

HOW DO YOU SEE US

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Scene 1

Narrator- The average life of a Labradorian is just like Joe Blow down the street, but for some reason you people think we live in igloos. So many crazy things are said about us, and a lot of them aren't true. Apparently everything revolves around ice and snow.

(Curtains open, Labradorians to right of stage.)

Becky- Ice, snow, ice, snow, ice, snow- ouu snow and ice, let's shake it up a little.

Ben- Global warming is destroying the house. Stupid people killing our planet. We have to smash up some more ice.

Becky- Alright, I'll get on that.

Ron- No Becky, let me smash.

Becky- No Ron, I'm a strong, independent woman. I can smash it myself.

Becky/Ron- *(start bickering)*

Ben- Stop fighting guys! We can all work together!

Becky/Ron- Fine.

(Uses ice picks to pick ice.)

Narrator- Have you ever seen this happen here before? Yeah, me neither. I myself haven't built an igloo in my days, but that's just me. Let's see what these people think.

Lights switch to left of stage.

Scene 2

Tina- Oh my gosh. I don't have enough money for chicken nuggets. I maxed out my card.

Stacy- I heard that people in Labrador can't even have chicken nuggets, don't be so insensitive Tina.

Jen- Yeah, Tina. Just think about your life without chicken nuggets.

Tina- What's a Labrador??

Stacy- It's a place, Tina. In Canada. I saw a tweet about it.

Jen- Me too. Apparently it's a crazy place up there.

Tina- Ohhhh. Isn't that the place where they say "eh" all the time with the mooses!

Narrator- Actually it's just moose... Carry on.

Stacy- O-M-G! Tina! Where did you get your boots? I adore them!

Tina- I don't even know. My daddy got them from some store called "Riff's".

Jen- Isn't that *also* in Canada?

Tina- Oh yeah!! He was travelling in *Labrador!* He bought them at that store.

Stacy- Wait. He travelled in Labrador? How'd he get around? Dog sleds? Snowshoe?

Tina- No. He's rich, so he probably bought one of those *ski-doo*s and drove that everywhere. I'm not sure though.

Narrator- Oh please. I mean, yes. We do all of those things, but it's for fun. It's not a necessity. We have roads! We have cars! Pft.

Lights switch to right of stage

Scene 3

(Labradorians on stage. Two dressed as dogs, on hands and knees. Other is standing in a sled.)

Becky- Hiya! Hiya! Go faster dogs!

(Narrator walks over to dogs, holding cue cards)

Ben/Ron- Bark! Bark! Bark!
(UGH THIS SUCKS! CAN WE STOP AND HAVE A BREAK?!”)

Becky- I know, she’s a cold one today eh, boys?

Ben- Bark!
(PLEASE! WE ARE TIRED AND COLD!)

Becky- It’s okay! Only another twelve hours. Not too long.

Ben/Ron- Baaaaark.
(PLEASE!)

(Dogs collapse)

Becky- Fine. Get it the sled. I need to get my snow shoes on before we leave. Good thing I made a new pair just yesterday.

Ben/Ron- Bark! Bark!
(THANK YOU!)

(Narrator returns to original spot.)

Becky- Let’s go then.
Starts walking off stage

Narrator- *Laughs.* Well that’s just normal. Who doesn’t talk to their dogs? Let’s see what else they make up.

Lights switch to left of stage

Scene 4

Jen- Wow. That’s wild! I heard a bunch of crazy things about that place!

Tina- Yeah, I’m surprised that my dad could survive there so long! It’s so cold!

Stacy- Aren’t there a bunch of wild bears wandering around?

Tina- Yeah! Just mostly those big white ones I think... um solar bears?

Jen- Polar bears, Tina!

Tina- Whoops! Sorry. I keep forgetting.

Jen- They are literally opposites!

Stacy- Guys. Chill out. Holy guacamole!

Tina/Stacy/Jen- *sings and dances* Guacamole! Guac- guacamole! Guacamole! Guac- guac-a-mole! Hahaha.

Jen- I love that video!

Narrator- What- What was that? Y'all are crazy. Where did that even come from?

Stacy- Anyways. Could you imagine living there? Does your dad have to go there anymore?

Tina- I think so- Ohhhhhh.. maybe that's why I haven't seen him lately.

Stacy- Ohhhhhhhh. Do you think he'll get eaten by a polar bear? Omg. Thoughts and prayers Tina.

Jen- Thoughts. And prayers.

Narrator- This is great. We either eat polar bears or get eaten by them. Makes sense.

Lights switch to right of stage

Scene 5

Ron- Be on the lookout, Ben. It's polar bear season... Oh who am I kidding? Every season is polar bear season here in the big land!

Ben- Oh yes, I'll be on the lookout all right. Except for the small problem of not being able to spot a polar bear in all this snow!

Becky- *(as polar bear)* Grrrr.

Ron- Did you hear that?

Ben- No... hear what?

Ron- Shhh. Wait.

(Silence)

Ben- I still don't hear anyth-

Becky- RAWR!

Ben/Ron- AHHH

(Silence)

Ron- Are we gonna run? Or?

(More silence)

Ben- I mean she doesn't seem to be a threat. Do *you* think we should run?

Ron- We'll I don't know... I'm kind of tired-

Becky- RAWR!

Ben/Ron- *look at eachother, then run away*

Narrator- Ha-ha! That was rich! Can you believe that this is how they're picturing our lives? That polar bear was pretty scary though. I almost ran away. Ha ha ha. Classic.

Lights switch to left of stage

Scene 6

Stacy- I feel really bad for them!

Jen- I know! Those poor snow Mexicans!

Narrator- Snow Mex- ah that's just straight up offensive! They better not mention Trum-

Tina- I feel like Trump is right; a wall would be a smart idea. I don't want any solar bears at my house!

Narrator/Stacy/Jen- POLAR BEARS!

Tina- Oh yeah. Sorry! Heh heh.

Stacy- I wonder if they train some to ride like horses or something?

Tina- I'm not sure. Aren't they like super vicious?

Jen- Yeah, wouldn't they get eaten?

Stacy- No way! I'm pretty sure they keep some of them as pets.

Tina- Maybe my dad will bring one home for me! Wouldn't that be so fetch?!

Stacy- Oh my god, Tina, stop trying to make fetch happen- never mind.

Jen- IMAGINE HAVING A BABY POLAR BEAR! Wouldn't it be so cute?!

Tina/Jen/Stacy- AWWE!

(Sips coffee)

Tina- Oh no! I just had a terrible thought!

Stacy- What was it?!

Tina- What if they kill the polar bears?! Don't they kill all the other animals? And eat them?

Jen- That's such a good point! I don't want them to die! We should start a "Save Labradorian Animals" campaign online!

Tina- Yes! I'll post on my Instagram, *and* Twitter! Daddy will be so proud!

Stacy- YASS! Omg. I'll post there too!

Jen- We'll get so many donations! Who doesn't love animals?

(All on phone)

Stacy- I'm so excited!

Knocks over cup onto Tina

Tina- UH! Stacy. I can't believe you've done this.

Stacy- Tina! You're being insensitive! Again. There are animals dying!

Jen- Yeah! It must be so painful for them! Don't they get killed with bow and arrows?

Tina- I also heard something about animals getting killed with clubs.

Stacy- I thought they were only used for golf.

Jen- Ew! Who plays golf anymore?

Stacy- Anyways! I heard the Labradorians strangled animals with their bare hands!

Tina- Wow. That is so sad.

Narrator- Tragic. *(Rolls eyes)*

Lights switch to right of stage.

Scene 7

Becky- *(starts sneakily walking around. Holding bow and arrow.)*

Ben/Ron- *(tries to hide on stage.)*

Becky- Come out come out, wherever you are. You can't hide forever. I need supper!

Narrator- *(walks to Ben. Holding cue cards.)*

Ben- *(stands up, with hands raised.)* Rawwrrr.
(Please don't kill us! You've already killed the rest of my family!)

Becky- *(looks confused.)*

Ron- *(stands up, with hands raised.)* Moooooooooo.
(Yea, you probably shouldn't do that.)

Narrator- Wait. Do moose "moo"?... Nevermind that's not important.

Becky- I don't care what you're saying. I'm gonna eat you!!! Muahahaha!

Ben/Ron- Rawr! Moo!

(Dang.)

Becky- *(shoots them both with fake arrows, they fall to the ground.)*

Becky- Ahhh yiss. Eatin' good tonight.

Narrator- Ahh. A true classic. I mean yeah, we eat animals... most of you do too. Just because we kill them ourselves doesn't mean that we want to live in the wild and murder every animal in sight... puh-lease.

Lights switch to left of stage

Scene 8

Tina- *(shivers)* I just got so cold.

Jen- Oh no. Did you bring a sweater? It is kind of chilly in here.

Stacy- It's not too bad. Maybe you're just thinking too much about Labrador.

Tina- That's probably it. I just keep picturing them lying down in the snow. I mean, I know it snows here sometimes, but it's all year round out there isn't it?

Stacy- I think so. This instagram pic that I saw was taken there, and the snow was like as tall as my house.

Jen- That's like so crazy. How do they not drown?

Stacy- The snowshoes keep them up.

Jen- Ohhhh.

Narrator- Don't you just love listening to this? Isn't it mind blowing? I should've made popcorn or something. Some of it is hard to watch, it's like Labrador is on another planet to them. Whatever.

Lights switch to right of stage

Scene 9

(Labradorians heavily marching around stage)

Becky- Ron! Ben! Where are you! We need to get back home!

Ron- Becky?!

Becky- Ben?!

Ben- Ron!

Ron- Ben?!

Becky- Marco!

Ben/Ron- Polo!

Becky- There you guys are. We better head home the storm is crazy!

Ben- I know! When I lost both of you, I thought I'd be lost forever.

Ron- Good thing we're wearing our good ol' trusty snowshoes eh? Where would we be without em' am I right?

Becky- True. Let's head back.

(They walk around the stage)

Ron- I don't see the house anywhere?

Ben- Yeah, me neither. I'm starting to get worried.

Becky- Don't worry guys, we'll find it. I know we wi- *(bumps into igloo)* There we go! Told you we'd find it!

Ron- Thank goodness! Let's go!

Narrator- Yeah, we do get a lot of snow, but not all the time. We don't get snow until like

October. Next thing y'know, they'll be talking about how we use magic top hats to bring snowmen to life.

Lights switch to left of stage

Scene 10

Jen- So if it's so snowy and there are polar bears, how does anyone live there.

Tina- They probably have somebody to teach them to drive a snowmobile. Apparently it's way different compared to driving a car. That way he can out run the bears and not freeze his butt off.

Jen- Like do they need ski-doo liscenceses? Wonder if they have ski-doo taxis?

Stacey- Ugh! I should've known that they use ski-doods. That's literally all they ever drive.

Jen- I wouldn't be able to do it. Way too cold. I'd rather stay here. Maybe someone could teach us someday so we could visit Labrador. What an experience that would be huh?

Tina- But in the summer so it's a little bit warmer.
(all sips coffee and a bite from their biscuits)

Tina- Is it bad that I don't really like the sound of this place? It seems too ... (*pause*) oh I don't know... Boring, lonely, chilly. I'm not getting good vibes.

Jen- Yeah I guess that's kind of true.

Stacey- Want me to get you guys a refill?

Jen- Sure! Thanks!

(Stacey walks away with coffee cups/plates)

Lights switch to the right of the stage

Scene 11

Ron- Becky, I'm going to start my sled so I can get some groceries for supper. I'm feeling Jig's Dinner tonight. How about you?

Becky- Perfect! You can invite Ben too. Oh! Make sure you pick up some butter and Potatoes.

Ron- I don't think it will fit on the sled but I'll try honey.

Becky- Ron! Potatoes! Do. Not. Forget!

Ron- (walking out the door) Well you know what they say, "Happy wife is a happy life"!

(sound of snowmobile starting up and driving off.)

Becky- OH MY GOSH! I forgot to tell him to kill a moose on the way back, but he probably won't be able to bring it back on a bravo. HA! That's a knee slapper!

Ron- Am I forgetting something? I feel like I need to kill a moose. Nah, it's probably just in my head.

Lights switch to the left of stage

Scene 12

Tina: Do you think Stacy's acting a little weird lately?

Jen: Yeah. Maybe it has something to do with the (hand motions)

Tina- What?

Jen- well ya know

Tina- what?!

Jen- The... (hand motions)

Tina- SPIT IT OUT!

Jen- Nevermind. Let's ask Stacey's mom. I love her. She's got it going on!

Tina: Woooow nice one.

(Stacy returns)

Stacey: What did I miss?

Jen and Tina: (says fast) Nothing!

Narrator- Wow that was weird.

Tina- Goodness, no wonder my card is maxed. This half-soy, nonfat, decaf, organic, vanilla, double-shot, gingerbread frappuccino costs 12 dollars!

Jen- Not to mention your diamond earrings, necklace, and rings. They weren't cheap either.

Stacy- I wonder what Labradorians would do if they came. There's no way they have money.

Jen- Yeah, they have everything they need where they live.

Tina- What do they wear?

Stacy- Pretty sure they wear animal fur.

Tina- And they get it for free? My fur jacket and snakeskin purse were so expensive!

Jen- It's probably more expensive because it's not real. There's no way they actually kill animals to make clothing

Stacy- Yeah, that's only in Labrador.

Narrator- Wow! They've started a save the Labradorian animals campaign, while they're encouraging animal killing in their own state.

Scene 14

Ben- So how are we gonna pay for our trip to New York?

Ron- Well I got 4 feet of seal skin, half made snowshoes, and a spare ski-doo steering wheel. That's gotta be worth something right?

Becky- That's gotta be at least 30 liters of gas or 42 loonies.

Ron- Well if we dogsled instead, we'll save food and clothing, since we don't have to trade with others for gas.

Becky- And if we bring our own food, we won't need money for food.

Ben- So it's settled. We'll leave when the sun's right above us.

Ron/Becky- Okay!

Ben- Wonder what New Yorker's are like?

Becky- Guess we'll find out.

Scene 15

(Becky, Ron, and Ben walk into the café, go to the girl's table.)

Ben- Hey, is anyone sitting here? There aren't any more tables available.

Stacy- Sure! Sit down, sit down. I'm Stacy, and this is Tina and this is Jen.

Tina/Jen- Hi!

Ben- We'll I'm Ben. This is Becky, and this is Ron. Do you guys live here, or are you just visiting?

Stacy- Oh we were both born here in New York. We've been friends forever. What about you guys?

Ron- Oh, well we're actually visiting from-

Tina- Oh my God, Becky. I LOVE your boots! Where did you get them?!

Becky- Oh! I actually got them from Riff's! I doubt you guys have that store here though.

Stacy- Wait. Are you guys from-

Ron- Labrador. Yes.

Tina/Stacy- *(scream with excitement)*

Tina- Wait, if you're from Labrador, did you have to get a special helicopter to pick you up?

Jen- Or did you just walk all the way here?

Becky/Ben/Ron-*(all laugh)*

Ron- No, we drove to the airport and took a long flight here.

Tina/Stacy- The airport?

Ben- Yes? What's shocking about an airport?

Stacy- How can you guys have an airport if you live in the woods? Also did you drive your ski-doo to the airport? *(Uses air quotes on airport)*

Becky- We live in houses, just like you guys. And I drove us all to the legitimate airport in my car.

Tina/Stacy/Jen- *look awestruck*

Ron- Wait what did you guys think Labrador was actually like?

Narrator- Oh this should be good.

Tina- *(looks embarrassed.)* Oh um, we just thought you lived in igloos, killed animals you saw for food, used dogsled to get around, and rode your pet solar, I mean polar bears.

Becky/Ben/Ron- *(burst out in laughter)*

Ben- That's hilarious! Where did you get that information?!

Tina- Stacy saw a tweet about it!

Ron- If we were surviving off the land, where do you think we got the ski-doo?!

Stacy- heh heh, built them from scratch?

Becky/Ben/Ron- *(laugh again.)*

Becky- Also, we don't have polar bears in our town. Though there are some in other places. And people haven't lived in igloos in ages! I thought you guys learned this stuff in school.

Tina- Nope. Well we don't really go to school that often. So I wouldn't know.

Becky- That's strange. We learn all about you guys in our school. I'm not sure what they teach at yours, *sips tea* but that's none of my business.

Jen- Even when we do go to school, we're on our phones, cause listening is too hard.

Stacy- I'm learning so much right now! So you guys don't live in igloos, don't have pet polar bears, don't hunt all animals, and don't travel by dogsled. But you *do* go to school, drive cars, and live in houses?

Ben- By Joe think she's got it.

Tina- Omg! Good job Stacy!
(High five)

Stacy- Thanks, Tina!!!

Ron- You guys, I think we better get going if we wanna catch our flight. Plus this place is nothing compared to Timmies.

Ben- I agree. Let's go catch a bus.

Becky- Well it was nice meeting you guys! Glad I got to blow your minds. Also, I hope you learned a thing or two about stereotyping us.

(Labradorians exit)

Tina- Wow. Looks like we got everything wrong. The way we saw Labradorians was totally different from how they actually were.

Stacy- I know! I wonder if they saw us differently before coming here.

Lights swich to right of stage

Scene 16

Becky- So. Did they defy your expectations?

Ben/Ron- Nah.

(All walk off stage)

Lights only on Narrator

Narrator- Well wasn't that something? I guess we're done here. But before I go, there's something I'd like to say. What you just witnessed was something that happens everyday, everywhere. As you can tell, these New Yorker's were pretty basic and some might say they are the "stereotypical" American girl. Anybody and everybody can get judged and stereotyped, and there's not much we can do about it. But what *can* we do, you ask? Well that's simple. Change your vision. Stay open minded. Don't put labels on people and build an image of them in your head. Peace.

(exists stage)

