

Branching Out

Reconstructed screenplay by Wytemi

LINK TO COLLEGE SHORT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qt6EA5DA5M>

ABOUT:

This was originally a short film shot in BYU-Idaho's Video Production Society. This college short was directed by Savill Jensen. The script was originally crafted by all actors of the video but was not archived. This is a reconstructed adaptation of that original short.

LOGLINE:

When a girl is trying to decide to stay in the small town of Idaho to be with a boy she falls in love with, she is being pressured by her boss to return to the city. Does she leave for her job, or stay for her love?

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EXT. CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAYS

JABECCA(20'S); City girl in winter clothes, stands staring at a Christmas Tree centerpiece in a college campus courtyard.

The college courtyard is filled with beautiful displays of Christmas lighting and bright Christmas trees.

Jabecca is sitting on a bench thinking to herself.

JABECCA (V.O.)

I didn't wanna leave the big city,
but when my parents contacted me
that they needed help with their
Christmas tree farm, I couldn't
refuse...but then I realized I
would have to work with *Him*.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. CLASSROOM

Jabecca and SMALL TOWN BOY #1(STB1)(20's); tall, curly hair, and baggy hoodie, scowl towards each other in front of a Heart art piece.

END FLASHBACK

INTERCUT

JABECCA (V.O.)

We've been mortal enemies since he
beat me in the 3rd-grade spelling
bee. But then, he helped us raise
funds for the Christmas tree farm
and now I'm seeing him in a
different way

EXT. MARY ARTWORK

Jabecca stands and observes the Mary in the Manger art piece. A random stranger sullys the structure by pretending to be a part of it. Jabecca nods her head.

EXT. POND

Jabecca sits alone at a lit-up pond along the courtyard. STB1 Comes over and sits next to her. They sit in comfortable silence and take in the lights

INT. CLASSROOM

Jabecca looks longingly in front of a heart piece artwork.

STB1 strolls over in a chair romantically.

JABECCA

Oh, Small Town Boy #1. You saved my Christmas tree farm. I suppose I should give you a second chance. It is Christmas after all.

SMALL TOWN BOY #1

Hey, for you Jabecca, anything

JABECCA

But it could get so complicated. I have a son!

SMALL TOWN BOY #1

Really? So do I.

JABECCA

(holds stomach)
Well...I'm pregnant!

SMALL TOWN BOY #1

(holds stomach)
Well, that makes two of us.

JABECCA

...Oh!
(awkward pause)
...Groovy.
(winks to camera)

TRAVIS(30's) storms into the classroom with his cell phone.

TRAVIS

Jabecca, dear. Did you know we had to pay ugly employees as much as the pretty ones?!

JABECCA

Travis! I didn't expect to see you here.

STB1 holds his mouth aghast to see Travis here.

TRAVIS

I...came with you.

STB1 gives Jabecca a stern look.

TRAVIS (CONT'D)

Also, I need you back in the office. This Idaho thing isn't working. I'm sorry.

SMALL TOWN BOY #1

No Jabecca, stay here with me! I've loved you for years!

TRAVIS

Sweetie, honestly, I love you. But, you don't...uh... you're not... you're not a country person. You're a city person.

Jabecca holds her hand out to silence Travis

JABECCA

Quiet Travis. You had me at Hello. Oh, look, it's snowing! What a Christmas miracle!

Travis gives Jabecca an ugly look, then turns away to leave and talks into his cell phone.

TRAVIS

Yeah, I need you to cancel my next order of pills

Travis leaves and shuts the door

JABECCA

God bless us...everyone

SMB1 and Jabecca slam their hands together and smile at each other.

END SCENE