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CALENDAR STORY

The Tree That Christmas
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The path was quiet that morning...the kind of quiet that listens.

Footsteps crushed softly against the powder snow as a mail carrier walked by with stacks of mail in his hand.

He stumbled on a patch of ice, but that wasn't the only thing that caught his attention. The little tree's mere size bewildered the mail carrier.

He stopped. He stared. He wondered.

From the stack of envelopes he pulled one out, stamped with a star: no name written on the front and no address, just a special message.

"This one's special," the man murmured, slipping the letter between the tree's branches, where it can stay safe from the wind.

And when the mail carrier walked on, the tree held the letter gently.

