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In the year 1386, a young woman named Marguerite de Carrouges accused her husband's squire, Jacques Le Gris, of raping her. The accusation sent shockwaves through the French court, and the resulting trial became one of the most famous cases in history.

Marguerite was the wife of Jean de Carrouges, a respected knight who was away fighting in the Hundred Years' War. While Jean was away, Marguerite was left in the care of Le Gris, who was a trusted member of the Carrouges household.

One day, Marguerite claimed that Le Gris entered her bedchamber and raped her. She said that she fought him off, but he was too strong for her. Marguerite's accusation was met with disbelief by many, including her

husband. Jean refused to believe that Le Gris would have harmed his wife, and he accused Marguerite of lying.

The scandal surrounding Marguerite's accusation quickly spread throughout the court. The king, Charles VI, ordered an investigation into the matter. The investigation revealed that Le Gris had a history of violence against women. He had been accused of raping another woman just a few years earlier.

Despite the evidence against him, Le Gris denied the charges. He claimed that Marguerite had consented to sex with him. Marguerite, however, maintained that she had been raped. The case went to trial, and the outcome was decided by trial by combat.

Trial by combat was a medieval form of trial in which the accused and the accuser fought each other to the death. The winner of the fight was considered to be innocent, while the loser was considered to be guilty. Jean de Carrouges fought for Marguerite, while Le Gris fought for himself.

The fight was a bloody and brutal affair. Both men were seriously injured, but in the end, Jean de Carrouges was victorious. He killed Le Gris and proved his wife's innocence.

The trial by combat between Jean de Carrouges and Jacques Le Gris was a landmark case in legal history. It was one of the last times that trial by combat was used in France. The case also shed light on the issue of sexual violence, and it helped to change the way that society viewed rape.

The Aftermath of the Trial

After the trial, Marguerite de Carrouges and her husband, Jean, returned to their home. They had two children together, and they lived a quiet life. Marguerite never forgot the rape, but she was able to move on with her life. She became a respected member of her community, and she helped other women who had been victims of sexual violence.

Jacques Le Gris was executed for his crime. His death was a reminder that rape is a serious crime that will not be tolerated. The trial by combat between Jean de Carrouges and Jacques Le Gris was a watershed moment in legal history. It helped to change the way that society viewed rape, and it set a precedent for the prosecution of rapists.

The Legacy of the Case

The trial by combat between Jean de Carrouges and Jacques Le Gris has been the subject of many books, movies, and television shows. It is a story that has fascinated people for centuries. The case is a reminder that rape is a serious crime, and that it can happen to anyone. It is also a reminder that justice can prevail, even in the darkest of times.



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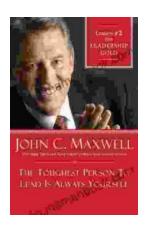
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