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to be interviewed again. The couple claimed to have spent the night together: They would have looked at "The Fabulous World of Amelia" before they fell asleep.

This answer was not enough for the officials. After hours of interrogation, as Knox describes it today, the police claimed they had evidence that Knox was lying. It was proven that she had witnessed the murder of Kercher. Her lack of memory is a consequence of the trauma: Knox supplanted what he had seen.

In the hours after, the officers repeatedly demanded that Knox "remember the truth." that's how she tells it today. In the process, they became more and more angry, twice someone hit her head with a flat hand. Knox, frightened and confused, began to

24 hours without sleep, she suddenly saw pictures and heard screams: Had she perhaps actually seen the murder and forgotten, as the officials told her?

At 5:45 a.m. on November 6, 2007, Knox finally signed a statement that would cost her four years of her life in freedom. In it, she accused her boss at the time, the owner of a bar in Perugia. of the murder of Kercher. Shortly afterwards, the police declared the case resolved: Knox, Sollecito and the bar owner had killed the British student together.

"Of all that happened, this interrogation was the worst experience." says Knox. "Not just because I was as scared and confused as I have never been in my life. But also because many people still don't understand how police could tell something that

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Even if I had happened, I would not understand. But that's how it was."

The police in Perugia disputed at the time (they denied pressuring or beating Knox). A recording or transcript of the interrogation does not exist, although all other conversations-1 were recorded with Knox.

But the prosecution's theory quickly crumbled. Shortly after Knox's confession, a Swiss professor came forward and testified that he had been talking to the bar owner in his restaurant at the time of the crime. Even Knox and Sollecito did not enter Ker-chcrs room: The forensic experts, who the police had not been waiting for, found neither their fingerprints nor DNA.

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nge. Rudy Guede, then 20 years old, was born in Ivory Coast and came to Italy as a five-year-old with his father. When the DNA match returned a hit, Guede had already been noticed several times: for burglary, theft, attempted assault. A few days before the murder, he was arrested for entering a kindergarten. The police found a large knife in his backpack.

Guede was detained and sentenced to 30 years for murder. But although the forensic investigation of the crime scene acquitted Knox and Solle-I cito, the judiciary did not let them go. Instead, a two-year pre-trial detention began,

Theory, Knox murdered her roommate together with Sollecito and Guede.

When Knox turned on the TV in prison, she heard strangers calling her a psychopath. Bloggers around the world analyzed Knox's facial features and concluded that she was unable to express emotions. One criminologist compared Knox to the Nazi Adolf Eichmann, who orchestrated the murder of the European Jews: Sic seems as impassive and arrogant as he.

The police fueled the rumor with supposed evidence that later turned out to be the product of a sloppy investigation. Sometimes it seemed as if the authorities were bullying

