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Lucy Lawless and post anti-racism: "I have witnessed an act of cruelty and sheer ignorance"

The actress, Princess Xena in the TV series years nineties, has seen Lucca verbal aggression against a young African and reported her on Facebook. "We have become tribal, feel resentment for the people with whom we share the resources"

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Actress Lucy Lawless

"I thought it would be nice if this guy knew someone had defended him, but I did not expect such a thing." It is surprised and amused Lucy Lawless, New Zealand actress, Xena Princess of the famous TV series 90 years, [author of the anti-racist post on Facebook](#) that went viral within hours.



Lucy Lawless
on Monday

So I'm walking thru Lucca, Italy tonight behind 6 well-dressed ragazzi about 18-19 yrs old. A black boy rides by on his bike. One of the boys makes a chimp sound and claps his hands once loudly over his head. And yells, "Gabon!" Another boy joins in, then a third, yelling and slow clapping in menacing unison. The other boys smile but don't join in. Maybe they don't know how better to deal with it. "Orribile," I growl, "veramente orribile". The boys are shocked that a grown u... [See More](#)

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"When the lady from whom I had gone to the grocery store asked me if I was 'the heroic actress', I started to laugh," jokes on the phone. The 49 year-old actress - in Lucca for a few days, in a short break between filming *Ash vs. Evil Dead* and the beginning of a musical in new Zealand - is a great lover of Italy. "I take this opportunity to study Italian, eat well, run with the trains, discover new places and people. "with some nasty surprise, as the meeting with the six boys who bullizzato a black guy mocking monkey and calling it" Gabon. "

What did you think at that moment?

" I witnessed an act of pure cruelty and simple, pure ignorance. But it is a problem not only certain Italian. When times are difficult, we become more tribal and begin to feel resentment towards the people with whom we share resources, as if it were not enough. Here is particularly evident with the migratory waves, is a form of greed that arises from

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fear. It is ironic to think that Italians were themselves migrants, I would have sworn that racism, here, was something less strong. Not so, apparently. "



Lawless in the role of Princess Xena TV series

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There are many politicians who exploit the fear of difference to spread populist and racist ideas.

"Hostility creates new hostilities. But I believe in free speech: the racists have the right to say what they want, as I have the right to answer that categorically refuse their cruelty. 'Am I my brother's keeper?' Cain said in the Bible. I say, yes, we are. "

It had already happened to such a situation?

"No one used to keep quiet about the injustices, and I know there are millions and millions of people who think like me. In New Zealand, I was part of a movement launched by the Commission on Human Rights called 'Give Nothing to Racism ', it focuses on the sense of responsibility that everyone should feel in defending the less fortunate by bullies attacks ".

Also he continued his activism with Greenpeace?

"Yes, here in Europe and I'm shooting a documentary with them. In 2013 I occupied for four days, along with some activists, a tanker ship that would sail to the Arctic. I was arrested on that occasion. For them it was normal routine for me it was a shock. Today, while trying to stay away from politics, I continue to pursue my battle against carbon monoxide emissions. global warming will bring devastating effects that will eventually destroy the food chain. And we we will end up, literally, with nothing in his hands, because they will onlythem to proliferate without the reptiles eat. "

Returning to Italy, there is someone who appreciates in particular?

" I'm a big fan of the work of Roberto Saviano, and I recently discovered the Calabrian rapper Kento: I do not understand everything says, in fact, actually very little, but I know that his messages are very deep and I like I rap on the live music. This sounds Saturday in Perugia, I'll be there. "

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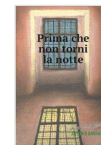
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