

SCENE 2

CLAUDE

I starts my day at Tim 'Ortons. Don't drink coffee. Don't drink tea. An' I've no use for donuts. But I'll grab a Pepsi and get a lay o' the land. As the Mayor, it's 'ow I keep in touch with the people an' such. Everything starts and ends at Tim 'Ortons.

CLAUDE enters Tim Hortons.

Morning, Garth.

GARTH (ACTOR 8)

Morning, Claude.

CLAUDE

Morning, Crystal.

CRYSTAL

Morning, Mr. Mayor.

CLAUDE

Dwight.

DWIGHT

Morning Claude. Garth. Crystal.

DOUG

Claude. Crystal. Dwight. Garth. Morning.

CRYSTAL

Morning, b'ys. Pepsi?

CLAUDE

That's right, Crystal. What's the news?

DWIGHT

School bus strike still on?

CLAUDE

Ahya. We're working it out.

GARTH

Well, we're coming to the table.

CLAUDE

Well, we're coming to the table too.

DWIGHT

Are they tearing down the airport?

CLAUDE

Not today.

DOUG

(changing the subject)

I heard Don Burton and his wife won the Super 7!

CLAUDE

You don't say.

DWIGHT

Lucky shit.

DOUG

4.6 million.

THEY all whistle. JANICE enters.

JANICE

Excuse me, I'm looking for the Mayor.

EVERYONE points at CLAUDE.

JANICE

Mister Mayor—I'm Janice Mosher with Rogers TV. I'm new. To town—and new to reporting. It's my first day.

CLAUDE

Where you longs to, Janice?

JANICE

Port Aux Basque. So if you see me running red lights or anything, just forgive me because we don't have stop lights over there.

CLAUDE

Well welcome to Gander, Janice.

DWIGHT

Janice.

GARTH

Janice.

DOUG

Janice.

CRYSTAL

Janice.

CLAUDE

If you're looking for news, you should talk to that man running in here. That's our constable, Oz Fudge. He's full of stories.

OZ runs in.

OZ

Mister Mayor, I saw your car in the lot. Crystal, turn up the radio so's we all can hear. Doug, you probably want to get down to Air Traffic Control right away.

DOUG

There's only supposed to be two air traffic controllers on, but instead there's fourteen... Everyone's heard and they all shows up without even being asked. We're told there'll be over 200 planes getting diverted across the country.