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EXT. PORTLAND, MAINE - CASCO BAY LANDING - CONTINUOUS

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High energy real estate broker, MEREDITH DUPREE, 50, vigorously waves, decked in a University of Southern Maine cap and Christmas everything.

MEREDITH

Welcome to Maine Katie! I'm Meredith Dupree, your real estate broker!

KATIE

Somehow I knew that. Nice to meet you.

MEREDITH

How was your trip?

KATIE

Smooth except they lost my bag.

MEREDITH

Travel isn't what it used to be! But don't you worry. Give me the tag and I'll do the rest.

KATIE

Really? Thanks.

MEREDITH^{3.}

Scene 1

MEREDITH

Our town is where peace meets quiet. Now, try to relax. Your rental car is already at the cottage.

KATIE

Martin's thought of everything! I don't know what I'd do without him.

MEREDITH

Wish I had a Martin. I sank in to a man's arms once, but somehow my arms landed in a sink.

Katie stifles a laugh.

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

Anyway, Internet can be spotty but you're here to get away from all that stuff.

KATIE

Wha...?

MEREDITH

We'll go through town so you know where things are. And hope you don't mind but I have to pick up a Property Records file for some research I'm doing. It won't take but a second. I'll leave it running.

KATIE

Sure. Thanks.

They walk off.

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INT. CAR - CONTINUOUS

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Still talking, Meredith drives down a narrow road.

MEREDITH

And our Portland Ballet Nutcracker is to die for! No pressure but I left two tickets with a bottle of welcome wine in the kitchen. Oh, and our Christmas tree farm is...*bangin'*!

Meredith laughs at herself.

MEREDITH⁴⁶

Scene 2

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Context Details

29 INT. KATIE'S LIVING ROOM - EVENING 29

Katie, in elegant holiday attire, surveys the spread.

BETHEL
We pulled it off.

The doorbell rings.

KATIE
And just in time.

30 INT. KATIE'S LIVING ROOM - LATER 30

Party in full swing, laughter and music fill the air. Guests mingle, including Katie, Abe, Meredith, Bethel, Bashir, Jason and Lawrence among various chorus members.

JASON
Katie, you've outdone yourself. And I see this isn't exclusive. You've invited...well, everyone...even the local handyman.

KATIE
If you mean, Abe...

JASON
You don't mind I brought a plus-one... my business partner, Lawrence.

MEREDITH^{47.}

KATIE

Not at all. The more the merrier.
I'm Katie.

LAWRENCE

Heard a lot about you.

KATIE

Really? What've you heard?

LAWRENCE

That you're quite the
businesswoman.

JASON

Lawrence is interested in the
Center.

KATIE

And we need all the help we can
get. Do you live in the area?

LAWRENCE

New York. Quick trip.

KATIE

If you don't mind me asking, what
is it that you do?

LAWRENCE

I'm in the dirt to dreams business.

KATIE

So, construction?

LAWRENCE

More architectural development.

JASON

Larry's an entrepreneur.

Abe glares at Jason from across the room.

KATIE

I see. Well, enjoy the party.

Katie crosses to Bethel on the couch and watches Abe across
the room, talking to a guest.

BETHEL

Mmm-hmm.

KATIE

What? We're just friends.

MEREDITH^{48.}

Scene 2

BETHEL

Think he wants to be more than just friends.

Bethel heads off.

Meredith joins with drink in hand.

Audition Start

MEREDITH

Katie, you're already making a difference. Everyone's having a grand time! And your tree is giving Rockefeller!

KATIE

Couldn't have done it without you and Bethel.

MEREDITH

And Abe.

KATIE

Yeah, he's helped me find my holiday spirit in more ways than one.

MEREDITH

I can only dream. And not to be a killjoy, but who's Jason's wingman?

KATIE

Said his name was Lawrence. Contractor from New York. He's interested in the town.

MEREDITH

Hope it's the right kind of interest. Never know with Jason. His friend has those over-whitened teeth I don't trust. But I think I'll swallow my pride and see if he wants to buy a house!

Meredith starts to leave but Katie stops her.

KATIE

Oh, Meredith, I gave the Portland Ballet tickets to Bethel.

MEREDITH

Great idea!