

with, we actually left it there, which was beautiful. My last day wasn't really sad because everybody – myself included – thought I was coming back. And there wasn't time to be sad. My last day was one when they were finishing one episode in the morning and starting another one in the afternoon. So there were twice as many people around as usual, everyone was racing around, and there just wasn't time to be sad. Something that I think is strange and remarkable, though, is that the first scene that I ever filmed on the set of *Xena* was actually my first scene ever shown on TV. It was the teaser for *Livia*. And the last scene that I ever actually filmed is the last new scene with Eve that will ever be shown on the series. Being that no show is ever filmed in order, the chances of that happening were just so incredibly slim. So there's something incredibly nice about that."

And now it's time to move on. Wilkinson, who just shot a guest spot on MTV's sexy soap opera/comedy *Undressed*, reports that she's been auditioning and that several prospects look good. She only hopes that the impending actors' strike doesn't pour water on the fire. Should the opportunity ever arise, though, to reprise either of her *Xena* alter egos, Wilkinson would do it in an instant. "I'd love to pick up the characters again," says the American actress, whose previous credits include *Saved by the Bell* and *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, as well as several independent features and stage roles. "My only disappointment is that the shows this year have all been so visually stunning and huge that some of the smaller stuff we weren't able to deal with. Eve and Xena never really had a conversation about the past. They've never dealt with Ares [Kevin Smith]. They've never dealt with any issues that Eve might have with Gabrielle. They've never dealt with Xena's other child or her past or 'Where were you for 25 years?' I played it as if they've had all of those conversations, but they just haven't been on screen.

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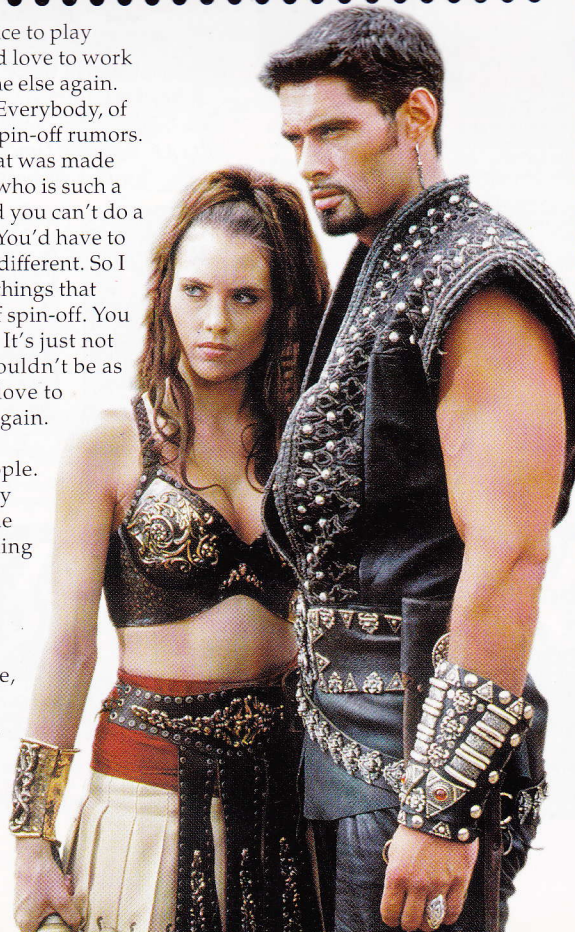
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"So I'd love the chance to play Livia and Eve again. I'd love to work with Lucy and everyone else again. Lucy was great to me. Everybody, of course, has heard the spin-off rumors. Eve was a character that was made close enough to Xena, who is such a fabulous character, and you can't do a second version of her. You'd have to do something entirely different. So I think that's one of the things that would stop any type of spin-off. You just can't outdo Xena. It's just not going to happen. It wouldn't be as exciting. But I would love to work with everyone again. They are the most amazing group of people. I'd be so excited if they did end up doing some TV movies, if for nothing else than just to get to work with this group again. The whole experience has been incredible – the people, the locations, the characters, the action. Every day was a new challenge. *Xena* was a blessing." ●



"There was a really lovely resolution this year and instead of bringing her back, we actually left it there"

Top left
Gabrielle and Eve preach peace on their travels

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What is it with Ares and the Xena family? He can't get enough of them!

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