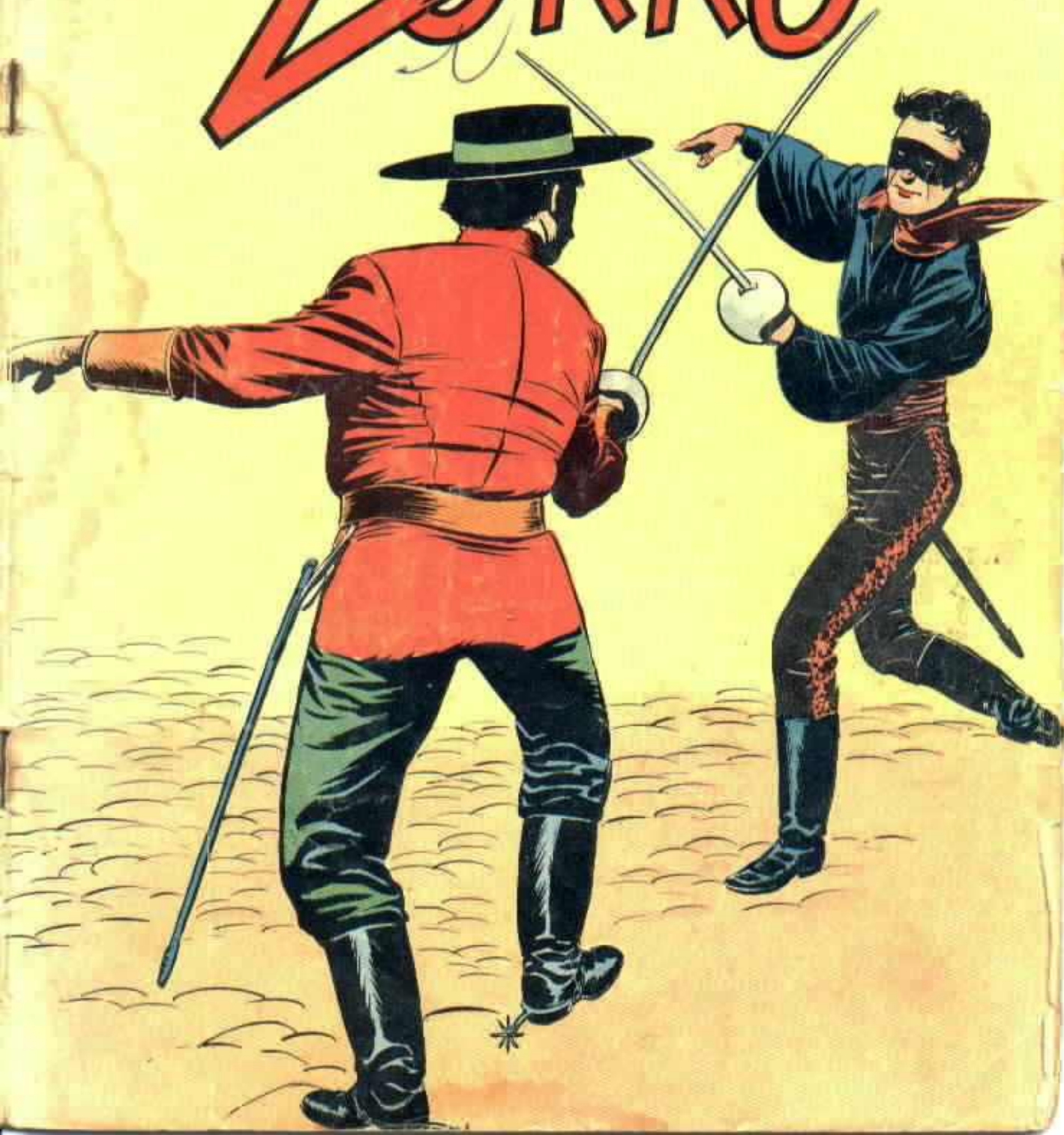


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The MARK of **ZORRO**





*Don
Diego*



Lolita



Dona Catalina



Don Carlos

The MARK of ZORRO



*Adapted from
the novel
by
Johnston McCulley*

IN OLD CALIFORNIA, THERE EXISTED A FORM OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY THE WEALTHY BUT INDIFFERENT LANDOWNERS. AT THE TIME OF OUR STORY, THE OFFICIALS THEY HAD APPOINTED HAD BECOME CORRUPT. TERROR AND INJUSTICE SWEEPED THE LAND. . . ONLY ONE MAN DARED DEFY THE GOVERNMENT--THE DESPERADO AND HIGHWAYMAN-- ZORRO!



IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU ROB THE NATIVES AGAIN! THE MARK ON YOUR FOREHEAD WILL BE A WARNING TO OTHER THIEVES!



AFTER HIM! THE GOVERNOR HAS RAISED THE REWARD!



SEÑOR ZORRO, EH! HERE IS ONE FOX IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO HUNT. THE CUTTHROAT! THE THIEF! BY THE SAINTS, IF I COULD MEET HIM!

Blue
Fox

WE SEEK ZORRO, DON CARLOS... HE HIDES SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA...

THERE IS NOTHING TO INTEREST THAT BANDIT IN MY POOR HOME... NO, WE HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, CAPTAIN RAMON.



SOLDIERS LEAVE TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR ZORRO...

YOU MET HIM ONCE, AND DID NOT THE FELLOW MAKE A DONKEY OUT OF YOU?

I HAD A POOR BROKEN THUMB, CAPT. SOMEDAY, WE SHALL MEET WHEN HE HOLDS NO PISTOL.



MEANWHILE, AT THE HAGIENDA OF DON CARLOS, THE WEALTHY AND INFLUENTIAL DON DIEGO PAYS A CALL.

AH, DON DIEGO! THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR FAMILIES WOULD BE A PROUD ONE!

I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO ROMANTIC NONSENSE, DONA CATALINA.



IT FATIGUES ME TO RIDE. SO, AFTER YOU THINK IT OVER AND CONSENT TO BE MY WIFE, SENORITA LOLITA, HAVE YOUR FAMILY SEND ME WORD.

INDEED! CAN YOU NOT TAKE THE TROUBLE TO RIDE FOUR MILES TO SEE ONE YOU WOULD WED?



SEND YOUR SERVANT TO WOO ME WITH PLAYING AND SINGING. I SHALL BATHE HIM IN BOILING WATER! HAVE YOU NO BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS? ADIOS, SENOR!





SCOUNDREL! HOW DARE YOU ENTER AN HONEST HOUSE!

I AM NO ENEMY OF YOURS, DON CARLOS. AS A VICTIM OF THOSE VILLAINS IN POWER, YOU MUST KNOW THAT. ALL I DESIRE IS MEAT AND DRINK.

WHATEVER GOOD BLOOD ONCE FLOWED IN YOUR VEINS HAS BEEN FOULED BY YOUR ACTIONS. A THIEF AND HIGHWAYMAN HAS NO CLAIM UPON MY HOSPITALITY.



I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FEAR TO FEED ME, AND SO THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY BEAR YOU NO GRUDGE, YOU MAY SAY YOU WERE FORCED TO. IT WILL BE THE TRUTH, DON CARLOS.

I TRUST YOU WILL BE MAN ENOUGH TO ALLOW ME TO TAKE MY WIFE TO HER ROOM, AND SECURE A NATIVE TO CARE FOR HER?

OF COURSE, SEÑOR CARLOS.



THE GOOD SEÑORITA REMAINS HERE AS HOSTAGE FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN.

IF HE IS CAPTURED, THOSE IN POWER WILL CERTAINLY SHOW ME SOME CONSIDERATION.

WE SHALL DELAY HIM HERE UNTIL THE SOLDIERS COME. GO AT ONCE TO INFORM THEM.

SI, SEÑOR.



DON CARLOS ENTREATS ZORRO TO TELL OF HIS ADVENTURES. ZORRO COMPLIES WITH STORIES OF HOW HE PROTECTED THE GENTLE MONKS OR FRAILES FROM PERSECUTION BY CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

EAT WELL, FOR SINCE I HAVE THOUGHT A LITTLE, THERE ARE MANY OF YOUR DEEDS I HAVE ADMIRER.



MEANWHILE-



BY THE SAINTS, I AM THIRSTY! LET US GO TO THE TAVERN, AND MY GOOD FRIEND DON DIEGO MAY BUY US SOME WINE.



WHAT A FRIEND YOU HAVE, GONZALES. IN TRUTH, HE IS HARDLY TO BE CALLED A MAN.

AH, HA! BUT YOU WILL AGREE, HE BUYS THE BEST WINE, CAPTAIN RAMON. LET US SEE IF WE CAN FIND HIM.



FOLLOW ME, SEÑORES, FOR SEÑOR ZORRO IS NOW DETAINED AT THE HACIENDA OF DON CARLOS DE PULIDO.

AFTER HIM? WELL, SEÑOR ZORRO, MR. FOX, NOW YOU WILL SEE THE FLASH OF MY BLADE, AND I, THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD!



CURSE OF THE HIGHWAYS, THIEF. COMMONER, CLAIMING BRAVERY FOR A FEW FRIGHTENED WOMEN. TODAY, I SHALL EVEN OUR SCORE!



QUIET, HE MUST
BE SURPRISED.



WAIT, SEÑOR ZORRO, I WILL
GET THE FOOD THAT HAS
BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU
TO TAKE ON YOUR JOURNEY.



SEÑOR, YOU MUST
GO AT ONCE. I FEAR
THAT MY FATHER HAS
SENT FOR SOLDIERS!

YOU ARE KIND TO WARN
ME, SEÑORITA, BUT A
CABALLERO GIVES
THANKS FOR HOS-
PITALITY AND I WILL
THANK YOUR FATHER.



HERE IS FOOD.
WILL YOU HAVE MORE
WINE?

I'M AFRAID THE
SOLDIERS ARE MUCH TOO
CLOSE FOR THAT, DON
CARLOS.

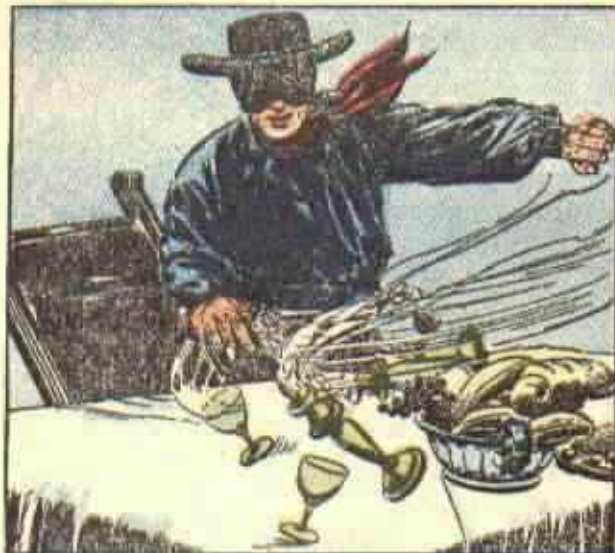


BECAUSE I AM AN OUTLAW, WITH A
PRICE UPON MY HEAD, YOUR BREACH
OF HOSPITALITY IS FORGIVEN, SEÑOR.
BUENAS NOCHES, SEÑORITA. SEÑOR,
ADIÓS.




MASTER, THE
SOLDIERS ARE HERE!
THE HOUSE IS
SURROUNDED!





THROUGH THE DARKNESS ECHOES A MOST PECULIAR CALL, THE LIKE OF WHICH NONE HAS HEARD BEFORE, AND THE SOUND OF ESCAPING HORSES' HOOFS IS HEARD FROM THE REAR OF THE PATIO.



HE CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
AFTER THE FIEND! REMEMBER
THE REWARD, A THIRD TO THE
MAN WHO OVERTAKES HIM!



THUS, I SHALL CUT YOU
DOWN! DIE, DOG!



THE THIEF ESCAPES.
MAY THE SOLDIERS
CATCH HIM.

AT LEAST HE IS
CLEVER AND BRAVE.



BRING ME MY SWORD.
IT MAY BE ZORRO
RETURNING!

THANK THE
SAINTS, IT
IS YOU.

MY MEN PURSUE
THE PIG OF A HIGH-
WAYMAN. I AM
HERE TO SEE THAT
THE FOX DOES
NOT BACKTRACK
HIS TRAIL.



PARDON MY BOLD
ENTRANCE, BUT WHEN
AN OFFICER IS ON
DUTY--

THE PARDON IS GRANTED,
CAPTAIN RAMON.



NO DOUBT ZORRO KNOWS OF
MY SKILL WITH THE SWORD.
WHEREVER I AM, HE IS NOT.
THE ROGUE AVOIDS ME
LIKE THE PLAGUE.



HE HAS MADE A FOOL OF GONZALES,
BUT HE KNOWS I WOULD BE A DIFFERENT
MATTER. I HAVE HEARD HE IS A
FIEND IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MEN AND
THAT HE HAS INSULTED WOMEN.



NOW, YOU SHALL PAY FOR THAT
STATEMENT, SINCE IT IS A
FALSEHOOD!

I--I THOUGHT YOU
HAD ESCAPED!



FIRST, I SHALL PUT MY MARK
UPON YOUR FOREHEAD, SO THAT ALL
WHO SEE IT WILL KNOW YOU HAVE
OFFENDED ZORRO.

BOASTER.



YOU ARE MORE CLEVER THAN YOUR FAT
SERGEANT, BUT NOT HALF CLEVER ENOUGH.
YOUR FOREHEAD BLEEDS ALREADY, MY FINE
CAPTAIN. NOW TO DRIVE THE LESSON HOME!



MY HORSE IS RETURNED AND AWAITS ME.
I BEG THE LADIES' PARDON FOR THIS
SCENE. I ASSURE YOU, THE CAPTAIN IS
NOT BADLY INJURED. ADIOS!



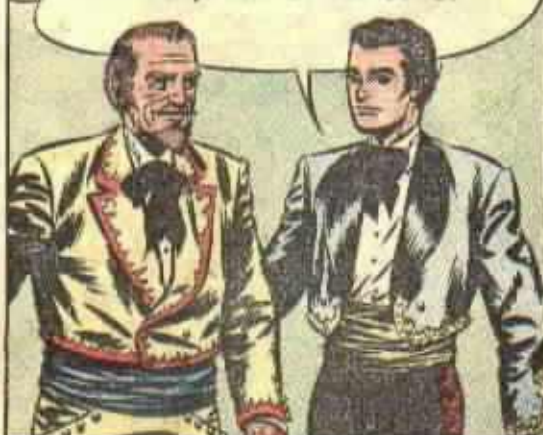
SOON AFTER

THE SERVANTS
TELL ME ZORRO HAS
BEEN HERE? ARE
YOU ALL RIGHT?

MY POOR DON DIEGO,
THIS MAKES TWICE IN
ONE DAY YOU HAVE
RIDDEN FROM THE
PUEBLO.



IT'S CERTAIN TO MAKE ME ILL. ALREADY,
MY BACK ACHES, AND I'VE A STIFF
NECK, BUT WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE
IN DANGER, I FELT I MUST COME.





ZORRO, ZORRO, IS IT ALWAYS
MY FATE TO HEAR THAT NAME?
WHY DOES THIS PEST OF A
HIGHWAYMAN AVOID ME?



AH, I SHOULD MEET HIM! OUT WITH MY
BLADE, GROSS PEDRO GONZALES, EH? HA,
THROUGH THE SHOULDER! DIE, YOU DOG!



ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME, FOOLS?
DO YOU WANT YOUR HEADS BROKEN?
WE SHALL TELL THE CAPTAIN THE FOX
HAS ESCAPED, AND THEN ON
TO THE TAVERN.



AND BACK AT THE HACIENDA—

THIS WINE WILL
REFRESH ME. TWICE
TODAY, I HAVE RIDDEN
A FOUR-MILE JOURNEY.



FOUR MILES IS NOT
EXACTLY A JOURNEY,
SEÑOR DIEGO.

IT MAY NOT BE A
JOURNEY FOR A ROUGH
SOLDIER, BUT FOR A
GENTLEMAN...

AND A SOLDIER,
CAN HE NOT ALSO
BE A CABALLERO,
SEÑOR?





SEÑORITA, MY FATHER IS IMPATIENT THAT I FIND MYSELF A WIFE. A MAN SHOULD PLEASE HIS FATHER, SO WHEN WILL YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME?

SINCE YOUR FATHER BURNS WITH IMPATIENCE, SEÑOR, I SHALL TRY TO MAKE UP MY MIND SOON.

YOUR DAUGHTER IS CAPTIVATING, SEÑOR? NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH GRACE, SUCH BEAUTY. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD MAKE HER MY WIFE.

ANOTHER MAN SEEKS ALSO TO WED HER, CAPTAIN RAMON

I HAVE GIVEN DON DIEGO, A CABALLERO OF FINE FAMILY, PERMISSION TO COURT HER, BUT LOLITA WEDS NO ONE UNLESS SHE WISHES.

AH, IT IS THEN AN AFFAIR BETWEEN DON DIEGO VEGA AND MYSELF.

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE
CAUGHT THE RASCAL,
SERGEANT GONZALES?

HE ESCAPED US AGAIN, CAPT.
WHAT A SLY ONE HE IS.



...AND THE RASCAL HAD TEN MEN WITH
HIM. WE FOUGHT WELL, AND WOUNDED THREE,
BUT THEY MADE THEIR ESCAPE. WE ...
BUT, CAPTAIN, I SEE YOU ARE WOUNDED?



NO DOUBT THE MEN YOU FOUGHT SO
BRAVELY, BELONG TO ANOTHER BAND. THE
HIGHWAYMAN, AT THE TIME YOU SPEAK OF,
WAS WITH ME.

AH?



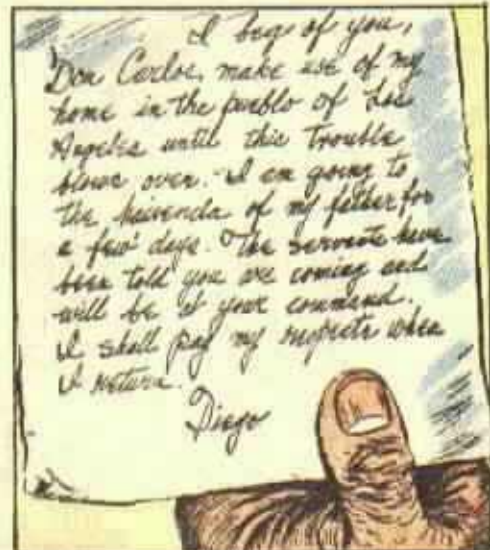
I WAS TREATED MUCH AS
YOU WERE. HE HAD A PISTOL HANDY
IN CASE I SHOULD PROVE TOO
EXPERT WITH THE SWORD.

WE SHALL
CATCH HIM
YET!



I beg of you,
Don Carlos, make use of my
home in the pueblo of San
Agustín until this trouble
blows over. I am going to
the hacienda of my father for
a few days. The servants here
have told you are coming and
will be at your command.
I shall pay my respects when
I return.

Diego



AH, IT WILL BE GOOD TO
VISIT THE PUEBLO AND
SEE OUR OLD FRIENDS!

IT WILL DO NO
HARM TO BE KNOWN
AS THE GUESTS OF
DON DIEGO VEGA.



TO THINK THAT
OUR DAUGHTER COULD
BE MISTRESS OF ALL THIS,
IF SHE DESIRED!



SURELY, THESE BOOKS DO NOT
BELONG TO DON DIEGO? WHAT A
PUZZLE THIS DIEGO IS!



I REGRET THAT DON
DIEGO IS NOT AT HOME,
SEÑOR.



I KNOW THAT. DON
CARLOS IS HERE WITH
HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER
--IS HE NOT?



BUT, DON CARLOS IS OUT
WITH HIS WIFE ON A VISIT,
SEÑOR.



IN THAT CASE, I
SHALL PAY MY
RESPECTS TO THE
SEÑORITA.



SEÑOR, YOUR PARDON,
BUT IT IS SCARCELY RIGHT
FOR THE YOUNG SEÑORITA
TO RECEIVE A CABALLERO,
WHEN HER PARENTS ARE
NOT PRESENT.



WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME OF
MANNERS? OUT OF MY WAY!
CROSS ME AND YOU SHALL BE
PUNISHED!



BUT,
SEÑOR.





JUST A MOMENT,
MY DEAR CAPTAIN.



ON YOUR KNEES AND APPOLOGIZE
TO THE SEÑORITA. THEN YOU MAY
SLINK FROM THIS HOUSE LIKE
THE CUR YOU ARE!

YOU...YOU
THREATEN
A WOUNDED
MAN?



NOW, GET OUT, AND
BOTHER THE SEÑORITA
NO FURTHER, OR WOUND
OR NOT, I SHALL SINK
MY BLADE DEEPER
THAN BEFORE!



THANK YOU,
SEÑOR, THANK
YOU!

AH, SEÑORITA, IF ONLY
I COULD COURT YOU
OPENLY.



YOU STEAL ONLY TO AVENGE WRONGDOERS
OR HELP THE POOR. NO MAN KNOWS YOUR
FACE. OH, SEÑOR, TAKE OFF THE MASK AND
CLAIM ME IN SIGHT OF ALL! NOW, YOU
MUST GO! QUICKLY! BEFORE MY PARENTS
RETURN!



MY TASK IS NOT
YET DONE, SEÑORITA!
WAIT FOR ME, I WILL
COME BACK FOR YOU!

THE SAINTS GUARD YOU,
MY LOVED ONE. I'LL
BE WAITING.



ZORRO, SUSPECTING RAMON WILL PLOT REVENGE
AGAINST THE FULIDO FAMILY, RIDES TO ARMY
HEADQUARTERS.



NO WOMAN MAKES A FOOL OF ME! THAT
CURSED PULIDO FAMILY WILL PAY FOR HER
INSOLENCE! THIS LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR
SHOULD LAND THEM ALL IN JAIL FOR TREASON!



NOT A SOUND, SEÑOR.
YOU DIE IF AS MUCH AS A
GASP ESCAPES YOUR
LIPS!

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?



LET'S HAVE A
LOOK AT THAT
LETTER, SEÑOR.

YOU SHOW A
GREAT INTEREST
IN MILITARY
AFFAIRS.



JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOU ARE UP
TO MISCHIEF. IT'S A BRAVE SOLDIER
WHO INSULTS A SEÑORITA IN HER FATHER'S
ABSENCE AND THEN SEEKS TO RUIN HER
WITH FALSE WORDS TO THOSE IN POWER.





I DO NOT KNOW HIM, BUT
I HEAR HE HAS PUNISHED
CERTAIN BRUTISH
SOLDIERS FOR BEATING
INDIANS.

I DO NOT LIKE THE
TONE OF YOUR
VOICE OR YOUR
WORDS, FRAY.



AS I HAVE EYES, MY
RAUCOUS
FRIEND!

DON DIEGO,
YOU, HERE!



WE WERE ON THAT ZORRO'S HEELS, WHEN
TWENTY OF HIS MEN ENGAGED US IN
COMBAT, AND WE LOST THE ROGUE. YOU
HAVE NOT HEARD HIM GO BY?

IS THERE
NO PLACE
WHERE A
MAN CAN
READ AND
TALK OF
POETRY IN
PEACE?



MEAL, MUSH AND GOAT'S MILK!
YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POETRY. AS
FOR ME, I WOULD MEET THE
HIGHWAYMAN IN FAIR BATTLE!

YES, I KNOW. YOU WOULD
LATER RELATE TO ME HOW
YOU PLAYED WITH HIM,
RAN HIM THROUGH, LEFT
HIM DYING--



DO YOU TRY TO MAKE
A FOOL OF ME? BY
THE SAINTS, I'LL--

'TIS BUT A JEST. NOW
THAT WE UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER, PERHAPS
THE GOOD BROTHER
WILL BRING US
SOME WINE.



MY SEARCH FOR QUIET
TAKES ME BACK TO MY
HACIENDA. ADIOS!

LET US HOPE YOU
SURVIVE THE HARDSHIPS
OF THE JOURNEY.



THE MINUTE DON DIEGO LEAVES THE MONASTERY, GONZALES GIVES ORDERS TO SEIZE THE GENTLE FRAY FELIPE.

I AM SURE THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF YOUR SELLING SPOILED HIDES. SUPPOSE YOU COME ALONG WITH US TO FACE CHARGES

YOU ACCUSE ME FALSELY?

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE PLAZA, BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAGISTRATE, DON DIEGO CATCHES SIGHT OF HIS FRIEND THE FRAY.

BY THE SAINTS, WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

THIS GODLY MAN HAS DONE NO HARM AND YOU KNOW HE IS MY FRIEND.

HE HAS BEEN CAUGHT SWINDLING. THE PENALTY IS FIFTEEN LASHES, AND HE MUST PAY THE PRICE.

NO, MY FRIEND, DO NOT INTERFERE. THE MAN HAS BEEN JUSTLY TRIED AND TO HELP HIM IS TO OFFEND THE GOVERNOR. HIS EXCELLENCY DOES NOT LIKE THE SOUND OF TREASON!

NOW, I SHALL HAVE BOTH THE HIDES AND MY MONEY. OF COURSE, THE SERGEANT WILL HAVE A SHARE, BUT IT IS STILL AN EASY WAY TO GROW RICHER.

IT IS NOW EVENING. THE FUR DEALER, GONZALES AND THE SOLDIERS ARE GATHERED IN THE TAVERN TO CELEBRATE THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS. THE LANDLORD BUSTLES ABOUT WITH WINE.

LANDLORD, CALL THE DEALER IN FURS, THE SERGEANT AND THAT ONE SOLDIER. I WOULD SPEAK WITH THEM. GIVE NO WARNING AND YOU WILL COME TO NO HARM.



NOW, MY LANDLORD, YOU WILL GIVE EACH MAN FIVE LASHES! WIELD THEM WITH ALL THE FORCE OF YOUR FAT BODY! IF ANY FALL TOO LIGHTLY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A LESSON FROM ME!



THIS IS A MAN TREATED, WHO PERJURES HIMSELF AND HAS AN HONEST FRAY PUNISHED!



LET ME NOT HEAR THAT TWENTY MEN ATTACKED YOU, OR MY WHIP WILL FLY AGAIN AND I SHALL WIELD IT!



MEANWHILE

... SO YOU SEE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE PULIDO FAMILY IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED. TWICE HAVE I KNOWN THEM TO HARBOR THIS CRIMINAL. ONCE, THE DAUGHTER EVEN HELPED HIM TO ESCAPE FROM ME.



I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PULIDO FAMILY. THEY ARE FOES OF THE STATE. HAVE YOUR MEN APPREHEND THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE WORKHOUSE!





I WOULD THAT MY SON WERE MORE WILD. I CAN OVERLOOK ESCAPADES MORE EASILY THAN HIS LIFELESSNESS. NO, MY CABALLEROS, THE HIGHWAYMAN HAS NOT PASSED THIS WAY.



DON ALEJANDRO ORDERS WINE FOR THE MEN. ALL GATHER AROUND SINGING AND TELLING TALES. FOR THE CHASE OF ZORRO IS A FINE EXCUSE FOR MERRY-MAKING. DON ALEJANDRO FEELS HIS OWN YOUTH RETURN AND ENTERTAINS WELL INTO THE NIGHT.



BACK, OR I FIRE! I HAVE NOT COME TO FIGHT YOU, BUT TO TELL YOU SOME TRUTHS ABOUT YOURSELVES.



TAKE UP YOUR SWORDS AGAINST OPPRESSION. YOU HAVE NO QUARREL WITH ME. YOU DRINK AND MAKE MERRY WHILE INJUSTICE IS ALL ABOUT YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU ARE SAFE BECAUSE YOU COME OF GOOD FAMILIES?



HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH. IT WAS JUST THIS MORNING THEY JAILED THE PULIDO FAMILY. AND THEY ARE OF THE FINEST BLOOD.



WHAT DID YOU SAY? CAN IT BE POSSIBLE THEY DARED GO SO FAR? YESTERDAY, THESE VILLAINS WHO GOVERN YOU, WHIPPED A DEFENSELESS MAN OF GOD. TODAY THE BEST FAMILY IN THE LAND IS JAILED.



WILL YOU STAY HERE AND DO NOTHING? OR WILL YOU SEEK ADVENTURE WITH ME? RISE UP AGAINST THIEVING POLITICIANS! LIVE UP TO YOUR NOBLE NAMES!





IT WOULD BE TREASON!

IT IS NOT TREASON TO DOWN A TYRANT!

LET'S DO IT!

AYE!

AYE!



YOU WILL LEAD US, SENOR?

SI, SEÑORES



WHAT A FIGURE OF A MAN IF ONLY DIEGO WERE MORE LIKE HIM.

ORGANIZE YOURSELVES. AT MY SIGNAL WE RIDE TO FREE THE PULIDO FAMILY



WAIT, WHO ARE YOU? LET US SEE YOUR FACE.

THAT, FOR NOW, MUST REMAIN A SECRET. I GIVE YOU MY WORD I AM OF GOOD BLOOD. ARE YOU WITH ME?

AYE, TO THE DEATH, SENOR.



WHEN WILL HE SIGNAL US?

THERE IS LITTLE TIME!

THESE WRONGS MUST BE RIGHTED.



NEXT DAY

LANDLORD, GIVE THESE GENTLEMEN MORE WINE. YOU MAY PUT IT ON MY BILL AS ALWAYS.

ADIOS, SEÑORES,
DRINK TO MY OLD AGE,
FOR IT LOOKS LIKE I
SHALL HAVE NO WIFE.



WHAT AN IDIOT, THIS
DON DIEGO! HOW DO
YOU STOMACH HIM?

MY STOMACH
LIKES HIS WINE.



SEÑOR, IF YOU PLEASE,
THERE IS A GENTLEMAN ON
THE SAN GABRIEL TRAIL.
HE SAYS THERE IS A FOX
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



GOOD. THIS IS THE SIGNAL!
I SHALL GATHER THE MEN,
AND MEET HIM AT ONCE.



COME, MY FRIENDS, ON
TO THAT MISERABLE HOLE
THEY CALL THE JAIL. THE
PULIDO FAMILY WILL
SOON BREATHE FRESH
AIR AGAIN!



OPEN, IF YOU
VALUE YOUR
LIFE!



DO NOT MAKE A MOVE OR YOU WILL BE
A DEAD MAN. GIVE ME THE KEYS TO
THE PRISON ROOMS.



THE MEN HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CARE
FOR YOUR PARENTS, SEÑORITA, AND IF YOU
TRUST ME, I SHALL CARE FOR YOU.

THANK THE
SAINTS! I KNEW
YOU WOULD
COME.



ADIOS, SEÑOR ZORRO.
WE SHALL MEET LATER.



WE GO TO
FRAY FELIPE.

TO LOVE IS TO
TRUST, SEÑOR.



I HAVE DONE YOU MANY A FAVOR,
GOOD FRAY. WILL YOU KEEP THE
SEÑORITA SAFE TILL MY RETURN?

I SHALL GUARD HER
WITH MY LIFE.



SEÑOR ZORRO, THE ARMY IS
SUSPICIOUS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP.
THAT FOOL GONZALES HAS
BEEN HERE AGAIN.



THEN WE MUST CONCEAL
HER PRESENCE HERE.



THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD HIDING
PLACE. THEY ARE NOT APT TO SEARCH
THOROUGHLY AGAIN, AND AT THE SOUND
OF DANGER THESE FURS WOULD
HIDE THE SEÑORITA.



WAIT, DID
YOU HEAR
SHOUTING?

IT IS
THE
ARMY!



LOOK, SEÑOR!
IT IS TOO LATE,
WE ARE CAUGHT!

BUT NOT DONE!
HURRY! INTO THE
STOREROOM!



THEY HAVE
NO CHANCE.

I SHALL BLOW THE
LOCK WITH MY
PISTOL.







THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR CONCERN,
BUT WE HAVE THE RASCAL WELL IN HAND.
HE IS NOT WORTHY OF YOUR BLADES.



THE GOVERNOR HAS PARDONED HIM,
AND WE ARE HERE TO SEE THE GOV-
ERNOR'S ORDERS CARRIED OUT. STAND
ASIDE, FAT ONE.



YOU ARE LYING... THE
REWARD? IT IS MINE. YOU
SHALL NOT HAVE IT!



NOW THAT YOU ARE
FREE, SEÑOR. LET
US SEE YOUR FACE.

I'M AFRAID IT'S GO-
ING TO BE A SAD
DISAPPOINTMENT TO
YOU.





DON CARLOS ENTERTAINS
ON THE OCCASION OF
ANNOUNCING THE
ENGAGEMENT OF HIS
DAUGHTER...





Captain Ramon



Don Alejandro



Zorro



Fray Felipe



Sgt. Gonzales

