

A brave woman in London

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If you haven't read about Ingrid Loyau-Kennett's heroism in London the other day, [you should](#). Immediately after the brutal murder of British military drummer Lee Rigby, she hopped off a city bus and talked to the killers while they stood there holding their blood-drenched weapons. It took 20 minutes for the police to show up, at which point they shot and wounded both assailants. In the meantime, there were no other injuries.

Could an armed bystander have saved Rigby's life? It's possible. An armed bystander also might well have made the situation much, much worse. In any case, Loyau-Kennett confronted the killers nonviolently, and no one else was hurt.

I don't imagine this incident will silence those in favor of packing heat on city street corners any more than [Ryan Heber's nonviolent intervention](#) stopped people from wanting to arm schoolteachers. I do hope, however, that it puts a nail or two in the coffin of arguments like Charlotte Allen's after Sandy Hook, namely [that the way to confront a killer is to be a great big manly man](#).