

## Stuck in Funk (working title)

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**Logline:** Downsized and dumped, Seattle high school teacher Claudia is forced to move back home to Funk, Idaho and take a job as a hokey psychic at the fair.

### SYNOPSIS

Despite her deep-rooted insecurities, CLAUDIA MESSER (28) made an amazing life for herself in Seattle over the last 12 years. But when she loses her boyfriend, teaching job, car, apartment and dignity, she's left with no choice but to move back home to Funk, Idaho.

As suspected, nothing has changed. Her dad, a lumberjack turned retired lump on a log holds down his chair, while her llama farmer mom keeps busy, yet manages to find time to take Claudia on massive guilt trips. And her sister: still dead.

While job hunting, Claudia meets a group of traveling circus performers on the bus. She hits it off with the handsome emcee, GIAVANI, a little person age 30. Smitten, he invites her to the PETA friendly circus show where the gypsy psychic flips her lid and disappears. Claudia takes the newly open position. The conniving circus owner, puts her through a quick training, equipping her with an arsenal of Dr. Phil-isms. A jealous FANTASIA (20s), the sparkly hula-hoop stunt girl and circus owner's daughter, also has it out for Claudia due to her own complicated relationship with Giavani. Just when her bank account screams freedom, Claudia's dad passes away suddenly. She can't leave now!

Meanwhile, the circus owner avenges his daughter's heartbreak and Giavani mysteriously disappears. Claudia, knowing the remote areas, gains Fantasia's trust and leads the search. They find him drugged and about to be offed. The circus owner is hauled off to jail and Fantasia's sent to get evaluated by mental professionals to receive the help she's needed all along.

Finally back in Seattle, Claudia learns that Giavani took a radio job in Funk instead of traveling on with the show. Claudia hurries back to Funk, where she's belonged all along and embracing her small town roots. She surprises Giavani at work and professes her love to him.

The old crazy psychic lady? She's not crazy at all - just creative at psychic matchmaking!