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**THE THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY GREAT BRITISH
DATE OFF**

*"He THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY hadn't really given
her a second look ... until someone else did!"*

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Chapter 1

The night before my move

I couldn't believe it. Someone was actually trying to ring me during the Great British Bake Off final. What is wrong with people, I thought? Didn't they realise what was at stake here?

I knew I should have switched off my mobile.

Ignore it, I told myself ... which I did; doggedly.

That was until the damn thing THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY sprang into life for a third time just THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY when the technical bake was teetering on a knife edge. Somebody was being very persistent. I tried to hold fast but THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY then THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY felt a hot flash of panic at the thought that someone I knew may at that very moment, be receiving CPR in casualty.

Immediately I was imagining myself graveside; snivelling. How could I have been so selfish? If only I had picked up.

I sighed loudly, thanked god for BBC iplayer and quickly checked out my missed calls.

There were three from Steve. I THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY knew he was on a stag do in Prague. Briefly I wondered THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY if perhaps he had been fleeced by some brazen Czech street-walker and was now left watch-less, wallet-less and passport-less in some seedy

city centre hotel. Then I thought better of it. He always boasted that he would never, ever pay for sex.

Why would I? He had shrugged cockily.

Then I wondered if he was ringing to make things right between us. He had been shocked by Jonnie, my godfather's decision to move his spectacularly successful business operation from the THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY very unfashionable part of London where we had all grown up, to an estate in the Wiltshire countryside but stunned by my decision (as his PA) to join him. Phrases like 'selling out' were used and we had been barely on speaking terms THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY for weeks.

Even though I guessed it would be on European tariff, I THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY called him back.

Someone picked up and against a backdrop of music, clinking THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY glasses and raucous laughter, I heard a distant voice mumbling incoherently.

'Hello ...' I prompted. 'Steve is that you?' THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY

The line suddenly went dead.

THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY Just when I was deciding whether or not to redial, my phone sprang into life again.

This time many voices, one of which may have been Steve's, burst into song, '*Wake up Maggie, I think I've got something to say to you....*'

I recognised the Rod Stewart song, Maggie May. It had blighted my school days; Steve and his friends used to holler it at me as I tried to slip by them unnoticed at the school gates.

'Steve?' I prompted when the chorus had petered out into a heated argument about incorrect wording. I felt sure it couldn't be him; whoever it was sounded drunk. Steve never got drunk. He prided himself on never losing control. There followed more fumbling, some muffled swearing and another background conversation during which drinks orders were being THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY issued and countermanded.

I hung on in there.

Steve slurred finally and sulkily into the phone, 'Mags...where have you been...I've..tried loadsoftimes.' Before I had a chance to answer, he continued. 'Imon THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY ... erm ... yeah, Imon Ben's stag-do. We're in Prague.'

'I know' I answered patiently. This was the reason he had THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY given for not attending my leaving drinks. He seemed to be using every excuse he could find to punish me. He and Ben weren't even that close. Ben had been my boyfriend, after all!

'We've been talking 'boutyou.' He was suddenly sounding maudlin. 'He reckons you broke his heart.'

'Steve, you're on his stag-do. He's marrying someone else. I don't think he can really be that heart-broken, do you?' I said indignantly.

This, from a man who had broken more teenage hearts than THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY you could shake a stick at! Including mine!

There was an uneasy silence.

Suddenly he was rambling, 'I can't bleep you're actually leaving London, Mags ... you'll never survive out in the sticks ... and you do realise you'll be entering countryside bandito...'

Frankly, I had heard all this before. I had endured the confused looks THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY on my friends' faces when I assured them I was leaving THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY London of my own volition. And that yes, I was actually looking forward THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY to my breathtaking new working environment and my little stone cottage with honeysuckle in the garden. I had made no comment when my best friend, Shoes, had given me a pitying look and told me I would never get a decent takeaway again and I had even managed to smile sweetly when Rach, my gentler and more rounded friend (in more ways than one) had, without any sense of irony and clearly under the impression I was moving to the Little House on the Prairie; solemnly presented me with a copy of Quilting Monthly.

Only with a few short hours to go before the removal van was due, frankly this was all getting a little tedious.

Steve concluded with what he obviously thought would be his killer point, '...and there's bound to be mud, Mags ... shed-loadsofit...'

Why was I surprised? Uber city dweller Steve, had a penchant for expensive footwear and a deep distrust for any group of THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY people who considered wellingtons a fashion item. I had now officially run out of patience. I was missing the Great British Bake Off final to THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY listen to this.

'If you've quite finished I have stuff to do.'

'Nother thing ... Shoes and Rach ...what 'bout them ... they'll misssyoo...'

I knew that, they had already told me so. He hadn't though.

'I'll be popping back regularly when I start my course,' I THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY explained.

At Jonnie's suggestion, I had signed up for a series of one day Advanced Management Training Courses as a way of placating my friends. He too had been stung by their criticism of selling out.

'Won't be the same,' Steve said sulkily.

'What won't?'

'Oh I dunno ... who's gonna ... who's gonna warn me when my girlfriend starts checkinout engagement rings?'

'I only did that once, as a joke.' I said quickly. I regretted it; he had lost no time in dumping her.

'Don't go Mags,' he blurted out suddenly.

I was just wondering how THE GREAT BRITISH DATE OFF - A FUNNY ROMANTIC COMEDY to respond when raucous jeering erupted again in the background. Cat-calls from his fellow stags of, 'Don't go, Mags.' and 'Maggie, don't leave me' were clearly audible. They culminated in another rowdy chorus from Maggie May.

'... You stole my heart and that's what really hurts.'

When it died down, I heard Steve trying to explain himself to the rabble at the other end. 'I only meant, don't go, Mags ... I've still got some credit left...'

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