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How to Thwart Manipulation on Dating Apps

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An investigation that sheds light on a growing phenomenon: romance scammers who prey on thousands of victims on dating apps, by exploiting the dreams of women in search of Prince Charming.

In 2022, journalist Lysiane Larbani investigated a Tinder scammer with dozens of victims: this was the beginning of an unprecedented case that exposed a vast predatory system. Through dating apps, the playing field for these con artists has expanded exponentially. Beneath their charming exteriors, they are predators with well-honed tactics, physically and psychologically exploiting victims of all ages and social backgrounds. This investigation liberates us from helplessness and shame, and provides the tools to thwart this system of violence.
