



Taking Care of Christmas

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Logline

A successful marketing director for a top fashion magazine returns to her small town to take care of her Aunt's dog, Christmas. During this time, she falls for a handsome widower and his precocious daughter, but is she willing to give up her career for love?



Synopsis



When her Aunt Stella takes a spill during spin class and ends up in the hospital, Hope Weston returns to her quaint hometown of Evergreen Valley to care for Stella's beloved dog, 'Christmas.' There, she meets Kenzie, a spirited 10-year-old who adores the holidays and visits Christmas daily.



Instantly bonding with Kenzie, Hope also crosses paths with Matt, Kenzie's handsome father who has been navigating life as a widower since his wife's passing. Despite their initial clashes over differing priorities, Hope and Matt find themselves drawn to each other.



As their romance blossoms amidst the charm of Evergreen Valley, tensions arise when Hope's demanding job back in the city threatens to pull her away. Matt, protective of his daughter and wary of being hurt again, struggles to accept Hope's uncertain future.

Just as Hope's career pulls her back to the city with an unexpected Christmas trip to the Cayman Islands with her boss, a sudden turn of events brings her rushing back to Evergreen Valley. What follows is a transformative moment that forces Hope to reassess her priorities and decide where her heart truly belongs.



Character Breakdown

Hope Weston – successful marketing director, who secretly wants to be a baker – she makes the most amazing cookies – she is stylish, kind and you want to be her friend. *



Matt – a local vet who is handsome, yet guarded since losing his wife – he loves his daughter and will do anything to protect her.



MacKenzie “Kenzie” – precocious, adorable and smart 10-year-old who desperately wants a ‘mom’ figure in her life, but will settle for a dog instead.



Aunt Stella – (*Rhonda Shear pictured). She’s spry, fit, a character who basically raised Hope – she’s fun and taught Hope all of her secrets about baking.



Supporting Cast



Maggie – Hope’s BFF and Spin Class Instructor. She is bold, forthright and will tell you like it is no holds barred.



Christmas – a cute dog



Brock – drop-dead hunk of a man, successful, rich, likes and respects Hope.





Production Specs

- Minimal Principal Performers
- Limited Locations
- Strong Female Characters – we really want a diverse cast
- No F/X
- Minor Stunts
- Very few background actors



Writer Bios



Tony and Shannon are award-winning and produced writers and have been successfully writing together for over 10 years. “Christmas at the Roanoke Ranch” is in post and “Saving Sugarland” is in pre-pro.

Solely, Tony was hired to adapt Rhonda Shear’s book “Up All Night“ into a feature film and series, which was a top 10 finalist in the Emerging Screenwriters Contest, and Shannon has won several awards for her short film “Pasta“ including the Grand Jury Award for ‘best story’ by the New York International Film Awards. Her screenplay, “Undercover Grandpa“ was a semifinalist in the Austin Film Festival TRMS.



Tony wrote a role for Shannon to play ‘Paula,’ a snarky cashier in his comedy feature “Yellow Bird,“ which won ‘Best Feature’ in the 2023 Santa Monica International Film Festival and ‘Best Comedy’ in the Los Angeles International Film Festival. Yellow Bird is now available on DVD, or watch on Amazon Prime, Apple+ & it’s a Top Staff Pick on Reveel.

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