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'CHRISTMAS AT DOLLYWOOD'

Synopsis

When New York-based event planner Rachel Davis (Danica McKellar) gets the opportunity to return to her Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, hometown with eight-year old daughter Ava (Zoë Noelle Baker) to plan the 30th Anniversary of Smoky Mountain Christmas at Dollywood, she jumps at the chance to spend the holidays with her family and further prove to her boss that she is up to the challenge of taking on a bigger role at Gail Lane Events. There is no place more magical than the spectacular Smoky Mountains at Christmas than Dollywood and maybe – just maybe – Rachel will get to meet the legendary entertainer and philanthropist Dolly Parton herself.

Back home in Pigeon Forge, Rachel hits the ground running at Dollywood, where she quickly learns she will be working alongside Dollywood operations director Luke Hakman (Niall Matter) to produce what needs to be an event as bombastic and glamorous as the woman whose name is on East Tennessee's world-famous amusement park. At first Rachel and Luke, who is being considered for Dollywood's top spot as general manager, don't see eye-to-eye on plans for the Smoky Mountain Christmas 30th anniversary. But by including Luke in all her family's traditions the week before Christmas, Rachel convinces him she really knows her stuff and that her ideas for the big event are right on the money.

Between all the brainstorming for the event, food tastings and Rachel's family traditions like tree trimming, yule log baking and the annual visit to Pigeon Forge's Peppermint Lane, Luke and Rachel grow close, and what began as a flirtatious attraction has grown into something much more. They still have an enormous event to pull off, with a lot on the line for both of them, but it's clear to everyone around them that they would make a great couple.

On the night of the event, Rachel and Luke each receive big news that will change their lives, however. After hearing he didn't get the Dollywood promotion, Luke accepts an offer to run a park in Georgia and Rachel is offered a partnership at Gail Lane Events back in New York. Conflicted and confused, the lovers seem destined for lives apart. That is, until Dolly Parton herself appears on the scene for the big Christmas finale, offers some important advice to Rachel, and pulls a string or two to bring Rachel and Luke together again for what will either be a bittersweet goodbye...or the first step towards their happily ever after.

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