

TITLE: "Norberto, ebony heart"
GENDER: "Adventure, True story"
AUTHORS: "Norberto De Angelis"
FILM SCRIPT: "To write"
AUTHORS OF SCREENPLAY: "Norberto De Angelis, ecc."

SUBJECT:

An american football star disillusioned by a love story has a serious car accident while doing charity work in Africa. After coma, lower body paralysis and defeated the cancer, he challenges fate and accomplished goals never achieved before by anyone. With the only power of his arms he crosses the USA and wild Tanzania (Africa).

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SYNOPSIS Norberto story:

Norberto has been always an athlete. He achieved several accomplishments among which, the most valuable, the Helsinki, Finland, American Football European Championship in 1987 with Italian national team. He played middle linebacker and he scored the top number of tackles. That was the result of a ten-year career playing in some of Italian best teams.

He wanted to return to others what life brought to him and for this reason, in 1992, he volunteered in a mission in Tanzania, Africa. During the experience, he got involved in a serious car accident that put him in coma for two months. At the awakening, he realized he could not walk any longer.

Spinal cord injury with post-traumatic paraplegia. Life-long wheelchair destiny. Nonetheless Norberto has never gave up easily in life. When he played, he was a leader, a charismatic player and a broken back would have not certainly prevent him from doing what he wanted; to live his life on his own way. Not even the cancer that was diagnose to him in 2007 would have made him change his mind. In 2008, without saving himself, he started practicing handbike setting clear, stimulating and ambitious targets.

The first goal, with a general purpose, was to be an example for those who had to cope with unpredictable life events. Other goals were to shape his own life and continue to train himself so he could cross with an Handbike the United States along the famous Route 66 realizing what many defined a dream not achievable, an utopia. Departing from Chicago, he arrived to Santa Monica pier, near Los Angeles, after almost 3800 km in 80 days, eight states, three different time zones filled with challenges, sweat and hard work. Metaphorically he managed to accomplish a coast to coast journey between his prior life to his new one.

Until then nobody with his physical disabilities has ever done it

He continue working out and he won the Italian Championship of Paralympic Powerlifting with Italian record. Then, he wanted to go back to marvelous and wild land of Maasai, Tanzania, the vallet of Baobabs and its national parks. He wanted to cross the country from west to east starting from Matembwe, the village that hosted him twenty years earlier, to arrive in Dar Es Salaam, going through the place where he had his car accident.

During this adventure, he had the opportunity to meet many people and, village after village, he talked about his experience with the purpose to instil hope in

those individuals who cope everyday with physical disabilities, in particular especially the most disadvantaged people of Sub-Saharan countries suffering from physical and mental disabilities: the poorest amongst the poor, the rejects of African societies.

Indeed Norberto wanted to leverage sport, his perpetual lighthouse, to convey his messages how to live own lives actively and to become an example for others and not only for himself.

These adventures aim to show the love for the sport, freedom and nature. Powerful antidotes to purify ourselves from pain and to realize we are still driving our own life.

In 2018 he was awarded as Knight of Merit of the Italian Republic by President Mattarella.

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THE PRINCIPAL PEOPLE:

Norberto Dalla Chiesa (grandfather of Norberto and his mentor), an elderly gentle sort of person, affable and sweet he was very strict but fair. He was down to earth but kind. He was strong in build, with hands clearly effected by arthritis, he was of medium height, clean shaven and had perfect eyesight and no need for gòasses. He was of the old school, very correct and a lover of nature.

Brando (Dobermann) a fantastic black and tan male who was very sweet natured and always ready to play and run. We always lived happily together. He was always ready to come to my defence in case I was ever attacked.

Vic (football coach) he was my very first coach at AF Parma (we were amongst the founders of the Parma Panthers American Football team) he was well built of a squat stature. He had a moustache. He taught us well, was patient and spoke good italian with an American accent. He was nice but very strict in his selection. We never became great friends but we always respected one another and I followed him playing for Milan and national team where we was the 1987 European Champion. He's married, he now runs a veterinary practice in New York.

Luca (friend and follow player) a great athlete of medium build with curly hair. We knew each other in ITIS school, even if he is one year younger and in another scolic year. He was exemplary and meticulous in his preparation whether it be in sport (we were amongst the founders of the Parma Panthers American Football team) in his work or his personal life. He is very cultured and an optimum professional. He is always very educated and well presented in his ways and in his choice of words. He never used defamatory words and with a certain way about him of a good person he is able to come across as attractive to women. We played together at Parma Milan and Bologna.

Roberta (fiancée) she was a beautiful girl, a well proportioned brunette, of sport stature, with perfect white teeth and blue eyes. A lovely, smiling young girl, she was a head turner.

Claudio (a voluntary for Africa) he was a doctor in Vicenza, sweet natured but direct. He was built like me athletically but he was dark haired and of medium height. He was a good walker and a lover of the mountains. He was a well mannered practicing catholic, and he was rather intolerant.

Alessandra (ex-wife) a dark haired sweet natured lady. She was well made and she was my best friend. She was of medium height and with a beautiful face. She was a good worker, serious and somewhat reserved. She was a little snob.

Linus (accompanied on US Route 66) an engineer from Parma, who I was lucky to find in my internet searches. He was short but of an agile build with a lovely face and he wore spectacles. He was a real adventurer and had knowledge of the American roads. He was also the founder and President of the Italian Association of Route 66. He is considered a genius in his field as an engineer but, he prefers to keep out of the limelight and is very modest. When in the USA, he is simply known as Linus.

Max (accompanied on US Route 66) an osteopath who treated me in my previous football days. We are best friends and confide in each other. He is a well turned out athlete, dark haired and an adventurer, and he has no limitations where sport is concerned. He is well loved by women and he loves women.

Katuku (African guide) he is a driver and guide, a native of Tanzania, well mannered and aducated, he is stocky in build and slightly overweight, with a relaxed and happy expression. He is my Guardian Angel in Tanzania and he would do anything for me.

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