



## AN ASSIST TO DIE

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Mark Andreani, a 17-year-old footballer playing for the SanPa team, plunges from the balcony of his house. The deputy inspector Max Brandi is tasked with the investigation. Two stories are explored: that of the football team, which goes from the amateur league all the way to pro football, and that of Mark, rejected by Juventus because he was too frail, even though a few years later he will become physically strong and athletic. Brandi's investigation touches upon several characters and subplots and points towards doping, since Mark's death appears to be the consequence of drug overdose, and such circumstance is corroborated by the stories of other young footballers. After a thorough investigation, the doctor of the team, Di Blasi, is framed. He would regularly dope the players to obtain better results, and Mark was a threat to him and to the whole doping business because he was about to cause a scandal.

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