

Run, the story  
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EXT. PARK MORNING

KATIE is running in the park. We open on a close-up of her face. She's thinking hard, but running smoothly.

KATIE

(V/O)

Bastards! How dare they? How do they live with themselves - doing this to other people? Doing this to us! Those arseholes! They can't get away with this.  
Oh my god.. What am I going to do? I'm going to kill that fooking bollix.

INT. HOME - DAY

KATIE is about to go out running. She's lacing up her shoes, and about to go out the door. She sees a letter on the mat: it's a card. She opens it & reads it distractedly. Her phone rings.

KATIE

(Distracted, reading the card)

Hello?

JOURNALIST

Hello. Is this Katie Connor?

KATIE

It is. How may I help you?

JOURNALIST

I'm calling from the Daily Record and we'd like to get your reaction to a story we're planning to run in tomorrow's paper.

KATIE

(puts card down)

Go on..

JOURNALIST

Firstly, can I confirm a few facts with you, Mrs Connor? Your partner, Lance, is a yoga instructor, is that correct?

KATIE

Actually, we both are qualified  
yoga instructors..

JOURNALIST

Oh,ok. And can you confirm for me  
that he's known as the "yoga  
instructor to the stars"?

KATIE

He does have a select client list.

JOURNALIST

And will you confirm that he's  
instructing the actor, Bradley  
Cruise?

KATIE

I'm afraid I can't confirm or deny  
that.

JOURNALIST

Do you assist teaching in his  
classes?

KATIE

I am a professional teacher and so  
is Lance. We work closely but not  
together.

JOURNALIST

Oh, so you don't help out when  
he's teaching his celebrities?

KATIE

As I've already said, he has his  
clients and I have mine.

JOURNALIST

Aren't you ever.. concerned?

KATIE

Why would I be?

JOURNALIST

Let me put it another way.. would  
you like to comment on Lance's  
professional ethics?

KATIE

His behaviour has always been  
impeccable.. I don't think I have  
anything more I'd like to say to  
you at this time..

JOURNALIST  
Just one more thing Ms Connor..

EXT. PARK

Katie is running. We're following her in a mid shot.

KATIE  
(V/O)  
I just can't believe he'd do that?  
It's impossible..They must've got  
the wrong person. They must have.  
It's just not credible - he can be  
a louse sometimes. And a dumbbell,  
but that's just not like him. He'd  
never do anything like that. He  
doesn't have the imagination for  
starters..

INT. HOME -DAY

Lance denies everything, confidently; Katie is sympathetic.

KATIE  
I just can't believe it. I can't  
believe they're picking on you for  
such a despicable story.

LANCE  
I can't believe it either. How  
dare they! If they were here...

KATIE  
It's outrageous! They shouldn't be  
allowed to get away with this.  
We'll .. sue them! For every penny  
they've got!

LANCE  
And then some!

KATIE  
And then some! We'll fight them.

LANCE  
Thank you darling for standing by  
me. Thank you for believing me.

KATIE  
I believe you darling.

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Katie is running with a more concerned look. The running is harder now.

KATIE

(v/o)

They have photos. They have bloody photos! Damn them! Maybe you can't see anything. Maybe they won't use them. Of course they'll use them! It's what a filthy rag like the Daily Record does! Print lies, and destroy lives. Ooh. I quite like that. Lies.. Lives..

INT. HOME - DAY

Katie & LANCE are arguing. He's just arrived - still carrying a bag & towel, which he puts down during the fight. Both wear running / health clothes.

KATIE

What do you mean 'NOTHING'? They aren't in the business of printing blank pages are they?

LANCE

They've obviously made up some story. You know what they're like. They'll publish anything. Lies. You know that, darling..?

KATIE

But there must be something to it. And even if it is all fabricated - it'll still destroy us!

LANCE

I better call a lawyer...

KATIE

You better call them right away! And Bradley? His family is involved too.. (Dawning realisation) He didn't mention anything about this, did he?

LANCE

Uh, no, I don't think so.. (beat)  
Yes I think it did come up now you mention..

KATIE

(interrupts)

What do you mean 'it came up'? And you didn't think to mention it to me? What's really going on?

LANCE

(Increasing intensity)

Wait a minute! Bradley and me - and you - and his family - have always had a real connection. They are our friends! Remember, it's the tabloid's that are the real bad guys here..

KATIE

I don't think you are telling me everything. You can't lie to me. I know you. That look: I always know when you're hiding something.

LANCE

I'm not. I swear.

KATIE

I don't believe you.

LANCE

I swear I have done nothing I'm ashamed of.

KATIE

So let me get this straight: you've already talked to Bradley. And he'll already have got his lawyer's working. Yet still they are publishing their story.. And you don't think to tell me this? You know what They must have something. What have they got on you?

EXT. PARK MORNING

Katie is running hard.

KATIE

(V/O: in time to steps)

What an idiot, what an idiot, what an idiot. What an idiot.

What an idiot, what an idiot, what  
an idiot. What an idiot.  
I am.  
What am I going to do? That louse.  
That excrement. That idiot!

INT. HOME - DAY

Disbelief: Lance is desperately trying to convince Katie of  
his point of view.

KATIE  
You have got to be kidding me?  
Would I have figured it out? I  
would have figured it out in the  
end... I should have seen it  
coming.

LANCE  
(upset)  
It's not like that. They spin the  
story to sell newspapers. They  
just twist everything.

KATIE  
I should've seen it. You spending  
all your time there. Never mix  
business with pleasure: You said.  
Don't let you client's in: You  
said. Can't blame you though - I  
mean, who wouldn't?

LANCE  
It's not my fault.

Katie slaps or attacks him.

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KATIE  
(V/O)  
I always felt free, running, but  
that day, I felt I could run  
forever. Get away from the  
ugliness. The lies. And  
especially, that fooking idiot.  
And run, and run, and run.

Katie runs out of shot.

FADE IN:

We see the screen become filled with the front page of a newspaper. We see Lance & a handsome man in the lead story. They are in yoga clothes, and have been caught in a suggestive pose.

The headline scream:

'DOWNWARD DOG? Downward DIRTY dog!