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WE MADE IT! (OR MAYBE NOT?)

Dear ones,

Where were we? Easter! Since then we all have hoped for a quick end of the quarantine, but we have had to endure a much longer period of seclusion.

We have suffered an almost sudden, unexpected setback that some have compared to a war and some have called 'Crown virus' to show their "perfect" mastery of the English language (greatly improved by its mispronunciation).

All of a sudden, our lives were changed, our daily routines were upset, we were obliged to become sedentary. A jolt that I would compare to a slap. More than three months of seclusion and we still do not know how long this will last.

During these cloistered weeks, we have been bombarded by sad, mournful news, by banal interviews with politicians and passers-by and we have been pestered by shabby TV programmes.

By the way, have you noticed that Italian is rarely spoke on TV? I have never excelled at foreign languages and I find it difficult to understand the dialects. I must say that I have never had so much difficulty in following the dialogues in the fictions, interviews and interventions daily proposed by the most popular networks.

In this period we have tried to comply with the rules that have been imposed on us and to use our brain where necessary. Being Italians, we surrendered to the euphoria of the first reduction of the restrictions, but we did it because we have millennia of great history and experience behind us and a cultural background that everyone envies us. It is true that we are weak in organization, a consequence of the confused and / or interested management of public affairs, a fact whose consequences we have often suffered and still continue to suffer. We seem unable to get rid of parochialisms and of the fixation of being clever (but hardly ever smart). For the rest we are like everyone else.

“Mala tempora currunt” for our economy and for the future of our children and grandchildren. Our country will have to overcome moments of serious difficulty.

Genoa, which in recent decades has turned to tourism - a rather fragile sector for a town accustomed to live by industry for over a century - has had to deal with a great job reduction, certain areas of excellence excluded.

As for the port and shipyards, which have held their own in spite of various crises, the prospects do not look too rosy at present.

I am under the impression that, today, Italy, using a metaphor, is similar to a wounded animal, surrounded by predators vultures and crows.

But let's get to us:

We are sorry but we do not yet consider it safe to reopen our premises. We'll see what happens and act accordingly.

The activities that we had planned will be re-scheduled as soon as it is safer.

The Board of Directors intends to resume the programme of events and activities that had been planned for this year. We will meet as soon as possible to set a date for our General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish good health and a good return to normal life (hopefully soon) to you and to your loved ones.

Safe sailing and ZUMBAI

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