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ZORRO

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KEEPS
A MYSTERIOUS
MEETING
TO DISCOVER...
"GARCIA'S
SECRET!"



*Sergeant Garcia's secret arouses
Don Diego's curiosity . . .*



*. . . so, with the help of his
faithful servant, Bernardo . . .*



*Zorro investigates and uncovers
a treacherous plot . . .*



and with the swiftness of his namesake, the fox . . . Zorro goes into action!

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GARCIA'S SECRET

AS DAWN BREAKS OVER THE COASTAL COURTYARD IN THE VILLAGE OF LOS ANGELES, A SLEEPY-EYED LANCER EMERGES FROM THE BARRACKS, A FOLDED FLAG BENEATH HIS ARM. BUT SUDDENLY HE REALIZES THAT ALL IS NOT AS IT SHOULD BE...

Z-ZORRO!
IT IS
ZORRO!



SERGEANT GARCIA!
COME QUICK! ZORRO
...THE FLAG...
IT'S... IT'S...!



OH... WHAT'S THAT?...
ZORRO? FLAG? WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

THERE! LOOK
UP THERE ON
THE FLAGPOLE!



HOLA! ZORRO HAS
BEEN HERE DURING
THE NIGHT! SOMETHING
TOLD ME NOT TO GET
UP THIS MORNING!

IT WAS ONLY A
FEW MINUTES
AGO, SERGEANT!
I JUST SAW HIM
GOING OVER THE
WALL!



WELL, DON'T JUST
STAND THERE! TAKE
IT DOWN QUICKLY...
BEFORE THE CAPTAIN
SEES IT!

BUT...BUT THE ROPE
IS GONE, SERGEANT!
I THINK THE FLAG
IS NAILED UP
THERE!



BAH! ALWAYS EXCUSES!
STAND BACK! I WILL
CLIMB THE POLE AND GET
THE FLAG MYSELF!

CLIMB
... UP
THERE...?



BAH! THAT ZORRO
AND HIS TRICKS!
HE HAS GREASED
THE POLE!

BUT IT COULDN'T
BE GREASED ALL
THE WAY! PERHAPS
IF YOU JUMPED
HIGHER...!



I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!
BEND DOWN SO I CAN GET
ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

UH...WELL...
IF I MUST...!







THE STABLE ROOF
NEEDS REPAIRING!
IF YOU CAN DO
THIS BY SUNSET
TOMORROW, YOU
CAN GO BACK TO
YOUR FAMILIES!
LET ME SEE, IT
WILL REQUIRE ABOUT
THIRTY BUCKETS
OF PITCH, WHICH
YOU MAY BRING
FROM THE TAR
PITS!



IT IS IMPOSSIBLE,
COMANDANTE! THE
TAR PITS ARE MILES
FROM HERE! EVEN
IF YOU GAVE US A
WAGON AND MEN
TO HELP, WE COULD
NOT...!

I WILL GIVE YOU
NOTHING BUT SIXTY
LASHES AND SIXTY
DAYS IF THE JOB
ISN'T FINISHED IN
TIME!...TAKE THEM
AWAY, SENTRY!



AS FOR YOU, GARCIA,
I GIVE YOU TWO MINUTES
TO REMOVE THAT FLAG!
TWO MINUTES,
UNDERSTAND?

Y-YES, MI
CAPITAN!



I WILL GET IT
DOWN! CORPORAL,
BRING ME AN AXE!



MINUTES LATER...

HERE
IS THE
ZERO FLAG, CAPITAN!
CUT THE FLAGPOLE
DOWN TO GET IT!

WHAT? CUT
THE FLAGPOLE
DOWN? GARCIA,
YOU ARE MORE
STUPID THAN I

THOUGHT! I OUGHT
TO HAVE YOU DISHONORABLY
DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE!



HAIR! THAT MIGHT BE
AN EXCELLENT IDEA!
YES... I WILL HAVE YOU
DISMISSED!

DISMISSED?
BUT... BUT...

YES, YOU WILL BE PUBLICLY DISGRACED! STRIPPED OF YOUR RANK! THEN YOU CAN JINGLE WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE! THEY PROTECT ZORRO... YOU MAY FIND OUT WHERE ZORRO HIDES!

OH...OH...I SEE! YOU ARE NOT *REALLY* DISMISSING ME... I *THINK!*



NO, GARCIA! AND IF YOU PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT, YOU MAY EVEN GET A PROMOTION... TO LIEUTENANT!

AH! LIEUTENANT GARCIA! THAT SOUNDS GOOD!



MUCH LATER THAT AFTERNOON...

BUENOS DIAS, SEÑOR ALCALDE! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE CROWD NEAR THE CUARTEL?

HAVE YOU NOT HEARD, PIESO? SERGEANT GARCIA HAS JUST BEEN DRUMMED OUT OF THE SERVICE! A PUBLIC COURT-MARTIAL!



IT IS TOO BAD WE ARE LATE! I WOULD LIKED TO HAVE BEEN THAT FOR MYSELF!

BE CAREFUL, SEÑOR!



IT'S JUST THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO SPILL A DROP, SEÑOR! IT HAS TAKEN US HALF A DAY TO GET THESE

THE TAR PITS? BUT WHERE ARE YOU TAKING TAR IN SUCH A HURRY?

BUCKETS FILLED AT THE TAR PITS!



TO REPAIR THE STABLE ROOF FOR THE COMANDANTE BY TOMORROW SUNSET... OR WE WILL GET SIXTY LASHES!

IT IS TERRIBLE, SEÑOR! WE DID NOTHING, BUT LAUGH AT THE FAT SERGEANT WHEN

HE TRIED TO GET ZORRO'S FLAG DOWN!



THIS IS BAD, BERNARDO! I CANNOT ALLOW THESE INNOCENT MEN TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF MY PRANKS! PERHAPS IF I TALKED TO GARCIA...



DIEGO FINDS THE APPARENTLY DEJECTED GARCIA IN THE TAVERN...

AH, THERE YOU ARE, GARCIA! MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

OF COURSE NOT... IF YOU DON'T MIND SITTING WITH A MISERABLE EX-SERGEANT!



NO ONE ELSE WILL EVEN TALK WITH ME NOW! BUT AT LEAST I AM GLAD I DO NOT HAVE TO DO THE COMANDANTE'S DIRTY WORK FOR HIM ANYMORE!

YOU MUST BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT OUR COMANDANTE, GARCIA!



WHAT DO I CARE? I SHALL BE A BEGGAR...A VAGRANT...AND END UP IN JAIL...UNLESS...UNLESS I KNEW WHERE TO FIND THIS ZORRO! HE WOULD HELP ME!

ZORRO! THE OUTLAW! SURELY YOU CANNOT MEAN THAT!



AH, DON DIEGO! WELCOME! WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

ER...MERELY A REQUEST! DO I HAVE YOU NO POSITION THAT MY FRIEND GARCIA MIGHT FILL?



WELL, ER...IF HE IS A FRIEND OF YOURS, DON DIEGO, I MIGHT... ER...POSSIBLY USE HIM! THAT IS, IF HE IS WILLING TO WORK FOR FOOD AND SLEEPING QUARTERS!

NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GRACIOUS OFFER TO ME! WHAT DO YOU SAY GARCIA? NOW YOU HAVE A JOB!



WELL, IT WILL ONLY BE TEMPORARY, DIEGO!
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! AS SOON AS I
CAN, I AM GOING TO JOIN
FORCES WITH ZORRO! I
WILL GET EVEN WITH
THE COMANDANTE!

AH, THEN
I WISH
YOU LUCK!



LATE THAT NIGHT, GARCIA IS BUSY CLEANING
THE TAVERN AND NOT LIVING HIS JOB TOO WELL...

THIS IS A
MUCH BIGGER
TAVERN THAN
I THOUGHT,
SEÑOR TIO!

WELL, AFTER YOU'RE
FINISHED HERE, YOU MAY
BRING IN WOOD FOR THE
MORNING FIRE, SOOPE
THE POTS, AND CLEAN
THE LAMPS!



THEN, AFTER YOU HAVE
SCRUBBED THE KITCHEN
FLOOR, YOU MAY GO TO
BED! THERE
IS A COT AT
THE BACK
ENTRANCE!
BUENAS
NOCHES!

(GULP)...Y-YES,
SEÑOR!



MINUTES LATER...

GOOD EVENING,
GARCIA! I HAVE
HEARD THAT YOU WISHED
TO BE MY FRIEND!

WH-WHAT..?



MAKE NO NOISE, GARCIA!
I WISH TO KNOW THE
REASON FOR THIS SUDDEN
CHANGE OF HEART OF
YOURS!

Z-ZORRO! YOU...
YOU MUST
BELIEVE ME...!
I SEE THINGS
DIFFERENTLY
NOW!



I UNDERSTAND NOW
WHY YOU HAVE FOUGHT
AGAINST MONASTARIO!
I, TOO, WISH TO
PUNISH HIM FOR HIS
CRIMES! I CAN HELP
YOU, ZORRO! I AM
AN EXCELLENT
HORSEMAN...A GOOD
SHOOTSMAN...WELL,
REASONABLY GOOD!



H-H-H! PERHAPS I SHALL TEST THIS NEWLY-FOUND PURITY...! MEET ME AT DAWN AT THE SIGNPOST OF THE LA BREA RANCHO!

YOU MEAN... THE ONE NEAR THE TAR PITS?



THAT'S RIGHT! WILL I EXPECT YOU?

YES! YES! I WILL BE THERE! AT DAWN!



AFTER WAITING A SHORT TIME TO MAKE SURE ZORRO HAD LEFT, GARCIA HURRIES TO THE CUARTEL...

HOW DARE YOU AWAKEN ME AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOUR PLAN WORKED, CAPITAN! I HAVE JUST SEEN ZORRO AT THE TAVERN! HE WANTS ME TO MEET HIM AT DAWN!



AH! GOOD! THEN ZORRO IS TAKING YOU INTO HIS CONFIDENCE! BUT WHERE ARE YOU TO MEET HIM?

AT THE SIGNPOST OF THE LA BREA RANCHO. WE WILL CAPTURE ZORRO, AND THEN I SHALL BECOME A LIEUTENANT, EH, CAPITAN?

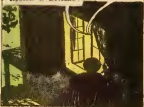


PERHAPS! BUT NOW RETURN TO THE TAVERN! USE ONE OF THOSE HORSES AT DAWN! I SHALL FOLLOW WITH A COMPANY OF LANCERS!

YES, CAPITAN! ZORRO WILL BE PLENTY SURPRISED!

OH, GARCIA! TELL THE CORPORAL THAT I SHALL LEAVE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY ON MY DESK!

GOOD! I'VE LEARNED ALL I NEED TO KNOW!



DOWN FINDS PEPE AND PANCHITO AT THE TAB FINE.
STILL HEAVILY TRYING TO CARRY OUT
MONASTARIO'S ORDERS...

BE CAREFUL,
PEPE! DO NOT
FALL IN, FOR
I AM TOO TIRED
TO PULL YOU OUT!

WHAT IS THE
-USE? WE CAN
NEVER FINISH
BY SUNSET!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

DUCK
DOWN!
THE COMMANDANTE AND SOME
OF HIS MEN! I WONDER IF
THEY ARE AFTER THE SERGEANT?

¿QUÉN SABER?
THEY WILL
BE AFTER
US IF THEY
SEE WE ARE
NOT BUSY
AT WORK!



WELL?
WHERE
IS
ZORRO?

HE LEFT THIS NOTE, MY CAPTAIN!
IT SAYS TO PROCEED AT ONCE
TO THE SUMMIT OF SAN
VICENTE ROCK!



LOOK! THERE IS THE
FAT SERGEANT WE
LAUGHED AT! WHAT
COULD HE BE DOING
HERE?

HE LOOKS HAPPY,
INDEED! PERHAPS
IT IS BECAUSE HE
WAS THROWN OUT
OF THE ARMY!



REACHING THE SIGNPOST, GARCIA FINDS ONLY
A NOTE WAITING FOR HIM...

H-H-HA! FROM
ZORRO! I'D BETTER
CALL THE CAPTAIN!



WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, THEN?
HIDE THERE!
WE WILL BE
BEHIND YOU!

YES, CAPTAIN! BUT IT
IS A LONG WAY...!



MUCH LATER, GARCIA IS THE FIRST TO REACH SAN VICENTE ROCK...

SEÑOR COMANDANTE, DO I HAVE TO CLIMB WAY UP THERE? IT IS SO STEEP!

FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS! HE MUST BE UP THERE!

PERHAPS HE WANTED TO MEET YOU IN A MORE SECRETIVE PLACE THAN THE TAR PITS!



BUT, AS MONASTARIO AND HIS MEN START UP AFTER GARCIA...

COMANDANTE... I D-DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU... IT... MUST HAVE BEEN A TRICK! ZORRO IS... NOT HERE!

WHAT? YOU IDIOT, BRINGING US ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE! FOR THIS, I WILL THROW YOU OUT OF THE ARMY!



BACK IN THE COURTYARD OF THE CUARTEL, THE CORPORAL HAS READ THE ORDERS FOR THE DAY...

THAT'S STRANGE! THE COMANDANTE WANTS ME TO PUT EVERY BUCKET IN THE CUARTEL INTO HIS CARRIAGE AND TAKE THEM TO THE TAR PITS, WHERE I WILL RECEIVE FURTHER ORDERS!

WELL, ORDERS ARE ORDERS!



BAH! THIS SECRET MISSION TO CATCH ZORRO IS MUCH HARDER WORK THAN I EXPECTED!

HURRY, GARCIA! WE WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



ZORRO IS WISE TO US! FOR SOME REASON, HE WANTED US AWAY FROM THE CUARTEL! HE'S PROBABLY BURNING THE BARRACKS! TO YOUR HORSES, QUICKLY!

AND SOON, ON THE DUSTY ROAD THAT LEADS TO THE TAR PITS...

THAT'S THE COMANDANTE'S COACH! I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHO CARES? WE'VE STILL GOT TO GET THIS TAR TO LOS ANGELES!



THEN THE COACH REACHES THE TAR PIT...

VERY GOOD, CORPORAL!
I SEE YOU READ THE NOTE
I SUBSTITUTED FOR THE
COMANDANTE'S ORDERS
FOR THE ROY!

WH-WHAT?
ZORRO!



THAT'S RIGHT! NOW TAKE
THE BUCKETS OUT AND FILL
THEM WITH PITCH! EVERY
ONE OF THEM!

WHATEVER YOU
SAY, SEÑOR
ZORRO!



SOME TIME LATER...

YOU ARE A FAST
WORKER, CORPORAL!
THAT'S THE LAST BUCKET TO FILL! NOW YOU
MAY DRIVE BACK TO THE QUARTER! AND I
SUGGEST THAT YOU HURRY AS THE
COMANDANTE WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF
HE KNEW YOU USED HIS CARRIAGE
TO HAUL PITCH!

YOU...
YOU
WOULDN'T
TELL HIM, WOULD YOU?



WHEN YOU GET BACK,
FINISH REPAIRING
THE STABLE ROOF...
AND I SHALL KEEP
YOUR SECRET!
ADIOS, AMIGO!



AND NOW, MONASTAZO
AND HIS MEN SHOULD
BE RETURNING THIS WAY
SOON FROM THEIR LONG
RIDE! PERHAPS I CAN
RIG A LITTLE SURPRISE
FOR THEM!



JUST A FEW BUSHES
ALONG THE BANK, AND
THE TAR PIT WILL BE
COMPLETELY HIDDEN
FROM THIS SIDE!



NOT FAR FROM THE LA BREA BRANCHO SHERIFF.

CAPTAIN! CAN WE
NOT REST ONCE
MORE? MY HORSE
IS READY TO DROP!

ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT
FOR LONG! THAT ZORRO
IS UP TO SOMETHING TO
MAKE ME LOOK
RIDICULOUS!



HOLA,
CAPTAIN!

WH-WHAT'S THAT?



ZORRO! AFTER
HIM!

YES, CAPTAIN! AND I AM GOING TO LEAD YOU A MERRY CHASE!



AH! I'M HIDDEN BY
TREES! NOW TO SORT
THE TAR PIT AND WAIT
ON THE OTHER SIDE!



HE HEADED INTO THAT
CLUMP OF TREES!
CLOSE IN ON HIM!

AHA! MAYBE I WILL
BE A LIEUTENANT,
AFTER ALL!







LOOK OUT,
YOU IDIOTS!
(ULP!)

¡NIN-YI YIVIER!

LATER, BACK IN THE PLAZA, NEAR THE CUARTEL...

CAPTAIN MONASTAGIO! I
JUST SAW YOUR STABLE
ROOF COVERED WITH NEW
PITCH! SUCH A FINE JOB...
AND I SEE THAT YOU HAVE
BEEN WORKING ON IT, TOO!

YOU ARE NOT
VERY AMUSING,
SEÑOR DE LA
VEGA!



AND SERGEANT GARCIA!
CONGRATULATIONS! I SEE
YOU ARE BACK IN THE
FOLD! IT IS WHERE YOU
REALLY BELONG! NOT

THIS IS NOT THE
MOMENT TO
CONGRATULATE ME,
DON DIEGO!
SOME OTHER TIME,
PLEASE!



GUARDS! HEAT
WATER! PLENTY
OF IT! AND CLOSE
THOSE GATES
BEHIND YOU!

THERE ARE PANCHO AND
PEPE LEAVING THE
CUARTEL! THE CAPTAIN
HAS NO FURTHER REASON
TO HOLD THEM!



YES, I SEE IT, BERNARDO! THE LETTER "Z"
HAS BEEN PRINTED ON EACH GATE! AND IN
BLACK TAR!



H-M-H! LOOKS LIKE ZORRO MAY HAVE BEEN
AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. OH, BERNARDO!
BUT NOW, LET'S GET BACK TO THE HACIENDA!

I COULD USE
SOME SLEEP!

WALT DISNEY'S

Zorro

THE KING'S EMISSARY



AN UNUSUAL SIGHT GREETS THE TOWN'S PEOPLE... DON DIEGO DE LA VEGA IS BEING ESTORTED UNDER GUARD...



ONE MOMENT!
WHAT IS
WRONG, DIEGO?

YOUR PARDON, SENOR
ALCAIDE! IT IS NOT
PERMITTED TO SPEAK
TO THE PRISONER!



PRISONER?
WHAT IS
SENOR DE
LA VEGA
CHARGED
WITH?

A SERGEANT IS NOT
SUPPOSED TO KNOW
ANYTHING, YOUR HONOR!
I JUST FOLLOW ORDERS!



YOU ARE WELL
QUALIFIED FOR
YOUR RANK,
SERGEANT!

PLEASE, DON DIEGO, WE
HAVE NO TIME FOR
SMALL TALK! WE MUST
REPORT TO CAPTAIN
MONASTARIO!



BY ALL MEANS! WE MUSTN'T KEEP
THE COMANDANTE WAITING! ¡HASTA LA
VISTA, MY FRIEND!



HERE IS SEÑOR DIEGO DE LA VEGA, MI CAPITAN, AS ORDERED!

GOOD! SERGEANT, CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU! WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO YOU, TOO!

I HAVE HERE A LONG LIST OF ZORRO'S OFFENSES, AND ONE VERY INTERESTING FACT HAS STRUCK ME, SEÑOR DE LA VEGA!

I LIKE INTERESTING FACTS, CAPITAN!



YOU MAY NOT LIVE THIS! EVERY TIME ZORRO HAS STRUCK, YOU WERE CLOSE AT HAND! BUT WHEN HE ACTUALLY APPEARED, YOU WERE NEVER SEEN! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

THAT IS EASY, CAPITAN! DON DIEGO IS A FRAUD! AFTER ALL, HE IS NOT A SOLDIER! HE IS A SCHOLAR!

BAH! HIS DISGUISE AS A SCHOLAR IS TOO GOOD! HE IS ZORRO!



NO! NO! NO! SEÑOR COMANDANTE, IN ALL OF CALIFORNIA, NO MAN IS LESS LIKELY TO BE ZORRO THAN DON DIEGO!

WELL, ACTUALLY, I'M RATHER FLATTERED, BUT SURELY, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

SEÑOR COMANDANTE! I RODE HERE AS FAST AS I COULD! HE IS ALMOST HERE! A MATTER OF HALF AN HOUR, AT LEAST!

WHAT? WHO IS HERE, STUPIDO?



THE VICEROY, DON ESTEBAN SALAZAR, HIMSELF, COMING TOWARD THE PUEBLO!

THE VICEROY? BUT WHY IS HE COMING HERE WITHOUT WARNING?



W-H-A-M! PERHAPS MY POLITICAL ENEMIES HAVE BEEN SPREADING LIES ABOUT ME... SAYING I HAVE AN INCOMPETENT ADMINISTRATION! AH! BUT I WILL FOOL THEM!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, MI CAPITAN?



SERGEANT, WE WILL HAVE A JOYOUS RECEPTION FOR THE VICEROY! EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES WILL BE HAPPY! OUR JAIL WILL BE EMPTY!

BUT... BUT THE JAIL IS PACKED... AND PEOPLE ARE NOT HAPPY!



EMPTY THE JAIL, YOU IDIOT! TAKE THEM TO THE TAVERN FOR FREE REFRESHMENTS! THEY WILL BE HAPPY BY THE TIME THE VICEROY ARRIVES! AND I WANT THEM TO CHEER! IS THAT CLEAR?

YES, MI CAPITAN! I AM ON MY WAY!



AND WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOUR REPUTATION, CAPITAN?

AH! YOU SEÑOR ZORRO, REMAIN HERE AS MY POLITICAL PRISONER! THE VICEROY WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE I HAVE FINALLY CAPTURED SUCH A BANDIT!



PRESENTLY, DOWN AT THE CELL BLOCK...

COME ON OUT! YOU ARE ALL FREE!

WHAT? WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THIS?



THEY'LL SHOOT US IN THE BACK AND THEN SAY WE WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE!

AMIGOS! THIS IS A FIESTA! THE VICEROY IS COMING TO SEE US! OUR GENEROUS COMANDANTE IS GIVING FREE REFRESHMENTS TO ALL OF YOU!



WHA? WHY DID YOU NOT SAY SO BEFORE? WE WILL GO!

A FIESTA! FREE REFRESHMENTS!



AMIGOS! WAIT FOR ME! WE WILL GO TO THE TAVERN!

TO THE TAVERN!
TO THE TAVERN!



MEANWHILE, MONASTERO'S LANCERS ARE ROUNDING UP THE CHALIM POPULATION...

WH-WHAT IS IT? WE HAVE DONE NOTHING!

YOU ARE TO CHEER FOR THE VICEROY! OUTSIDE, QUICKLY, WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!



HURRY! THIS IS A HOLIDAY! ENJOY YOURSELVES! AND CHEER LOUD FOR THE VICEROY! HE WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!





YOUR EXCELLENCY, IT IS WITH FEELINGS
OF PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND HUMILITY
THAT I GREET YOU!

IF YOU DON'T MIND, COMANDANTE,
WE WILL DISPENSE WITH
THE FORMAL SPEECH!



THIS IS MY
DAUGHTER,
CONSTANCIA,
CAPITAN!

SEÑORITA, THIS POOR
PUEBLO IS ~~POURSELY~~
HONORED! I AM YOUR
MOST OBEIENT SERVANT!



WELL, I SEE WE HAVE GALLANTRY AT
EVEN THE MOST REMOTE OUTPOSTS! IT
RENEWES MY FAITH IN THE STABILITY
OF THE SPANISH EMPIRE!



THIS IS AMAZING! THE
OFFICIAL REPORT OF THIS
PUEBLO SPOKE OF CRIME,
CORRUPTION, AND
PACKED JAILS!

AH, SEE FOR
YOURSELF,
EXCELLENCY!
THE JAILS ARE
EMPTY! THE
PEOPLE ARE
HAPPY!



I'LL NOT DENY THAT
I FOUND A GREAT DEAL
OF CRIME WHEN I TOOK
OVER THIS PUEBLO!
PERHAPS THE REPORTS
WERE WRITTEN THEN!

H-M-H! WELL,
I'M CERTAINLY
GLAD I DECIDED
TO MAKE THE
TRIP HERE
MYSELF... TO
RIND OUT THE
TRUTH!



BUT WHAT OF THIS
OUTLAW CALLED
ZORRO THE FOX? IS
HE AS FALSE AS THE
OTHER CHARGES?

NO, YOUR
EXCELLENCY! ZORRO
IS AS CLEVER AS
THE FOX! BUT I
WILL HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO SAY
ON THAT SUBJECT
LATER!



FATHER, CAPTAN
MONASTARIO HAS
OBVIOUSLY PLANNED
A SURPRISE FOR US!

YOU WILL SEE!
BUT PERHAPS
NOW YOU WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE
A FURTHER
INSPECTION!



SOON, IN MONASTARIO'S QUARTERS...

THIS IS
LICENCIADO
PINA, MY
PRIME
MINISTER!

YOUR SERVANT,
EXCELLENCY!



AND NOW, ABOUT
THIS MAN ZORRO!
AS YOU KNOW, HE
HAS BEEN A CONSTANT
SOURCE OF TERROR TO
THE ENTIRE PEOPLE!
HE STRIKES AT NIGHT,
WHILE THE INNOCENT
ARE ASLEEP! WE
HAVE BEEN
POWERLESS
AGAINST HIM!



BUT I NOW HAVE THE HONOR TO ANNOUNCE
THAT, AT THIS MOMENT, ZORRO IS MY
PRISONER!... SERGEANT, BRING HIM
IN AT ONCE!



HERE HE IS, MY CAPTAIN!
WE HAVE GUARDED HIM WELL!



THIS MAN IS A TURNCOAT OF THE WORSE SORT! A MAN WHO HELPED A RESPECTED POSITION IN THIS COMMUNITY!

BUT WHO...?

A YOUNG NOBLEMAN, YOUR EXCELLENCY, BY THE NAME OF...

DON DIEGO DE LA VEGA!



YOU... YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

WHY, OF COURSE! DIEGO AND MY SON WENT TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY IN SPAIN!



IT IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER AGAIN, EXCELLENCY!

BUT WHAT OF THIS CHARGE, DIEGO? THE DE LA VEGAS ARE THE WEALTHIEST LAND OWNERS IN CALIFORNIA! YOU HAVE NO REASON TO TURN OUTLAW... TO ROB PEOPLE!



IF TURNING OUTLAW MEANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMANDANTE'S TYRANNY, THERE IS EXCELLENT REASON! ZORRO WAS MY COMPLETE SYMPATHY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I DO NOT HAVE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS!



HE LIES! PINA AND GARCIA HAVE SEEN ZORRO CLOSELY MANY TIMES! THEY COULD EASILY IDENTIFY HIM!

ER... YES, MY CAPTAIN! IT IS... INDEED ZORRO!



ER... DON ESTEBAN, IF YOU WOULD SEND THE COMANDANTE OUT TO COOL HIS REFUELLED HEAD A MOMENT, I WOULD HAVE A WORD WITH YOU!

WHATEVER THE PRISONER HAS TO SAY CAN BE SAID IN MY PRESENCE!



IT SEEMS A REASONABLE REQUEST, COMANDANTE! I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM!

WELL, OF COURSE... IF YOUR EXCELLENCY INSISTS... COME WITH ME, GARCIA!



AFTER MONASTARIO AND GARCIA HAVE WRITTEN IN THE ROLL A FEW MINUTES...

THE VICEROY ASKS THAT YOU ENTER NOW, CAPTAIN!

I WONDER WHAT LIES DE LA VEGA HAS TOLD THE VICEROY?



CAPTAIN MONASTARIO, DIEGO HAS TOLD ME HOW YOU, YOURSELF, PROVIDED HIM WITH THIS ZORRO DISGUISE!

THAT IS SO! IT IS IDENTICAL TO THE COSTUME ZORRO ALWAYS WEARS!



I ASK YOU TO LOOK MORE CAREFULLY AT THIS DISGUISE! COULD NOT ANY MAN WEARING THIS BE MISTAKEN FOR ZORRO?

NO, YOUR EXCELLENCY! ANOTHER MAN COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE OF THE SAME HEIGHT, THE SAME BUILD, AND EVEN WEAR A MUSTACHE SUCH AS THIS!



WELL, ONE COULD NOT ASK FOR A MORE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION THAN THAT!

WH-WHAT?



THEN...
THEN
WHO IS
TALKING?

ONE OF YOUR OWN LANCERS,
CAPTAIN! HE ACTED ON MY
ORDERS, SO NO HARM IS TO
COME TO HIM!



WE SHALL LET HIS EXCELLENCY
SEE HOW YOU HANDLE THE
BLADE! FIGHT WELL, ZORRO,
BECAUSE I AM GOING TO
KILL YOU!

FATHER!
YOU
MUST
STOP
THEM!



CAPTAIN!
THAT IS
ENOUGH!
STOP!



ANOTHER OF ZORRO'S TRICKS! WELL,
THERE'S ONE WAY TO PROVE HIS GUILT!



I SHALL
FORCE YOU
TO REVEAL
YOURSELF!

REVEAL MYSELF AS A POOR
SWORDSMAN? BUT YOU KNOW
THAT ALREADY, CAPTAIN!



NOW, ADMIT
IT, PE LA
VEGA! ADMIT
THAT YOU ARE
ZORRO!



SUDDENLY...

CRASH



"ZORRO" RIDES A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY AND WITH A GRIN HE UNMasks...



WELL, I MUST ADMIT, YOU PUT ON A VERY CONVINCING SHOW, CAPTAIN!

WHAT? A **SHOW**?



IT IS ZORRO!
THE REAL
ZORRO!

BUT...BUT HOW
CAN IT BE?



BACK IN THE CHATEL...

ATTACHED TO THE ROCK!... "SORRY TO HAVE MISSED MEETING THE VICEROY!" AND IT IS SIGNED "ZORRO!"

I... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!



YES! YOU SEE, I ALREADY HAD MUCH EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU, AND YOUR PARTNER, PINA!... BUT IT WAS YOUR FOOLISH HANDLING OF THIS ZORRO INCIDENT THAT CONVINCED ME THAT YOU ARE AN INCOMPETENT TYRANT!



BUT... BUT
YOUR
EXCELLENCY...

ENOUGH! LANCERS!
PLACE MONASTARIO
AND PINA UNDER
ARREST!



TAKE THEM AWAY!



SERGEANT GARCIA, YOU WILL
TAKE OVER COMMAND OF
THIS GARRISON UNTIL A
NEW OFFICER IS
APPOINTED!

T-TAKE
OVER
COMMAND, SIR



YES, SIR,
YOUR
EXCELLENCY!
RIGHT AWAY,
SIR!



AND NOW WE MUST TAKE OUR LEAVE, DIEGO!
I TRUST GARCIA WILL MAKE A GOOD COMMANDANTE
FOR A TIME!

I'M CERTAIN HE WILL, SIR! AND
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOOD
TASTE! YOU CERTAINLY SELECTED THE
BIGGEST MAN FOR THE JOB!



WALT DISNEY'S

the little Zorro

ONE DAY AS DON DIEGO AND BERNARDO ARE RETURNING FROM THE PUEBLO...

EH, BERNARDO... IT SEEMS THE LITTLE ONE HAS TROUBLE!

SOS...
SOS...



WHAT IS THE MATTER? ARE YOU LOST, LITTLE ONE?

NO... NOT EXACTLY, SEÑOR! IT IS JUST THAT I AM UNHAPPY! I HAVE COME ALL THE WAY FROM SANTA BARBARA... BUT I CANNOT FIND THE MAN I SEEK!... **ZORRO!**



ZORRO! BUT WHY DO YOU SEEK SUCH A MAN?

TO JOIN WITH HIM, SEÑOR! HE FIGHTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE! I WISH TO DO THE SAME! I WISH FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW THE NAME OF MANUEL!



COME ALONG TO MY HACIENDA, MANUEL! AFTER A NICE HOT MEAL, WE CAN TALK MORE OF YOUR WISHES!

S, SEÑOR! GRACIAS!



LATER, AT DON DIEGO'S HACIENDA...

YOU WERE HUNGRY, MANUEL! HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOUR LAST MEAL?

I THINK TWO DAYS, SEÑOR... AND THEN IT WAS JUST BERRIES!



THAT IS VERY BAD!
AND IT SEEMS
DANGEROUS FOR A
BOY OF YOUR AGE
TO BE SO FAR AWAY
FROM HOME! YOUR
PARENTS WILL BE
WORRIED!

I HAVE NO
PARENTS, SEÑOR!
THE RANCHER
WHO CARED FOR
ME WAS VERY
CRUEL! THAT
IS WHY I RAN
AWAY!



I WISH TO MAKE SOMETHING OF MY
LIFE! WHEN I FIND ZORRO, I AM
CERTAIN HE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP ME!
I WILL FIGHT AT HIS SIDE AGAINST
INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY!



IT IS JUST POSSIBLE
THAT YOU *MIGHT* BE
ABLE TO CONTACT
ZORRO! WOULD THAT
PLEASE YOU?

OH, SÍ!
VERY MUCH!



BERNARDO WILL RIDE
WITH YOU TO THE
MISSION! ZORRO IS
SEEN THERE OFTEN!

GRACIAS,
SEÑOR!
MUCHOS
GRACIAS!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN THE SECRET
ROOM...

IT SEEMS THAT THIS
ASSIGNMENT FOR ZORRO
WILL TAKE THE UTMOST
TACT! THE LITTLE ONE
IS QUITE SERIOUS!



NO, TORNADO!
THIS WILL BE
A SHORT TRIP,
BUT AN IMPORT-
ANT ONE!



SOMETIME LATER...

ZORRO!
IT IS
REALLY
YOU!

YES, MY LITTLE
ONE! ARE YOU
ON YOUR WAY TO
THE MISSION?



I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU
MEAN,
SEÑOR?

I MEAN YOU MUST PREPARE
YOURSELF FOR SERVICE!
WHAT OF YOUR SCHOOLING?
DO YOU NOT THINK THAT
IS IMPORTANT?



FRANCISCO HAS MANY
BOYS IN HIS CARE AT THE
MISSION SCHOOL! THAT
IS WHERE YOU BELONG
UNTIL YOU ARE READY
TO JOIN US!

BUT, BUT THAT
IS SO LONG! I
WISH TO HELP
YOU NOW! I
WISH TO BE A
MAN!



SI! THAT IS TRUE!
I HOPED TO FIND
YOU THERE! I WANT
NOTHING BUT TO BE
OF SERVICE TO MY
PEOPLE!

THAT IS VERY GOOD!
I WISH EVERY
YOUNGSTER FELT
AS YOU DO... BUT
ARE YOU GOING
ABOUT IT THE
RIGHT WAY?



SI... I
SUPPOSE
SO...
BUT...

THE GREATEST WEAPON AGAINST
TYRANNY IS INTELLIGENCE! TO
GAIN THAT, YOU MUST GO TO
SCHOOL... THINK... AND HAVE
THE PROPER GUIDANCE!



YOU MUST NOT BE IMPATIENT, LITTLE
ONE! YOU ARE A BOY FOR SO SHORT
A TIME! YOU ARE A MAN THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE!



SUDDENLY...

SERGEANT GARCIA!
IT IS ZORRO!

SI, BABOSO! I HAVE
EYES! THIS TIME HE
WILL NOT ESCAPE!



HURRY, ZORRO!
DO NOT LET
THEM CAPTURE
YOU!



BAM!

OH! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS
TO ZORRO, IT WILL BE MY
FAULT! THAT CANNOT BE!
I MUST HELP HIM IN
SOME WAY!



I AM SORRY, BERNARDO! BUT I
MUST BORROW YOUR HORSE!

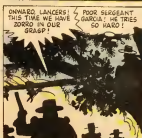
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FASTER, TORNAPO! SERGEANT
GARCIA SEEMS QUITE INTENT
ON HIS WORK TODAY!

**BAM
BAM
BAM**





SOMETIME LATER, AT THE HACIENDA...

SEÑORES, I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! I MET ZORRO! ONE MOMENT HE WAS THERE... AND THE NEXT, ONLY HIS HORSE! THE LANCERS TRIED TO CATCH THE GREAT STALLION, BUT IT WAS LIKE GRASPING FOR SMOKE! I DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO!



THEN YOU AGREE WITH ZORRO'S ADVICE, DON PIESO? IF SO, I'LL GO TO PADRE OROZCO'S MISSION SCHOOL!

YES, MANUELO! MATTER OF FACT, I COULDN'T HAVE PUT IT ANY BETTER MYSELF!



I BELIEVE SEÑOR ZORRO WAS RIGHT WHEN HE TOLD ME I FIRST HAD TO LEARN... THEN I WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE GOOD ADVICE TO ME, MANUELO!



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that's



**HUEY, DEWEY and LOUIE
BACK to SCHOOL**



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Fiesta time was a happy time in the lives of the *Rancheros* of old California. The young men donned their finest velvet vests and rode horses decorated with elaborate silver-mounted saddles. The women and girls were beautiful in their colorful mantillas (shawls), skirts, and sashes.



There were rodeos, games on horseback, and much feasting. The older people were content to watch, renew acquaintances and talk of their huge *haciendas* while the tireless young folks danced all night.



A popular fiesta was the "Cascarón Fiesta." It was held just before Easter. Hollow eggshells (*Cascarones*) were filled with perfume or confetti and the young men broke them over the heads of the blushing girls.



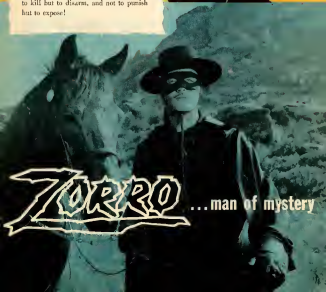
When Yankee ships were in the harbor, the *Rancheros* invited the ship's officers and men to join in the festivities. The sailors left with fond memories . . . some even returned to settle in California.



When the gay time was over, the tired children and older folks rode home in *carreras* (carts), while the young people, still full of life and energy, galloped away on their colorful mounts.

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ZORRO

...man of mystery