

Nalujuk Players

ACMS Hopedale

The Luck of a Coastie

Synopsis

A comedic production of a hunting trip gone wrong. Todd and his friends go off for the day hunting partridges for his mum to cook over the winter. Mum is a frantic lady and does not deal with the stress related to the trip. Many –typical- issues surface while the group is out hunting, and they cannot wait to get back home to their supper. Overall, 5 kids leave for a partridge hunting trip, to come back with an adventure to tell and a true understanding of the comfort of home.

Cast

Mum – Kendra Frieda

Leah – Veronica Flowers

Taylor – Alexis Coombs

Eric – Nicholas Flowers

Alec – Darryl Flowers

Todd – Allan Vincent

Score

Opening curtain: “Backwoods” – Justin Moore

Scene 2 closer: “Light my Fire” – The Doors

Scene 4 closer: “Cause I’m a Blonde” – Julie Brown

Scene 6 closer: “Wake Me Up”- Avicii

Closing curtain: “Mama, I’m Coming Home” – Ozzy Osbourne

Scene 1

-Curtain Raises-

Mum puttering around in the kitchen, with pristine hair.

Mum: Oh my, I hope the kids are going to be okay. Gone off all by themselves today. I hates it when they goes off without an adult; makes me worry. And when I worry, I panic, and when I panic, I start to hyperventilate.... [*starts to hyperventilate into a brown paper bag*]

Scene 2

-Lighting rises on outdoors scene-

Ski-doo's drive across the stage. Park next to each other.

Todd: Oh look, there's Lewis' Cabin, we should head in for a warm up. Knows he wouldn't have a story to tell.

Eric: Nah, we better head on to Adlatok; Lewis might keep us all day.

Alec: Yeah, we don't have time for that! He talks way too much, and I want to shoot some birds.

Leah: Yeah, let's keep going... Todd's mum is expecting us for supper, and we have to get a good number of birds to keep her happy.

Ski-doo's head up around the bend to Adlatok <head off-stage, then back around> Both machines pull up and come to a stop; they park next to each other

Todd: I'm getting a little hungry.... Anyone else?

Alec: Yeah me too!

Leah: I could use a snack.

Taylor: [*sounding excited*] Did anyone see those cute little snow birds back there? They were cute enough to cuddle!

Eric: [*perplexed*] What do you mean? What did you see, Taylor?!

Taylor: The white fluffy birds back there in the willows [*points to willows they passed*] They were awfully pretty and so adorable. I could totally take them home as our new pets.

Leah: Taylooor... those are partridges! That's what we went off for – we need to shoot all the ones we see. That's our families' food over the winter!

Eric: Oh well, they will still be there when we head back, we'll get them then – we can't dwell on it now. Next time speak up though okay, Taylor?

Taylor: Okay, next time I see the snow birds, I'll let you all know, but really, can I take one home?

Leah: Yes, hopefully we'll take a good many home.

Everyone chuckles, except Taylor who has a satisfied look on her face.

Alec: If we're stopping here for a feed, let's get the fire going; it's getting kinda cold here now.

Alec, Eric, Leah, and Todd start to gather substantial branches. Taylor heads off and grabs two green twigs and hands them to Eric.

Eric: Thanks..... Taylor [*rolls his eyes as Taylor turns away, and quickly throws the twigs over his shoulder, away from the fire, while she's not looking*]

Taylor and Leah swing their backpacks off, and start to root for snacks, they take out soda, water, chips, and bars.

Alec, Eric, and Todd start to build the fire

Alec: Have we got everything for the Rigolet Boil-Up?

Taylor & Leah: Yup, we have everything!

Leah: Jinx, you owe me a coke!

Taylor: [*looking confused*] You have a Pepsi in your hand, Leah. Why would I give you another? You're not that greedy are you?

Leah: [*hakes head*] Nevermind, Taylor... Let's just get these snacks to the boys... They must be some.....[*gets cut off by a loud bang*]

Meanwhile Todd attempted to start the fire using a lighter and a rock. Beating the rock off the lighter, the lighter explodes.

Leah: My good gah[*turns around*]... Ohhhhhhh... what happened to you?! What did you do?!

Alec and Eric rush over to Todd

Todd: [*looks shocked and uncomfortable as he turns to face the audience*] Uhhhh.....oooops, I was trying to get the fire started... and then the lighter just blew up! [*rubs his face, and stares at his hand in disgust*]

Eric: That was Taylor's bright idea wasn't it? You know you can't be smacking a rock onto a lighter! It has flammable gas in it – it's obviously going to blow up [*face palms*] Todd, sometimes I wonder why you and Taylor aren't together.

Todd screws up his face at the thought

Taylor: I thought lighters were for starting fires? Isn't that their purpose?

Eric and Alec attempt to tidy Todd off.

Leah: Taylor, my dear, you'd be dangerous with a brain! *[everyone chuckles]* We'll get the fire going guys, just get Todd cleaned up eh?

With Leah leading the situation, both Leah and Taylor are able to light the fire with ease, as Eric and Alec continue to tidy Todd.

Taylor: *[grunts]* hmpth... some Labrador boys you are, thinks you know it all. Can't even get the fire going, had to get us girls to do it.

Eric scowls

Leah: You just dunno how, das all.

Leah and Taylor stand up, pick up the bags, and begin to hand out the snacks.

Todd: Not my fault the wood don't burn! *[takes a bottle of water from Taylor]*

Everyone stays silent, thinking about the fire, while ripping into their junk food.

Eric: *[breaking the silence]* But seriously, please don't tell anyone we couldn't get that fire lit. That's the kind of thing that would ruin a Coastie's reputation.

Everyone chuckles.

Todd: You got that right!

-Lighting drops-

-Song clip from The Doors' "Light My Fire" - "Come on baby light my fire, come on baby light my fire, try to set the night on fire"-

Scene 3

-Lighting rises on kitchen scene-

Mum walking around kitchen looking for ingredients for her partridge soup. First she's in the cupboard looking for potatoes and onions. As she find them she places them on the stove. Hair slightly messed-up

Mum: *[opens fridge]* I got to get this soup on the stove soon, the kids are expecting a big feast when they return, and they will have worked up some appetite after a long day off hunting.

[Takes turnip out of fridge and lays it on the stove; continues to look] Oh my, looks like we're all out of carrots, I hope the store got some – been sometime since a decent produce order came

in. The kids need their vegetables, so they can keep sharp shooting those partridges. Ohhh Todd has such a good shot – one of the best his age! Makes a mother proud. *[drifts off in space as she thinks about her son; closes the fridge door]*

They bring the birds home, and I cook them up with lots of yummy vegetables to keep them good and healthy. Carrots are good for their eyesight, and I knows how important a good eye is when the birds all scatter. They will be some happy to get home to this pot of soup. Time to head to the store I suppose. *[Walks off stage to head to the store]*

-Lighting drops-

Scene 4

-Lighting rises on outside scene-

The girls start to pick up the wrappers from their boil-up; they proceed to throw the wrappers and left over soda cans in the fire.

Leah: We need to put out the fire before we leave.

Taylor: I'll do it!

Alec, Eric, Todd, and Leah all nod and begin packing up the skidoos with their bags.

Taylor: *[searches everywhere, looking confused]* Ummmm... Guys... there is no way to doubt the fire; I can't find any water!

Everyone stares at Taylor in disbelief

Alec: Taylor, gee boi, how stun can you be?

Leah: Taylor, snow is frozen... *[gestures with her hand for response]*

Taylor takes the time to think; looking very puzzled.

Todd: We haven't got time for this, there are birds to be found. I'll put it out! *[turns back on to the audience, and proceeds to relieve himself on the fire]*

Alec: You knows how, eh Todd?

Leah: Yeah, not my preferred method, but I suppose it worked.

Taylor giggles about the situation, but still looks contemplative

Eric: Alright now, let's get going... There are so many partridges to be found, I don't want to miss any good shots at them.

Taylor: Shots? Who's drinking? WE CAN'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!!

Leah: No one is drinking, Taylor! Man, oh man, we are going to shoot at birds – it's the reason we came out here remember.

Eric: Yes, so let's get going, because they will soon be tucking in for the night.

Everyone boards and starts their skidoos.

Taylor: *[screams]* WATER! Snow is frozen water! IT'S WATER

Leah: *[rolls eyes]* Congratulations, Taylor.

Crew head off on their way.

-Lighting drops-

-Song clip from Julie Brown's "Cause I'm A Blonde" - "Cause I'm a blonde, yeah yeah yeah, cause I'm a blonde, yeah yeah yeah"-

Scene 5

-Lighting rises on kitchen scene-

Mum is pacing back and forth in the kitchen. Her hair has become more messed-up.

Mum: Oh my, where are those kids to? They should be home by now. I think they should be home by now anyways? *[turns the soup down on the stove]*

I hope everything is alright *[grabs a stress ball from the table, continuing to pace around]*

Oh my! What if something bad happened? What if they have no way of getting home and no way to call for help? *[silently thinks to herself]*

Ohhhhh I can't even let my mind go there! If I start imagining all the problems that could happen, I'll have myself in the hospital with worry *[places the stress ball back on the table, and walks back to her soup, stirring it frantically]*

Nope, I can't do it! I'm gonna put myself in an early grave worrying about those kids.

I'm going to give Taylor's mum a call and see if she has heard from them... I wish out internet was up and running, so I could just track them down like I always do... But nooooooo, that would be too convenient *[walks off stage muttering to herself]*

-Lighting drops-

Scene 6

-Lighting rises on outdoors scene-

Everyone driving along the stage. The machines both stop at the sight of birds.

Eric, Alec, and Todd come to a stop, jump off their machine, steady their guns, and blast off a few shots into the willows; 5 birds drop.

Eric: *[picks up a dead partridge]* Taylor, is this your “snow bird”? *[rolls eyes]*

Taylor: Yes! Where did you get him too? Can I bring him home? Why is he so...dead?

Eric: He’s dead.... Because I shot him.

Taylor: Why did you shoot him? *[whining]* He was doing just fine alive! You are the worst person in the world!

Eric: I’m not a horrible person. *[pauses]* Taylor, do you eat partridge soup?

Taylor: Of course? What Coastie doesn’t?

Eric: You know... that’s “snow birds” right. The bird I’m holding right now, will one day be in a pot of soup that you will eat.

Taylor: *[almost crying]* I’m NEVER eating partridge soup EVER again.

Alec, Todd, and Leah start to pick the birds; they completely ignore Taylor’s commentary.

Eric: *[big sighs]* Ughhhhh, Taylor, it hurts how slow you are *[starts to pick the partridge in his hands]*

Taylor: I’m not slow, I could totally beat you in a race! Come on, let’s do it! Race me!

Leah: *[exasperated]* Yes, Taylor... You can beat him in a race, no need to prove it here now *[rolls eyes]* Sometimes, I wonder about you.

Looking around Alec starts to scout for more birds

Alec: Over there guys! *[points off in the distance]*

Eric, Alec, and Leah all jump aboard of their skidoo and head off towards Alec’s instructed direction.

Leah: Come on Taylor... Todd.... Hurry up!

Taylor and Todd mount and start their skidoo, it runs for a few seconds, and then stops running all together.

Todd: *[peers around Taylor, as she looks blankly at the skidoo]* Did we just run out of gas?

Taylor: No, of course not, the skidoo just ... stopped!

Todd: Really? We need to see if the plugs are worn out then.

Taylor: How you do that?

Todd: *[does the typical "uhoh" face]* We have to root around under the hood.

Taylor: I don't know how to do that.... *[pouts and eyes start to well up]* I didn't break it, I swear.

Todd: I know you didn't! *[pokes around under the hood – decides everything is all good under there]* I don't have a clue what the problem is; seems like everything is fine under there.

Taylor: *[starting to get scared and impatient]* HELPPPPPPP! HELPPPPPPP US!
PLEASEEEEEEE HELP US!

Todd attempts to console Taylor

Leah, Alec, and Eric come back in reverse while the kamutik has great trouble moving backwards – moving side to side, causing them to reverse, drive forward, reverse, drive forward many times

Leah: What's the holdup guys?

Alec: Come on guys, there are tons of birds to shoot!

Eric: What are you bawling about, Taylor? What's up anyways? *[looks down at the skidoo]*

Taylor: *[looks at Eric with an indignant facial expression]* We can't get our skidoo running. What are we supposed to do?

Todd: The stupid thing just won't start... Thanks for coming back, I thought she was going to start cracking up.

Eric: *[looks at the dashboard, realizes Taylor's skidoo is out of gas, and proceeds to switch her over to the reserve]* You ran out of gas! How did you not realize you were low on gas, Taylor! The light was on and everything!

Taylor: *[tilts head like confused dog]* What light?

Todd: *[screams]* I asked you that!

Taylor: What light are you talking about?

Leah: *[walks over to Taylor's skidoo]* Oh my, Taylor! *[points to the light on the dash]* this one... the one that tells you that you are almost out of gas! The one that looks like a gas pump, for goodness sakes!!

Taylor: Ohhhhhhhhhh..... *[looks ashamed]* that's been on for hours.

Alec, Leah, Eric, and Todd all roll their eyes at Taylor

Eric: Come on, we have to head home now to make sure they get there on that reserve tank.

Leah: Way to ruin the day for us, Taylor!

Taylor pouts

Eric: Your mum is waiting for us anyways, and you know what she gets like. She's likely to have the house tore apart at this rate.

Everyone mounts their skidoos, in silent agreement, and starts to drive away

Alec: [*props up in the back of the kamutik, takes note of where the others are, readies his gun, and yells*] WAIT!

Both skidoos break and come to a stop

Alec: Look! [*fires many shots off at Brookers, jumps out of the kamutik, grabs dead birds, smiling big, he brings them back to the machines*]

Eric: Nice shots, Alec! Let's pick them now, before they get cold!

Eric and Todd <back on to the audience> walk over to the help Alec pick the birds

Todd: [*in total disgust*] URGHHHhhhhhh...

Eric: [*chucking*] How did that happen?

Todd turns around to face his friends [and the audience] covered in feathers

Taylor: [*points at Todd*] Todd looks like a snow bird!!!!

Everyone giggles and watches Todd pluck himself

Todd grumbles as he plucks

Eric: Now that you're basically cleaned up, and we have a good number of birds, we should head back to your Mum, Todd.

Leah: Yeah, your Mum will be super happy about the birds [*attempts to looks at watch*] we got to get back soon though, it's getting late... We have already missed supper – I hope she didn't feed it to the dogs – that would be extremely upsetting.

Alec: Come on guys, no messing around, we have to get home, remember they are on reserve!

Everyone mounts their skidoos and takes off – heading home

-Lighting drops-

-Song clip from Avicii's "Wake Me Up" - "Feeling my way through the darkness. Guided by a beating heart. I can't tell where the journey will end, but I know where it starts. They tell me I'm too young to understand. They say I'm caught up in a dream. Well life will pass me by if I don't open up my eyes. Well that's fine by me. So wake me up when it's all over. When I'm wiser and I'm older. All this time I was finding myself, and I didn't know I was lost."

Scene 7

-Lighting rises in kitchen scene-

Mum's hair is a true state. She's grumbling, pacing frantically, on the verge of losing her mind, mid-panic attack while squeezing a stress ball

Mum: Where are they? Seriously, where are they? They should have been back by now! They should have been back long ago!

What if they broke down? What if they froze to death? Oh my, oh my, what if they fell through the ice!?!? WHAT IF THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A PACK OF WOLVES?! OR ATE BY A POLAR BEAR?!?!?!? *[becomes completely overwhelmed, rips stress ball in half, throwing it away (into the audience)]*

That's it! I'm calling Search and Rescue! *[picks the phone up off the table, starts to dial numbers and misdials]* Urghhh! *[attempts to dial again, gets a little further and misdials again]* Oh my! Urghhhhhh! I just can't get the number right! *[attempts one last time; slowly punching numbers into the phone]*

-Loud noise is heard outside, along with people talking-

Mum: *<drops the phone, looking shocked and angered>* That better be them!

The door opens; Todd walks in, head turned back on talking to Eric who is behind him... The rest file into the house unworried >

Mum: *[runs over to Todd immediately, wraps her arms around him, and blubbers hysterically]* OH MY! YOU'RE HOME! YOU'RE HOME! YOU'RE ACTUALLY HOME! *[pulls back to look at her son]* I'm so glad to have you back *[gasps]* and all you guys too! *[grabs each and every one of the kids and hugs them tightly]*

Kids laugh and talk amongst themselves as Mum hugs them all; they slyly point at Mum in gest, as they let her relax again

Todd: Yes Mum, yes, we're home now! Stop freaking out!

Leah: *[looking sympathetic]* We didn't mean to make you worry.

Taylor: *[looking puzzled]* Why were you worrying? We always go off?!

Mum: *[looking surprised]* You told me you would be back no later than 5pm! It's now 8pm! That's 3 hours late! I was having a fit... like any good mum would! Taylor, I called your Mum as well, you are going to have to touch base with her.

Eric: Well, through all your panicking, I hope you still had enough time to cook us some supper. I tell ya, we worked like dogs today!

Alec: We had quite the adventure, that's for sure!

Kids smirk across the way at each other thinking about their day off

Mum: Well whatever the case may be, I'm just happy to have you home – safe and sound. Let's serve up some supper. I made a big ole pot of partridge soup.

Todd: Aww, thanks Mum, you know it's my favourite!

Eric: Ohhh, we got some partridges for you today, even though we had a crazy ole day!

Mum: We'll talk about all that after, I'm just glad you kids are back home! Eat up! *[serves out a few bowls of soup she just took up]*

Leah: *[puts her spoon in her soup, stirring it around a little]* It's good to be home!

Taylor: *[as Taylor receives her bowl]* MMMMMMMM FOOOOOOOOOOOD!

Everyone starts in disbelief at Taylor

Taylor: What? I'm starving... that Rigolet Boil-Up just didn't cut it!

Todd: That may have been the most truthful, and intelligent thing, you have said all day, Taylor!

Mum: Rigolet boil-up? What is a Rigolet boil-up?

Alec: We just sat around a fire and ate junk food.

Mum: We'll you better not have ruined your appetite!

Eric: This looks some good! I can't wait to dig in *[dips soup up on spoon, ready to eat]*

Mum: Let's celebrate your successful hunt, and your safe return home! I even made some bakeapple cheesecake for dessert!

Todd: To us, our hunt, our families and yummy food!

Everyone: *[raises their glasses]* Cheers!