

ACT ONE

1 EXT. WOODLANDS - DAY 1

A beautiful MONTAGE of a winter's day. The leaves on the trees gone. Birds still sing and squirrels search for nuts to last through the chilly months.

In the distance the SOUND of children laughing filters through the quiet serenity.

2 EXT. JOE'S - TREE FARM - DAY 2

A wide space. A few outbuildings including a small store, a farm house and a very large Christmas tree farm.

CHILDREN run happily through the rows of trees, calling to each other, all searching for that singular evergreen deemed to be "the right one." PARENTS wander the farm as well with the purpose of keeping an eye on their children.

A couple of KIDS pulling a small child's wagon behind them approach the gravel drive bordering the farm. In the wagon a nice tree.

CASSIE DAVIS (early 30s), a pretty woman with a digital still camera stands near the out building, waiting for the children to approach with their MOM and DAD.

Start

CASSIE

(to the kids)

Looks like you guys got lucky...
you found the perfect tree.

DAD

This is the one we want... took a
while to find the one you were
talking about, but we did... Here
it is.

(to his children)

Right, kids?

CHILDREN

Yes!!!

Cassie holds up her camera.

CASSIE

Can I get a quick picture of you
guys for "This Week in Harvest
Falls?"

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Mom and Dad look at each other and nod.

MOM
(smiles)
Sure...

Cassie waves her hands together.

CASSIE
Great. Everybody get around the
tree... close as you can...
(beat)
Closer.

Once the family has encircled the tree Cassie kneels slightly
and aims.

CASSIE (CONT'D)
Okay... let's see a big smile...

The family smiles.

CASSIE (CONT'D)
Come on, bigger... big tree, big
smile...

She starts snapping some pictures before straightening up.

CASSIE (CONT'D)
Perfect. Enjoy your Christmas
tree... that's a great one...
(smiling at the kids)
Decorate it up right...

Amiable JOE DAVIS (60s-70s) walks up to the group from the
direction of the store.

JOE
(to the family)
You all find what you were looking
for?

DAD
We did thanks to Cassie...

Joe bends over to pick up the tree.

JOE
Well, lemme help get this to the
counter...

Joe tries to pick up the tree, but his back starts to ache,
causing him to straighten up and grab at his lumbar region.

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Cassie looks on, concerned.

DAD
You okay, Joe?

JOE
Oh sure... but maybe just pull this
one in with the wagon.

DAD
(worried)
Sure...

JOE
Just clean off the wheels before
you bring it inside.

MOM
We'll do that... you take care now.

The family starts towards the store towing their prized tree
behind them.

End

~~EXT. JOE'S - OUTBUILDING - DAY 3~~~~Joe approaches Cassie as the family passes by him.~~

~~JOE
(to Cassie)
Getting late in the day... aren't
you just about finished?~~

~~Cassie looks at the photos displayed on the back of her
camera.~~

~~CASSIE
I think so, Grandpa... but I'm a
little worried about you... how's
your back?~~

~~JOE
(grimacing a little)
Bout as you'd expect for a man
who's worked a farm his whole
life...~~

~~CASSIE
In other words?~~

~~JOE
(smiles)
It's fine... how'd your pictures
turn out?~~

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