

Coronavirus Bari, shopkeeper begs 50 euros in the bank: "We have no money to eat". Police arrive – VIDEO



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"I can't take it anymore, I collapsed we're starving". Marielisa is a small Bari merchant who surfs on sight like hundreds of thousands of VAT numbers. What many feared, unfortunately, is already happening, and will almost certainly happen again. And again, and again. The video that we publish shows all the desperation of a family of small traders from Bari, brought to their knees by the covid-19. Not because they contracted it, of course, but because, like so many other colleagues, they are broke: "We don't have any more money even to eat", she screams at the top of her lungs.

The scene takes place in via Roberto da Bari, outside a bank, closed to the public. Marielisa has a small favors shop. Four live in the house, there is also his mother. The shop has been closed since 11 March and all orders have been canceled.

Encouraged by the early accreditation, as announced by all the newspapers, Marielisa and her relatives went hopefully to the bank branch, discovering however that there is still no trace of the pension, whose arrival is obviously out of the question. But meanwhile, until the money comes from the state, it's bitter cabbage. "You suck - he said addressing the director of the bank Marielisa - credit me 50 euro in my account, so you get them back with interest". Despite begging, screaming his pain, there was nothing to do. The police also intervened on the spot, called by the same merchant.

"There are supermarkets and merchants of basic necessities, pharmacies, which are getting richer, prices have skyrocketed - Marielisa says in tears - instead we starve to death. President Conte also think of us, otherwise after the health emergency we will have to face an equally serious social one. The paradox is the epilogue. A migrant approached to beg. I sent him devil in anger and the man spat at me before entering the supermarket to shop. "

Luckily someone has given hope back to this family. A passerby, a stranger, gave Marielisa 50 euros: "I thank him, it was a gesture that we really appreciated".