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## **'ROAD TO CHRISTMAS'** **Synopsis**

It's Christmastime in Los Angeles and the smart and talented Maggie Baker is producing the annual televised Christmas Special for "Julia Wise Lifestyle," where she has worked for several years. With the pressure of needing higher ratings, Maggie's idea of producing a *live* show has the network president concerned. Unbeknownst to Maggie, Julia (Teryl Rothery) asks her former producer, her (handsome) son Danny (Chad Michael Murray), to incorporate safe and traditional pre-recorded pieces into the show and Maggie is less than pleased with Danny in the way.

With just a week to go before the live show airing at Julia's quaint New England farm home in Vermont, Maggie comes up with a brilliant idea. Calling her plan "Cross Country Christmas" she and Danny set out to find unique, interesting places where cool Christmas things are happening to use as segments in the special. Yet her true motive is to find and convince Danny and Julia's two other sons (who haven't celebrated Christmas together in many years due to past issues), to surprise Julia and spend Christmas Day with her.

Maggie and Danny drive to Colorado arriving at a family-owned Christmas tree farm where they interview the owners and are shown how to chop down their own tree and a spark begins to ignite between them. Next stop is the Rocky Valley Ski Resort to film the "Annual Snow Man Relay," where Derek (Cardi Wong), one of Julia's sons and Danny's youngest brother, is the lodge manager. Somewhat annoyed at Maggie for not telling them in advance of her plan, Danny and Derek agree to go to Vermont to surprise their mom but warn her that convincing their other brother David (Jeff Gonek) to join won't be easy.

With a winter storm approaching, they drive to Omaha, but not before making a detour to Hitchens, Nebraska for an unannounced stop to see Maggie's family. During the visit, the flame between Maggie and Danny intensifies, and she lets Danny film her family for one of the show segments, showing she really does enjoy the Christmas traditions. They continue to outrun the storm and fly to Rhode Island, trying to convince David to join them in Vermont. Acknowledging it's finally time to change their yearly plans and join their mom for Christmas, a sudden work emergency keeps David behind. At the train station, Derek gives up his ticket to a couple in need, and now it's just Danny without his brothers; Maggie is disappointed her plan didn't work.

With the intensity growing stronger between Maggie and Danny, they arrive in Vermont for the live show and Maggie is crushed when she learns Danny won't return next year. As the broadcast is ready to start, they lose power and Julia is forced to go live without the teleprompter. But that's not the only unscripted moment in the show and Julia is soon given the surprise of her life, leaving her speechless. It's in that moment that Maggie is reminded that above all, it's the love you have for your family and friends that makes for the merriest Christmas.

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