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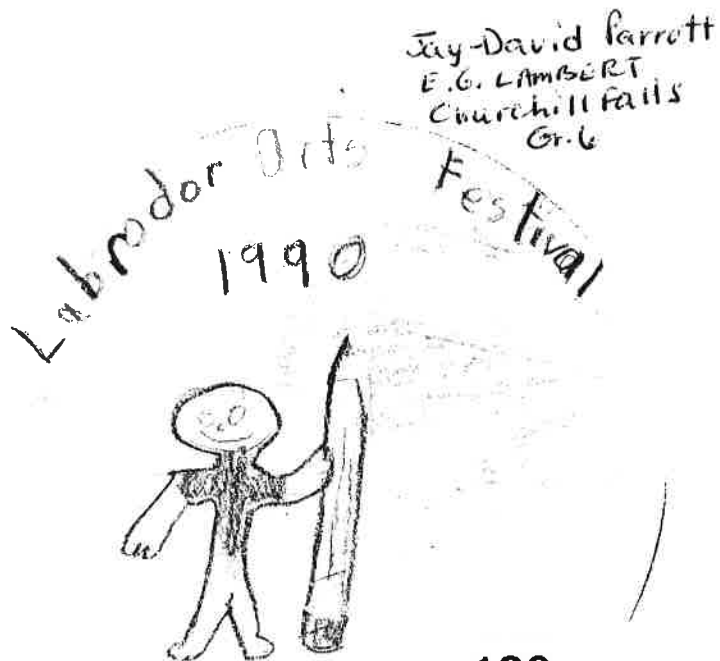
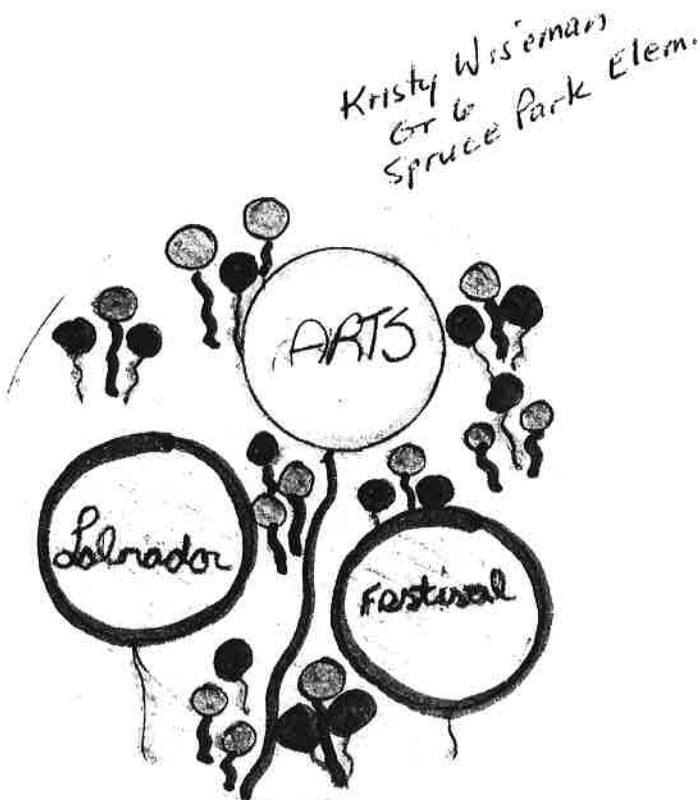
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Scene I

The Collins' Kitchen

(It's Tuesday evening and Mary Collins is getting supper ready for her two children).

Scott : Hi mom.

Mary : Hi Scott. How was your day at work?

Scott : Oh, alright I guess.

Mary : What do you mean, you guess?

Scott : I am getting kind of sick of this job. It's never going to get me anywhere.

Mary : Now Scott, you've just graduated from high school, be patient.

Scott : I was thinking about moving to Toronto and find myself a real job. Something with decent pay.

Mary : Scott, now you know that's a nice job you have at the grocery store. There is no need to talk about leaving for Toronto.

Scott : Nice job. Mom it doesn't even pay \$4.50 an hour. Plus the work is too hard.

Mary : A little hard work won't hurt ya.

Scott : I want a real job mom, something exciting. Something that I really like.

Mary : Things will change in time Scott, just wait and see.

Scott : Wait for what? Dalhousie University turned me down and I haven't heard from any other university. I'm leaving for Toronto because there's nothing here to wait for anymore.

Mary : Scott you can't leave right now.

Scott : What's wrong with now? It's as good a time as any.

Mary : You're too young to go to the city by yourself.

Scott : I'm not too young.

Mary : I don't understand it. Your high school marks were good. You should have been accepted by one of the universities.

Scott : Mom, I've got to get on with my life. I am leaving for Toronto.

(Lisa enters).

Lisa : Hi mom. What's for supper?

Mary : Pork chops and fried rice.

Lisa : What's up?

Mary : Scott's thinking about going to Toronto.

Lisa : Really? Does this mean I'll get my own room?

Mary : Only if Scott leaves.

Lisa : Yah. Now I can have my friends sleep over. But Scott I thought
you wanted to go to university.

Scott : I did, you wouldn't understand.

(The family finishes up their supper).

Mary : Who's turn is it to do the dishes?

Scott and Lisa : Hers/His. (Said together)

Mary : I think it's your turn Lisa.

Lisa : Not again.

Scott : I'm going out with the guys.

(Black out - Scene ends)

Scene II

The Collins' Kitchen

(It's Wednesday morning , Mary is cooking breakfast for the two children).

Scott : (Yawn) Good morning mom.

Mary : Good morning, did you have a good sleep?

Scott : Yah, pretty good.

Mary : What did you and the boys do last night?

Scott : Uhh, we had a game of soccer. It was o.k. We won 5 to 3.

What's for breakfast?

Mary : Bacon, eggs, and toast.

Have you decided about Toronto?

Scott : Yes mom. I'm going and you can't stop me.

Mary : I guess I can accept that. Just be sure and take care of yourself. Here's your breakfast.

(Mary passes Scott his breakfast, Lisa enters).

Lisa : Mom, mom. Is Scott gone yet?

Mary and Scott : (together) No.

Mary : Here's your breakfast Lisa.

Did you finish your book last night?

Lisa : Just about. I have one chapter to go.

Are you still going to Toronto?

Scott : Yes I'm going and hopefully today.

Mary : Where are you going to stay?

Scott : At the Youth Hostel until I find an apartment.

Lisa : Good breakfast mom.

Scott : Well, thanks for breakfast. I think I'll go pack a few bags for Toronto and have one last look around.

Mary : O.k.

(There's a knock at the door. The neighbor enters).

Laura : Hi Mary. Here's your mail.

Mary : Oh thanks Laura. How about some coffee?

Laura : No thanks.

(Mary looks through the mail).

Mary : Still nothing for Scott. You know he wants to leave for Toronto either today or tomorrow.

Laura : Well, if he doesn't have a place to stay, my brother's daughter and her friend are looking for a roommate to help share expenses in downtown Toronto.

Mary : Oh that's great. I'll tell Scott the news.

Lisa : Mom, can I take Scott's posters down?

Mary : Yes, o.k.

(Lisa gets up and begins to exit singing)

Lisa : Scotts going to Toronto, Scotts going to Toronto.

.(Scott re-enters the kitchen)

Scott : Hi Mrs. Johnson.

Laura : Hi Scott.

Scott : Well mom, I'm ready to go. My flight's booked for tonight.

Mary : Good news Scott. Laura's niece and friend are looking for a roommate in downtown Toronto.

Scott : Wow that's great. Maybe I could move in.

Laura : I'm sure they wouldn't mind Scott. When are you leaving?

Scott : 8:30 tonight. Flight 137.

Laura : Well, I'll go phone the girls and tell them to meet you at the airport. Good-bye.

Mary and Scott : (together) Thank you, good-bye.

(Black out - Scene ends)

Scene III

(Scott, Mary, and Lisa are at the departure gate waiting for Scott's flight to depart).

Mary: Do you have everything, Scott?

Scott: Yes mom.

Mary: I want you to be careful while you are in the city.

Scott: Yah mom, I will.

Mary: Make sure you eat well and get enough sleep.

Lisa: Oh, the poor baby.

(Scott gives Lisa a dirty look).

Mary: Call me when you get settled away.

Scott: Yes mom. I guess this is it, I better go.

Lisa: Scott, watch out for those wierd people in the big city.

Mary: And stay out of trouble.

Scott: Don't worry. Good-bye mom, good-bye little sis.

Mary and Lisa: (together) Good-bye Scott. Take care.

(Stage lights dim for 3 to 5 seconds, sound of an airplane taking off and landing. Stage lights come back on again).

Toronto Airport. Scott begins to enter. The girls are there waiting for him.

Tammy: This guy is taking forever.

Jennifer: That must be him coming now.

Tammy: I guess so.

Scott: Hi.

Tammy: Hi. Are you Scott?

Scott: Yah.

Tammy: I'm your next door neighbor's niece and this is my friend Jennifer.

Jennifer: Are you ready to go now? We're going to a concert at the Skydome and we don't want to be late.

Scott: Can I get my luggage first?

Jennifer: Well that can wait until tomorrow.

Scott: What?

Tammy: Yah. We can pick it up tomorrow.

Scott: Are you sure?

Jennifer: Yah, people do it all the time. Come on , let's go.

(Black out - Scene ends)

Scene IV

The Girls Apartment

(Arrival from the concert. The place is in a mess. Enter Scott, Jennifer and Tammy).

Tammy : Wow. That concert was excellent.

Jennifer : Just great. Out of this world.

Tammy : There just a fantastic band.

Jennifer : And it only cost 50 bucks a ticket. Boy are we lucky.

Did you like it Scott?

Scott : Did I like it? Man 60,000 people screaming in my ears. Oh man. My head is pounding.

Jennifer : Well, I thought it was great.

Tammy : Me too.

(Scott looks around the place and realizes the mess it's in).

Scott : Wow. This place is a disaster. Mom would have a fit.

Jennifer : Disaster? We cleaned up today because you were coming.

Tammy : Yah. It took us a whole 10 minutes. By the way, your room is the second door on the right, down the hall.

Scott : Well, I'm going to bed because I've got a terrible headache. Goodnight. (Sounds fed up).

Tammy : Hey, let's put on some music.

Jennifer : O.k. Turn it on blast.

(The girls put on some music and then get pizza from the refrigerator Scott re-enters).

Scott : (Trying to talk over the music) Excuse me, but could you turn that down for a minute. I want to check on my luggage.

(Music is turned down by Jennifer, Scott is searching for the phone).

Jennifer : What did you say?

Scott : I want to check on my luggage. Can you keep the music down. (He finds the phone, Jennifer turns off the music).

Scott : Hello airport security, my name is Scott Collins. I'm looking for my luggage. I came in on flight 137 from Goose Bay at 8:30 tonight. (pause) Oh no, they put me on hold.

(Scott pauses for a moment)

Scott : You what? sent it back to Gosse Bay. This is unbelievable. Good-bye. (he stands up and looks at the girls who are devouring their pizza). Would you believe they sent my luggage back?

Jennifer : Oh well. Don't worry about it Scott.

Tammy : Yah. Don't worry about it.

Jennifer : How about some cold left,over pizza from last week?

Scott : Oh no. (he stands up and leaves for his bedroom).

(Black out - Scene ends)

Scene V

(Two weeks later. Scott returns from work with his first paycheque).

Scott : Wow. Here's my first two - week paycheque. 600.00 buckaroos.

Yee-hah.

Tammy : Remember you have to pay expenses.

Scott : Yah, but 600.00 bucks.

Tammy : Remember rent.

Jennifer : And food, Scott.

Tammy : And heat.

Jennifer : And the light bill.

Tammy : The telephone bill.

Jennifer : And the damage deposit. That adds up to a total of 585.00 dollars.

Tammy : Don't forget pizza tonight, that's another 5.00bucks.

Scott : 5.00 dollars, oh boy. You know this only leaves me with 10.00dollars for two weeks.

Tammy : Well, that's your problem, not ours.

Jennifer : Let's go get the pizza Tammy.

(The girls leave).

Scott : Pizza, pizza, pizza, and now 600.00 bucks gone down the drain.

I must give mom a call. (Scott begins to dial his home phone number. A dim light shines on the Collins' kitchen. Mary is in the kitchen and hears the phone ring).

Mary : Hello.

Scott : Hi mom. What's ya doing?

Mary : Oh Scott. How are you?

Scott : Not bad. I just got my first paycheque. But I only have 10.00dollars left. I'm getting sick of this place mom. Everything is going wrong. First my luggage. All we ever eat is pizza. Everything is so expensive, and it's too dangerous to go anywhere.

Mary : What's the problem Scott?

Scott : I'm homesick mom. I'm coming home. Yeah, that's it, I'm coming home after my next paycheque.

Mary : O.k. I'll see you soon.

Scott: O.k. Good-bye mom.

(Black out - Scene ends)

Scene VI

The Collins' Kitchen

(Mary and Lisa are waiting for Scott to arrive from Toronto).

Mary : Scott should be home any minute now.

Lisa : Ah mom. Does this mean we have to share a room again?

Mary : Yes Lisa. Now please be nice to your brother.

(Scott enters the kitchen.)

Scott : Hi mom, hi Lisa.

(Mary gives Scott a hug)

Lisa : Hi Scott. (not to thrilled to see him)

Mary : Oh Scott, I'm so glad you're home. How was your trip?

Scott : The pits. That crowd is a wierd bunch.

(There's a knock at the door. Laura enters with the days mail. Greetings are made by everyone).

Laura : You didn't stay long in the big city.

Scott : I just got a little homesick, that's all.

Laura : Here's a piece of mail for you Scott. Apparently it got lost in the mail last month.

(Scott reaches desperately for the piece of mail. He opens it up.)

Scott : Yee Hah. I've been accepted to Memorial University in St. John's.

Laura and Mary : (together) That's great.

Lisa : Yipee.

Scott : Well, I must get unpacked and fill out these forms. Are you coming sis?

Lisa : No thanks.

Scott : I've got something for you.

Lisa : I'm coming. I'm coming.

Laura : Oh Mary. My sister's daughter and her friend are looking for a roommate in St. John's to help share expenses.

Mary : That's super.(she calls to Scott).

(Scott and Lisa appear in the kitchen)

Scott : What is it mom?

Mary : Laura's sister has a daughter and friend who are looking for a roommate in St. John's. Isn't that great?

Scott : Oh No.(He faints)

(Black out - The end)