

**ACT FOUR**

EXT. TOWN SQUARE - CHRISTMAS FAIR - LATER SAME NIGHT

Every store, lamppost and pop-up shop is decked out with Christmas lights and decorations. Vendors display wreaths and ornaments. An ice rink is on the far end of the square.

Carolers sing by the massive (unlit) Christmas tree in the background. James and Melissa stroll and talk.

**START →**

JAMES

Is being on TV as cool as it looks?

MELISSA

Sometimes. Other times, not so much. Traveling to breathtaking places like Mistletoe and meeting truly great people like you, Stan, Ginny and Lexie? Totally worth it. But getting up every day at 3am for the last 5 years isn't easy. And if you're having a bad week, you can't show that side to America.

JAMES

I wonder what Brian is thinking.

MELISSA

Oh we're not a couple. Never have been. People shouldn't believe what those silly magazines say.

JAMES

(small smile)

I just meant, I wonder if Brian feels the same way about working on TV. I actually have never read one of those magazines.

MELISSA

Sorry. I'm so used to fans thinking we're together. And we're not.

JAMES

(knowing look)

You mentioned that.

They approach a decorated table with pieces of mistletoe, paper and ribbons. People are writing on the papers and hanging them on the huge tree nearby.

JAMES (CONT'D)  
Have you heard about Mistletoe's  
Christmas Tree Lore?

Mel shakes her head no, relieved for the subject change.

JAMES (CONT'D)  
It's believed that if you want a  
wish to come true, you write out  
your wish, attach it to a piece of  
mistletoe, and hang it on the tree.

MELISSA  
Does it work?

JAMES  
Well, since I got to show Melissa  
Merry the town's Christmas Fair, I  
think it does. (beat) Will you and  
Brian be joining us for the Sugar  
Plum Party?

MELISSA  
I don't know anyone who could turn  
down an invite to that based on the  
name alone! I've heard about this  
but what exactly is it?

JAMES  
The whole town meets at the rec  
center for a night of games, music,  
dancing and every holiday dessert  
you can imagine. Everyone brings  
their favorite to share.

MELISSA  
(smiling)  
That is an absolute yes.

ANGLE ON: Brian watching her laughing and smiling with James.

Melissa gets a text. She reads it then looks on the other  
side of the tree. Brian is there, waving.

MELISSA (CONT'D)  
They need me for the tree lighting.  
Thank you so much for tonight,  
James. Hey, will I see you at the  
St. Nick skate tomorrow?

JAMES  
I wouldn't miss it!

Cameramen film sections. Jennifer and crew shoot carolers.

**← END**

**ACT SEVEN**

INT. BARN - NEW DAY

It looks like winter wonderland in the barn. A few helpers ad lib goodbyes to James and Mel, still working. As they put the last few tablecloths on the tables:

**START →**

MELISSA

This town...

JAMES

It's one of a kind. It wasn't until I went to college that I realized how very special Mistletoe is. I couldn't wait to come back.

MELISSA

I can understand that. I haven't even left yet, but I still don't want to leave. This week has really helped me see things differently.

JAMES

I know you're busy with the show, but you could always come back for a visit now and then, right?

MELISSA

I could.

Mel smiles and looks around.

MELISSA (CONT'D)

Not bad for a few days work!

JAMES

I really couldn't have pulled this off without you--and your help. As much as I could keep talking to you, I know you've got a long day ahead. Maybe we can grab dinner after you're done tonight?

MELISSA

Sounds good.

She starts to leave but on her way out:

MELISSA (CONT'D)

The town is lucky to have you here, James. See you later.

**← END**