are, we will always have the memories of A.C.M.S and the knowledge and pride in our accomplishments.

Principal: Well said Susan. Thank-you all for coming and sharing this special night with the graduating class of 1999. I would like to invite you all to take pictures at the various spots around the gym.

Susan: I can't believe we're done.

Travis: Cassidy, who is that man over there waving at you?

Cassidy: Oh that's Romain. He was the pilot flying the plane the day I was born so I invited him to my grad.

Travis: Cool.

Charlie: Babe, let's get a picture by the waterfall.

Bronson: Let's get one last picture with all of us together.

Rebecca: Miss can you take a picture of us?

Characters pose for the picture and then lights out. Characters return to stage left.

Scene V

Lights up stage left.

Hayley: Sounds like you had a great high school graduation.

Cassidy: I sure did and I can't wait to see Rebecca, Susan, Charlie, Bronson and Travis.

Hayley: Did you ever hear from them again?

Cassidy: Yes I did. My granddaughter showed me how to use the facebook, so we tweet all the time.

Hayley: That's nice. So what happened to everyone?

Cassidy: Rebecca married Bronson and they raised a family in Hopedale. Susan finished theatre school and started a company in Hopedale that performs along the coast. Charlie and Travis worked for Susan taking care of all the technical things like lights and sounds and such. And as for me I traveled the world and learned that there is no place like home. Oh look, there's Hopedale.

Lights out. Lights up center stage. Bronson and Rebecca's living room. Knocking on door.

Rebecca: Oh look, that must be Cassidy.

Susan: I can't believe after all these years she's home.

Bronson: I bet she is still as beautiful as my old elan.

Rebecca: Excuse me?

Bronson: Of course you're more beautiful dear.

Susan: Cassidy is a woman, not a machine.

Bronson: You know what I mean.

Susan: Whaaa?

Bronson: YOU KNOWS WHAT I MEAN.

Susan: Huhh?

Bronson: Ahhh. forget about it.

Knocking on door.

Rebecca: Bronson don't just sit there, go get the door.

Cassidy: It's so great to see you guys again. I want you to meet. . . . wait a second what's your name?

Hayley: It's Hayley Smith. I'm the new nurse. The nurse in all of your stories was my grandmother.

Cassidy: Why didn't tell me?

Hayley: You never asked.

Cassidy: Now I suppose you're going to tell me that the pilot we had was Romain's granddaughter.

Susan: Well, Romain's granddaughter has been flying for a while now so it probably was her.

Cassidy: Awww, come here and give me a hug.

Susan & Rebecca: Hello, where's our hug?

Bronson: Save some lovin for me.

Rebecca: Don't even think about it.

Cassidy: It's good to be home.