

“Malanova”

It's spring time, in San Martino di Taurianova, in Calabria. Anna Maria is thirteen and falls in love for the first time with an older boy. At the very thought of a kiss, the chills run down the back of a child not yet a woman, who agrees to get into the car of her boyfriend. But that car is going to lead her into a nightmare. The car stops in front of an abandoned farmhouse. Inside are three men. They abuse her. Another thrill, this time of terror. It is the beginning of a night of pain and silence that lasts three years, during which her adolescence, her love of life, her dignity will be stolen. Only when the herd, ravenous and insatiable, claims her younger sister, Anna Maria finds the courage to talk and to denounce the herd and the three years of violence. The police and a tenacious lawyer, a woman, become her guardian angels, they give her support during the hard days of the process. The judge believes the girl and condemns the executioners. But it is not over, because her home town has issued a different judgment. Anna Maria who dared to expose her abusers is the “**Malanova**”, the bearer of doom, the whore who "asked for it" and has broken the rules of omerta (the code of silence). She starts receiving threats against her life and they want her to leave San Martino. She reacts and she fights this battle too, and, after eleven years of pain, loneliness and discrimination, thanks to the new law on stalking, she gets state protection: from February 2010 Anna Maria lives under police protection after accepting the witness protection program. Today, Anna Maria is 28 years old.

The true story of Anna Maria Scarfò highlights the deep devaluation of women, the result of a male-dominated subculture that reduces women to domestic slave and object of consumption. The conspiratorial collusion of people who justify the violence on women is the result of a discriminatory attitude of the female gender in the work, in institutions, in politics, which reinforces a spiral of contempt and domination.

To all this we say "That's enough!"

Do not justify the brutality on women, evil is in the eye and in the heart of the beholder!