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“Unexpected Catch”

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**Premise:** Human nature provokes people to help each other in times of emergencies, even people who despise each other.

**Theme:** Neighbors, even ones who don’t get along, will risk their lives or put aside their differences to help each other in times of emergencies.

**Log Line:** A sorrowful mother with agonizing depression comes to terms with her daughter’s death, but in an extremely deadly way. After visiting her daughter’s grave one last time she decides that it is time to move on from this pain and suffering in any way she can. Luckily, her neighbor saves her from herself just in time, then talks with her about her life and how she can turn her life around and be happy again.

**Rule of Thirds Shots:**

Shot #1, Picture #20: This shot is important because it draws your attention to both John and Cathy. John is obviously telling Cathy that what she was thinking was wrong. In the background of the shot you can see that they are still in her daughter’s room. This is a very powerful scene where Cathy has just been caught attempting to commit suicide, and John saved her.

Shot #2, Picture #24: This is a shot of both Cathy and John laughing, but the focus is primarily on Cathy, due to the fact that John finally made her feel better. It is a close up two-shot that portrays that Cathy is going to be OK and John is a very kind and nice neighbor. They both fall in line with the rule of thirds framing, and it really emphasizes the idea that the conflict is over and the resolution has begun.
**ACT 1**

We see Cathy, a very sad and confused woman, driving to a cemetery in the middle of the day. She parks and walks into the cemetery, with a tiny stuffed bear in hand. We see as she walks the sorrow on her face and how she holds herself as she makes her journey through the cemetery. She eventually meets with her destination, a tombstone in the middle of the memorial.

As she looks upon the burial sight of her only daughter, we see that she shows nothing but crippling depression and sadness on her face. Cathy feels responsible for the unfortunate death of her daughter. She wishes she would have been by the pool when her poor daughter fell in.

Cathy kneels down to the tombstone and lays the tiny teddy bear in front of the burial site, looking at it one last time. She then turns and leaves the grave of her beloved daughter in sadness and remorse. She gets back into her car and drives straight back to her empty home.

**ACT 2**

Once home, we see Cathy enter her house only to go straight upstairs to her daughter’s room. After taking in the sight of the room she hasn’t entered for months, the memories of her daughter flood over her like a cool waterfall. We see her climb onto the bed and look out the window, contemplating her next move. She then pulls the window up, takes out the screen, and begins to put her leg out of the window. As she positions the rest of her body out of the window, we can tell that she has decided to end her life of agony.
ACT 3

As this is happening, we switch views to a man named John who has just come out of his house to get his mail. John is Cathy’s neighbor and we see him notice that she is hanging out of a window and he jumps into action. Although John and Cathy have never really got along, those feelings were set aside as he sprinted over to tell her to stop. Once he succeeds, John runs into the house to make sure Cathy is OK. He finds her in the bedroom and asks her what she was planning on accomplishing by this insane act. We see the two have a conversation, then John helps Cathy to the kitchen where they talk even more.

John encourages Cathy to seek help in any way she can; making friends, going to church, or even starting a book club. He wants Cathy to lead a happy life and be able to move on from what happened to her. Cathy begins to realize that John is right and becomes more and more inspired to lead a happy life while listening to him speak. Finally, John gives Cathy a sympathetic hug and tells her that everything will be OK and that he is there for her. After going many months without any joy or happiness, Cathy finally shines a beautiful smile of hope.
Close Up
Medium Shot
Close Up
Long Shot
Low Angle Shot
Full Shot, Reverse Angle Shot
Point of View Shot
Medium Shot
Long Shot
Long Shot
Medium Shot
Close Up
Medium Shot
Medium Shot
Low Angle, Long Shot
Long Shot
Full Shot
Long Shot
Medium Shot
Two-Shots, Rule of Thirds
Two-Shots
Two-Shots, Medium
Close Up
Medium, Two-Shots, Rule of Thirds