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Women who dream
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PATIENCE, PATIENCE YOU'LL GO TO PARADISE!
By Hadja Lahbib, Belgium 2014, 85'

During the 60s, hundreds of North African families arrived in Belgium pursuing the hope for a better life. The men have found work, while women have taken care of the house and children. Mina, one of them, has never learned to read and write. Now a widow with grown up children, with the words "Patience, patience, go to heaven", tries to cheer up. Thanks to the meeting with the Moroccan activist Tata Milouda, her view of life changes. She meets many women in the same situation and discovers a life full of freedom, that she has never even imagined. Along with a group of friends Mina learns to read and write, attends computer classes, travels. The enthusiasm and joy, with which these women search for their identity and freedom, is touching and contagious.

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