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'CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE'

Synopsis

Ice skating choreographer Katie (Merritt Patterson) and skating sensation Jessica (Brittany Bristow) are tired of touring and have decided to buy their own rink to start a training center. With one engagement left, the best friends can't wait to finally celebrate Christmas back home in New Jersey. For their final show, the two are off to San Senova, a tiny country founded on Christmas Eve and brimming with nonstop holiday events. Enchanted from the moment they land, Katie and Jessica stroll through the open-air Christmas market, and while Jessica heads off to warm up for the show, Katie stays behind to purchase a souvenir. Soon realizing she has to get going, Katie wanders through the market looking for an exit and winds up behind the stage where King Alexander (Andrew Cooper) is practicing his speech to kick off the festivities.

Unaware the handsome man she has bumped into is the King, Katie asks if he's "hiding from Christmas," since it's clear Alexander is anything but enthusiastic about giving his speech. Claiming he's a big fan of the holiday, when in fact the press has labeled him "The Grinch King," Alexander fumbles with his note cards, unable to remember any of the Christmas quotes that Katie rattles off by heart. Wishing him luck in finding his Christmas spirit, Katie leaves, leaving the Royal so rattled he accidentally topples the Santa's Village tableau when he steps on stage.

But while Alexander might not be the shining example of holiday joy, he is an amazing father to his 10-year old daughter, Princess Christina (India Fowler), who not only idolizes Katie and Jessica, but is also a fine skater in her own right. After she and her Aunt Patricia (Geraldine Fitzgerald) see the show, Christina is delighted to meet her idols backstage and offers them a tour of the palace, during which Katie gets lost looking for the powder room and ends up in Alexander's office. Once again, having no idea she's stumbled upon royalty, Katie exchanges flirtatious quips with Alexander then is off to see the palace's private ice-skating rink. Stunned, Katie asks Christina if they ever put on shows in the rink, and suddenly the young princess has an idea. Why not ask her father if the palace could host a Founder's Day ice skating pageant?

Ready to do anything for his "Tinabear," Alexander summons Katie and Jessica to his office to ask if they'll put on the pageant, and he's just as surprised to discover who Katie is, as she is to learn he's the King. Now, the question is, can the pageant be put on by Christmas Eve, just 13 days away? As preparations hit full swing, Alexander and Katie begin to fall for one another, as do Jessica and the King's adorable aide Nicholas (Nicholas Banks). Christina, too, grows close to Katie, who encourages the shy princess to overcome her fears and skate in the performance. But when Jessica is injured and can't perform the lead, Katie must decide if she can heed her own advice and step back on the ice instead of continuing to hide behind a choreographer's role. At stake too, is both her heart and Alexander's, neither of which has been open for far too long.

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