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Here is your first episode from **The DATING PASSPORT** of

## **"Oops...I Married A Con Artist"**

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### **CHAPTER ONE**

## **A Cut Above the Others**

A man of his word..clean-cut, tall, dark and...The sound of the car door opening as Sophie plopped herself onto the seat jolted me out of my daydream.

Raising Sophie was my 24/7 assignment. Her father and I had divorced 14 years ago. Now he refused to pay child support and didn't bother to take advantage of visitation rights with Sophie. Sophie's involvement in sports, music and honors programs accelerated over the years. I joined a gym to get fit and to try to keep up with her. Financially strapped and 20 minutes behind in life, we continuously juggled time, energy, and money shortages. I longed to be rescued. Where was that man in my life?

"Mom, get up!" Sophie called just before sunrise. She needed a ride to school. Coming to full consciousness, I remembered we had not gotten home from the ball game the night before until after eleven. No time for a hot bubble bath this morning and it wouldn't soften this boot camp lifestyle anyway. I wanted a husband to share this load.

## **An Officer and a Gentleman**

Then one day he arrived - - Frank, my knight in shining armor. He didn't just talk of slaying dragons; he went right to work on them. He chased away an unfit boyfriend who had eased himself into Sophie's life. He successfully confronted an unscrupulous male vendor in one of my most challenging business situations, saving my business and \$5,000. His persuasive manner and loving cooking enticed my daughter to eat meat once again. Because he made it his business to cook her favorite meat dishes, she regained her health after having developing serious anemia from a fad Vegan diet.

Frank and I had met casually at the post office. A few telephone conversations later and he arrived at my place of business in uniform to take me out to lunch. Tall, dark and handsome, Frank was an accomplished Air Force Academy graduate, officer, pilot and church-going man. After 14 years of waiting, my dream was about to come true. God owed me this one.

What happens next?

After 14 years of being a single mom, does Deborah get her long-awaited marriage proposal?

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