

2015

Home for a Wedding

Nilialuagit Players, Nain

Cast of Characters

Allen.....	Chase Holwell
Bethany.....	Amber Saksagiak
Narrator/Sam.....	Jade Holwell
Judith.....	Matmatil Angnatok
Sally.....	Brianna Brown
Rachel.....	Megan Dicker
Jenn.....	Caroline Nochasak

Old high school friends come home to Nain for a wedding. It was only 10 short years ago that they were graduating high school with their whole lives ahead of them. Some of them have gone on to achieve their dreams, while a few of them are still trying to figure it out. One thing for sure is, it's hard to not be happy at a wedding.

Narrator: Weddings. They bring out the best of everyone don't they? This wedding, (sarcastically) if you can believe it, almost didn't happen. But true love prevails. Soulmates are meant to be together, and not hell, nor high-water, or in our case, Sally (loud sobs from Sally), can stop that. Allen and Bethany were meant to be. And everyone who knows them, knew they would end up together. This is the story of how a group of old pals came together, some more willingly than others (Sally lets out a loud wail), in the name of love, friendship, and... love? Did I say love? Maybe some of us couldn't get a refund on our plane tickets (sigh...). This is a story about how some people grow up, some people change, and others stay the same... but a true friend will always be there for you no matter what. Right, Sally?

(Reaching longingly towards Allen).... Allen! My love....

Narrator: Don't worry, she'll be okay.

(Benches are cleared away quickly from the stage and someone walks out with a sign that reads

(10 years earlier... High School)

Morning of Graduation

(everyone is there talking about the future what's ahead)

Jenn: Wow... this is it. Our lives are ahead of us... I can't believe we're graduating today!

Sam: I know, right? It doesn't seem like it even makes sense. It just seems like yesterday we were talking about how far away today seems, and now it's here... cray cray.

Sally: Well... I for one can't wait to leave. I'm leaving for St. John's the day after we finish school, and it's peace out Nain!

Allen: Until Christmas you mean, right? You wouldn't stay away for the holidays, would you?

Rachel: I don't know... I was thinking the same thing. I mean, we're going to be university students now. Why would we want to come back? The whole world awaits us!

Bethany: Yea. But not everybody wants to leave. Or if they do, some people can't wait to come back. My pop says that high school is our 'glory years'. I'm starting to think he's right.

Judith: My glory years are ahead of me. No more rules. No more teachers. Look out world. Judith is coming.

Allen: Are you both arguing over who turned me down? Is this what passes as flattery now a days? And to think, they say chivalry is dead...

Jenn: Guys... Listen to yourselves. Do you really think any of this will matter in 10 years? Whether or not two girls, or one girl shot down Allen.

Allen: Hey!

Jenn: It won't. 10 years from now will be totally different. We'll have cars that fly, and sneakers that lace themselves up, and everyone will be on hoverboards...

Rachel: Ummm... are you saying that our future is going to be based on the predictions from an 80s film?

Judith: Sneakers that lace themselves up will be one less thing I need to worry about in the future. It'll make my get away even quicker...

Jenn: I'm just saying... if in ten years from now, we're all obsessing over something as silly as Allen and Bethany and a foolish dance, then we must have missed out a lot on life. I can't be the only one that thinks this, am i?

(Rachel steps forward, and the light is centered on her)

Rachel: 10 years from now? What will I be? In 10 years, I'll have a house, and a dog... maybe I'll be single, maybe I'll be married... but the dog is a sure thing. I'll have finished school and I'll be knee deep in my career... I'll be a mediator of peace! I'll be able to make everyone compromise and realize that what they're giving up is for a greater good! Whether it's the middle-east, or maybe it'll be a local spat, I'll work at calming people down, and getting them to focus on what's important. And I'll be great at it. Now... what is that title called...

Allen: 10 years from now? What will I be? Well, the truth is, I don't want to go anywhere. I want to stay here, in Nain, and take over my families business. Only my family knows. I've been trying to tell Bethany, but I'm afraid she'll want to bolt from here like Sally, or Judith. I'm happy here. There's no place else I'd rather be. I know that my pop has some land, I could build my house there. Life would be just like now, only older. Would I be married to Bethany? I'm not sure... if she'd have me, I suppose.

Jenn: 10 years from now? What will I be? A successful lawyer no doubt. I've been obsessed with everything law related for as long as I can remember. Judge Judy, Cops; I use to watch them all the time! I want to be able there for those who need help. To make sure that the little person gets the same chances as the bigger guys. Sure, the school will be consuming and I can pretty much forget about having any type of social life for the next ten years... but it'll be worth it! Friends can come second, and my career will come first... and if you don't' like that, well sue me!

Bethany: You know, before we got caught up in our own lives, we had other friends too.

Allen: We did? That seems like something I'd remember...

Bethany: I know it seems like an eternity ago, but it was almost ten years ago that you me, Rachel, Sally, Judith, Sam and Jenn were sitting around wondering where we'd be in ten years.

Allen: Really? That was ten years ago... that seems more like 5 minutes ago

Bethany: Mmmhmm... Anyway, it wasn't. It was almost ten years ago. And I don't think we've spoken to any of them. I mean, I hear about them here and there, but I don't even know if I'm facebook friends with them anymore. We should invite them to our wedding.

Allen: I don't know... that would mean we'd have 25 people there instead of 20... I'll have to around, see if we're able to have that many.

Bethany: Don't be so foolish Allen. Here are 5 more invitations. Go get these delivered before the last plane is out.

Allen: But I don't have any of their addresses.

Bethany: That's a concern for the Post Office Allen, not us. Now please, there is a wedding to plan! We'll need 5 more seats!

Allen: I'm pretty sure we're required to put the addresses on the...

Bethany: Go!

Narrator: And with that, Allen took the 5 additional invitations to the post office. To his surprise, he was told that they'd have no problem delivering those invitations. And to both, Allen and Bethany's surprise, each invitation was received and each of their 5 additional guests agreed to attend. And now, through the power of narration... let's see how each of them reacted.

Sally: 'You've been invited to the wedding of Bethany and Allen' ... wow. To think, I've spent all this time focusing on my education, so I could get a good job...and my two of my oldest friends are getting married! And I didn't even know they were still together? Allen must remember that he asked me to the dance first. Hmm... maybe he'll remember as soon as he sees me. I haven't thought about them at all until now, but maybe he'll see me and realize what he's missed all of this time. And Bethany... it'll be nice to see her too.

Rachel: 'What's that boy? What's that you've got there for me? Oh you're such a good boy (opening the invitation) "You've been invited to the wedding of Bethany and Allen" Aww, how cute! Bethany and Allen are still together, and getting married. Gosh, I wonder if the whole

Sally: *Sniffle*... I guess I shouldn't be too upset. It's just, I've spent so much of my life being focused on my career, I never had chance to sit back and enjoy the smaller things in life... like happiness, and love and friendship.

Rachel: Oh Sally. Listen to yourself. You're super successful. You're finished med school, and soon you'll be studying to be a surgeon. You just need to readjust your thinking. Happiness isn't just a job, and money, and security, it's those little things you're talking about.

Sally: Thanks Rachel... I don't know what I was thinking. I guess just seeing Bethany and Allen so happy, it kind of through me for a loop you know. I promise I won't waste another seconds thought on Allen.

Allen: Umm... it's my wedding day here.

Sally: You know what I mean Allen.

Jenn: Hey Sally, hey Rachel. So good to see you guys.

Rachel: Jenn! I saw you on TV. You're like a super successful lawyer now aren't you? You even have a TV show, right? 'Jingle Jangle Jail with Jenn' was that it?

Jenn: Oh, that ol thing? Yes, it's true, I've been very successful at all things in life. But coming home has really opened up my eyes. Seeing Bethany and Allen together makes me want to settle down too. I've been so busy going from client to client, I haven't had a chance to stop and smell the roses.

Rachel: Now's the perfect time to do that. Home really makes you stop and look around you. There's something about the air here that's different elsewhere. It's easier to breathe. Once you find the perfect balance between your professional life, and your personal life, you'll be able to achieve true happiness. It's all about the balance, finding inner peace.

Jenn: Wow Rachel, I never knew you were so deep! I'm guessing in the last ten years you became a Buddhist or something?

Rachel: Namaste. But no, I'm just a big believer in peace... helping others find within themselves to be peaceful with who they are, and they're surroundings.

Sam: Like sands through the hour glass, these are the days of our lives.

Jenn: Sam?

Sam: Hey guys, did that sound familiar? That's just one of my many voiceover jobs I've gotten.

Sally: I knew that sounded familiar! That's from my favorite soap! Wow Sam, I've heard you everywhere now that I've come to think of it. You're like famous aren't you?

Sam: (smugly) I am aren't I?