



### **Women's maltreatment**

Sarah: Wentworth, what do you think of the fact that every day, women's rights are violated?

W: Well, like each sensible person, I find that absolutely unbearable. Violence against women challenges the idea that all human beings are equal in value and dignity.

Sarah: For sure. What surprised me the most is that domestic violence respects no social boundaries. The men who batter women are often well integrated into society.

W: Yes, as well as most sex abusers are to be found in the family itself. Domestic violence must be classed as crime and the criminals punished.

Sarah: The thing is that a woman often feels compelled to sacrifice herself for the family and is often prepared to accept the unacceptable. Did you know that more than four million women are sold in the world each year and are the victim of domestic slavery?

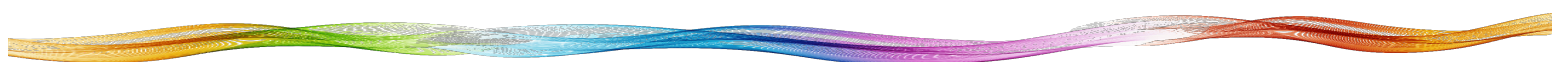
W: Oh my God! I didn't think they would be so many...

Sarah: In Saudi Arabia, the slightest patch of flesh must remain covered, reducing women to formless, uniform shadows, and woe to those who defy the Islamic dress code and break the law of silence.

W: Well, Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi sees the Islamic headscarf as a low priority among a long list of women's grievances. But in Iran, female graduates are making inroads as lawyers, doctors and managers.

Sarah: We never mention Europe when women's maltreatment is concerned but most of the prostitutes working in London have been trafficked into the country by criminal gangs, and it's the same in Paris. Even in today's working world, women's rights are violated, and it is also high time to clamp down on sexual harassment at work.

W: You're right Sarah, it happens everywhere.





**GLOSSARY:**

Women's maltreatment	Sex abusers
To violate	Crime
To challenge	Criminals
To batter	the unacceptable
To be integrated	Domestic slavery
To be found	the slightest patch of flesh
To class	Uniform shadows
To punish	Woe
To feel compelled	Dress code
To sacrifice	Winner
To sell/sold/sold	Headscarf
To remain covered	A low priority
To reduce	Grievances
To defy	Female graduates
To break the law of silence: rompre la loi du silence	Lawyers
To make inroads	Manager
To mention	Prostitutes
To be trafficked	Criminal gangs
To clamp down	Working world
Women's rights	Sexual harassment
Each sensible person	Unbearable
Human beings	Equal
Value	Formless
Dignity	High time
Domestic violence	
Social boundaries	



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