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.

EXT. PARK MORNING

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.

EXT. PARK MORNING

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!