

Them Days  
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Scene 1:

**Mr.Critch:-----Ryden**  
**Joby:-----Preston**  
**Jacko/Clements: -----Jayden**  
**Sophia: -----Harley**  
**James: -----Jesse**  
**Makus/Levi:-----Errol**

*(Setting: in the school Library--Everyone; In class looking bored, no wifi.)*

Mr.Critch: Ok b'yes, the internet's down again, everybody go find a book to read.

Joby : ugh this is so boring. I could be playing Fortnite right now.  
*(makes shooting action)*

Jacko: Yeah, I can't believe we actually have to read, we could choke from the dust on those books.

Joby : Come on we finds a book before Critch gets mad at us.

*(All students Walk to book shelf, with no enthusiasm, students browse library books for a short time)*

James: hey, look at this thing.... it looks five hundred years old.

Sophia: Umm... it's actually 90 years old. *(Sophia points to the cover of the book)*. Can you even read?

James: PFFFFTTT I knew that.

Sophia: Whatever, of course you did.

Critch: JAMES and SOPHIA!!!! Have you chosen a book yet. Come on now focus!!

James: yes yes. -- (*Mumbles something*)

Mr. Critch: (*stands up*) WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME!

James: Nothing nothing, I got one, calm down. (*Goes and sits down*)

Mr. Critch: Detention..

James: for what???

Sophia: Hahaha, Suck it.

Critch: YOU TOO SOPHIA!!

Sophia: I didn't mean it!

(*James looks over with a big grin*)

## **LIGHTS GO DOWN**

### Scene 2:

(*scene opens with Mr. Critch asleep at his desk with his feet up, and Joby and James are sitting in detention*)

James: Did you find anything sensible to read?

Sophia: Yeah man, mines about the Kardashians.

Joby: Mines about Donald Trump making America great, )

James: (*whispers*) well mines about Our Ancient Inuit Ancestors  
(*James starts to read....* )

This is actually quite interesting

In order to show this to the audience we can have a character say it.. Perhaps a recording

Sophia: Wow, you can actually read?

(*James glares at Sophia but continues reading*)

James: This books from back before my pop was even born,  
(REWIND Sound )

***Flashback.*** LIGHT SHIFT (*Remembrance Harp Sound Effect*)

Jayden and Errol ( Two people dressed in aboriginal clothing enter then stand around waiting for a seal.)

Levi: Fadder, it's been 6 hours my hands are froze, do you think we should go now?

Clements (old man)-Auka Sulli

Levi- ugh.. We'll wait another bit. I hope mother has the Kullik going

Clements:Yaw son, yeet

Levi: My mitts are froze to my harpoon

(*WIND BLOWING, HEAR SCRATCHING ON ICE*)  
UDJUK UDJUK

(Levi stabs the seal and blood goes everywhere)

(*LIGHT SHIFT HARP SOUND, BACK TO THE CLASSROOM*)  
Sophia walks over to Critch and tries different things to wake him up

*POKE HIM*  
*SHAKE HIM*  
*SMACK THE DESK*

Critch awakes,

“ No Mommy, Jeremy dont wanna take a bath”

(*Critch opens one eye and looks around*)

(Students oddly glance)

Sophia: What are you going on with now Sir?

Mr. Critch: OH, UH You guys are free to go

(James still in his seat, reading)

Mr. Critch: James it's time to leave , I have to go

James: Just a few minutes, i'm almost done the chapter

Mr. Critch: NOW JAMES! (Critch drags James off stage)

James: WAIT I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WE SHOULD GO SEAL HUNTING TOMORROW

(LIGHTS GO DOWN)

CLOSED Scene

#### Scene 4

*Scene opens up to the Younger ones go seal hunting in the modern day*

Sophia , and James get ready to go seal hunting for the day

James- Beautiful Day out eh Soph

Sophia- Sure is, (Texting on phone)

James: Ready?

Sophia: Hold on. I gotta send my streaks

SKIDOO TAKES OFF

James: Look , Udjuk

Sophia : What's an Udjuk?

James: Udjuk is a square flipper in Inuktitut

Sophia: square what? Whatever, he's so cute, i wanna take a Sealfie, get it?

James: Forget the selfie, we need food for supper

(Skidoo prop) (go to other side of stage)

James -( sees the seal , takes out gun)

You gotta aim for the nose, if you shoot him in the head, he will escape.

Sophia: what?? Why??

James: annoyed sounding (SINK) LIKE A ROCK

Sophia: Good shot

Sophia helps James strap the seal onto the Ski-Doo, and they drive off.

(LIGHTS GO DOWN)

Sophia takes a Sealfie

James: Sophia, COME ON, ITS GETTING DARK

SCENE CLOSED

### Scene 5

Maybe Sophia and dad in this scene, to have Sophia change her mind on technology and her books and look into learning more about her culture.

Sophia and Makus are in this scene

Sophia realizes she don't know enough about her Inuit Culture and where she originated from , she slows finds interest in her culture

Sophia: Atata, I feel like I don't know anything about our culture, where can i learn?

Makus: That's because you are too into the modern day life.

Sophia: I didn't understand how important my culture was.

Makus: It's important to know where you came from, and who you are.

Sophia: Is it too late to start looking for answers?

Makus: It's never too late Panik, never.

Sophia: Where do I start?

Makus: you can read some them days books.

Sophia: Theres this boy in my class named James, and reads them days books ALLL THE TIME.

Makus: Ask others , they can help you find out more.

**SCENE CLOSED**

## Scene 6

(A few of the students as a group come together in unison)

James is in math class, and he falls asleep

(James is acting out his day dream of the Northern Lights coming to chop his head off).

HE WHISTLES. Northern Lights in the background turn angry colours then James starts pushing it, and whistles all out pissing off the Northern lights

James: OH LOOK their Dancing (Play audio clip of Jesse's dream )  
(James runs and the northern lights viciously chase him)

(James Hides)

(Scene changes back to the present, LIGHTS COME UP, Mr. Critch yells at James)

Critch: James!! James!!! TIME TO WAKE UP and write your notes  
(KICKS DESK)

James: WOWWW, you wouldn't believe what I just read.

Mr. Critch : Was it more important than math, if not, I don't want to hear it.

James : It was about our culture..isn't that important?

Mr.Critch: I didn't say your culture wasn't important. I said math was more important.

James: Ooh Sir, It's very important that we know where we come from. A lot of people are uninformed about aboriginal peoples even though we live in the same country.

(James tosses book to Critch)

James: Look read this Here's YOUR homework for tonight

Mr. Critch: What's this ? I don't have time to be reading this

James: If you ever want to learn about us students then you would make time.

Mr. Critch: I'll think about it, but don't hold your breath.

SCENE CLOSED

## Scene 7

(Mr. Critch is reading while students are finishing their math work)

Makus: Sir what's the square root of 49?

Mr. Critch ignores Makus and continues reading

Makus: SSSIIIIIIIRRR, the square root of 49

Mr. Critch: ummmm 2

Jacko: Sir, it's 7, not 2, are you even paying attention to us?

Joby: Sir are you awake?

Mr. Critch: Yea, I'm just so fascinated by what's happening in this book.

Joby: What are you reading?

Mr. Critch: Them Days, do you still skin seals with a.....yew-lew?

Makus: You mean an ULU sir?

Mr. Critch: I guess.

Makus: Yes we do sir and it's pronounced ooo-looo.

Jacko: Sir, we really should take you seal hunting so you can see for yourself!

Mr. Critch: I'd like that guys.

Joby: How about Saturday?

Mr. Critch: SURE.



Joby: We've had teachers in the past, who actually put in their own time to understand our history. Our history shapes who we are as people today. Our people have overcome many obstacles

Sophia: It's okay to not to know sir, we can help teach you

Ideas:

The Resolution to the play could be the students convincing Mr. Critch that their heritage and culture is an important part of their lives.

### Scene 7

Sophia, James, Makus, Joby , and Mr. Critch all go seal hunting

Joby comes out with Sign reading " Saturday morning"

Sophia: Are you excited Sir?

Mr. Critch: Ain't I ever

James: We are happy to take you on your first seal hunt

Mr. Critch: I don't know what to expect

James: Every hunt is different

Joby : You need to shut up now sir, or you'll scare away all the seals

(EVERYONE GIGGLES)

Jacko: There's fresh holes over there, we might get one today

Mr. Critch: How do you kill it?

(Everyone shhhes sir)

Joby: You'll find out soon enough

(SMALL 4 SECOND PAUSE) (GUN SHOT)

Makus: Did you shoot en?

James: yup, first shot

Mr. Critch: Woah!!!! That was so COOOL. Thank you for taking me BYHS. I feel like I really learned a lot about your culture today.

Jacko: Now we have to skin the seal and you will have the honour of eating the liver.

(Starts to skin the seal, takes out the liver.)

Joby: Here sir you have to eat a piece.

Critch: The liver.... Not even cooked?

Jacko: Yeah it's tradition.

Critch: Oh well, if it's tradition than I guess.

LIGHTS GO DOWN

(Takes the liver eats it, and throws up)

SCENE CLOSES

Scene 8

(Opens to a funeral)

James: I can't believe he died. Who would of thunk he was allergic to seals.

(Scene Closes)

Dont forget to make a list of props to use as well:

- Harpoon
- Fake guns
- Books
- Desks
- Bookshelf
- Seal
- Phones
- Card board skidoo