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HOT-tempered Aussie actor Russell Crowe was saved in a bar room brawl in Mexico by personal trainer Lourene Bevaart. The 38-year-old star of *Gladiator* and *A Beautiful Mind* apparently challenged a group of drinkers in the Rosarita Beach resort to a fight after one of them taunted him. Bevaart, a five-times world karate champion, floored three of the fighters before dragging a sheepish Crowe to safety.

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The movie star looked as if he was set for a beating until his personal trainer Lourene Bevaart stepped in.

Bevaart, a five-times world karate champion, floored three of the fighters before dragging a sheepish Crowe to safety.

'Lourene punched one guy and pushed a couple of the others to the floor. Russ was lucky she was there,' an insider on the set of Crowe's new movie *Far Side of the World* said.

Last month, a woman grabbed Crowe in a headlock after he attacked a man in another bar in the resort.