

The Longest Way Home

A romantic-comedy about rogue Canadian mounties, American spies, and one heck of a road trip.

Something happened between Megan and Chad on a mission awhile back, but no one knows the details because that file's been redacted. Along come Bruce and Stephanie- determined to help their colleagues despite their own tangled romantic past. But when a duo of mischievous rogue Canadian Mounties show up, it might take some derring-do and a whole lot of maple syrup to save the day.

Cast of 6; (3M, 3F) (Approx. 55 mins)

CHAD - A stellar spy, lone-wolf to a fault, a little ridiculous and a whole lot romantic.

MEGAN - A people-pleasing badass. At times insecure, but deeply concerned for others.

STEPHANIE - Sassy, caring and intuitive. Doesn't back down from a fight.

BRUCE - Blunt, quiet and particular, tells terrible jokes. A broody spy.

JOSH/MOUNTIE NO. 1 - Suave, polite and polished, the best spy in the biz. / Obliging and stealthy.

NICOLE/MOUNTIE NO. 2 - Glamorous, thrill-seeking and a bit of a snob. / Courteous and sneaky.

-Scene III-

STEPHANIE

‘Atta girl! So, what do you say? Shall we find ourselves a Chad?

BRUCE

(Interjecting.) You realize we’ve been here for a good seven minutes and he hasn’t made an appearance? Some stellar spy: he just let three unidentified-entities breach a perimeter and rendezvous near his home base.

STEPHANIE

Maybe he’s out on patrol? Or maybe we’ve just been super stealthy. Chad. Cha-ad! HEY. CHAD!

MEGAN

Wherever he is, he’s probably out of earshot.

(Suddenly, CHAD bursts into the clearing.)

CHAD

Okay! Everybody get your hands in the air where I can see ‘em! That’s right- nice and high, nice and high!

BRUCE

STEPHANIE.

MEGAN

What the-

Oh. Hi Chad!

It's just us!

CHAD

Bruce? Stephanie? Megan?! What are you doing out here?

BRUCE

Well, we---

MEGAN

(Interjecting) See they thought it would be a good idea to-

STEPHANIE

Chad! Buddy! I don't know what you're so upset about! We just- we had some time before our new assignments began and were really craving a road trip, so we thought we'd drop by for a little visit in the cold and lonely Great White North. Of course we figured you'd be happy to see us, but apparently-

CHAD

You're all aware that this is a top-secret, off-grid assignment, right? Or has it somehow managed to escape you that no one is supposed to know I am here! I don't even know how you managed to find this place-

BRUCE

Oh you'd be surprised at how populated the southern Saskatchewanian hills are...

(CHAD stares.)

They're **not**, really.

CHAD

(Slowly) I am supposed to be undercover and out of sight for the next six months. Do you want to get me court-martialed?! Do you realize that you've jeopardized the safety of an entire country full of hard-working Americans just to come up here and say "hi"?

STEPHANIE

Oh come on, Chad! What could these hills possibly be hiding that makes you so incredibly vital to national security?

CHAD

There are dangerous people here, Stephanie. *(Whispering.)* “Rogue Canadian Mounties.” For all I know we could be surrounded at this very moment. You’re endangering yourselves, my mission and probably the delicate balance between the world superpowers with your presence here. You need to get out. Now. Please. I don’t ever want to see any of you again, you understand?

(STEPHANIE, BRUCE and MEGAN remain unmoved.)

MEGAN

Chad, we did drive all this way. Couldn’t we at least catch up for a little bit?

CHAD

We just saw each other at the awards banquet.

BRUCE

Except no one could get a word in edgewise with Josh and Nicole’s speeches taking up the entire program.

STEPHANIE

They’re disgustingly adorable together. It makes me want to puke.

BRUCE

I would rather not relive any of your past drunken escapades if I can help it.

STEPHANIE

I didn’t mean it literally, Bruce.

CHAD

Yeah, I’m pretty sure those two are gods.

STEPHANIE

It’s just because her hair is perfect all the time and he never has any food caught in his teeth.

BRUCE

(to CHAD.) Anyway, even if Josh and Nicole are a little nauseating at times, they're an excellent example of two people in our line of work who have successfully navigated a non-platonic relationship.

CHAD

No, they're an excellent example of how stupid people can be. I mean, what are they going to do if one of them gets killed in action? That's a horrible way to live: knowing that the love of your life could die at any second.

STEPHANIE

Well, I'm sure they trust each other and that it all works out-

CHAD

No, I'm pretty sure it's always a dumb idea. I mean, look at you and Bruce. (*With spite.*) Did that.. 'work out?'

MEGAN

Okay. ... Well, all I meant to say earlier is that maybe since we're all here together we could hang out for a bit.

CHAD

No, I really don't think that's a good idea.

MEGAN

Alright then. Well in that case, before we go Chad, there's something I wanted to say to you. You see, there's a more specific reason we came to visit. And I realize you probably don't think this is quite as important as.. I don't know.. a matter of "national security,"... and it isn't, really. In fact, I didn't even think it was at all important, actually, until today... I don't know *why* I've never told you this before, but I

guess that doesn't really matter because.. you know... I'm telling you now. At least... I'm *trying* to..
Anyway, umm, Chad-

CHAD

Look I really don't have time to deal with you guys. I'm going to go check the perimeter. When I come back you three had better be gone, okay?

(CHAD exits.)

STEPHANIE

Chad, wait!

BRUCE

Well, that went better than I had anticipated.

MEGAN

Guys we should never have come here! This was a stupid plan and Chad obviously hates us. We're endangering national security. We should just leave. I'm going to look for a bathroom.

(MEGAN exits the opposite direction as CHAD.)