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PROVINCIAL APOCALYPSE

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Based on a true story. The names of characters and places were changed because some of the 'actors' in the story are key figures still in service in various institutions.

"Provincial Apocalypse" refers to one of Russia's most ancient scourges: collusion among criminals, members of the police and parts of the local authorities.

In the first few hours following daybreak of 2 November 2013, a group of thugs beat up three young men in front of a disco. One of them is the son of the priest of the local village; the kid suffered almost lethal injuries and he's the only one who has the courage to report. From that moment the clash between the priest's family (on one side) and the D.A.'s office, the tribunals, the criminals and the police (on the other side) begins. The priest, helped by his father (the kid's grandfather), uncovers a system of corruption and rigging, which also the upper echelons of Russian society are part of. This corruptive system stretches even beyond Russian soil.

Thanks to mystifications, false evidence and a corrupted system working against the beating's victim, the convictions are mild. The family is left alone to sustain the criminals' violence, their arrogance and their revenge.

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