

The following text was read out at the demo. It is an extract of an article about a Polish queer activist that was attacked brutally by a police officer while being in custody. But first, here are a few words of the support structure Carnations Collective (Kolektyw Goździki):

„Hey People!

We are a collective that emerged as a result of subsequent blatant acts of police violence. We want to help survivors, like cloves - help soothe pain and lift their spirits.

We collect money to help people harmed by the oppression apparatus (police, army, etc.) who need e.g. medical, psychological or material support. Therefore, please join the fundraiser.

With solidarity and mutual help, Kolektyw Goździki.“

If you want to read more on Agnes' story, try this page: <https://carnations.noblogs.org/why-didnt-he-kill-me-the-rape-proceedings-are-pending-at-the-police-station-in-wroclaw/>

To check out the fundraiser of Carnations Collective, click here: <https://opencollective.com/radical-carnations/>

Extract from „personal statement“ of Agnes:

CW: rape, police violence, suicide attempt

May 24th, Agnes, an anarchist and feminist with a long history in the grassroots movement gets raped by a policeman in Wrocław. Brutally detained following a shoplifting attempt (worth less than 5 EUR), they were locked up for the night in a close interrogation room at the police station, where they were beaten and raped. As we write this, they are struggling to survive a suicide attempt and the secondary traumatisation induced by the hospitals, the police and the prosecutor's.

Agnes is nonbinary, they/them in English (ono/jej in Polish). They're an activist, running demos since they were 16, and supporting people around them since long before that. They struggle to make the world a better place, against inequalities, patriarchy, fascism and capitalism. They're well known in the DIY HC/Punk benefit scene.

The horror that struck Agnes is nothing like a freak chance. The police in Poland and all around the world rapes, robs and kills on a regular basis, and the figures of crimes committed by uniformed officials in Poland has been on a blood-chillingly steep rise for a few years already. Murderers, rapists and thieves are safe as long as they wear uniforms.

Agnes has written a letter to the local freedom movement.

"Hi!

To start with, fuck the community habits to sweep personal affairs under the rug.

Real shit has happened now, and I hope the above is not just a thing that looks cool on our banners, because I never needed you more than now. I might need all of you soon, so we can set the world ablaze together. I promise I'm gonna do it with my own burning rage, and you can be sure that there already is a group of wonderful people to support me. These people have been

moving heaven and earth to save me and make sure the guy who raped me doesn't get away with it. Currently, a case has already been filed against that policeman.

I didn't want to wake up to a place where my friends hurt each other and go for one another's throat while ranting on about making the world a better place and while not giving a fuck about the sister who's crying or hiding in the corner at the gig. I'd love to live with you like we advertise – to live in collectives, to respect and care for one another, to make sure that none of us is getting hurt, because fuck, solidarity IS our power, and this is the moment when I need you more than I could imagine!

I know you know this could have happened to any of us. Police violence only goes big when someone dies at the hands of the police, but I'm still alive and there's still a couple of things I wanna say. I need you in all this, united and kind to one another. I know you can stand next to me and, knowing what has happened, plant flowers with me, where there used to be police stations.

So pls, pull your shit together and stop arguing, because I want to light a fire. I don't need you tapping my shoulder and saying what a poor little thing I am, and how sad you are. I need us to finally give ourselves a chance to do something fucking grand, instead of just cancelling one another."

/Kolektyw Goździki (Carnations Collective)