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Justizirtum They called it the "angel with the ice eyes": Fifteen years ago, Amanda Knox was arrested in Italy for a murder she had not committed. For four years, she was imprisoned innocently, a time that continues to haunt her today. Just like the hatred of many people. By Alexandra Rojkov

Amanda Knox says she feels like 1 the reporters wrote that. The 34-year-old would have a look-alike. A j is "the angel with the ice eyes". And she's a woman who plays like herself. Don't speak like cs. sic. Here are the same sky blue eyes The case of Amanda Kik ' has $H\the same childlike LAchvIn. Paradox. Though Ins! each of their N;ntu n



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spread. From photos that are shown again and again, even though they are almost 15 years old, the woman is surrounded by police: | Sic is suspected of murder. She is supposed to be in. November 2007 killed her roommate ', along with two men. In the pictures, the woman has a sharp and cold look. In the media they call the "angel with the ice eyes".

Journalists from all over the world rush into the case. They camp outside the courtroom and lay siege to the prison where the woman is sitting: Everyone wants to see a look at them erha-1. Will see this elf that is so beautiful! And yet, believe the prosecution, capable of something horrible. Reporters report that the murder was a satanic ritual. They call the woman "Luciferina," the devil. [

When Knox looks in the mirror, she knows she's that woman. It is her Ge-1 face that was photographed. Your life, about I

layer. For years, M was the world's best-known murder suspect - yet most people don't know how their trial ended. And even though Knox's picture has been printed thousands of times, it's like meeting her the first time you see her.

On a Monday in January, Knox is sitting at her dining table in front of a laptop that opens. She doesn't wear makeup and has put her hair loose: She has more important things to do right now. than getting ready. Her daughter recently turned six months old, and Knox is not sleeping very well. Still, she decided to talk about Zoom with students in Ohio about her case. "I'm not good at saying no," says Knox.

Shortly before it starts, she presses the baby on her husband Christopher Robinson's arm. Knox will speak for two hours, sometimes loudly and accusingly, sometimes quietly and trembling with tension, often in tears. It is the

The second time in three days, that their events are told, and each time it takes them so with it that one would ask to stop. But she continues to speak, even if it seems as if she is breaking the I nerz for herself.

"What do you do when half the world thinks you're a monster?", her husband Chris-topher Robinson will ask later. "Then you have to prove all the time that you are not."

In 2007, then 20-year-old Amanda Knox was spending a year abroad in Perugia, Italy, when she came home and found blood in her apartment. The room of her roommate, the British student Mere-dith Khrcher, was locked. The police discovered a crime scene behind the door: Someone had stabbed Kercher 47 times before she suffocated from her own blood.

Shortly afterwards, the Italian Beam-

I Sollecito had no previous convictions. The prosecutor therefore claimed that Knox had committed the crime out of sheer lust and seduced the men into helping her. Sometimes he speculated about a sexual orgy, sometimes about a satanic ceremony. The myth of the"Luciferina"was born.

When Amanda Knox enters a room today or dials into a lecture, the"Luciferina"is always there. "I know that everywhere I go, there is someone who thinks I'm guilty," says Knox. Someone who thinks she's a cruel nymphomaniac, because it's been in the papers for years. Knox therefore fears public appearances. Nevertheless, she almost always agrees to interview requests. Every conversation, every encounter is a chance to convince other people of their innocence. Every day in public is a day in court for Amanda Knox.

A ringing announces that a student has entered the virtual room. Ten minutes after the start of the lecture it still rings every few seconds'.'Aal.dpjxi | Young men and women appear at desks and on sofas: Law students in the middle of the pandemic. When asked who has heard of Knox, almost everyone holds their hands - and their case is more than a decade behind.

"How old are you?" Knox asks in her camera. "20?"The students nod.

It is the age at which many people fall in love for the first time and travel the world, take the first job or write their bachelor thesis. For Knox, it was the age at which she entered a prison for the first time. She should not leave cs for four years.

On November 5, 2007, four days after the murder of Kercher, Knox's then friend Raffaele Sollecito was summoned by the Perugia police as a witness. Knox accompanied him, and the officers decided to