

EVERETT JAMES

SCENE 1

*****READ LINES FOR GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN*****

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Zoe walks toward the man, taking a few deep breaths to build her confidence as she does makes her way to his doorstep.

ZOE

Hi...

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

You miss the "no solicitors" sign?

ZOE

No. We saw it. Do you get a lot of solicitors all the way up here?

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

No. Because of the sign.

Zoe lands on the man's porch. She can see inside his warm, inviting cabin which is complete with a wood burning stove.

ZOE

Right. That makes sense.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

So, if you're not selling something, what do you want?

ZOE

Well... that depends. Are you Everett James?

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

Who's asking?

ZOE

His daughter.

The Man takes Zoe in for a second, noticeably taken aback.

ZOE (CONT'D)

My name is Zoe Baker. I found a bunch of love letters addressed to my mother, Sarah Jansen, from thirty seven years ago and... I just want to speak to the man who wrote them.

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GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

And... based on those love letters
you think that man is your father?

ZOE

I know he is.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

Wow. That's... quite a lot to take
in. Especially at Christmas.

ZOE

Yes, yes it is.

The man smiles at Zoe sympathetically.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

Well, I wish I could help you but
I'm not the man you're looking for.

ZOE

Oh. Okay. Did you know him? Do you
know how to get in touch with him?

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

I wish I did. But, sadly I do not.

A mixture of sadness and relief washes over Zoe.

ZOE

Okay. Well...

An oven timer DINGS.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

Will you excuse me a second?

Zoe nods. The man disappears for a second to turn off the
stove. While he's gone, Zoe glances inside, noticing
something on his mantle: The 1979 LUMBERJACK GAMES TROPHY.

As Zoe takes that in, the man returns.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN (CONT'D)

Sorry, I'm braising a rabbit. Even
a minute too long and the meat
turns to rubber.

(then)

Is there anything else?

Zoe takes a moment and decides not to call the man out.

ZOE

No. I got everything I need.

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The man nods, a moment of sadness crosses his eyes.

GRUFF MOUNTAIN MAN

I'm real sorry I couldn't help you
find what you're looking for.

ZOE

That's okay. Merry Christmas.

And with that, Zoe turns and walks back to the car...

Take you home

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