

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

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NINA is a dedicated scout leader whose kids have long-since graduated from the troop, but she has not given up her role. She has become increasingly forgetful and overwhelmed dealing with her life.

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Nina and Josh are making Christmas wreaths.

NINA

Thank you for helping again, Josh.

JOSH

No problem. This is forcing me to conquer my lifelong fear of circular pine trees.

NINA

That reminds me, I need you to call Aubrey and tell her about that family in Florida.

JOSH

You already asked me and Molly both to do that.

NINA

Did I? Oh...

JOSH

(beat)

Nina... I don't want to be the one to tell you this... but I think you're kind of losing it.

NINA

Nonsense.

JOSH

I've been noticing it more and more lately. We all have.

Nina stops making her wreath.

NINA

You're being ridiculous.

JOSH

You had Molly and me both call
Aubrey, you're repeating yourself,
forgetting things, doing things
twice... What's really going on?

NINA

(long beat)

I've been overwhelmed. With Frank's
stroke, I just can't handle...

JOSH

Nina, since Reagan and I moved
here, you've been acting like our
mom. But we came to help you. Why
won't you let us?

NINA

How long have you known me, Josh?

JOSH

Thirty-six years, give-or-take.

NINA

It's just who I am. I'm a doer.

JOSH

I know that, sis. But maybe it's
time you let someone else do for a
while.

NINA

I'll think about it. Let me make
the call to Aubrey and we'll talk
about it--

(beat)

That call's already been made,
hasn't it?

JOSH

Yep.

Nina breaks down crying.

NINA

Oh, Josh. What am I gonna do?