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'PEARL IN PARADISE' **Synopsis**

Natural Discoveries photographer Alex Anderson (Jill Wagner) isn't particular about organization and deadlines, but she does have a passion for adventure and is willing to trek around the world to get the best shot of an active volcano, a wild animal or an exotic coral reef. Now if she can come up with the best cover idea for the magazine's 30th anniversary issue, Alex has a chance to become the creative director and catapult her career. Discovering that pearls are the traditional 30th anniversary gift, Alex finds an article about a mysterious blue pearl lost in the Fijian rainforest. She pitches the idea of going to Fiji to photograph the pearl, which she plans to locate by interviewing the author of Pearl in Paradise, who claims to be the only person to know where the pearl is. Intrigued, her boss gives Alex the go-ahead on the condition that she photographs the pearl, but Colin Page (Kristoffer Polaha), the author, guest writes the article.

On the opposite end of Alex's approach to creativity, Colin might write thrilling adventures, but it's his main character, Blake Montoya, who does all the globetrotting. Organized to the hilt, Colin meticulously researches his books but ventures further than the library. In fact, while Pearl in Paradise has upped tourism to Fiji, Colin himself has never set foot on the island, opting instead to do phone interviews with a woman whose great-grandfather wrote in a journal about finding the pearl. Consequently, when Colin's agent suggests he meet a photographer in Fiji to write a magazine article, Colin is less than enthusiastic. Not only doesn't he want to traipse through a rainforest he's also reluctant to admit he might have exaggerated about knowing the pearl's whereabouts.

Nevertheless, with book sales dropping and wanting to draw back readers, Colin makes plans to see the journal, and is off to Fiji. Unwittingly meeting at the airport where they grapple over bags and she accidentally steals his cab, Alex and Colin don't get off to a great start. Still, it seems opposites do attract and when they realize who each other is at the resort later, the flirting begins. In fact, while shopping for survival gear the next day, they're mistaken for a romantic couple hoping the legend is true – that those who find the pearl together will marry.

The next day, led by Fijian local Malakai (Rob Kipa-Williams), Alex and Colin trek through the bush when she slips on a rock trying to get a photo and he falls down an embankment acting macho. Their vulnerabilities exposed, Alex and Colin discuss why they're still single. She admits she's always traveling after the next great photo; and he admits every woman expects him to be Blake Montoya. He also admits he doesn't know exactly where the pearl is and while she's upset at first, Alex finally concedes that even if she'd known before the trip, she'd have still asked Colin to help her find it. The next morning, as the two head off to continue their search for the rare pearl, neither is aware yet that finding love could be the rarest adventure of all.

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