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**Two different voices: the wife 's versus the husband's narrative of a marital sexual scene**

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**TEXTE / TEXT**

Sexual violence in close relationships is a global problem. Rates of intimate partner sexual violence vary by country. It is estimated to be within the range of 7.7% to 13% (Basile 2002, Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000) and 1 in 10 women report the experience of sexual violence by their partner (Black et al., 2011). Despite the rate, sexual violence in the couple is often overlooked.

The purpose of this case report is to highlight the victim's voice and to describe her rape narrative.

A young couple of a man 47 years old recently diagnosed with epilepsy and his wife 43 years old are coming to couple therapy in order to deal with man's dependency on his wife. This is why the couple argues often since the diagnosis of epilepsy was made.

During psychotherapy the wife confessed in tears that her husband uses to rape her while sleeping.

The psychotherapeutic procedure gives place in order for two different narratives to be described · the wife's as the "victim" and the husband's as the "rapist".