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'A VALENTINE'S MATCH' **Synopsis**

Just fired from her broadcasting job in San Francisco, Natalie Simmons (Bethany Joy Lenz) returns to her hometown in Oregon for the week leading up to the town's annual Valentine's Festival, where she fully expects to see Zach Williams (Luke Macfarlane), the guy she never quite got over 10 years ago. Even though Natalie is engaged to Brooks (Marco Granzzini), Zach's mom Sue (Karen Kruper) and Natalie's mom Alicia (Mary-Margaret Humes) conspire to get them back together again. Their first meeting at Zach's hardware store, is awkward and a bit painful for both of them, especially Natalie, who reminds her mother that Zach broke off their engagement to pursue a career in art but bought and runs a hardware store instead.

Zach and Natalie are roped into heading up the auction together by their moms, and they end up going to the diner where they had their first date to grab a bite to eat. A huge mistake to go there, but afterward they tell each other they will put the past behind them and work together on the auction. Their first official planning meeting for the auction does not go well. Zach doesn't like any of Natalie's high-toned suggestions and ends up spilling a milkshake all over her expensive coat. As they pick up items donated for the auction, something happens and the air between them begins to thaw a bit, as they remember how much fun they used to have and how good they were together.

Natalie learns that when his art didn't take off, Zach began working at the hardware store and discovered old stuff in the attic that he used in his art. Natalie asks to see it so he takes her to his studio, where he has created an entire gallery of art from found objects. Natalie is very impressed and proud of him. It is obvious that the spark between them is still smoldering and Zach tries to tell Natalie something he's been holding inside but can't quite do it.

On the day of the Valentine's Festival, Natalie and Zach's auction is a huge success. Zach finally tells Natalie the truth about why he broke off their engagement all those years ago. Stunned and hurt by his revelation, she walks away from Zach. Brooks arrives to escort Natalie back to San Francisco for a job interview he has arranged for her. Back in the city, Natalie realizes the truth that has been nagging at her for some time now; Brooks is not the right partner for her – never was, never will be.

Now that Natalie knows in her heart that Zach is the man she belongs with, there's only one thing left to do – race to catch the next plane home, and into the arms of her perfect Valentine's match.

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