

ALL CHARACTERS STANDING IN A TRADITIONALLY DECORATED BRIGHT CHURCH, READY FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY. FLOWERS AND RIBBONS ADORN THE WALL, LIGHT IS SHINING THROUGH THE LARGE ORNATE WINDOW IN THE BACKGROUND

LENNY

Come here Fric, start the ceremony, but do it quickly, you can talk about marriage duties when we are done, we don't got all day.

(FRIC SHUFFLES CLOSER TO THE COUPLE)

FRIAR FRIC

So eager to party Lenny? Alright, alright. Both of you youngens, step closer. Now-now...Clido, are you here to marry this woman?

CLIDO

No. Not me.

LENNY

To get married to her Fric, not to marry her.

(COVERS HIS FACE WITH HIS PALMS AND SHAKES HIS HEAD)

FRIAR FRIC

Sure, sure you are right.

(FULL-HEARTED LAUGH)

FRIAR FRIC (CONT'D)

And you young lady, are you here to get married to this man?

HÉRA

Yes, I am. I do.

FRIAR FRIC

Alright then. Is there anyone who has any issues with these young folk getting married today? If so speak now, because there sure is no other chance.

CLIDO

Any idea Héra?

HÉRA

Not me, I don't know any. I'm quite ready.

FRIAR FRIC

Clido? Any grievances? You seem to have something to say.

LENNY

I'm sure it's all right, lad is just nervous.

*(REACHES OUT AND SLAPS CLIDO
ON THE SHOULDER)*

CLIDO

*(LOOKS AT LENNY ANGRILY. TURNS
TOWARDS THE CROWD OF GUESTS
AND STARTS TALKING LOUDLY SO
EVERYONE CAN HEAR HIM)*

Let's just stop for a second, because actually, I do have something to say. Even though I was hoping that Héra would come forward, but it seems like she is trying to keep her tricky ass covered.

(SHOCKED GASPS FROM EVERYONE)

BEDDY

*(WHISPERS TO PEOPLE STANDING
AROUND HIM)*

The heck?! This some funny business I tell ya. At least I get to have a laugh, I guess.

CLIDO

*(TURNS TOWARDS BEDDY. SPEAKING
LOUDLY, ALMOST SHOUTING)*

Oh shut up you idiot! Fric listen I have a question. You give this woman to me like she is a true person?

FRIAR FRIC

Sure I do my man, there is nothing wrong with her.

CLIDO

(TURNS TOWARDS FRIC)

Nothing? Oh, the misery, if you'd know what I do. But don't worry I will tell all of you what I've seen.

FRIAR FRIC

What you seen? About her?

CLIDO

About her? Seen her! What *she* had done. I have my friend to thank for this, because I would have been locked up in this marriage with a local thot.

(SHOCKED GASPS FROM EVERYONE)

Oh don't be so shocked, I am sure her father knows what a little whore he raised. But if anyone has any doubt, you can see for yourselves. And stop being so blushed my dear, I'm sure you can earn some fat cash on OnlyFans with this.

BABY

What on earth are you on about?

CLIDO

See for yourself.

(PULLS PHONE OUT, TURNS VIDEO ON)

WHITE SHEET ROLLS DOWN OVER THE ORNATE WINDOW IN THE BACKGROUND, DEEPPAKE VIDEO OF HÉRA HAVING SEX IS PROJECTED ON THE SHEET. SPOTLIGHTS ON HÉRA WHILE THE VIDEO LASTS: APPROX 30 SECONDS

LENNY

So now what? What do you want then? You got us all here, gathered, to humiliate my daughter because you don't even have one braincell that you can use to realise that this video is fake.

CLIDO

Fake? Man, are you mad? It's clear as day, look at it. Whoever put this online did me a big favour.

LENNY

What do you mean online? You wanna tell me that this is online? You knew this since when, and rather than discussing it like a normal person you... my god you are an idiot. No matter if it is fake or real, you could have told me earlier today.

CLIDO

Oh now you say I am an idiot. You wanted to give me your daughter in happiness and all that and now I am an idiot. I am the idiot while your daughter is being fucked for the whole world to see.

HÉRA

Well if you are this daft then I won't marry you anyway.

CLIDO

And I am so surprised you'd say that. Like father like daughter, eh? The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

HÉRA

Oh sure, insult my fater while you are at it. Why not? You care to explain when did I do this? Last night when I was partying with my bridesmaids or in that 2 hours between me waking up and being here to get married? Can you try to grasp that single braincell you may have in your big head or is that too much to ask?

CLIDO

Right, sure, everyone tell me off. I am the bad guy here because I don't want to marry someone who lies to her father and all her friends, trying to deceive me into marrying her. Sure. Let it be like this, I don't care. Just go and die on a hill or something, I'm out.

HÉRA

Sure, I go yeet myself off a cliff for you.

LENNY

Maybe it's better if you go. Just leave us alone.

PEDRO

So it is his fault? You are blaming him for this? Even after what you've seen?

LENNY

What I've seen is a clearly fake video of my daughter having sex on a balcony. And I will find out who did this.

PEDRO

Good luck doing that. Just don't be surprised when you find out she is a common whore.

LENNY

Shut up and leave. I had enough of you.

PEDRO

Remember this day old man, because I warned you.

BABY

Warned him? You all share one braincell I see. Just get out of here. Leave me and my family alone.

LENNY

Héra, I will ask you once and only once and you better tell me the truth. Is the video really fake?

BABY

How dare you? She's your daughter for god's sake! Why do men share one braincell?

LENNY

I just, I just want to know. I just want to be sure.

PEDRO

Answer your father Héra. Is it true? If it isn't true then why are you so upset?

HÉRA

Upset? Of course I am upset. Even though I am not supposed to upset myself, as you know very well. It is a miracle that this whole ordeal didn't already give me a panic attack.

BABY

Leave her alone Pedro. She doesn't have to answer anything to anyone. It is clear as day that the video is fake.

PEDRO

Alright then. We leave. There is nothing left for us discuss here anymore.

LENNY

I can't believe this. Why do you have to cause such trouble for everybody?

CLIDO

Trouble? Let me not open my mouth any more, I think Pedro is right, we are really done here.

PEDRO

Let's go then.

*(PEDRO, CLIDO, AND OTHERS
LEAVE. FRIC, HÉRA, LENNY,
BABY AND BEDDY STAY ON SCENE)*

LENNY

Héra, you look pale, is everything alright?

BABY

Hey, hey cousin, Héra, it's ok, get yourself together. Please, it's ok.

*(HÉRA STARTS TO HAVE A PANIC
ATTACK, BREATHING HEAVILY,
CLUTCHING HER CHEST. FRIC
TAKES HER AWAY.)*

LENNY

What a shame, what a shame. How will we solve this? I don't know what to do.

BABY

What to do? Well, maybe you can start with taking care of your daughter who is clearly upset.

LENNY

I know, I know, you are right. She is upset and with her condition I should take care of her. I just don't know how to talk to her sometimes. And this is a very delicate situation. I don't want to achieve the opposite effect by accident and make her even more upset. And I have to find out who made this video and why. What was the point of this?

Did Héra make someone angry who wanted revenge? If you know of anything, please let me know. I really need to find out who hurt my daughter.

BEDDY

Lenny, it's all going to be ok. We will find out what happened.

BABY

What happened, you oaf is Clido and Pedro are idiots, they should be the ones explaining all this, not my cousin.

BEDDY

Have you been with Héra last night in her room?

BABY

No, I haven't. We were roommates for half a year now, but last night I thought I'd give her some space before her wedding.

BEDDY

So you're saying...

BABY

I'm saying what?

BEDDY

That you don't know where Héra was or what she did last night.

BABY

Oh my god, you all are actual idiots! You believe Clido? You believe his stupid accusation?

LENNY

Baby I'm afraid, Beddy may be right. I do think the video is fake, but I don't understand why someone would do this to Héra. We need to find out if she wronged someone. Maybe she isn't as innocent.

(HÉRA RETURNS, OUT OF BREATH,
CLEARLY WEAK, BARELY ABLE TO
SPEAK, ALMOST WHISPERING)

HÉRA

I heard that, dad.

LENNY

Héra! Oh my god, why aren't you in bed? And I...I didn't really mean it.

HÉRA

Oh you didn't? I may have wronged someone. But I am not a whore. I didn't go lie around with men. Whoever has a problem with me and for whatever reason it is not because I have taken their men.

BEDDY

Look, Héra, I believe you, but then why? Who did this and why? There must be a reason.

HÉRA

As Baby said, maybe you should ask these questions from Clido and Pedro. Nonody seems to be concerned about what they may have done.

(FRIC RETURNS)

FRIAR FRIC

My dear, are you feeling any better? I have an idea and I wondered if you'd be interested.

BABY

Isn't she exhausted enough, now you want to use her to scheme?

FRIAR FRIC

It's alright, it won't take much of her energy. Just hear me out. Whoever did this, they did it with a deepfake. So let's make our own and get back at Clido and Pedro. It will make them see how wrong they were.

BEDDY

So what do we do exactly?

LENNY

I just want Héra to be safe.

FRIAR FRIC

It's ok, it won't hurt Héra. We put up a video of Héra maybe jumping off the roof or something. Something dramatic.

FRIAR FRIC (CONT'D)

Pretend she killed herself, lay low for a few days, let Clido get upset and mourn her. We can even put up a whole funeral here, I'd organise it. We make it look as real as possible.

HÉRA

Alright, I'm in. Get the base video and I'll add my face to it. Just let me get back to bed now, I need to rest.

LENNY

This is weird as can be, but let's do it. In the meantime, I will try to find out who started this whole thing.

BABY

Alright, let it be then, I just want to make sure that Héra is ok.

(HÉRA, FRIC AND LENNY EXIT)

*(BEDDY AND BABY SIT ON A
CHURCH BENCH, BABY IS
SLIGHTLY CRYING)*

BEDDY

Baby, you have been crying. Are you alright?

BABY

*(BABY SPRINGS UP FROM THE
BENCH, GESTICULATING HEAVILY
WITH HER HANDS, WALKING IN A
SMALL CIRCLE)*

Alright? No, I'm not alright, and I will cry a bit more if you don't mind.

BEDDY

*(SPIRNGS UP FROM BENCH, STOPS
BABY AND HOLDS HER HANDS)*

Please don't do that. It is all going to be alright. Now that Fric has a plan, it might even be a bit fun.

BABY

*(RIPS HER HANDS OUT OF BEDDY'S
AND SHOUTS AT HIM)*

Fun? That's all you can think about! Clown. But how will Lenny be able to find out who did this?!

(BEDDY SPEAKS CALMLY)

BEDDY

You could ask Héra.

(BABY CALMER)

BABY

You heard her, she has not done anything. And I believe her. You still doubt what she said? Really?

BEDDY

No, no, I don't doubt her. But maybe she knows something, but doesn't even realise.

BABY

If someone could figure something out, I'd be so grateful.

BEDDY

(KNEELS IN FRONT OF BABY)

I'd do it. For you I would.

BABY

Oh for the sake of everything holy, get up. I said someone, not you. Don't try to impress me.

BEDDY

(GETS UP)

But I would like to. Because I love you.

BABY

Aham, sure you do. But I'd rather not rely on that.

BEDDY

But, I was sure you love me too.

BABY

Maybe you should sometimes doubt yourself.

BEDDY

Oh come on, what is your problem really? I am not that horrible.

BABY

Would you shut up and let me be sad about my cousin?

BEDDY

No, I won't. I want to hear you tell me you love me.

BABY

I love you as much as I love this conversation.

BEDDY

I do anything to make you confess you love me.

BABY

Go beat the shit out of Clido so he confesses to his idiocy and apologises to my cousin.

BEDDY

Absolutely no chance.

(CROSSES HANDS ON HIS CHEST)

BABY

Then goodbye, go bother someone else.

(DISMISSIVE HAND GESTURE,
TURNS AWAY FROM BEDDY)

BEDDY

(STEPS BEHIND BABY, GRABBING
HER SHOULDERS GENTLY)

But Baby, please, don't do this to me.

BABY

(MOVES FORWARD WITH THE
INTENTION TO LEAVE)

Nope, I am leaving. If you don't want to help me then I'm gone.

BEDDY

(CATCHES BABY'S HAND AND HOLDS
IT)

Just be my friend at least. Or friendly?

BABY

(TURNS AROUND, STILL HOLDING
BEDDY'S HAND)

Friendly? What about your *friend* and what he has done to my cousin?

BEDDY

So Claudio is now the enemy and there is nothing to be done about it? You can't let it go?

BABY

Let it go? He humiliated my cousin, on her wedding day, in front of everyone, all because he is an idiot, who doesn't see the forest from the tree. I wish I could just strangle him or something.

BEDDY

But Baby, you are not like that.

BABY

Yes I am. I'd strangle him, I would really-really love to do that. See his stupid eyes pop out of his stupid head.

BEDDY

Jeez, Baby, that's a bit harsh.

BABY

(RIPS HER HAND OUT OF BEDDY'S)

Harsh? After what Clido has done to Héra, I actually think it would be well deserved. Because of course, the poor man shouldn't get hurt, and you feel sorry for him. All the while Héra is suffering, in agony and pain, panic attack after panic attack, and weakness because of Clido and his actions. But sure, let the men be men and never punish them in any way. Because of the mighty men, can only be good and valiant and loving and caring. But if they hurt us, it is our own fault and we shouldn't blame the men about it. Right? Is that how it is?

BEDDY

We are loving and caring. And we do hurt women, but mostly, unintentionally, because we are also to be honest, quite dumb.

BABY

In that you are right, my friend.

BEDDY

Ah, so we are friends now? Will you admit you love me or should I try to get it out of you a while longer?

BABY

Well, if you love me so much, then do sometinhg about it.

BEDDY

You know what, I will. If you say that all of this is his fault I will.

BABY

It is his fault. I am sure of it.

BEDDY

Then I will go. I will pop his eyes out for you. Or maybe I could start by talking to him. But I won't mention Fric's plan don't worry. I actually think, it will be quite fun, and I am not the one to be a spoilport here. See you then, when you will love me.

(THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER ONE
LAST TIME, TURN THE OPPOSITE
WAY AND EXIT)

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