



'ROYAL HEARTS' **Synopsis**

Since the passing of his wife, Hank Pavlik (James Brolin), a stubborn, tall in the saddle cowboy from Montana, who's only life is the ranch. But his life is about to get a bit more interesting. Hank's daughter, Kelly Pavlik (Cindy Busby), a career driven hopeless romantic, is approached by Grimsby (Howard Crossley), a lawyer retained to locate her father and deliver some important news. Kelly takes Grimsby to inform Hank that he has inherited a substantial estate with an attached title but in order to finalize the documents he must travel to Merania. Hank is skeptical but Kelly is able convince him that it will be good to get away from the ranch for a while.

Merania, with its snow-peaked mountains, crystal clear lakes and stunning castles, is a place right out of a fairytale book. Soon after they arrive Hank is surprised to learn that the estate is a castle and the title attached is King. Feeling out of place, this is something Hank wants nothing to do with. The people of Merania, though, have been desperately searching for an heir to the throne because without a king their independence and way of life is threatened by the neighboring country of Angosia. Being reminded by Kelly that you don't turn your back on family, Hank decides to stick it out and do what he can to help.

Contrary to its beauty, Hank's new castle needs repairs and its bills paid. He is informed that his first order of business is to address the Privy Council to raise taxes to pay for these expenses. Hank, who was taught to always pay his own way, finds this to be unfair to the citizens and comes up with an unorthodox plan to solve the budget issues.

Meanwhile, Kelly has taken an interest in Alex (Andrew Cooper), a good-looking country boy who is the stable hand for the estate. Between their shared wit, a love of classic literature and animals, they hit it off. But once Kelly is introduced to King Nikolas of Angosia (Lachlan Nieboer), a man who always gets what he wants, she is swept off her feet and things begin to get complicated. While at the Royal Ball, King Nikolas surprises Kelly with a marriage proposal. Though she doesn't formally accept, this situation doesn't sit well with Hank, and Alex becomes suspicious.

After some investigating Alex discovers Angosia is broke and King Nikolas' proposal is simply a business transaction to acquire Merania's natural resources. Realizing an opportunity with King Nikolas' predicament, Hank devises a diplomatic solution that could both secure Merania's independence and the future of Angosia.

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