

Theme Statement: Shorebird travel near and far, but are important to us wherever they are

Birds We Would Like to Include:

Peregrine Falcon: Captain (Savannah)

Eagle: Captain (Kate)

Semipalmated sandpiper (Erich& Malcolm)

Red Knot (Malcolm)

Black Bellied Plover (Erich)

### Outline

Opening:

Two stewardesses are at a booking station- they are dressed similarly. They will have a table in front of them labelled Peregrine Planes and they are selling tickets for flights. They are gossiping about the latest episode of GrayVireo's Anatomy/ Shepody's got talent/ Jays Game.

Two sandpipers approach- a parent and a child. While they are booking their tickets the projector is showing a map with locations where shorebirds go. They book their ticket and in the midst of it they are asked where they came from (arctic), where they are going (SA), and then they are asked a bunch of questions to determine if they are ready! The parents books first and stewards say their flight is immediate for the parent so the parents rushes off leaving child to book its own ticket. Child books and then goes off to wait and get ready for its later flight.

Scene 2: The Red Knot Arrives. The stewards are very excited to see this bird and they talk about how rare it is to see one (endangered). The Red knot is quite a diva. They stewards ask for an autograph and give them a VIP seat to make sure that the red knot completes their flight because they are so important. The Red knot talks about how it must go further north and further south than the sandpipers (this could be another reason the bird is VIP). The bird can either be Derrick Shepody of Gray Viero's Anatomy, or Simon Owl from Shepody's got talent.

Scene 3: The Black Bellied plover approaches and says it is a black bellied plover. The Stewards kind of ignore him. When he gets their attention they ask about what he is wearing and why he doesn't have a black belly. They continue to disagree with him and he finally tells him that he is sporting his winter plumage and that they are silly geese. His breeding plumage has a black belly! They say they will see some ID... they check his passport and decide that this makes sense, but they are will need to check his bag. They check through his things and find a black sweater and so they think he may be impersonating a black bellied plover. He must take off his shoes and go through the security beeper. After he passes all of these tests they finally let him on (during the tests that he will be late- he worries that he will miss leaving with his flock because they leave in smaller flocks than the semis)

Scene 4: The red knot and plover are on the plane. They get on the plane and are chatting. Black belly doesn't seem to know who red knot is and this upsets the red knot who then explains who they are. Black belly tells red knot the cable isn't great up in the artic. There are now the two captains, eagle and falcon. They will introduce themselves and give a safety speech. The Red knot will be interruptive and ask for pretzels. The falcon gets upset and threatens to consume the red knot whether he is endangered or not. Thank you for flying with peregrine planes- shorebirds travel near and far but are important to us wherever they are.

**Script Draft:**

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**Scene 1**

*Two stewardesses stand behind a desk labelled Peregrine Planes. They are gossiping.*

Savannah: I stayed up so late last night watching Grey Vireo's Anatomy! Did you see it?

Kate: Nah, sorry I was watching the Cardinals game!

Savannah: Ugh, sports... At least the weather has been good for them

*Sandpipers enter and start looking around the airport*

Kate: Yeah! We are planning on checking out the mudflats by Dorchester Cape this weekend if you want to come!

Savannah: Ugh, walking... sorry I have a mani/pedi scheduled. But hey I was wondering if next week you wanted to go out ---

*Savannah is cut off by the entering semipalmated sandpipers. They are frazzled, as they think they may have missed their plane.*

Malcolm: Hey excuse me! I am looking for some tickets to Brazil... Is it too late?? Has the plane left yet??

Erich: Dad, Dad! Where is that again?

Malcolm: It's in South America! We have to travel there so that we do not get stuck in the Bay for the winter!

Kate: Welcome to Peregrine Planes Airline! What a lovely sandpiper family! What can I help you with?

Malcolm: I arrived here about three weeks ago from Coats Island way up north! I was hoping to get on a flight to Brazil! My son here is staying for another week.

Kate: Could you please set your bags down and step on the scale sir?

Malcolm: Sure thing! I've almost doubled my body weight since I've been here (*Hearty laugh*). Corophium gets me every time!

Savannah: Looks like you weigh about 40 grams! You're ready to go!

Erich: Weigh me next! Weigh me next!!

Malcolm: You aren't ready to leave yet! You have to stay and eat more before you're prepared for such a long journey!

Erich: Okay... I'll meet up with you later.

Malcolm: *fussing over Erich* make sure you eat at least 30 000 corophium a day okay? I showed you where they are. Stay away from the water! Be careful of those darn falcons too. If there's ever any problems just let me know, I'm sure that we can get in touch and—

Erich: Dad, I'm going to be just fine! I've been taking care of myself since I was 3 hours old, I can do it! (*puffing his chest*)

Malcolm: True true! The Nature Conservancy of Canada is protecting our valuable lands so I know you will be safe (*Turns to stewards*) Are the conditions good for departure?

Savannah: Well, the barometric pressure seems right for your flight sir

Kate: And the wind speed is good and its even in the right direction!

Savannah: So sir, you started here up in the Arctic tundra, and then came here to Johnson's Mills International Airport! Next you'll fly non-stop for almost 5000 km before you reach your final destination. Oh, and we only have one seat left! *Quickly hands him ticket*

Kate: *Checks her watch*- The flight leaves in about six minutes!

Malcolm: Oh my gosh! So many bags... I'm barely ready... I gotta go! See ya later son! *Malcolm runs offstage behind counter*

Erich: Bye Dad!! Safe Flight!

Kate: We'll book you a ticket once you get your weight up!

Erich: Thank Guys! I'll be back in a week!

Savannah: Happy eating and get lots of rest at high tide!

*Erich exits stage right*

## Scene 2

*RK enters stage left*

Kate: So hectic working here sometimes...

RK: EXCUSE ME? WHO IS HERE TO HELP ME?

Sav ( *freaking out*): do you know who that is? This is so RARE. It's BAYONCÉ the RED KNOT! She used to be part of Destiny's Peeps but now she's a flawless solo artist. I love ALL her music. Hi, Hi! Ohmigosh HI!

Kate: Welcome to Peregrine Planes Airline! As my co-worker here calms herself down, what can I help you with?

RK: My private jet broke down after flight from the Arctic, sigh, so I guess I'm taking a regular plane with all you commoners...

Sav: It's SOOOO nice to meet you! (*approaching RK*) It's so shocking to see you around here! We NEVER get celebrities coming through, just a few a season, I can't believe it.

RK: well, we do exist (*moderately scared of savannah*) yes... I was just looking to book a ticket to Argentina, all the way down south. I have a summer home down there, I'm ready to be soaking up the sun!

Kate: Of course! I can get a ticket for you right now, business or economy? Or should I even ask...

RK: Ha! Business of course. If I'm going to fly commercially I want to fly first class!

Sav: WILL YOU SIGN SOMETHING FOR ME?

Kate: WILL YOU CALM DOWN?

RK: Oh no, don't worry it's okay. This happens all the time. I'd be glad to sign something, do you have a pen and paper?

Sav: here! I have one! *(very enthusiastically)* sign it "to my favourite shorebird stewardess, savannah... the great" *(Kate is so appaled, RK signs the paper, Sav is so happy)*

RK: Here you go, nice to meet you Savannah. Well, I do have the longest flight so I should be on my way now. Have a wonderful day and make sure the plane has my favourite meal; horseshoe crab eggs. Those are so much better than caviar....

*RK leaves stage right*

Kate: Thanks for coming, please stop by again and have a wonderful flight!

*(sav is still freaking out in the background)*

### Scene 3

Kate: Are you okay? Can you breathe?

Sav: I'm FANTASTIC! I'm calming down, okay, I'm good, everything is fine... whooo, that was too much...

*BBP enters stage left*

Kate: Wow, that was something. I mean, it is pretty crazy that she came through the little town... think about how far she has to travel all the time... that is wild...

BBP: Hello? Yes? Is this where I book tickets? I'm a black bellied plover looking for flight south?  
*(set bag on counter)*

Sav: ummm? No you're not...

Kate: Nice try. We know you're not a black bellied plover.

BBP: What the heck to you mean? Of course I am? *(looks at self very perplexed)*

Sav: Look at your feathers... those are obviously not the right colours. BLACK bellied plover! You are completely grey!

BBP: You silly goose, that's my *breeding* plumage. This is my winter plumage!

Kate: *(still skeptical)* I'm going to need to see ID.

BBP: *(frazzled and annoyed)* sigh.... Of course... here you go... this is my passport

Kate: *(checks him out a bunch of times)* I think he checks out... Are you carrying any illegal items?

BBP: What? No? This is outrageous! I have already come all the way from the Arctic with NO ISSUES on that flight. What is the problem here? I promise that I am who I say I am! I just want to get through this gate and onto the plane so I can *finally* meet up with the rest of the flock going to Chile. I don't want to be late, it's a small plane for us! The semipalmated sandpipers get such big aircrafts...

Sav: I'm sorry sir, but we're going to need to look through your bag.

BBP: fine, if you must. There's nothing to hide.

Sav: *(pulls out black jacket)* AH HA! WE KNEW IT! YOU ARE IMPERSONATING A BLACK BELLIED PLOVER!

BBP: Hey! Be careful with that! I need that suit to impress the ladies! I wear it for breeding season, but it's much too warm down south for that. Maybe that's why you don't recognize me... *(puts on the jacket)*

Kate and Sav: *looking at passport and BBP* OHHHHHHHHHHHHH

Kate: We are so very sorry sir; you know it is these days with airport security... always gotta be vigilant...

BBP: *(still annoyed with this delay)* yes, yes. If I could just have my ticket please that would be great... I would *like* to be on my way... this has been one hawk of a journey already.

Sav: our most sincere apologies. For this inconvenience we have upgraded you to first class! Here you go *(hands over ticket)* have a wonderful flight!

BBP: thank you, thank you, that is much appreciated! *(turns to walk away, talking to himself)* wow! I've never in first class before!

*BBP exists stage right*

Sav: *(announcement)* Attention ladies and gentlemen, this is the final boarding call for flight SESA935 departing for South America. Please make your way to the aircraft.

## Scene 4

*The red knot and the black bellied plover are bringing their bags onto the plane and finding their seats. They are chatting about their travels.*

BBP: Hello! I am a black bellied plover! I just got upgraded to first class, wow. This is my first time here. Do you travel business frequently? Do you travel a lot?

RK: ...do you not know who I am...?

BBP: *(confused)* ...should I know who you are?

RK: I am Bayoncé... the red knot? I have released over 10 albums? I performed for Shepody's Got Talent? Do you really have no idea?

BBP: I had no idea! I'm older than you though, I'm not up to date with all the hip trends. There is not much to watch in the arctic. But I am a really big fan of Blue Jay-Z, have you heard of him?

RK: *(shakes head in disgust)* oh my goodness...

*Sav and Kate enter stage left*

Kate: Goooooooood morning birdies! This is your captain speaking. I am Captain Eagle and this is Captain Falcon. On behalf of the flight crew, let me welcome you aboard flight SESA935 with service to South America. Our flight time today will be a nonstop 72 hours and 14 minutes traveling at 90km/hr with a cruising altitude of 1000 meters. Our estimated arrival time is 6:42 am local time.

Sav: The weather for our route is good with perfect wind speeds and direction. The temperature at our destination is now 23°C with clear skies. We wish you a pleasant flight and we hope to see you again soon. Thank you for choosing our company as your airline today. We now request your full attention as we demonstrate the safety features of this aircraft.

Kate: When the seatbelt sign illuminates you must fasten your seatbelt in order to keep you safely nested in your seat. There are four emergency exits should you need to leave the flock, two located at the front of the aircraft and two at the back. *(Sav signs to where the exits are)*. However, we do encourage you to stay as there is safety in numbers.

Sav: A life vest is located in a pouch under your seat or armrest. *(BBP makes a loud noise- falcon threatens to eat him)* When instructed to do so, open the pouch and remove the vest. These vests are essential since a great part of our flight is overseas and none of you shorebirds can swim. At this time please set all of your electronic devices to flight mode.

Kate: If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of our crew members. Thank you for choosing Peregrine Planes, we wish you all an enjoyable flight!

Sav: Shorebirds travel near and far, but are important to us wherever they are!