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'A BRIDE FOR CHRISTMAS'

SYNOPSIS

Jessie Patterson prepares for a wedding with her fiancé, Mike. She has already called off two engagements, and is apprehensive. Although Jessie's mother, Susan, encourages her to go down the aisle, she ends up running out of her own wedding.

Aiden MacTiernan's friends and co-workers Matt, Charlie and Stu all tease Aiden that he is not marriage material during poker night. Aiden doesn't mind being single, but is goaded into agreeing to a bet: if he is able to get a girl to say yes to his marriage proposal by Christmas, he'll win Matt's corner office. If he loses, he'll have to trade his office for Charlie's cubicle.

The evening that Jessie ran out of her wedding, she busies herself with work at her apartment that she shares with her sister Vivian. Vivian comes to check on her, and tells her about the aftermath of the wedding. Not wanting to hurt anyone else, Jessie vows to never get engaged again.

Jessie visits Mike to apologize and return the ring. Mike refuses to accept the ring, as he still thinks they belong together. Shocked that Jessie keeps the ring, Vivian tells her to practice saying no more often. The two head to an art exhibit to schmooze for more clients for their interior design company, and end up meeting Aiden and Matt. When Matt tries to pick up Jessie, Vivian tells him about Jessie's broken engagement and that she's sworn off men. Matt, therefore, convinces Aiden to pursue Jessie.

When Aiden asks Jessie on a date, she says "No," practicing her new assertive style. Aiden then asks if she'll do a professional consultation of his apartment for interior design, to which Vivian replies "Yes" for Jessie.

Jessie meets Aiden at his apartment, which is sparsely furnished. She learns a little about Aiden during the consultation, but keeps it professional. The engagement ring from Mike falls out of her bag, and she tells Aiden of her failed engagement and that she has sworn off relationships. His hopes for winning this bet are dashed.

Vivian and Jessie discuss the Aiden meeting while decorating their parents' house for Christmas. Jessie's dad, Hank, tells them that Mike had just been over, and Susan continues to encourage Jessie to reconcile with Mike.

Matt tells Aiden he knew all along that Jessie was unavailable, but Aiden is not ready to admit defeat. He drops by Jessie and Vivian's office to discuss her design ideas. Mike unexpectedly drops in at the same time, and Jessie uses Aiden as an excuse to avoid lunch with Mike. She takes Aiden furniture shopping.

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While furniture shopping, Jessie and Aiden build some chemistry, and discuss their mutual love of horror films. Aiden mentions he was alone a lot as a child, but quickly changes the subject to Jessie and Mike. Jessie admits Mike wasn't the one, and that she's done looking for Mr. Right.

Over post-shopping tea, Jessie tells Aiden Christmas carols are her favorite part of the holidays. He then goes to the piano in the bar and starts playing "The First Noel." Jessie is transfixed, but is interrupted by Owen – fiancé number one. After telling Aiden that Mike was not her first, but her third fiancé, Jessie quickly leaves.

While Jessie oversees the furniture load-in at his house, she notices his lack of family photos. Aiden mentions his parents' divorce, but quickly changes the topic back to Jessie. She tells Aiden that she volunteers at a dog shelter, and he tells her about his dog, Luke. Luke is the only family that Aiden keeps a photo of. Still waiting for deliveries, Jessie agrees to watch a horror movie and have burgers with Aiden - combining two of their common interests. They are interrupted – and terrified – by the delivery man.

Jessie tells Vivian the story; Vivian suspects a romance is brewing. Aiden tells his friends the same story, and they joke that she is "the one."

Aiden shows up at the dog shelter where Jessie volunteers. While they play with the dogs – Lincoln and Jake - Aiden tells Jessie that his parents sent his dog to the pound after their divorce, and that he has tried not to get too attached to anything since. Mike shows up unexpectedly (again) to try to convince Jessie to set another wedding date. In the midst of their conversation, Jake gets loose and the three have to catch him.

Aiden joins Jessie at her family game night. Susan is taken by his charm. As Aiden looks through old scrapbooks and sees Jessie in a wedding gown, he truly falls for her. Jessie, Aiden and her parents sing Christmas carols while Aiden plays the piano, and at that moment Mike shows up. Susan had invited him, and Jessie is exasperated.

Family game night turns into a high stakes poker match. When it's just Mike and Aiden left, Mike adds his van to the pot, and Aiden calls with his car keys. Mike wins Aiden's car.

After game night, Jessie tells Aiden she hasn't sworn off marriage, but if she is wrong again, she will. Aiden decides to call off the bet.

At the shelter, the man who adopted Jake angrily returns him. Aiden argues passionately with him, and Jessie has the fireworks moment: she knows this is true love. She kisses Aiden.

Jessie tells Vivian that Aiden is "the one" and Vivian convinces Jessie to ask Aiden to marry her. The two are beyond excited. At the same time, Aiden tells Matt about the kiss – he feels the same love that Jessie does. Matt, however, is worried that Jessie has too much baggage.

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Aiden walks into his apartment, which Jessie has finished decorating. It looks like a home, topped off with a large print of Aiden with his dog, Luke. He is overwhelmed. Jessie asks Aiden to marry her, and he says yes. Jessie begins planning the wedding with her mom. Aiden's friends are shocked, but happy for him. While congratulating him, Matt brings up the bet. Mike, who was out of site, overhears, and tells Jessie that she was a bet. Devastated, she confronts Aiden, and ends it.

Jessie's dad tells her that before Susan married him, she had turned down three other proposals, and that it's ok to wait for the right one to come along. Jessie returns the ring to Mike, and ends it for good.

Although Aiden is crushed, he tries to put on a good face in front of his friends. He is relieved when Jessie's mom visits him at work, and she convinces him that he can still get Jessie back.

Aiden surprises Jessie with a proposal and a wedding at her parents' house on Christmas morning. To add to the surprise, he has adopted Jake from the shelter. Jessie says yes, and the two are married in front of their family and friends on Christmas morning.

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