

GATHERING LATER IN THE DAY AT THE HOSPITAL AT LA BRIDJA AWAITING EUSEBIUS "SEBI" ORSI'S RELEASE

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Marcus al-Wasir: We are reporting from the hospital here at La Bridja where we expect Eusebius Orsi to be released any moment now. A huge crowd of admirers and well-wishers has gathered here at the doors to the hospital to see Italy's famous driver, who was injured at the finish line of today's race.

For many of those present, it seems that Orsi has embodied the carnage that was the Grand Prix d'Algiers. Four of the starting twelve vehicles were wrecked, yet thank God, nobody was serious injured or killed.

Wait, a moment, it looks like he is coming now....

The crowd has gone silent now as Orsi is brought out in a wheelchair.... There he is.... He's smiling, a gentle wave to the crowd. He seems weak but still he stands up! He pushes the wheelchair away.... Now, he limps a few steps forward and suddenly, as if filled with a new energy from the crowd assembled, he lifts his arms upwards as if to claim victory!

Look! There too is VV, the woman who so daringly raced onto the track at the end to pull this great driver from his wrecked Maserati. He was unconscious, lying in the wreck of his red Maserati as the other cars raced toward him in a bid to reach the finish.

Suddenly, VV presses through the crowd toward Orsi. She runs up the hospital steps to meet him. It seems she still has not changed the dress she was wearing earlier today, despite the black streaks of oil and tire grit on the side – they are like badges of honor for all to see.

There... Orsi reaches out to VV and takes her hand. She looks about to speak, but then suddenly the two are embracing and the photographers are moving in.... But Orsi is holding up a finger as if to hold them off. The crowd stops and gives him a moment.



Orsi finishes the kiss and now looks like he will address the crowd – I will angle the microphone so you can hear him perhaps....

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: A moment, please, while I thank my savior!

Marcus al-Wasir: Once again, he has embraced VV and he leans her back for a kiss – it is a long kiss.... They are still kissing.

There are lots of photos being taken now. I wonder how this will play with Vitez Rychly? They are still kissing...

There, he's done, and VV looks almost, but not quite flustered.

(A cheer can be heard in the background from the assembled crowd.)

Marcus al-Wasir: Orsi is holding VV around her waist and is smiling now. He appears ready to address the reporters' questions now. He stands, smiling and waving, his arm still holding VV's waist.

Wait, I must push to the front....

Everyone Yelling: Orsi! Orsi! Orsi!!

Marcus al-Wasir: (Shouting above the cries of the crowd....) What can you tell us about today's accident and race?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Well, thank you! Thank you!. *(The crowd quiets down.)* It is obvious that I have lost the race. I must say that Spain finished spectacularly. Monaco, too – very nice driving.

Second Reporter's Voice: Orsi – what about the crash? Your tires?

(A pause, no answer from Orsi yet....)

Marcus al-Wasir: Orsi is not yet answering. Instead, he pulling VV closer to him. But wait, it appears he will answer now after a long pause.

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Sabotage – did you need me to tell you that? Are you one of the French reporters to ask such a question of me?

(Many reporters yell questions, almost at once, then one can be heard above the others and his new question gets through.)



Third Reporter's Voice: Orsi! Orsi!! If you think it is sabotage, who do you think would do such a thing to your car?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: I started with an inferior pole position, so there is no reason for the other drivers to do this, no? So this is clearly the pathetic work of an unstable woman....

Fourth Reporter's Voice: How did it affect your driving with the tire damage? Do you think you could have won?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: I drive how I drive and I will not change even for such treachery. The car was barely controllable and it is lucky I made it to the finish at all.

Marcus al-Wasir: Here, I see Vitez Rychly now coming through the crowd to his fiancée's side. VV looks somehow uncomfortable, despite all the photographers.

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Rychly, there, hello old friend! Your fiancé has saved me today, you know!

Marcus al-Wasir: The reporters and cameramen have all gone silent, expecting Vitez Rychly to make a statement or perhaps to start a fight. Lord knows what Rychly is capable of after the fight with the German driver in the Embassy of Monaco.

Wait, it appears Rychly is ready to speak....

Orsi still has not let go of VV, and he kisses her on the cheek. Rychly is clearly taken aback by the scene, if only momentarily. And it appears VV is completely overwhelmed!

Rychly smiles. With a gentle hand, he takes VV and leads her away from Orsi, who is smiling, despite his injuries.

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: I believe this woman is yours?

Marcus al-Wasir: Orsi turns now to the crowd and throws his arms up as in a victory sign. It seems the crowd has already forgotten who won and who lost the race and is now only focused on Orsi. The cameramen move in and take photos of him.

A young woman throws a wreath of flowers around Orsi's neck and someone hands him a bottle of champagne. He drinks, then shakes the bottle and sprays the crowd!!!

(The crowd cheers madly....)



Third Reporter's Voice: (*Breaking in with a shouting question.*) Orsi, are you saying that VV sabotaged your car?

(The crowd calms down and listens now to the questions....)

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: No, no. Let us celebrate! Is not VV a delicious young lady? And you know that I have NEVER spurned her advances. She has no reason to harm me and I have no belief that she ever would do such a heinous thing.

Third Reporter's Voice: About the race, Orsi, and the other crashes? Do you believe they were sabotage?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Of course I can only speak for myself and my car – but let's see, I can consider this question. (Orsi drinks again from the champagne bottle.)

Okay, the Frenchman... pfft; no comment. The Englishman... apparently benzene and Milk do not mix. The Belgian... what can you say to that? I hope he doesn't kill anyone, this Belgian driver. And is there anyone else?

(Orsi pauses, thinking, and then drinks again from the champagne bottle before continuing with his answer.)

Hegkman – the German.... Yes, the poor German. Which way was his car facing at the time? Never mind, it must have been the goats that caused him such trouble.

Marcus al-Wasir: Orsi, do you plan on celebrating tonight?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Did you enjoy the drinks, boys? Yes? Good!! Tonight we feast on roast goat, a delicacy of my home town! We must celebrate the goats!!

I invite you all to the yacht of Sr. Carmena-Motta from Trieste, who is here – let me introduce you all to him.... Please say a few words....

Sr. Carmena-Motta: My yacht is in the harbor nearby. All of you, please come, as Sebi and I have arranged everything together. Please, please come!!

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: I will cook the goat myself for you, with the vegetables, some rosemary, and, of course, virgin olive oil like we have in Italy only! You have not lived a full life until you have had my grilled goat over pasta with a nice Sangiovese di Romagna from my homeland, of course! The goat, as you have seen today upon the circuit, is already very well tenderized!



Marcus al-Wasir: It looks like Orsi is hosting the party tonight on board te Carmena-Motta yacht. I hope the Prince of Monaco understands – it looks like the post-race party is now going to be held on Sr. Carmena-Motta's yacht in the harbor!!

The reporters and crowd are again surging forward. Amidst the mass of people, Orsi is presented with a dozen roses from another lady admirer, who also kisses him. He takes out a pen and a paper, now writing a quick note. What is this? There, he is done – he passes the flowers and note to one of his team mechanics who is standing with him now.

Sixth Reporter: Orsi! What are the flowers for?

Eusebius "Sebi" Orsi: Only my priest will know!

Marcus al-Wasir: Orsi certainly appears in good spirits. He laughs and staggers into the crowd. Suddenly, many hands lift him up and now they are taking him into the streets in an impromptu parade through La Bridja.

This has been quite a scene here. Marcus al-Wasir, reporting from La Bridja Hospital, signing off to join the celebrations.

Crowd Chanting in Background: Orsi! Orsi! Orsi!!