

# HOT MESS EXPRESS

*Sometimes you have to break a few rules... and a few things... to fix yourself.*

## FORMAT

Feature Film (90-100 min)

## GENRE

Raucous Dramey with  
Physical Comedy

## TONE

Joyfully messy. Southern  
Gothic meets Girls Trip energy.

## TARGET

Lifetime, Netflix Comedy, BET+,  
Amazon MGM

When a perfectionist Black supermom finally snaps, she and her two equally stressed friends flee to a bizarre backwoods B&B run by an eccentric Southern belle. Their "wellness retreat" erupts into physical disasters, cultural clashes, and karaoke meltdowns that force them to confront their biggest fears and embrace the beauty of the mess.

## FEATURE SUMMARY

Kendra Taylor's picture-perfect life implodes after her husband ruins a family-heirloom skillet and she accidentally detonates a confetti cannon at the school auction. With her razor-tongued best friend Shauna and her chaotic free-spirited ex-sister-in-law Lilly, she retreats to The Monroe House: a Southern Gothic B&B run by the gloriously unhinged Bev Monroe. Over one weekend of karaoke therapy, red-clay facials, hot tub disasters, and emotional breakthroughs, the women rediscover joy in the chaos and return home messier, happier, and completely transformed.

## MAIN CHARACTERS

### KENDRA TAYLOR (35)

Type-A supermom unraveling under pressure. Control is her comfort blanket and her cage.

### SHAUNA BELL (38)

Divorce attorney who cross-examines strangers and objects. Terrified of being alone.

### LILLY CHASE (28)

Essential-oil enthusiast whose spirituality causes actual physical chaos.

### BEVERLY "BEV" MONROE (62)

B&B queen of organized chaos. Southern fairy godmother with a caftan and a toolbox.

### TRAVIS TURNER (30)

Handsome handyman who fixes everything except people's drama.

## TONE & COMPARABLES

### TONE

Warm. Chaotic. Heart-forward.  
Slapstick-smart.

**Girls Trip** (friendship + outrageous physical comedy)

**Steel Magnolias** (Southern heart)

**Bridesmaids** (female ensemble meltdown energy)

**Schitt's Creek** (eccentric small-town charm)

## WHY IT WORKS

✓ Female-led ensemble comedy with built-in franchise potential

✓ Perfect blend of slapstick humor + heartfelt emotional payoff

✓ Strong trailer moments and repeat-watch value

✓ Southern setting full of warmth, culture, and eccentricity

✓ Broad audience appeal: moms, millennials, Gen Z, holiday & girls-night viewers

✓ Lifetime-ready themes: reclaiming joy, reinvention, friendship resilience

## VISUAL STYLE

- Bright, saturated color palette with warm skin tones
- Southern Gothic meets modern comedy
- Eclectic props: taxidermy hats, peacocks, mismatched china, DIY spa disasters
- Slightly heightened realism – everything is 10 percent too much in a fun way
- Think "organized chaos meets Southern charm"

## PRODUCTION STATUS & NEXT STEPS

### Status

Completed treatment, one-pager, teaser storyboard, poster art

### Next Steps

Attach director + talent, complete script, budget package

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