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Family Tree

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Sizzling Start
The story starts by making the reader curious to find out more: 'It started with a seed, and that seed was me.'

Backfill
WHO: A tree and three generations of a family
WHAT: The tree and family grow alongside each other
WHERE: Australia

Pebble (Small problem)
While the tree forms deep, strong roots, we watch the children grow among its branches, in its shade, in good times and bad.

Rock (Medium problem)
The children grow up and head out into the world. The tree sends its seeds out into the world, too. But they are always connected: 'Forever away. Forever my own.'

Boulder
(Main tension scene)
Eventually, new but familiar children return to play in the tree. The tree's branches are strong and wide to support them.

Exciting Ending
(Action climax)
The story comes full circle, ending where it began: 'It started with a seed, and that seed was me.'

Character Wrap-up
(Emotional resolution)
We see the tree and the three generations of the family standing strong together through the changing seasons of life.

Gradual build-up of tension

Interest level

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