THE AMICICIDAL MASSACRE - Pilot Markel Media & Management - CEO & Founder Isaiah M. Lesley

When a bride-to-be vlogs her perfect engagement party, her best friend and maid of honor spirals into obsession — exposing buried desires that end in blood and betrayal.

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EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT - POLICE BODYCAM (COLD OPEN)

Wind howls over flashing blue lights. The lens jitters as an officer bends to retrieve a tiny SD CARD from a potted plant beside a table leg.

A voice crackles through the bodycam radio.

POLICE (V.O.)

We've got multiple victims up here. Confirmed fatal.

The camera tilts up - LILY, wrapped in a blanket, watches from the corner, face streaked but eerily composed. Her eyes follow the officer pocketing the card.

A long, silent stare.

SMASH CUT TO BLACK.

TITLE CARD: THE AMICICIDAL MASSACRE

CUT TO

INT. DAY - FOUND FOOTAGE / VLOG INTRO

A shaky handheld shot.

The glow of an influencer ring light fills the frame.

MIA (27), bright, polished, hiding nervous energy behind practiced smiles, adjusts the camera.

MTA

(cheerful)

Hey everyone! Welcome to the very first video on my new channel — To Be Precious! I'm Mia, soon-to-be Mrs. Liam Brooks, and I want to take you through everything — the proposal, the planning, the party — all of it.

She clicks to insert footage.

CUT TO

EXT. BEACH - DAY (PHONE FOOTAGE)

Liam kneels in the sand, sun setting behind him. The crowd

cheers. Mia cries, gasps "yes," then kisses him.

CUT BACK TO

INT. DAY - MIA'S APARTMENT (VLOG CONTINUES)

MIA

The most incredible day of my life. I still feel... different. Like I'm finally becoming who I'm supposed to be.

Her words falter. Behind her, LIAM (26) appears — tall, clean-cut, but unreadable behind his polite grin.

He kisses her on the cheek mid-sentence.

MIA (CONT'D)

(rolls her eyes, playful)
Okay, babe. Introduce yourself before
they think I made you up.

LIAM

I'm Liam. The lucky guy.

MIA

This is my fiancé. We're planning a rooftop engagement party — small, intimate, just close friends.

LIAM

Yeah, Lily's putting together something special. The slideshow, right?

MIA

(nods, laughing nervously)
She hasn't even asked me for pictures.

LIAM

Everything's online. She probably already has it all.

A faint, strange silence lingers. Mia forces another smile.

MIA

Anyway, we'll see you guys when we go tour the venue!

INT. LILY'S CAR - DAY - PHONE VOICE MEMO (PRIVATE)

A dashboard shot from LILY's parked car outside the venue. She adjusts her hair in the rearview mirror, taps RECORD on her phone.

LILY (V.O.)

Today I get to be the maid of honor.

Be warm. Be helpful. Be normal.

(pauses)

People love Mia because she's seen.

They'd love me if they knew me.

She stops the recording, breathes, pastes on a bright smile, and exits the car.

EXT. DAY - VENUE PARKING LOT - FOUND FOOTAGE

Camera clicks on. Mia holds it up selfie-style. She's anxious, breath shallow.

MIA

Okay... I'm nervous. Filming in public is weird.

LIAM

You post your whole life, babe.

MIA

Yeah, but this is different. This one matters.

She exhales, composing herself. They enter the building.

INT. VENUE - DAY

Quick montage: chandeliers, polished floors, rooftop overlooking the city.

MIA

This is gorgeous. Kitchen, rooftop, everything.

They reach the rooftop. Mia sets the camera down.

MIA (CONT'D)

Okay - go stand over there.

She directs Liam across the roof. He jogs to the other side; she laughs at his run.

LIAM

Made it!

MIA

This is where the magic's happening. Rooftop dinner, dancing, everything.

She runs toward him, laughing. The laughter feels slightly off - forced.

They collide in an embrace, freeze-framed joy.

LIAM & MIA

See you tomorrow!

FADE OUT

INT. DAY - MIA'S APARTMENT - FOUND FOOTAGE

Morning light. A phone call ends abruptly as Liam re-enters the room. He hides his phone behind his back.

MIA

(suspicious)

You think you're slick? I heard you.

LIAM

(laughs nervously)

It's about the party. Don't worry.

He picks up the vlog camera.

LIAM (CONT'D)

(speaking to camera)

Guess I ruined the surprise. We've got a driver picking everyone up, all of us together — me, Mia, and the wedding party.

MIA

That's actually sweet. Okay, forgiven.

She leans in for a kiss, still eyeing him with playful suspicion.

LIAM

We'll catch up later, people. Big night ahead.

EXT. DAY - DRIVEWAY - FOUND FOOTAGE

A sleek black car idles by the curb.

MIA

Ooh, this is nice.

LIAM

Told you.

They climb inside. The DRIVER turns.

DRIVER

Mia and Liam for the engagement party?

LIAM

Yep. Let's roll.

The camera shakes through a montage of pick-ups.

EXT. SUBURBAN STREET - DAY

The car stops.

LILY (25) bursts out, waving a champagne bottle half-empty. Her warmth seems genuine — but her eyes linger too long on Mia.

LILY

Ahhh! Heyyy!

MIA

Girl, you're drunk already.

LILY

Tipsy. There's a difference.

She slides in beside Mia, resting her head briefly on her shoulder. Mia laughs it off. Liam watches, uneasy.

EXT. APARTMENT COMPLEX - DAY

BRIAN (25) appears with a pack of Heineken.

BRIAN

Let's gooo!

LIAM

There he is.

LILY

You know there's alcohol there, right?

BRIAN

Pre-game strategy, babe.

Mia laughs. The energy is light but edged.

EXT. SMALL HOUSE - DAY

OLIVIA (25) walks out with a bowl of olives.

MIA

Why do you-

OLIVIA

You said "bring something uniquely you."

LIAM

That's corny.

LILY

Tomatoes!

They all laugh.

INT. CAR - SUNSET - FOUND FOOTAGE (INSERT)

The camera catches LIAM scrolling his phone beside Mia.

A message glows: "u free after? - E."

He flips the screen down quickly.

LILY, sitting behind him, notices through the reflection on the car window. Her gaze hardens, then she forces a smile when Mia turns around.

MIA

What?

LILY

Nothing. Just thinking how perfect tonight's gonna be.

EXT. STREET - SUNSET

ELISHA (26) steps into the light — camera-ready, confident, almost glowing.

MIA & LIAM

Hey, beautiful!

Lily's smile twitches.

LILY

Hey.

BRIAN

Let's get this show started.

Music and chatter fill the drive.

The car becomes a confessional: laughter, camera flashes, small glances that betray discomfort.

EXT. ROOFTOP VENUE - NIGHTFALL

They step into an ambient rooftop scene — string lights, champagne, city skyline.

The TOUR GUIDE greets them briefly and exits.

Lily immediately grabs the microphone — or, in this case, the vlog camera — directing the night.

LILY

Okay everyone! So tonight's all about celebrating Mia and Liam's story — their beginning, their future, and their chaos. Dinner first, then a slideshow I made just for them.

Everyone claps. Mia blushes. Elisha rolls her eyes subtly; Olivia catches it on camera.

EXT. ROOFTOP VENUE - NIGHT - FOUND FOOTAGE

The group enters beneath strings of light. Laughter fades under the wind.

Trailing behind, LILY pauses near a PLANTER. Above it, a tiny

SECURITY CAMERA blinks red.

She studies it, calculating.

LILY

(under her breath)
Every angle covered.

She smooths her dress, pastes on a warm smile, and rejoins the others.

INT. ROOFTOP DINING AREA - NIGHT (INSERT)

Warm light. Clinking silverware. LILY watches MIA laugh with OLIVIA and LIAM.

OLIVIA

You could just tell her you're not okay.

LILY

(smiles faintly)

Mia likes happy endings.

(beat)

I can be the ending.

OLIVIA

What?

LILY

(nods toward Mia)

She'll understand.

A moment too long. Olivia shifts uncomfortably as Lily raises her glass.

CUT TO

INT. ROOFTOP DINING AREA - NIGHT

MONTAGE

Clinking glasses. Laughter. Chicken parmesan and champagne. Mia vlogs bits of the dinner, but her smile looks thinner each time she glances at Liam's phone lighting up.

MIA

(to camera)

I don't even have words. I feel so... full.

LIAM

Of food or love?

MIA

(chuckles)

Both, I quess.

Lily watches - quiet, calculating.

LILY

(to herself, barely audible)
She always says what she thinks people
want to hear.

The camera pans to her hand, fidgeting with a USB drive.

LILY (CONT'D)

(raising a glass)

So... before we move on, I just want to say something.

The table quiets.

LILY (CONT'D) (CONT'D)

Mia, you've always been... radiant. Like you live in the light and forget the shadows. You taught me how to fake it too.

The others glance at each other — unsure whether to clap or cringe.

MIA

(smiling awkwardly)

That's... sweet, Lily.

LILY

And Liam — congratulations. You're the luckiest man alive.

A flicker of bitterness under her words.

LILY (CONT'D)

Now... let's watch a little love story.

She nods to Elisha, who reluctantly starts the slideshow.

The first few slides are sweet — childhood photos, vacations, proposal clips.

Then, something shifts.

The music distorts.

Images flash — Lily and Mia, younger, laughing in a too-close embrace. Then Liam and Elisha — caught mid-kiss, blurry but undeniable.

(table audibly Gasps)

OLIVIA

(turns off the projector)

What the hell, Lily?

Lily punches her in the back of the head — sharp, impulsive.

The sound is horrifyingly real.

MTA

What the fuck, Lily?!

Lily's breathing hard, eyes wide but eerily calm.

LILY

You think you know what love is, Mia? You don't even know who you are.

MIA

You need to leave. Right now.

LILY

I'm not leaving you. Not again.

She reaches toward Mia - pleading, desperate.

MIA

Back off.

LIAM

Hey-

He steps forward. Lily grabs the steak knife from the table.

A sharp movement. A scream.

Blood hits the white tablecloth.

FADE OUT

INT. ROOFTOP VENUE - NIGHT - FOUND FOOTAGE (CONTINUED)

FADE IN

Screams. The camera wobbles, half-dropped.

Mia kneels beside Liam - his hands pressed to his neck, blood spilling through his fingers.

MIA

Liam! Oh my God— stay with me, stay with me!

BRIAN

Jesus Christ, Lily- what did you do?!

LILY

(quietly, trembling)

He touched what wasn't his.

Her words come out detached, almost whispered to herself.

MIA

You're insane! Somebody call 911!

ELISHA

(grabbing camera)

Phones- where the hell-

OLIVIA

(on verge of tears)

They're on the dinner table, remember?

A tense beat. Lily stands over Mia, knife still in hand, face streaked with tears and sweat.

LILY

If anyone moves— I swear to God—

MIA

(steady, terrified)

Lily, listen to me. You don't have to do this. We'll say it was an accident—just put the knife down.

Lily steps closer, voice trembling but fierce.

LILY

Do you remember sophomore year? That night after homecoming?

(pauses)

You said you loved me. You said no one ever made you feel safe the way I did.

Mia's expression falters — a memory flashes across her face.

MIA

I was drunk. We were kids.

T.TT.Y

No. We were honest. You just buried it when it got inconvenient.

The tension cracks - Mia lunges for the knife. They struggle,

screams fill the air.

BRIAN

(to Elisha)

Go! Call the cops!

They bolt toward the dining table. Lily twists out of Mia's grip, rage snapping through her body.

With one violent motion, she jerks Mia backward-

-SNAP.

Mia collapses instantly.

The camera clatters to the floor, still recording her lifeless eyes.

OLIVIA

(screaming)

Oh my God, she killed her-

LILY

(shaking)

She wanted it over. She said she couldn't breathe-

BRIAN

You're out of your mind!

He rushes her. Lily swings — the knife glances off his arm, then she hurls a ceramic plate that shatters against his skull.

Brian drops. Silence.

Elisha fumbles with her phone, hands slick with blood.

ELISHA

(into phone)

Nine-one-one! We need the policerooftop of the Rosemont Terrace! Someone's killing everyone- please-

LILY

(voice distorted, off-camera)
You can't fix what's already broken.

A vase SMASHES. The phone goes dead.

The found footage jitters, recording chaos — screams, motion

blur, then static.

INT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT - POLICE BODYCAM FOOTAGE

Sirens blare below. Officers storm up the stairwell.

The door bursts open to chaos: overturned tables, streaks of blood, bodies still.

LILY sits against the railing, blanket around her shoulders, sobbing quietly. Her face is pale — but her eyes are dry.

POLICE #1

Ma'am, are you okay? What happened here?

She lifts her head slowly.

LILY

(soft, disoriented)

It all happened so fast. Elisha... he snapped. He went after Mia, after Liam tried to stop him—

POLICE #2

Wait- the cameraman did this?

LILY

He was obsessed with her. Everyone thought it was innocent— it wasn't.

The officers exchange glances.

POLICE #1

Where's the footage?

LILY

He took the camera. I-I don't know where it went.

(A lie. In a flashback, we glimpse Lily earlier, sliding the SD card from the camera and tucking it into a potted plant.)

POLICE #2

Ma'am, we need your statement before you go anywhere.

LILY

Of course. I just-need air. Please.

She stands, trembling, but there's an eerie composure beneath

it.

POLICE #1

Just tell us what you saw.

LILY

(smoothly rehearsed)
Dinner started normal. We toasted,
laughed... Elisha got jealous when
Liam made a joke about Mia's vlog.
Then he started shouting, grabbed a
knife— it was chaos. Liam tried to

She trails off, forcing a shaky sob.

defend her, but-

POLICE #2

And you?

LILY

I froze. I couldn't stop him.

Beat.

POLICE #1

You're sure Elisha was the one with the knife?

LILY

(nods, calm)

I wish I wasn't.

She holds his gaze - unwavering, hauntingly sincere.

The officers turn away to radio it in.

Lily exhales. A faint, detached smile flickers at the corner of her lips.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT - LATER

Flashing red and blue lights. A coroner's sheet covers Mia. Liam's body lies nearby.

Lily stands near the edge of the roof, the city sprawling below.

Wind plays with her hair.

A voice from off-screen - a female officer.

POLICE #3 (O.S.)

Miss? You're free to go once we finish the paperwork.

LILY

(softly, almost smiling)

Thank you.

She looks out at the skyline — tears finally roll down her cheeks.

She whispers, barely audible:

LILY (CONT'D)

They'll only remember the video. Not the truth.

Her reflection glows faintly in the lens of the bodycam - for the first time, she looks directly into it.

LILY (CONT'D)

(to camera)

Every love story needs a witness.

FADE OUT

EXT. STREET - NIGHT - LATER

Lily walks alone under dim streetlights, the police blanket draped around her.

Her phone vibrates. She checks it - UNKNOWN NUMBER.

(TEXT ON SCREEN)

"I saw what you did."

An attachment icon: ROOFTOP_CAM_01.mp4

She stares at it, unreadable. Then pockets the phone.

LILY (V.O.)

People love Mia because she's seen.

They'd love me if they knew me.

A police siren fades behind her as she disappears into the dark.