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SHE WENT ON A DATE WITH A GUY, WHO INVITED HER BACK TO HIS APARTMENT AFTERWARDS. THERE, HE FORCIBLY HELD HER IN HIS HOUSE UNTIL THE MORNING, AND RAPED HER SEVERAL TIMES. MOST PEOPLE CONDEMNED HER, CLAIMING «YOU CAN'T CALL IT RAPE BECAUSE YOU WENT INTO HIS HOUSE VOLUNTARILY.»

People assumed that it was her fault and she found that even her friends stopped speaking to her after she told them. Feeling completely rejected, she tried to commit suicide. Eventually, Kristina sought professional help, but it took her several years before she accepted that it wasn't her fault.

WHILE OUT RUNNING THROUGH THE PARK, AS SHE DID EVERY EVENING, A STRANGER RAN UP BEHIND HER AND HIT HER WITH A HEAVY OBJECT, CAUSING HER TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS. SHE WOKE UP IN THE BUSHES LATE AT NIGHT. ANNA IMMEDIATELY REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

For a long time after her attack, she was in shock, living in fear and barely even able to leave her house. Anna eventually found the courage to seek professional help and tried to get back to a normal life.

SHE WENT TO A FRIEND'S PARTY WHERE A GUY SHE KNEW RAPED HER. AT FIRST HE WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL AND BEHAVED LIKE A GENTLEMAN. SHE WAS FEELING COMFORTABLE AROUND HIM, BUT THEN HE RAPED HER.

She felt like she couldn't tell her friends. They had seen her with him all evening and she was enjoying his company, so she thought they wouldn't believe her.

AFTER STAYING LATE AT WORK IN THE OFFICE, A COLLEAGUE OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY MAGGIE BACK TO HER PLACE. WHEN SHE REFUSED, HE FORCED HIMSELF ON HER ON A COUCH IN THE OFFICE. AFTERWARDS, HE SIMPLY GOT UP AND LEFT, AS IF HE WAS JUST GOING HOME FROM WORK.

She felt trapped and never told anyone at work, because she was afraid she might lose her job. She couldn't tell her parents either, because she didn't want to upset them.



APPROXIMATELY 85,000 WOMEN ARE RAPED IN ENGLAND AND WALES EVERY YEAR

Only around **15%** of those who experience sexual violence choose to report the incident to the police. **94%** of women who are raped experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). **13%** of women who are raped attempt suicide. More than a quarter of Britons believe that a woman is at least partly responsible for being raped, due to her behaviour or what she is wearing...