

IS THIS THE WAY WOMEN LIVE?

Domestic violence, physically abused women in France

Conjugal violence is a serious society problem, which affects every social class, every culture. It's unacceptable. The figure of conjugal violence is a black figure. According estimations there are 3 millions women victims of violence, what's to say one woman out of seven. This woman knows her attacker. He lives in the house. This woman is perhaps your friend, your neighbour, your sister...

Violence appears according to cycles whose intensity and frequency increase with time until suicide or murder. Four hundred women die every year under their husband's blows. More than one per day.

Nowadays, little subjects are taboo, I found that it was urgent to display on this delicate subject hides too very often by discretion. Family is a private place. No photographer is supposed to take photo in it, less this kind of photo.

To photograph battered women just after the drama, at home, in emergency hospital services or in facilities can look like voyeurism. Yet my reasoning is exactly the reverse. I wanted to denounce what we don't see. Restore women's dignity. Fight the silence around them.

Talk about conjugal violence is troubling. But to keep silent, it's make them victims twice. I felt the need to give my modest contribution by proposing my photographer woman's look on this serious issue.

I knew that make photo about a so sensible subject could disturb. I wasn't looking for surprise, chock or voyeurism.

I wanted to photograph our own image, remember by pictures these moments of life where we don't speak; just eyes and heart say what we feel. I wanted my photos show, denounce and give reflex ion.

I will win the bet if, by seeing pictures, women take speech, get out of their isolation, dare to break the wall, dare to tell, dare!

I will win the bet if, by seeing pictures, we make use of emotion and heart, we feel close quite simply....

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