

**PERFECT MATCH**  
**A three-minute monologue**  
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*Comedy*

*NORA, 37, tells her sister she's about to hear the pitter of little feet.*

It's all right for you – a husband AND a baby.

I'm sick of dating! It's like a job interview. You present your CV, answer the same old questions...then find someone younger and prettier got the job.

I told Mum I'm getting a sperm donor and she goes, "Why do you have to pay? One of those nice boys in the flat down the road will give it to you for free when you get married."

I go, Mum, those nice boys are already married – to each other.

I've been saving up.

It cost a hundred dollars just to register with the sperm bank, then 1600 per vial, then 130 per quarter for storage of any unused vials, 40 for my donor's extended profile and baby photos, 350 for shipping, 25 for the liquid nitrogen vapor tank rental – and 80 for genetic consultation.

But by the time I made up my mind – the price had gone up another 300 per vial.

It took me weeks to decide my second choice.

I decided on home insemination, which means getting ICI sperm straws, unwashed, like natural sperm.

Then they said I had to pay for TWO straws and storage – coz I mightn't get pregnant the first time, and I might want a sibling. But if you buy four vials you get the first six months' storage free.

Then there's an extra \$700 dollars for ID disclosure, so the child can contact him when she turns 18, plus 25 for a facial features report, and another 25 for a handwriting analysis.

Then the sperm bank changed its policy and now his sperm is "premium" – twice the price!

So, it was back to square one.

Phew!

It took a while but I finally made my decision.

*Beat. She's excited.*

He's everything I ever dreamed of. Cute...smart – with a great personality.

And he only cost 460 for vet fees and neutering.

***318 words***

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