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### Die Geschichte einer Frau so verletzlich wie tough, so smart wie fies. Platz 4 der ORF Bestenliste im April

Elisa has one passion: empty apartments. The fact that she is a real estate agent presents only a limited accommodation to her infatuation, as during the day she is always busy finding people that fill up her apartments. But at night she is in her element, behind the doors that shut life out: there she feels safe. Until one apartment after the other is afflicted by an arsonist and goes up in flames. Georg, the investigating officer, is in the dark. And what is even worse, he soon catches fire himself, and is burning with love for Elisa. To make matters worse unsolved cases of murder from her childhood suddenly emerge together with Georg. Why can't she remember anything? Would her mother know more? All sorts of things happen, and yet Elisa can't get rid of the notion that actually nothing ...

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