

## Two Degrees

MALIK and EMMA scene

*We're in Emma's tent at a Greenland ice core drilling site. She is getting dressed.*

MALIK (O.S.) Dr. Phelps – are you in there?

MALIK Dr. Phelps. (Sees her.) Whoops. I'll just --

EMMA Malik -- I'm sorry. I was just getting dressed --

MALIK I knocked.

EMMA Oh, come on. I'm covered. (Beat.) I was just on my way to my shift at the drill. What's up?

MALIK New team flew in today -- with supplies.

EMMA Tell me they brought veggies. And fruit.

*MALIK pulls something wrapped in plain paper from his pocket, and hands it to her. She unwraps it.*

EMMA Are you even kidding me? A peach?

*(She smells the peach, making appreciative little noises, grinning.)*

EMMA Did you drive over here just to bring me a peach?

*MALIK shrugs. He pushes up his goggles.*

MALIK I thought you might want a lift.

EMMA (Laughing) It's not exactly a taxing walk.

MALIK Yeah, but... Wind's picked up a bit. Kinda nippy today.

EMMA Kinda nippy? Oh boy. You say "kinda nippy," I say, "Oh my god Greenland means to kill me." Gimme a sec.

*She gathers snow gear. He watches her, shyly.*

MALIK Qanorippit? [Greenlandic: How are you?]

EMMA English, please.

MALIK How will you learn any of our language if I don't speak it to you?

EMMA But your English is perfect. And my Greenlandic is pathetic.

MALIK Come on. Repeat after me: Ajunngilanga -- I am well -- Qanorippit? -- how are you?

EMMA (She massacres it.) Eye-yung-il... Eye-yoong-ilya...

MALIK (Prompting her again) Ajunngilanga...

EMMA Eye-yoo -- Oh forget it. Does every word in Greenlandic begin with the same syllable?

MALIK You'll get the hang of it.

EMMA OK. I hereby declare this a Greenlandic-Free Zone.

MALIK That means I have to leave?

EMMA That means I'll never understand your language.

MALIK OK. You win. English. You Americans.

EMMA I know. You hate us.

MALIK I don't.

EMMA Come on. All these foreigners, tromping all over your home.

MALIK No -- I hate the mining guys. It's them I won't work for.

EMMA Even if they have all the money? Even if they bring lots of jobs?

MALIK The jobs won't be for Greenlanders. And the money won't stay here.

EMMA But you're OK with us.

MALIK     You're the only ones who aren't telling us why terrible things are good for us.

*EMMA unzips her pants and tucks her shirt into her pants; MALIK turns away.*

EMMA     What -- you're afraid you'll see my skivvies?

MALIK     That's not an English word I think I know.

EMMA     "Undies." "Panties." "Drawers."

MALIK     OK. OK. I got it. "Skivvies."

EMMA     The things into which you shall not get.

MALIK     I know. Your husband. Your lonely husband back in America.

EMMA     That's right.

MALIK     You don't think your lonely husband in America has a girlfriend when you're gone?

EMMA     I'm certain he doesn't.

MALIK     And how does he know you don't have a boyfriend in Greenland?

EMMA     Because I tell him everything.

MALIK     Everything?

EMMA     Of course. I tell him that we have this amazing carpenter Malik Peterson who is never going to be anything other than my very good friend.

MALIK     That you know of.

EMMA     Right. Even though you look like him.

MALIK     I do?

EMMA     I mean, you remind me of him. Sometimes when I see you, for a minute, I think it's him.

MALIK     And then it's just me.