Massaged Lemon Kale Quinoa Salad

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 5 oz curly kale leaves, stems removed
- 1 1/2 cups cooked quinoa
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts of your choice, preferably toasted
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint (optional)
- 1/4 cup (about 1 oz) crumbled feta, or other crumbly cheese like cotija

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1. In a small bowl, combine the garlic with oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, salt, and pepper, and mix well to combine.
2. Place kale leaves in a large mixing bowl and drizzle lemon dressing over the top. Using your hands, squeeze the kale, “massaging” it with the dressing for 2-3 minutes or until the kale is tender.
3. Allow the kale to sit for a few minutes, then toss with your remaining ingredients and serve.