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Knock Out Abuse!

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Poised, calm & collected, smart, elegant and naturally beautiful – all describe model, actress and author Carre Otis who has graced the covers of *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Allure*, *Mirabella*, and *Marie Claire*, among others. A knockout some would say, a reference she could probably do without.

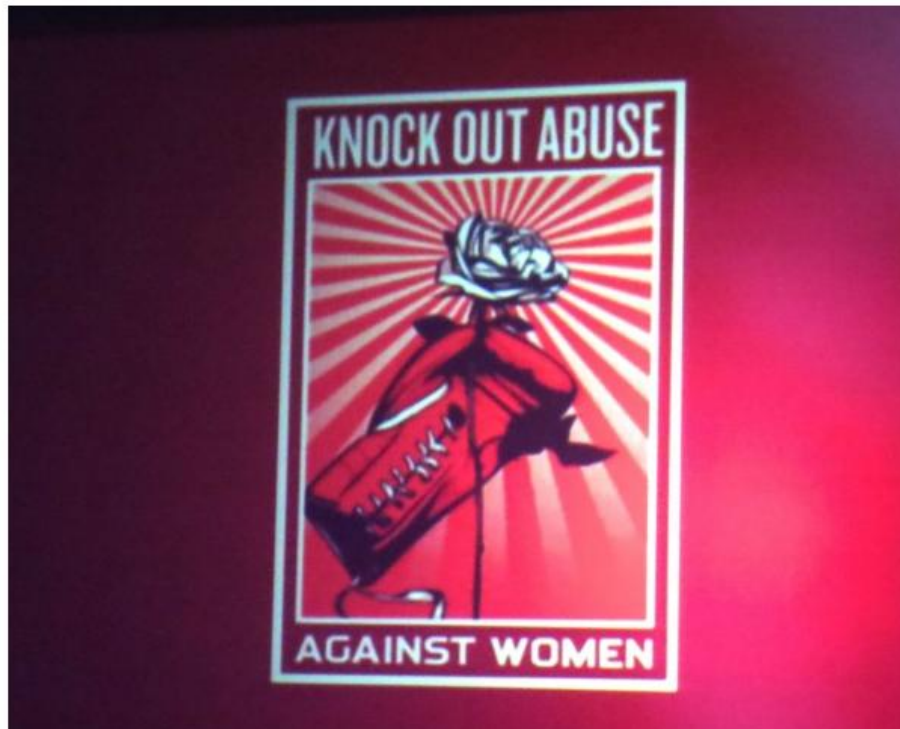


In her case, it's also fair to say that looks can be deceiving.

In 1992 she married actor Mickey Rourke, a marriage not made in heaven. Although charges were said to be dropped, he was arrested for domestic violence. They divorced six years later after a tumultuous union and the relationship was chronicled in her book, "Beauty, Dis-rupted." that reveals the other side of fame and the how knockout took on new meaning.



Last night, Otis was honored for her commitment to domestic violence awareness at the Annual [Knock-Out-Abuse](#) event at The Ritz Carlton for her advocacy for women's physical and emotional health.



She currently serves on the Advisory Board of The Model Alliance, a non-profit industry group working to establish fair labor standards for models in the U.S.

In her own words:



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