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The Last Shot

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Writers Prompt Rules (5 pages):

At least one of the characters either is starting or has just started a new business. A bow and/or arrow is either involved or present in some capacity. A character uses a slang word that the other(s) have never heard before. A character either loses or has lost something. A famous quote is either said, read, or seen at some point.

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INT. PEGGY'S PAWN SHOP - DAY

A pawn shop door from the inside is seen written 'Peggy's Pawn Shop' as two mid 20's girls enter the store and the door bell rings as they open it.

The store looks empty and no one is seen around.

They are both wearing a cap and heavy duty outdoor shoes one would wear outdoors in the wild. They both look like they are some sort of hunters as they both dressed like that and also carry a knife with them on their waist.

One of them is looking at knives while other is looking at bows and arrows that seem to be present in an shelved area.

JENNIFER(25) stops at one of counters as something catches her eye after some browsing.

JENNIFER

Hey ... Come here ... look at this.

SHEENA(24) walks towards Jennifer.

SHEENA

What? Did you find something we could use for hunting day!

JENNIFER

(surprised)

No... No look...

SHEENA

(confused)

What am I looking at ?

JENNIFER

That arrow ... Look what is written.

Sheena starts to read and her expression changes to surprise as she reads...

SHEENA

The Olympic silver medal arrow?
That's insane. Why would anyone sell it...

A mid 30's SOFIE from the corner of the store comes forward. She looks like the owner of the pawn shop.

SOFIE

That's because sometimes you have to let go of things that can fetch you good money.

SHEENA

(overjoyed)

I know you. I saw that last one on TV. Wait... is this that last shot?

SOFIE

That's right. I would have to have been a drongo to miss that one. Probably a whisker away from a gold.

JENNIFER

I don't understand. What happened there I thought you had that last one.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

EXT. OLYMPIC STADIUM - DAY

The crowd is cheering as the scoreboard shows the final round for gold with the set points tied to 5-5 and the commentators discussing.

JOE (V.O)

In an interesting turn of events SOFIE and VEERA are now tied at 5-5. Remember the winner of next set will win the gold with each set having three shots and the highest score wins the set.

CHELSEA (V.O)

That's right Joe. We could be looking at the final three arrows. Who goes home with a gold is yet to be seen.

Sofie is tightening her knuckles and staring at the target trying to gather herself. She is restless as something is bothering her. She tries to steady her hand, failing to do so.

SOFIE

(whispering)

Come on... not now ... pull yourself together.

SOFIE gets into position for the final set while Veera is giving Sofie a grueling look hinting she means business, focused on the target.

VEERA

This one is mine SOFIE... You are going down.

SOFIE

Yeah .. we'll see ..

JOE (V.O)

We are now into the potential final set as any second now the round starts. Remember 20 seconds for each shot, 3 each.

The shot clock has 20 seconds set as the Veera is the first to take the shot. The round starts and she shoots within seconds. Bulls eye.

CHELSEA (V.O)

And Veera starts with a bulls eye. That is a strong start.

The shot clock resets for Sofie. Shoot! Another bulls eye.

JOE (V.O)

And Sofie matches Veera with another excellent shot.

Veera takes her second shot. Bulls eye.

CHELSEA (V.O)

The pressure is back on Sophie as another 10 points from Veera.

Sophie is a little uneasy. She adjusts her eyesight and takes a shot, again hitting a bulls eye. She seems relieved.

JOE (V.O)

The scores matched after two shots. It all comes down, I can't believe I am saying this, to the final shot for a tie to go see another round survival, or go home with a silver or gold.

CHELSEA (V.O)

Veera gets the advantage here with the first shot putting the pressure on Sophie.

Veera takes a shot and it hits an 8.

JOE (V.O)

Oh we have the first drop of points.

CHELSEA (V.O)

In a turn of events, 20 seconds for Sofie to do better than an 8 to win a gold or she has to settle for a silver here.

Sophie is now even more uneasy, her finger holding the arrow is seen shaking, while her eyesight seems distorted. The shot clock is seen running down to 10 seconds.

JOE (V.O)

Sophie has taken more time than her previous shots we are down to 10 seconds.

Sophie doesn't look confident at all. Takes a look at the target and tries to gather herself. Then tries to focus again ready to take the shot.

CHELSEA (V.O)

5 seconds Joe. This is getting interesting.

She takes the shot. A Five. She completely misses the center. The crowd goes into shock. The score updates.

JOE (V.O)

And Sophie has missed the target completely. An 8 would have kept her in the race. Veera wins the gold again while Sophie who looked like she had this one has to settle for a Silver.

END FLASHBACK

INT. PEGGY'S PAWN SHOP - CONTINUOUS

Sofie snaps out of the thought and takes a moment to think what to answer.

SOFIE

Well...Nothing... Just missed the shot I guess.

SHEENA

And you run this pawn shop now? Are you taking a break or something if you don't mind me asking?

SOFIE

Oh no... My father owned this place and ran an antique store for years. I just changed some stuff around and started a new business.

(beat ... looking at
their puzzled faces)

Oh I quit... That was my last shot. Selling as much as I can to give it a jump start ... Also not exactly the best memory when it comes to that arrow. I thought maybe someone would want to buy it. You won't believe how much old crap I have lying around ready to sell.

JENNIFER

An Olympic silver arrow? Are you kidding me? I'll take it...

SOFIE

Great...

They pay with their card, take the arrow and start walking out of the store. Sofie stares waits for a moment and just as they are about to walk out the door...

SOFIE (cont'd)

If you're going to try, go all the way.

Sheena and Jennifer stop look at each other. They smile as they both know what she is talking about and walk out. Sophie has light smile on her face.

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