

MOM DATING

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INT. HALLWAY/FOYER

Hands with clipped nails and a cartoon band-aid unpack photo's from a moving box. Jessica Brown (30s), places a series of photos on the display table from dating, marriage, to family of four.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Just when you thought you were far  
from the dating scene...

EXT. PLAYGROUND

On a bench by herself Jessica glances over the edge of her phone at the moms around the park.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
You find yourself right back in it.  
Mom dating.

She scopes out a group of moms on the other side wearing large sunglasses and brand name athletic wear.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Cool moms, too scary.

A table of moms have snacks trays and notebooks out.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
PTA moms, too much work.

Another mom cleans a swing with a wipe, then a mini-disinfectant spray.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Nope.

She spies a mom wearing a headband, yoga pants and tie-dye shirt, YOLONDA (30s), digging into her bag.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Bingo.

Jessica approaches YOLANDA with her own big purse.

JESSICA  
Do you need something, maybe I have  
it.

YOLANDA  
My kid is hyperglycemic, but I  
forgot to bring a snack.

Jessica pulls out a pack of honey bear cookies.

JESSICA  
I have these if you want.

YOLANDA shakes her head.

YOLANDA  
Thanks, but we don't eat processed  
food, plus vegan, so no honey.

Jessica puts the snack away.

JESSICA  
Sorry, that's all I got.  
(points to the PTA moms )  
Maybe they have something.

Jessica backs up toward her bench.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Too high maintenance.

Checks her kids, count one, two, checks her phone, then  
repeat till her neck is tired.

JESSICA  
Time to go! One last slide then  
we're leaving.

INT. KITCHEN

On the phone with her MOM, Jessica throws nuggets into the  
air fryer, steps on a Lego.

JESSICA  
Son of a--

MOM (V.O.)  
Are you ok?

Jessica picks the Lego up, tosses it in the trash.

JESSICA  
Yah, fine.

MOM (V.O.)  
Made any friends yet?

Jessica takes out the nuggets, adds fries.

JESSICA  
Not yet, but there is a local moms  
club meet up tomorrow.

Jessica turns down the pot of mac & cheese boiling over.

MOM  
Don't worry, you will. I'll help  
you finish unpacking this weekend.

Jessica strains the noodles.

JESSICA  
If you could take the kids to swim,  
I could get a lot done.

MOM  
Sure, I got to go, your father and  
I are going out.

Jessica adds the milk and butter as the air fryer alarm goes  
off.

JESSICA  
Dinners ready!

INT. MOM'S CLUB PLAY GROUP

Jessica places a box of donut holes on a table next to three  
other boxes, throws a couple for herself in a napkin. The  
local moms stand around the kitchen island with their large  
ice coffees.

**Note - Each mom is from one of the groups at the playground.**

JESSICA  
Sorry, I need to go grocery  
shopping.

The HOSTESS lifts her cup in greeting.

HOSTESS  
I'm at Target daily. I buy stuff,  
then poof. Let me introduce you.

Jessica scopes out the women gathered around.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
The speed date round.

The hostess points to each of the moms.

HOSTESS

This is Sam, Yolonda, Mary and Jen.

Jessica waves to the group.

JESSICA

I'm Jess, nice to meet you.

HOSTESS

If you are interested, we have some board positions open.

Jessica smiles, shoves a donut hole in her mouth. The moms are distracted by a kids cry.

INT. BEDROOM

Jessica hangs up a dress in her closet from a trash bag labeled clothes on scotch tape.

A text comes in, she goes to the entry finds the swim bag hanging on the door nob.

EXT. POOL

Jessica hurries in with the swim bag. She finds her mother talking with a pretty woman on the bench.

MOM

Didn't you get my text, the instructor had extra goggles and I found extra towels in the car.

Jessica puts the bag down.

JESSICA

Well now they have two.

Mom pats the bench.

MOM

Take a break. I found you a friend.

Jessica takes her first look at the woman. A light surrounds her and happy music plays.

JESSICA (V.O.)

Then there she was.

The NEW FRIEND, wears yoga pants, \$5 flip flops, a funny graphic tea, she has a package of bite size peanut butter cups sticking out of her mom bag and Pride & Prejudice book on her lap.

JESSICA (V.O.)

She's pretty, is she younger than me? What if I'm not in her league?

New Friend offers Jessica a candy.

NEW FRIEND

Want one?

Jessica sticks out her hand.

JESSICA

I would love one.

She points to the book.

JESSICA (CONT'D)

Sooo... what's your favorite movie version.

New Friend gleams.

LATER

Jessica and New Friend wait for the kids in the locker room.

JESSICA

It was nice talking to you, the kids got along...

Jessica takes a deep breath, reaches in her bag for her phone.

JESSICA (V.O.)

What if she doesn't like me? Is it too soon?

New Friend has her phone out and ready.

NEW FRIEND

Want to set up a playdate? What's your number I'll text you.

MONTAGE OF PLAYDATES

- New Friend and Jessica chat in the library kid's area.

- Jessica hands New Friend an iced coffee at the park.
- New Friend lends Jessica sunscreen at the pool.

INT. MOM'S CLUB PLAY GROUP

Jessica waves New Friend over to the other moms. Charlie's Mom put's the box of donut holes with the other boxes on the table.

NEW FRIEND  
Sorry, I need to get groceries today.

Jessica smiles.

JESSICA  
Who doesn't? Let me introduce you, this is Sam, Yolonda, Mary and Jen. Guys this is --

Jessica freezes. Time stands still.

JESSICA (V.O.)  
Shit, her mom's name is Diane, she had chicken pox when she was six, backstreet boys, med ice two sugars, ugh, it's too late to ask now!

The hostess comes out of the bathroom.

HOSTESS  
Lynn? We met at the park right?

NEW FRIEND  
Lanie.

HOSTESS  
Sorry, my memory went with the 3rd kid.

New Friend and the rest of the moms laugh.

HOSTESS (CONT'D)  
Did Jess tell you there are still a couple board positions open?

New Friend and Jessica stuff donut holes in their mouths and smile.

**THE END**