

CHRISTMAS IN CHRISTMASVILLE

A Very Fake Hallmark Original Movie

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EXT. BIG CITY - NIGHT

TEXT: December 22nd

Play some upbeat Christmas music and set the god damn tone.

Lots of quick shots of the big city. Which one? Not sure. Could be New York, maybe Chicago. Looks cold. Wait, is this filmed in Canada where they do all those HGTV shows!?! We will never find out.

TITLE: Christmas in Christmasville

KELLY SNOW, 33, is walking down the street trying to balance several Christmas presents in her arms. She enters the lobby of her office building. The doorman, DUANE, 52, with a cool ass beard, starts walking with her to the elevator.

DUANE

Ms. Snow. I thought you'd left for the holidays already.

KELLY

My flight's not till 8pm. I wanted to drop these off for our party.

She gets in the elevator.

DUANE

That's nice of you.

KELLY

Oh I almost forgot!

She pulls out an envelope and hands it to Duane.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Merry Christmas.

DUANE

Merry Christmas to you, Ms. Snow!

INT. SKYSCRAPER OFFICE - A MINUTE LATER

The elevator door opens to an office of well-dressed lawyers enjoying a holiday party. Hors d'oeuvres are being passed around. There's a champagne fountain. People are getting lit.

There will probably be some kind of HR email in the morning. After last year's party, Carla in accounting was reprimanded for making out with an intern. Relax, he was 23 and did a bunch of coked-up pushups at the afterparty, what was she supposed to do?

MR. CHASE, 71, clinks his glass to get everyone's attention.

MR. CHASE

I want to thank everyone for
another monumental year for the law
firm of Chase, Chase, and Chase.

Everyone claps. Mr. Chase makes eye contact with Kelly who is standing at the back of the party holding her presents.

MR. CHASE (CONT'D)

And it wouldn't have been possible
without our all-star Kelly Snow!

Everyone turns and the applause breaks out again. One of the new hires yells "Yeah, Kel!" but immediately regrets it. Kelly smiles and puts the presents down by the tree.

MR. CHASE (CONT'D)

When we got the call to defend The
Bell Oil Company for dumping
millions of gallons of diesel
gasoline into that reservoir, I
knew just who to put on the case.

Kelly's smile dims a bit. When she was a little girl she wanted to be a marine biologist. Damn Kelly what happened? You grew up that's what happened and now you own a jetski!

MR. CHASE (CONT'D)

In fact, Kelly, come up here and
say a few words!

Kelly waves Mr. Chase off but people keep cheering her on. She gives in and walks up to the front.

KELLY

Thank you Mr. Chase.

Kelly turns to the other partners MR. CHASE, 69, and MR. CHASE, 67.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And thank you Mr. Chase. And thank
you Mr. Chase.

She turns back out to the room.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And thank you all for continuing to
make Chase, Chase, and Chase, the
number law one firm in this big
city we all live in.

She raises her glass before walking towards the back of the room where she sees her work friend NAOMI, 39. Naomi is already hammered and looking to grind with Alexandro but little does she know he already bounced because he's in a bowling league with his friends from college.

NAOMI

Wow in all my years of working here I've never seen anyone get called up to speak at the holiday party. It's not too long until your name is on the wall.

KELLY

You mean?

NAOMI

Chase, Chase, Chase, and Snow.

Out of nowhere enters Kelly's 37 year old stud boyfriend CHAD HAMILTON JR. He's also a lawyer at the firm but mostly works defending hit and run drivers. Solid jawline. Smells like pine needles.

CHAD

Well I hope she doesn't have that last name for too long.

Chad hands Kelly a small box wrapped up with a bow. She smiles. As she's unwrapping it, Chad gets down on one knee.

CHAD (CONT'D)

Kelly Snow, you're the best damn lawyer I know. Will you marry me so we can start our own firm called Hamilton Jr. and sons.

Everyone is like what the fuck does that mean? Are they starting their own law firm for real? Is she pregnant with twin boys? But Kelly understands that Chad has a bit of a soupy brain and she totally gets it.

KELLY

(screaming)

I do!

Kelly and Chad kiss and everyone cheers.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Wow, this is like a fairytale.

CHAD

Just like The Wolf of Wall Street.

The kiss again.

KELLY

Was my dad totally surprised when you asked him?

CHAD

Uhhhh, well-

KELLY

Tell me you asked my dad!?!?

CHAD

I thought we could talk at Christmas.

KELLY

My dad is old school. I can't just go home to Christmasville with a giant ring on my finger.

(looks at ring)

And my god this thing is giant.

Kelly and Naomi scream and hug. Take a good look at Naomi because this is her last scene in the movie.

INT. PLANE - A FEW HOURS LATER

Kelly and Chad are smushed into seats that are far too small.

Chad is trying to relax with a sleep mask over his eyes - this is to show everyone how much he sucks. Sleep masks are for nerds and people who yell DON'T EMBARASS ME at their kids during Little League games.

A FLIGHT ATTENDANT wearing a reindeer antler hat comes through the cabin and bangs a drink cart into Chad's elbow.

CHAD

Ah, christ!

KELLY

Hun, it's about to be his birthday!

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

I'm sorry sir. Can I get you something to drink? Perhaps a ginger ale or some water?

CHAD

I'll take a martini.

She pulls out a small bottle of Kettle One vodka.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

I can give you this. No ice.

Chad grabs it.

CHAD

I can't believe we're not in first class.

KELLY

(to flight attendant)

Nothing for me.

The flight attendant moves down the aisle.

KELLY (CONT'D)

(to Chad)

Babe, none of the planes that go into Christmasville are big enough to have first class. The airport was built in 1945 after the war by Henry Christmasville and he made the runways exactly 901 feet because that's how far away he was standing when he first spotted his wife. Isn't that the most romantic thing you've ever heard?

CHAD

That's a touching story. But here in the year 2020, I'd like a runway that can handle a big ole plane. I want Sully flying this bad boy. Sully is the man.

Chad gives a little fist pump but when he's right he's right. Sully is the man.

CHAD (CONT'D)

And you can bet your cute little butt that our private plane to Barbados on Saturday will have plenty of leg room and all the martinis you can drink.

KELLY

Wait, Saturday!?! But that's Christmas. I thought we were going the day after?

CHAD

When Chad Hamilton Sr. sends the jet, you don't ask questions.

Name drop, bro.

KELLY
 (quietly)
 People are gonna have questions
 alright...

Kelly puts her chin on her balled up fist and looks out the window. We hear the CAPTAIN over the loudspeaker.

CAPTAIN
 Ok folks time for our descent.
 Because of the short runway we're
 going to have to really jam on the
 brakes. You'll find a harness under
 your seats that I suggest you
 attach to your torso. Don't worry
 I've seen Sully over 10 times.

The plane plunges down and everyone starts clapping.

KELLY
 (to Chad)
 Christmasville is so special!

He chugs his bottle of booze. He's not trying to die before Barbados.

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - THE NEXT MORNING

TEXT: December 23rd

Kelly is sitting with her parents BRUCE and DEBBIE. They're in their late fifties and in great shape. The actor who plays Debbie used to host a show on QVC about throwing the perfect baby shower. The guy who plays Bruce was in a Cialis commercial that got pulled for being a bit too sexual.

They are all looking through an old photo album. There is a fire and a Christmas tree and honestly this is the coziest living room you've ever seen. Kelly is drinking tea out of a LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE mug that is bigger than her head.

KELLY
 Oh my god is this when we went
 sledding and my tooth went through
 my lip!?!

BRUCE
 And you were so brave when you got
 those stitches.

DEBBIE

It's because we promised that she could have all the chocolate cake she wanted when she got home.

KELLY

I have a sweet tooth!

Chad's dumb ass stumbles into the living room and absolutely ruins this beautiful family moment.

CHAD

Did someone order a son-in-law?

Fucking naw, Chad.

Bruce looks like he wants to die.

BRUCE

Hey Chad, come on in. We're just looking back at some old pictures.

Chad walks closer and we see the whole right side of his face is swollen.

KELLY

Babe, your face!

Chad touches his face.

CHAD

What about it!?!

He is panicking. He's one of the best looking guys in the big city where he lives.

KELLY

Looks like an allergic reaction.

CHAD

Maybe sleeping six inches from a Siberian Husky trigged my allergies.

KELLY

Oh no, the dog!

DEBBIE

Sorry Chad, we'll try and keep Andy DuFang away from you tonight.

That's a fun Shawshank Redemption pun that only 6% of the viewers will understand but the writer put it in there because "you gotta flex the creative chops no matter what the suits say."

CHAD

Maybe I can sleep in Kelly's room tonight? I mean, we are engaged.

Bruce stands up looking like he's about to put a verbal beatdown on Chad.

BRUCE

You're not married yet, bucko.

If somebody's dad calls you bucko, you're two seconds from getting an index finger jammed into your breastbone.

BRUCE (CONT'D)

And this ain't the big city. We do things here the old fashioned way.

Chad puts his hands up.

CHAD

Hey I respect that, chief. If it was my daughter I'd probably sleep with a shotgun under my bed.

Kelly stands up and tries to break the ice. She sees her dad tilting his head and that's his telltale sign that he's going to bodyslam someone through the dining room table.

KELLY

Ok I think we're going to run out and get some coffee!

DEBBIE

Oh hunny, we have the coffee maker.

KELLY

Well, Chad is dairy free so he needs oat milk in his.

CHAD

Or cashew. I've pretty flexible.

Bruce is bright red. His daughter cannot marry someone who uttered the words cashew milk in his household.

INT. THE COZY CUP COFFEE SHOP - 20 MINUTES LATER

The shop is busy with people sitting and chatting and drinking their coffee.

Everyone is pretty good looking but they are wearing boots so that we remember this is a small town.

A Michael Bublé song called "This Tree Is Our Tree" is playing.

TEXT ON BOTTOM OF SCREEN: Like This Song? Go to Hallmark.com/thistree for more!

The man behind the register is DAVID WINTER, 34, and owner of The Cozy Cup. He's real damn good looking but he's wearing a flannel so we're not totally sure yet how his pecs are looking. But trust, they are there.

Chad and Kelly step up to the counter.

DAVID

What can I do for you guys?

CHAD

(looking down at his
phone)

I'll have a spiced oat milk latte,
and uh, don't hold back on those
spices, pal.

DAVID

And the lady will have a hot
chocolate, not too hot.

KELLY

(taken aback)

Wait, how did you know my order?

DAVID

It's always been your order. Well,
ever since that field trip in 5th
grade when we visited Henry
Christmasville's grave.

KELLY

David Winter?

DAVID

Guilty.

KELLY

Oh my god! It's been so long. You
don't have braces anymore!

DAVID

I grew up. Looks like we both did.

Holy shit flirt city, population David.

KELLY

So how are things with you?

DAVID

They're going. I opened this place last year after my wife passed. Just me and my son Braxton.

David points to BRAXTON, 7, who is mopping up a spill.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Work early, work often. That's what my dad always says.

KELLY

My dad says that too.

Kelly and David are now having what some would call eye sex. Music plays that can only be described as Horny Santa. Chad, oblivious to the fact that things are getting steamy, looks up from messing around on his phone.

CHAD

Hey how about that latte, bro?

Without taking his eyes off Kelly, David points to the other side of the counter.

DAVID

Yeah, down there.

Chad slowly makes his way over.

DAVID (CONT'D)

(to Kelly)

If you're looking for something to do while you're in town, we need some help getting ready for The Holiday Spectacular.

David hands Kelly a flier for an event that looks sick as fuck.

DAVID (CONT'D)

We're going to have a magician, a few dance troupes, and we even got local legend Cole Colston, to play a couple songs for us.

KELLY

Wow, Cole Colston. I remember having his CD when I was a kid!

DAVID

We all did! Also, remember CDs?

Kelly and David laugh. CDs used to be popular and now everything is digital. LOL.

DAVID (CONT'D)

We'll be at the gym all day tomorrow if you want to come by. I'd love to see you.

Wow Kelly is really intrigued. This dude is handsome and comfortable in his own skin. You don't see that a lot. But still, Chad is right there and they are engaged.

KELLY

Oh I don't know. I'm doing some family stuff and I was going to show Chad around-

Chad is holding up his phone at the end of the counter.

CHAD

(to Kelly)

Babe, remember that guy who got hammered and drove his car into a Ferris Wheel? I got all the charges dropped!!

Chad fist pumps. Kelly turns back to David.

KELLY

But I could change some stuff around. I'll come by tomorrow.

Kelly grabs her coffee and wrangles Chad and they make their way out of the cafe. Braxton walks up to David.

BRAXTON

Dad, do you want to have a crush on her?

DAVID

Son, you don't choose your crush. That's why they call it a crush.

Some weird ass music plays and everyone is like David you better have some better lines than that pal.

EXT. DOWNTOWN CHRISTMASVILLE - A SHORT TIME LATER

Kelly and Chad are walking through downtown Christmasville. There's a lights display, a woman giving away free cider donuts, and a buzz in the air that says there may only be 1200 people that live here but this shit is where it's at.

Kelly stops in front of a bench.

KELLY

This is where we used to get ice cream. Mr. Parker's store has been here for 40 years. And on Friday nights it was two for one.

CHAD

You know I can't have dairy Kelly, why would you tell me this story?

KELLY

Oh I know. I'm just saying.

There is a long silence. Chad is now shadowboxing. He's never been in a fight but he does it when he goes to new places just in case anyone is thinking of trying any funny business.

Kelly points across the street.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And that's where everyone came to celebrate the football team winning state.

Which state? Please say it! Ahhh no dice.

Kelly swings around and points to a stop sign.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And this is the stop sign that we petitioned the town for after Pecan The Cat got hit by a car.

Kelly turns again and points to a parked fire truck.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And that's a fire truck. It goes vroom vroom and sprays water.

CHAD

Kelly what's happening? Is this like that time you drank too much sake and had to get carried out of my birthday party?

This movie doesn't have a budget for flashbacks but if it did, now would be a great time to see that scene!

KELLY

I just.

(takes a breath)

Do you ever wonder what your life would be like if you did things differently?

CHAD

Sure. Sometimes I think, what if my grandpappy only left me 4.9 million dollars instead of that even 5?

KELLY

Right.

Kelly looks into the distance. This the first time in awhile where she feels utterly confused. Is it because she's back in Christmasville? Is it because David Winter just grinded with her soul. Hard to tell.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Let's get back. You gotta meet my cousins!

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - 20 MINUTES LATER

The Snow house is filled with cousins. Big cousins. Little cousins. Lots of great sweaters. It looks like a TJ Maxx back to school commercial.

Kelly is in the kitchen making gingerbread cookies with her mom and COUSIN LIZ, 31. Liz is the fun cousin who gets blackout drunk during the holidays. She would absolutely help you bury a dead body if necessary.

COUSIN LIZ

Kel, you have been killing it. I saw you in that national newspaper that everyone gets.

KELLY

Oh God, we don't have to talk about that.

COUSIN LIZ

Auntie Deb, she is too modest.

DEBBIE

I always tell her she should be proud of all the good work she's doing. I mean, saving the national parks is a great cause.

Kelly looks like she just ate a bad batch of shrimp. She still hasn't told her family that she's at a new firm that represents the worst people on planet earth.

KELLY

So hmmm, mom did you know David Winter owns The Cozy Cup?

DEBBIE

Of course I did! I was hoping you'd run into him.

COUSIN LIZ

Auntie Deb, are you trying to fix up your engaged daughter with that guy who used to have braces?

Debbie puts her hands up.

DEBBIE

I'm not trying to fix up anyone!

KELLY

Yeah right.

There is a long pause. Kelly is looking off into the distance thinking about David's pecs that almost everyone knows he has but hasn't been able to confirm.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Anyways, I may stop by tomorrow and try to help with The Holiday Spectacular.

COUSIN LIZ

What about you know who?

Cousin Liz points to Chad in the other room who is wrestling with the cousins. It's one of those sweaty matches where people take it too far and accidentally fall into the TV.

KELLY

Maybe Greg could hang with him?

Greg is Cousin Liz's husband. Don't worry he doesn't have any lines. In fact I don't even think we're gonna see him.

COUSIN LIZ

He's got an all day dentist appointment tomorrow. He always goes the day before Christmas to quote, get his teeth right for all the action.

See, don't worry about that character.

KELLY

That's fine. I'll think of something.

Suspenseful music plays. Oh shit Kelly's gonna do something wild!

INT. CHAD'S BEDROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

We see a tight shot of the clock that reads 3:47am. Chad is passed out cold. This dude may be high maintenance but let's not forget he's still pretty handsome.

The door opens and Kelly slowly enters with her dog Andy DuFang. She brings him over to the edge of the bed and leaves him. Kelly tip toes away. Wow this is diabolical! Let's get to that next scene to see what happens.

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - THE NEXT MORNING

TEXT: December 24th

Kelly, her Cousin Liz, and her parents are sitting at the kitchen table. Let's do one of those things where we hear the end of their story even though we don't know the context.

BRUCE

...and at that point I looked at the guy and said, you may be my mechanic, but you are not changing my oil!

Everyone laughs. I fucking love this shit.

Suddenly we hear Chad scream upstairs.

CHAD (O.S.)

Nooooo. My face!

Chad comes barreling down the stairs. His face is completely swollen. I'm talking pumpkin head shit.

CHAD (CONT'D)

Look at this!

Everyone jumps up. Debbie runs into the other room.

DEBBIE

I'll get the Benadryl.

COUSIN LIZ

Dude, what happened?

CHAD

I don't know. Maybe it's because I woke up 69'ing a giant dog that I'm allergic to.

Definitely not allowed to say 69 in this movie but the executive producer is going through some shit and this is his way of sticking it to the network. In later showings this line will be dubbed over by an executive's son who's pitched in an email as "really talented, even if I wasn't his dad I'd say that!"

BRUCE

(shaking his head)

We made sure Andy was in the den with the door shut.

CHAD

Well he got out Bruce because my face looks like a kickball!

BRUCE

I'm sorry your face looks like you got hit with a shovel, but watch your tone in this house.

CHAD

I won't be in this house for much longer because tomorrow it's B-A-R-B-A-D-O-S time.

Everyone is trying to figure out what that spells.

CHAD (CONT'D)

Barbados. We're taking a private jet to Barbados.

Bruce can't believe it. Tomorrow is Christmas.

BRUCE

Kelly, you can't leave on Christmas. It's tradition that you specifically do not do that.

Kelly is freaking out.

KELLY

I didn't want to tell you like this. Things kind of changed at the last minute.

CHAD

When the private jet shows up you don't ask any questions. Well maybe one, what kind of sushi are we eating?!

Oh shit things have taken quite the turn. Bruce and Chad are staring each other down. Is there going to be a fight?

Debbie returns.

DEBBIE

Sorry we don't have any Benadryl. Kelly run out and get some for Chad to get that swelling down.

Oh hell yeah, nice assist mom.

KELLY

I'm on it!

Kelly goes to kiss Chad but doesn't want to get too close to that face. She pats him on top of the head.

KELLY (CONT'D)

I'll be right back babe.

She runs out the door. David Winter here she comes!

INT. AUDITORIUM - A SHORT TIME LATER

There are people of all ages from the town of Christmasville spread out through the auditorium. People are wearing costumes, holding instruments, there's a guy with a talking bird, a team of Santas, and so much more.

David is on stage with a clipboard explaining how everything is going to run.

DAVID

Ok, Lisa L. After I welcome everyone to the show, you are going to start things off with your juggling routine.

Lisa L. nods because Lisa L. is a god damn champion.

DAVID (CONT'D)

And then we're going to go right
down this list so be ready.

Kelly enters from the back of the auditorium. David sees her.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Well folks, today we are luck.
Joining us is an old friend. Ms.
Kelly Snow.

Everyone claps. Kelly waves and walks towards the stage.
David jumps down and gives her a hug that says I respect that
you're engaged but also it'd be cool if you weren't.

DAVID (CONT'D)

You showed up!

KELLY

Couldn't miss The Christmas
Spectacular rehearsal. Although, I
guess technically I am going to
miss the show tomorrow night.

DAVID

Oh that's a shame. Another billion
dollar oil company to defend?

Wow David throwing straight heat. Kind of aggressive so early
in the day to be honest.

KELLY

How do you know about that stuff?

DAVID

I'm on Facebook.com.

KELLY

Social media strikes again.

David puts his hands up to apologize. He knows he fucked up.
From his experience, social media can be a real dickhead. One
time in college he posted about getting emotional listening
to Dashboard Confessional and everyone on his floor called
him Swiss Army Romance.*

*The Swiss Army Romance is the debut studio album by American
band Dashboard Confessional, released on March 1, 2000 by
Fiddler Records

DAVID

But hey, I was out of line there.
We all have to do what we have to
do to get by.

KELLY

Truth is, ever since I landed in Christmasville, I've been trying to figure out what makes me happy. I thought life was all about the bright lights and spicy tuna rolls and seeing my name in the newspaper. But now I think maybe it's a cup of tea and a good snuggle.

DAVID

Sometimes you find what you're looking for, when you're actually not even looking at all.

Kelly likes the sentiment but wonders if she's starting to fall for another guy with applesauce brain.

KELLY

Let me ask you a question. When you got engaged to your wife, did you ask her father beforehand?

DAVID

Of course. I know things are changing with this modern world of camera phones, and paper straws, but I was taught that if you want the girl, you need the family.

KELLY

I totally agree.

Kelly looks like she could cry. Fucking Chad didn't even think to call her dad!

DAVID

Now what do say we watch this rehearsal?

KELLY

I'd love to!

Play the Harry Connick Jr. song "December Baby" and let's crush a montage because we haven't had one yet and it's time.

TEXT ON BOTTOM OF SCREEN: Want a zoom piano lesson with Harry Connick Jr? Go to Hallmark.com/decemberbaby for more!

Quick cuts of various acts performing on the stage. Someone riding a unicycle. A breakdancer.

An older man balancing plates before dropping them - he shrugs like Jim from The Office after hazing Dwight's ass. David and Kelly laugh. This is fun as shit.

The music fades out and the last person walks off stage.

DAVID

Ok everyone that was great.
Remember to be here tomorrow at 5pm
to warm up.

A MOTHER and TEENAGE DAUGHTER enter the auditorium.

MOTHER

I'm sorry, are we too late? My
daughter wants to sing a song.

DAVID

Oh.
(checks watch)
No we can squeeze you in. What's
your name little miss?

CASSANDRA

Cassandra.

DAVID

Great to meet you. The stage is all
yours.

Cassandra walks up and grabs the microphone. She pauses, looking like she's gonna barf.

MOTHER

(to David and Kelly)
She's really good but she gets so
nervous. Sort of like me when I
play tennis.

The actress improvised that second line because she heard Lisa Kudrow went through The Groundlings Theatre and she wants to be just like her. STICK TO THE SCRIPT!

Kelly walks up to the stage and whispers something in her ear. The girl laughs. They hug. Kelly walks back.

DAVID

What did you say?

KELLY

I told her that eagles don't
question if their wings still work.

DAVID

My daddy used to say that.

Kelly and David smile at each other. Cassandra starts singing Bonnie Raitt's "Feels Like Home." At first it's very quiet but then it grows louder with each line.

David and Kelly get closer and let their pinkies touch. All the emotions are swirling. They look at the stage. Then at each other. This is it folks! Just as they're about to maybe do a little light frenching the song ends and the auditorium erupts in applause.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Well I'd say that was pretty unbelievable. Music really is the best medicine.

KELLY

Medicine!

(to David)

Oh no I have to get back.

Kelly turns and runs out of the auditorium.

DAVID

(quiety)

Goodbye forever Kelly Snow.

Kind of dramatic pal but I get it.

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - A SHORT TIME LATER

Kelly rushes in through the front door with a bag from the pharmacy and a bottle of wine.

KELLY

Sorry I'm late...

Chad, Debbie, and Bruce are sitting on the couch having a laugh. Chad's head is back to being a normal size.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Wait, what's going on here?

CHAD

Your parents are telling some funny stories from your high school days.

DEBBIE

You never told Chad you won a costume contest by dressing up like Danny DeVito and Arnold Schwarzenegger in the movie Twins?

We cut to a pic that was clearly taken recently because the actors look the exact same.

KELLY

I guess I forgot.

Kelly walks over and sits close to Chad.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Your face looks good.

CHAD

Your mom found some medicine. Good thing because you were gone for a bit.

KELLY

I was just saying goodbye.

Possibly the vaguest statement in the history of the world but everyone lets that slide because Chad's phone rings.

CHAD

(on phone)

Hello? Yes.

(pause)

Oh her phone must be dead. Yes, she's right here.

Kelly looks down at her phone which was on silent and it has 17 missed calls all labeled WORK. She's never done that before but honestly it felt good not to be on call 24/7.

Chad passes the phone to Kelly.

KELLY

(on phone)

Hi this is Kelly. Oh Hello Mr. Chase.

(pause)

Really? Wow, that's amazing.

(pause)

I appreciate the offer. Ok thank you. Merry Christmas to you too.

Kelly hangs up the phone and hands it back to Chad.

KELLY (CONT'D)

(to Chad)

That was Mr. Chase. He offered me partner at the firm.

Chad jumps up and does his patented fist pump. He's trying to call it a "Chad Pump" but it's not catching on.

CHAD

That's amazing babe!

Kelly's parents join in on the excitement.

DEBBIE

We're so proud of yo-

KELLY

I don't know if I'm going to take it.

CHAD

What!?! Nobody turns down being a partner at the finest corporate defense firm in the country.

BRUCE

I thought you did environmental law?

CHAD

Environmental law? Bruce, your daughter was on the cover of Big Oil Magazine six months in a row. That's unheard of.

Chad starts dialing his phone.

CHAD (CONT'D)

I gotta tell my uncle that he can dump as much of that sewage into the ocean as he wants!

Chad runs out of the room.

BRUCE

(looking disappointed)

Oh I see. Well honey, we're real happy for you.

KELLY

I'm sorry I lied to you.

DEBBIE

I'm sure you had your reasons.

KELLY

I went to the big city to do big things. And to help people. But somewhere along the way it all become complicated.

BRUCE

That's called life, dear.

Uhhh Bruce we're gonna need more from you big guy.

KELLY

Being home has made me feel like maybe I'm doing the wrong thing.

DEBBIE

It's never too late to change course. Your life is written in pencil. Not pen.

Deep shit from Debbie who is for sure hammered on white zin.

KELLY

Pencil. Not pen. I like that.

Kelly's phone vibrates. It's David. The message reads "Bad News. Cole Colston dropped out of the show. Strep throat. I know you're leaving soon but any ideas?"

Kelly pauses for a moment before writing back. "Maybe but it's a long shot..."

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - CHRISTMAS MORNING

TEXT: December 25th

Kelly, Chad, Bruce, and Debbie are sitting around the Christmas Tree. The fire is crackling. It's beautiful folks.

Bruce hands Kelly a small jewelry box.

BRUCE

For my Kelly. Merry Christmas!

KELLY

Aww thanks Dad!

Kelly opens the box. It's a heart necklace.

BRUCE

Home is where the heart is, Kel.

Bruce is choked up. He hasn't gotten emotional like this since his high school football team lost the semi-finals on a missed extra point. Don't you just hate it when it all comes down to a kicker!?!

He excuses himself to the other room.

Kelly's phone rings. She jumps up and walks a few feet away.

KELLY

(into phone)

Hi, thank you so much for getting back to me.

(pause)

Ok. Ok.

(pause)

That would be amazing.

(pause)

5pm. Downtown Christmasville.

(pause)

Merry Christmas!

Kelly hangs up and immediately texts David "I got you a replacement for Cole. He'll be there at 5. You'll recognize him, trust me!" SEND

INT. KELLY'S CHILDHOOD HOME - LATER THAT DAY

Kelly and Chad are all packed up and saying their goodbyes to Bruce and Debbie.

KELLY

I'll call when we land.

BRUCE

Enjoy your vacation!

CHAD

See you guys at the wedding.

DEBBIE

Hopefully before that Mister!

Kelly and Chad walk out the front door and get into their rental car.

INT. A SMALL PRIVATE PLANE - TWO HOURS LATER

Chad is wearing a neck pillow and reading a book called "Money Is Green, Biatch!!!" written by popular podcaster MARCUS CREATINE.

Kelly is staring out the window.

The plane starts to taxi as a FLIGHT ATTENDANT approaches Chad and Kelly.

PLAY The Fray: How to Save a Life.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT
We'll be taking off momentarily.

KELLY
Wait, where are the harnesses for landing?

FLIGHT ATTENDANT
Miss?

KELLY
Henry Christmasville!

Kelly is now in a cold sweat. She turns to Chad.

KELLY (CONT'D)
Why didn't you ask my dad for his blessing to marry me?

CHAD
I don't know, what's the big deal?

KELLY
The big deal is, if you want the girl, you need the family.

CHAD
Ok, babe. Sorry. Next time we get engaged, I'll ask.

Chad laughs and goes back to Chapter 12 of his book: "Anyone Can Get Rich. Ballers Stay Rich, BIATCH."

KELLY
(to Chad)
Chad, where would you say home is?

Chad picks his head up from his book.

CHAD
(exasperated)
The big city?

KELLY
No!

She turns and grabs his shoulders.

KELLY (CONT'D)

Finish this sentence. Home is where
the heart...

CHAD

...beats? Home is where the heart
beats?

KELLY

No. It's all wrong.

Chad is more confused than that time a doctor told him his
STD test looked good.

CHAD

Is this some kind of test?

Kelly's phone buzzes. It's a text from David. "Holy smokes.
Your guy just showed up. He's going to blow the roof off this
place. You are truly an angel the lord sent to me."

Kelly is now having horned up heart palpitations. The engines
are now really going and the plane is seconds away from
taking off. She turns to Chad again.

KELLY

What does this mean to you?
"Sometimes you find what you're
looking for, when you're actually
not even looking at all."

CHAD

It means this flight's about to
take off and we're gonna be ripping
shots of Don Julio 1942 Tequila in
a couple of hours.

Kelly throws her arm up.

KELLY

Stop this plane!

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

Miss sit down!

KELLY

I need to get off this plane.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT

It's too late.

We crank up "How to Save a Life" so you're really feeling it.

CHAD

Kelly stop being a small town
nobody. You are a big city
somebody, act like it!

KELLY

(to Chad)

Sorry Chad, I thought I loved you
but I have to go see about a girl.

Kelly wanted to use that sweet Good Will Hunting line but obviously change it to "see about a boy" but her brain is malfunctioning.

CHAD

What? Are you into women because
there's this girl at my gym-

KELLY

No you moron. I'm sorry. It's just.
I have to follow my heart.

Kelly takes off her engagement ring and hands it to Chad.

KELLY (CONT'D)

And my heart says, make this plane
stop and go have a conversation
with a man I've talked to twice in
the past 20 years.

CHAD

Kelly, don't do this.

Kelly stands up.

KELLY

I have a bomb!

The plane jams on the brakes.

INT. CHRISTMASVILLE JAIL - AN HOUR LATER

Kelly is sitting behind bars with her head in her hands. An older SHERIFF comes to her cell. We're not going to complicate things now by giving him a name.

SHERIFF

Well I never thought I'd see this.

He starts unlocking the door.

KELLY

Sheriff. I don't know what I was thinking.

He opens the door.

SHERIFF

I know what you were thinking. That you had a shot at true love.

KELLY

Wow, how'd you know?

Seriously there's no time for any backstory.

SHERIFF

Let's just say I was young once too.

KELLY

You're not going to tell my dad, are you? Maybe this is a story that two old football buddies don't need to discuss.

The Sheriff makes a zipping motion across his lips

SHERIFF

Your secret is safe with me.

(beat)

Now if we hurry, we may be able to get to The Christmas Spectacular. I heard they have a special guest.

Kelly looks up with a huge smile on her face.

INT. COP CAR - TWO MINUTES LATER

The lights are flashing and they are racing through town.

SHERIFF

(over the speaker)

Out of the way. I got a hometown girl looking for a hometown man!

There are people on the sidewalk clapping and holding up signs. "You Get Him!" "Love" "Christmas"

INT. AUDITORIUM - 10 MINUTES LATER

Kelly bursts through the doors in the back of the auditorium. The audience snaps their head around and looks at her.

David is on the stage and rolls with it because he's a pro.

DAVID

There she is folks. This is Miss Kelly Snow. And I want everyone to take a good look at her. Because she's the reason The Christmas Spectacular has been such a success tonight. And she is the main reason that we have our guest of honor.

Suspense is building. Who is the final act!?!

DAVID (CONT'D)

Ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Blake Shelton.

The crowd goes fucking nuts. Blake walks out wearing a cool ass jean jacket and boots. He's tall and extremely good looking. He strums his guitar and people are legit losing their shit.

BLAKE

Thanks David. When my favorite lawyer called me yesterday and asked if I'd play this event, well I knew where I had to be.

Blake waves and Kelly smiles.

BLAKE (CONT'D)

Christmas is about family. It's about being together. And most importantly it's about love. Which is why I'm going to play a new song called Egg Nog in an IV Drip.

David enters through the back door.

DAVID

(quietly to Kelly)
Hey, wanna chat?

Kelly exits and they are now standing in the hallway.

DAVID (CONT'D)

You're back.

KELLY

I'm back.

DAVID

So now what?

They stare at each other while we faintly hear snippets of Blake Shelton in the background.

BLAKE SHELTON (O.S.)
 ...inject the egg nog into my
 veins...sunnyside up...yolk...

KELLY
 (to David)
 Now we see if this is for real.

Kelly leans in and kisses David. It's a kiss that says they are gonna do sex at some point but they also have class, folks.

They both pull back and look at each other.

KELLY (CONT'D)
 To the next step.

That was a line from the American Pie franchise and she fucking nailed it.

DAVID
 To the next step.

The camera goes back to Blake Shelton crushing a new song.

TEXT ON BOTTOM OF SCREEN: Want to watch a 2 hour fishing show that we thought we could sell to advertisers but nobody was interested so we turned it into a YouTube series sponsored by Macy's titled Blake's Lake? Go to Hallmark.com/fish for more!

Everyone is raising the roof.

Kelly and David look at each other and smile. They also start raising the roof because this shit is fun.

INT. DAVID AND KELLY'S HOUSE - ONE YEAR LATER

TEXT: One Year Later.

PLAY a karaoke instrumental version of Mariah Carey's "All I Want For Christmas Is You" because this thing is way over budget and that should hold up in court if there's a lawsuit.

David is in the shower while Kelly is trying to get Braxton ready for school. Remember Braxton? He is David's kid. Anyways he's back for the last scene because he was under contract to work a full week and he was just sitting there most of the time.

KELLY

Ok bud. Off to school you go.

Kelly pushes Braxton out the door. He's gone now for good.

She walks to the bathroom and opens the door. Kelly reaches in and turns off the water.

DAVID

Hey!

KELLY

Come on. Time to go to the doctor!

Kelly walks into the other room and this is the first time we see her entire body. She is pregnant. What a reveal!

David walks out with a towel around his waist and finally we see his peccs. They are legendary. This dude is fucking ripped.

Kelly hands a magazine to David. It's SmallTown Monthly and she's on the cover with the headline "How This Young Lawyer Is Saving The World." Not a ton of details there but I guess that means she's done defending Halliburton!

David smiles and gives her a big kiss. The music gets louder and the camera pans out and we see Kelly and David are in a snow globe labeled Christmasville = Love.

It doesn't really make sense but the editor thought it'd be cool and whatever this shit is over folks.

PLAY END CREDITS at a speed absolutely nobody can read while a new movie starts in the top left corner called "This Season Is The Season For Us." You press info to see what the synopsis is. "A small town doctor has big city dreams in this touching love story about living, laughing, and loving. Starring 6 people who at one point or another appeared on Grey's Anatomy."

Fuck yeah throw on some popcorn this is gonna be lit.

END.