

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

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SELENA is taking care of her kids on her own while her husband serves in the military. He is missing and she is doing her best to keep up with life while worrying for his safety.

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INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM - NIGHT

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Josh walks to another corner of the gym.

MOLLY

Selena, I'm so sorry to hear about your husband.

SELENA

Most of the time I do okay, then I break down crying for an hour.

MOLLY

I can't even begin to imagine what you must be going through.

SELENA

Josh has been really helpful, doing some odd jobs around the house. He even made us dinner last night.

MOLLY

I heard.

SELENA

Wait. That's what you two are fighting about? Josh has been an amazing friend to my family. That's all.

MOLLY

It was a big misunderstanding. We had other problems too. This is not your fault.

SELENA

Good. Life is too overwhelming right now without having to deal with that. I brought Emilio down here today just to get out of the house for a couple hours.

They watch Emilio, Cooper, Bentley, and Reagan playing together, happy.

MOLLY

They really don't have a care in the world, do they?

SELENA

They have a child-like faith that we're going to take care of them and keep them safe. That's what my Travis did-- does! And that's what I'm going to do.

MOLLY

(re: Emilio)

How is he taking all this?

SELENA

In stride. Just like his dad. He's the spitting image of Travis. My kids are a daily reminder that my husband is with me.

MOLLY

I can't stand his father, but Cooper is the best thing that's ever happened to me.

(beat)

And I've been so busy trying to win this stupid contest, that I've been treating him like garbage.

SELENA

Well, maybe you need to change your idea of what it means to win.