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WALT DISNEY'S

ZORRO





When DON DIEGO realizes that the mysterious happenings within the pueblo are a direct threat to Sergeant Garcia's life...



He dons the cloak of ZORRO, and with the speed of an avenging falcon, he seeks out the offenders .



And then finds himself in a predicament worse than Sergeant Garcia's...

BUT THE OTHER MEN ARE NO MORE SUCCESSFUL!



LUCK OF THE
DEVIL! THERE
GOES MY
BEARSKIN
RUG!

I THINK SOMETHING MUST BE
WRONG! I HAVE SEEN ONE
MUSKET FAIL TO FIRE...EVEN
TWO...BUT NEVER BEFORE DID
I SEE EVERYBODY'S MUSKET
FAIL TO FIRE AT THE SAME
TIME!



THE POWDER IS NOT
WET! THIS IS VERY
PECULIAR!

IT DOES NOT LOOK
QUITE LIKE GUNPOWDER!
IT DOES NOT SMELL
LIKE GUNPOWDER!



WELL, DOES IT
~~TASTE~~ LIKE
GUNPOWDER?

ASPCA! I DO NOT KNOW!
I HAVE NEVER TASTED
GUNPOWDER BEFORE!



SARGO! OF COURSE, OUR
MUSKETS DID NOT FIRE!
THIS IS CHARCOAL!

CHARCOAL? BUT
HOW COULD THAT
BE?



WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY,
WE HAD A BARREL OF COBB,
BUT WE LET IT STAND TOO
LONG AND IT TURNED TO
VINEGAR!

WHAT HAS THAT
GOT TO DO WITH
GUNPOWDER?



MAYBE THE
GUNPOWDER
STOOD TOO
LONG AND IT
TURNED TO
CHARCOAL !

PROBLEMS... WORRIES ! THAT'S
ALL I'VE HAD EVER SINCE THEY
PUT ME IN CHARGE UNTIL THE
ARRIVAL OF THE NEW
COMANDANTE !

OH, NOW I WISH I
WAS STILL JUST A
PLAIN SERGEANT
AND CAPTAIN
TOLEDANO WAS
BACK HERE IN
CHARGE OF
THINGS !

MAYBE WE SHOULD
CHECK ALL THE
POWDER KEGS ! THIS
COULD BE
SERIOUS !

SI ! WE CANNOT DO
MUCH WITH CHARCOAL
EXCEPT BUILD
A FIRE !

**A SILENT WITNESS TO THE STRANGE SPECTACLE
IS BERNARDO, ZORRO'S TRUSTED MUTE SERGENT...**



**AND LATER THE SAME
DAY, AS SERGEANT
GARCIA TALKS
CONFIDENTIALLY WITH
THE MAN HE
KNOWS AS DON PEDRO
DE LA VEGA...**

WHAT? YOU SAY SOMEONE WAS
STOLEN ALL OF THE GUNPOWDER
OUT OF THE CUARTEL ?
LEFT ONLY CHARCOAL ?

SI ! BUT, PLEASE, DON PEDRO... I
TELL YOU THIS ONLY BECAUSE YOU
ARE A MAN I CAN TRUST ! IT MUST
NOT GO ANY FURTHER !



I HAVE TOLD MY MEN TO KEEP IT A SECRET! IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD TO HAVE THE KING'S ENEMIES KNOW WE ARE ALMOST WITHOUT GUNPOWDER!

THAT WAS WISE, SERGEANT! WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NEXT?



WELL, THE FIRST THING I WILL DO IS TO... WELL, THAT IS, I... COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!

WOULD YOU MIND IF I MADE A SMALL SUGGESTION?



OH, NO, SIR! I WOULD MOST APPRECIATE IT!

POSSIBLY YOU COULD QUESTION EVERYONE WITHIN THE GUARTEL! FIND OUT IF ANYONE HAS SEEN ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!



SIR! THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I WILL DO! I'M GLAD I THOUGHT OF IT!



MUCH LATER...

IT IS NO USE, CORPORAL! WE HAVE QUESTIONED EVERYONE! WE HAVE LEARNED NOTHING!

SIR! THAT IS TRUE... AND WE ARE ALMOST DEFENSELESS WITHOUT GUNPOWDER!



BEFORE HE LEFT, CAPTAIN TOLD ME OF OUR ENEMY, THE EAGLE, AND HIS PLOTTERS, WHO MAY ATTACK AT ANY MOMENT! OH, NOW I WISH THE CAPTAIN WAS HERE TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FROM MY SHOULDERS!



YOU HAVE NOT YET
ASKED THE QUESTION
OF SÈNORA TOLEDANO!

BUT SHE IS THE
COMANDANTE'S
WIFE!



BUT YOU SAID YOU WERE
GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS
OF EVERY PERSON IN THE
CUARTEL... AND SHE IS A
PERSON!

THAT IS TRUE!
I WILL GO NOW
AND DO WHAT
MUST BE DONE!



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE LIVING QUARTERS OF
THE COMANDANTE...

A THOUSAND
PARDONS, SÈNORA, BUT AS ACTING
COMANDANTE, I MUST QUESTION
EVERYONE... INCLUDING YOU!

WHAT IS IT
YOU WISH
TO KNOW?



WELL, I HAVE BEEN THINKING
ABOUT HOW THE GUNPOWDER
COULD GET OUT OF
THE CUARTEL...

AND YOU
THINK I
MIGHT
KNOW?



SÈNORA... THE ONLY THINGS
THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH
THE SATES ARE THE BIG
BOXES YOU SENT TO THE
INN!

I TOLD YOU... THOSE
WERE MY HUSBAND'S
EFFECTS! I SENT
THEM OVER TO BE
STORED!



AND WHO ARE YOU TO QUESTION
THE WIFE OF THE COMANDANTE?...
ACCUSE ME OF BEING AN ENEMY
OF THE KING?

OH, I DO
NOT MEAN
IT THAT WAY,
SÈNORA!





THAT NIGHT
ZORRO RIDES
HARD FOR THE
PUEBLO,
REALIZING
THE DANGER
TO EVERYONE
IN
LOS ANGELES.



STEALTHILY HE ENTERS THE WINE CELLAR...



I MUST
LOCATE THAT
GUNPOWDER!

HE STARTS A THOROUGH SEARCH...



NOTHING
IN THIS
ONE BUT
WINE!

BUT SUDDENLY...

TAKE NO MOVE, GIRL,
EXCEPT TO RAISE YOUR
HANDS! I WARN YOU, MY
HUSBAND TAUGHT ME TO BE
EXPERT WITH THE PISTOL!



SO THIS IS EL ZORRO!
YOU, LIKE THE GIGGEANT,
ARE A LITTLE TOO
CURIOUS FOR YOUR
OWN GOOD!

YOU SURPRISE ME,
SEÑORA TOLEDANO!
DO YOU THINK TO
BE FOOLISH ENOUGH
TO ENTER THIS CELLAR
ALONE?



ZORRO'S BLUFF WORKS... TURNING REBEL
OFF GUARD...



WHAT'S
GOING
ON
DOWN
THERE?

I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU BECAME
INVOLVED IN THIS BUSINESS, SEÑORA,
BUT IT IS A MURDEROUS PLOT,
HARDLY BEFITTING ONE OF YOUR
BREEDING AND CULTURE...THE WIFE
OF THE COMANDANTE!



THE PEOPLE ARE LAZY!
THEY ARE LIKE A HERD OF
SHEEP! OUR ONLY HOPE
IS FOR A STRONG MAN
TO TAKE OVER!

IF YOU BELIEVE
THAT, THEN YOU
HAVE LET SOMEONE
MAKE A FOOL OF YOU!
DOES YOUR HUSBAND
KNOW OF THIS?



BUT THE SHOT IS HEARD BY PEOPLE IN THE
Tavern ABOVE...



NO, ZORRO! YOU
SHOULD BE HELPING
US, NOT FIGHTING
US! EVERYTHING
WE DO IS FOR THE
GOOD OF
CALIFORNIA!

MURDER! TREASON?
TREACHERY?
TURNING ONE
CLASS AGAINST
THE OTHER! THIS
IS GOOD FOR
CALIFORNIA!



HE KNOWS NOTHING OF
IT! BUT SOMEDAY HE'LL
BE THE GOVERNOR OF ALL
CALIFORNIA! THIS HAS
BEEN PROMISED ME BY
THE EAGLE!

YOU HAVE BEEN LURED
BY LIES, SEÑORA! THE
EAGLE IS ONLY USING
YOU! WHEN YOU HAVE
SERVED YOUR PURPOSE,
YOU WILL BE
DESTROYED!





ON THE NORTH ROAD...

THIS IS THE PLACE
WHERE HE WILL GET
THE GUNPOWDER, DEADON!

IT WILL BE HERE SOON!
I SUGGEST YOU TAKE A
POSITION WHERE YOU
CAN WATCH THE ROAD!
PERHAPS UP THERE!



THIS SHOULD DO IT!
HAVE YOUR MUSKET
READY, SERGEANT!
WAIT RIGHT HERE!!

DO NOT TAKE YOUR
EYES OFF THE ROAD!
LET US KNOW WHEN
YOU SEE A WAGON
APPROACHING!



DO YOU THINK
THIS IS FAR
ENOUGH
FROM THE
ROAD?

YES! WE WILL GO BACK TO
TOWN AND REPORT THAT THE
LAST TIME WE SAW THE
SERGEANT HE WAS HEADING
INTO THE HILLS IN PURSUIT
OF ZORRO!



WILL PEOPLE BELIEVE
ZORRO WOULD SHOOT
HIM IN THE BACK?

THEY CAN BELIEVE
WHAT THEY WANT
TO BELIEVE!



THEN SUDDENLY, AS IF FROM NOWHERE...

BAM

ZORRO

CRACK





DESPITE ZORRO'S WARNING, SERGEANT GARCIA MOVES IN CLOSER...



FUENTES GRABS ZORRO'S POWDER HORN AND STARTS TO FLEE, BUT...

WE'VE GOT ZORRO!
I HAVE HIS POWDER!
ON...



OH, NO! I HAVE GOTT
FUENTES! THE
DARKNESS PLAYED
TRICKS ON MY EYES!



YOU ARE UNARMED,
ZORRO! YOU HAVEN'T
A CHANCE TO
ESCAPE ME!



ZORRO DOES NOT SEE THE SERGEANT BEHIND HIM.

NOW IS MY BIG CHANCE!
I WILL CAPTURE THE
FAMOUS ZORRO AND
BE A HERO!

I WARN YOU, SERGE!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE!



**BUT, AS ZORRO LIFTS THE ROCK TO THROW
AT GUNTING...**





LATER THAT DAY...

PARDON ME, SEÑORA! BUT I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM YOUR HUSBAND! HE SAYS YOU WILL BE RETURNING TO SPAIN, AND I AM TO STAY ON HERE AS ACTING COMANDANTE!

RETURNING TO SPAIN?



HE SAYS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE A SHIP DIRECTLY! YOU WILL HAVE TO GO FIRST TO BOSTON!

I WILL GO NOWHERE! THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE HERE! TOO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS ARE ABOUT TO HAPPEN!



MY HUSBAND'S FUTURE IS HERE IN CALIFORNIA... NOT IN SPAIN! HE IS GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT MAN! HE WILL HAVE A BIG PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA! WE CANNOT LEAVE NOW!



I AM AFRAID, SEÑORA, THAT I CANNOT HELP YOU WITH YOUR PROBLEM!

THAT IS TRUE! I AM GOING OUT FOR A WHILE, SERGEANT!



OUTSIDE, DON DIEGO AND BERNARDO WATCH AS RAQUEL HEARS FOR THE NEWS...

HOW IS MY CHANCE, BERNARDO! I WANT TO TALK TO THE SERGEANT WHILE SHE IS OUT OF HEARING DISTANCE!





SOMEHOW I MUST
MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND
THAT THE SENGRA IS
INVOLVED IN A PLOT
AGAINST HIS
LIFE! HE IS IN
GREAT DANGER!



SERGEANT, I HAVE NEWS OF
A VERY IMPORTANT NATURE
FOR YOU!

EW? WHAT IS
IT, DON DIEGO?



AN OLD GYPSY WOMAN CAME
TO MY HACIENDA A SHORT
TIME AGO! SHE SAYS SHE
READ IN THE CARDS THAT
YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER!

MY LIFE? IN
THE CARDS? WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?



YOU ARE A MAN WITH GREAT
RESPONSIBILITIES! YOU ARE
A FATHER, FRIEND AND A
TRUE GENTLEMAN! THAT IS
WHY I TELL YOU THIS!

YES! YES! GET
ON WITH IT!
WHAT DID THIS
OLD GYPSY
WOMAN TELL YOU?



SHE SAID SHE
SAW THIS IN
THE CARDS,
SERGEANT!

THIS? WHAT
IS THIS ONLY
A CARD!



IT IS THE CUR
SERGEANT! THE
SWORD OF
DEATH!

IT IS AN ILL OMEN! WHEN YOU
SEE A SINGLE CUP STANDING
ALONE, THAT IS A WARNING TO
Beware!

GI! GI!
I WILL!



THERE IS ALSO A KING OF
CUPS! HE IS INVOLVED IN
THE PLOT AGAINST YOU,
ALSO! WATCH OUT FOR
HIM!

YES, I WILL!
BUT...WHO IS THE
"KING OF CUPS"?



ACCORDING TO THE GYPSY
WOMAN, THERE IS A
DARK WOMAN WHO IS
VERY CLOSE TO
YOU, A WOMAN
YOU TRUST WHO
IS ACTUALLY
PLOTING
AGAINST YOU!
SHE IS
DANGEROUS!

I DO NOT KNOW! IT COULD
BE SOMEONE WHO HAS
MANY CUPS...SOMEONE
WHO OWNS A PLACE OF
BUSINESS THAT SELLS
CUPS...OR SERVES IN
THEM!

SERGE GUNTANA
RE OWNS THE
TAVERN! HE COULD
BE THE "KING OF CUPS"
AND ZORRO WARNED
ME ABOUT HIM! MAYBE
ZORRO WAS RIGHT!



IT IS POSSIBLE!
YOU SHOULD BE
ON YOUR GUARD
FROM THIS
MOMENT ON!

SI! AND THANK YOU, DON
PIEGO, FOR THE WARNING!
THANK, ALSO, THE OLD
GYPSY WOMAN!



YES, SERGEANT,
I WILL DO THAT!

YOU MAY BE SURE THAT
ANYTIME I GO ANYWHERE
I WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR A SINGLE CUP STANDING
ALONE!



AT THE SAME
MOMENT,
IN THE WINE
CELLAR
OF
THE TAVERN,
A SECRET
MEETING
IS BEING
HELD...

WE JUST RECEIVED THE EAGLE'S ORDERS, GENTLEMEN!
WE HAVE ENOUGH GUNPOWDER TO SUPPLY EACH OF YOU
WITH YOUR NEEDS! HE PLANS TO STRIKE IN FOUR
AREAS AT THE SAME TIME... SANTA BARBARA, SAN
DIEGO, CAMPTENANO...
AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES!

SI, SEÑORA! WE
KNOW OUR ORDERS!
I WILL LEAD THE
ATTACK AGAINST
SAN DIEGO!

I MUST REMIND YOU,
SEÑORA ESPINOSA,
THAT THE ACTING
COMANDANTE IN
SAN DIEGO IS MY
HUSBAND! NO
HARM MUST COME
TO HIM!

SI! I UNDERSTAND!

EACH OF YOU HAVE
YOUR SPECIFIC ORDERS!
BY TUESDAY NIGHT,
WE MUST HAVE CONTROL
OF THE PUEBLOS, THE
PUEBLOS, AND THE
ROADS WHICH CONNECT
THEM!

BUT FIRST, WE HAVE A PROBLEM,
RIGHT HERE! SERGEANT GARCIA
IS DANGEROUS TO US FOR
REASONS YOU KNOW! HE
COULD RUN OUR WHOLE
PLAN!

THEN WE
MUST REMOVE
THE DANGER!
DO YOU HAVE A
PLAN, SEÑORAT?

SI! I WILL SEND HIM ON AN
ERRAND ALONE! MAKE SURE
THAT YOU FOLLOW HIM, BUT
ARE NOT SEEN!

WE WILL NOT
BE. HAVE NO
FEAR!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

WHAT IS THIS, SERGEANT?
PLAYING CARDS IN THE
COMANDANTE'S OFFICE?

OH, NO, SEÑORA!
I WAS...JUST
LOOKING AT
THEM!



HE WANTS YOU TO MEET HIM
ON THE ROAD BETWEEN HERE
AND CAPISTRANO! HE SAYS
YOU ARE TO COME ALONE!
TELL NO ONE WHERE YOU
ARE GOING!

SEÑORA!... DO
I HAVE TO GO
ALONE?



**THE SERGEANT HEARS OUT OF THE CLUTTEL AS
QUINTANA WATCHES SECRETLY...**

RIDE SWIFTLY, STUPID ONE...
FOR YOU ARE KEEPING A
RENDEROUS WITH DEATH!



SERGEANT, I HAVE JUST
RECEIVED A SPECIAL
MESSAGE FROM MY
HUSBAND! THERE
ARE GREAT
DANGERS!

BT, THAT I KNOW!
WHAT DID OUR
COMANDANTE SAY IN
HIS MESSAGE!



ABSOLUTELY! THIS
MUST BE DONE IN
COMPLETE SECRECY!

WELL, IF I MUST, I
MUST! AND, SEÑORA!



BUT AS HE RIDES THROUGH THE PLAZA...

AH! WHAT IS THAT I SEE
ON THE FOUNTAIN?







YOU SPEAK OF GREED, SEÑORA! WHO WAS IT WHO WANTED HER HUSBAND TO BE GOVERNOR? I AM AFRAID YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART TOO LATE! NOW, MOVE! IF YOU CALL OUT FOR HELP, I WILL SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER!



OUTSIDE... I DO NOT LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT! SOMETHING IS WRONG!



BERNARDO HURRIES AWAY TO TELL HIS MASTER WHAT HE HAS SEEN...



AND AT DON DIEGO'S MARCHENA...

YOU SAY QUINTANA HAD A SON ON HER? THAT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND... THEY ARE FRIENDS... I AM SURE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER!



I THINK SEÑOR ZORRO HAD BETTER LOOK INTO THIS! YOU GO BACK TO THE CUARTEL! I WILL CONTACT YOU LATER!



MOMENTS LATER, ZORRO LEAVES HIS SECRET ROOM... READY TO RIDE...



IN THE WINERY CELLAR...

I CALLED YOU HERE, GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT CHANGE IN PLANS! THE PERDRA TOOK A SUDDEN URGE TO JOIN HER HUSBAND!

PARTIALS IN A FEW DAYS, WE CAN SEE THAT HER HUSBAND JOINS HER!



WHEN I ATTACK SAN DIEGO I WILL SHOOT HIM DOWN PERSONALLY!

THE EAGLE NEVER DID INTEND TO KEEP HIS PROMISE TO ME!



DO NOT BE SO NAIVE, SERORA! IT WAS NEVER PLANNED OTHERWISE!

YOUR HUSBAND IS AN OFFICER IN THE KING'S ARMY! DO YOU THINK OUR LEADER WOULD BE SO STUPID AS TO LET HIM LIVE?



IF IT WERE NOT FOR ME, YOU WOULD HAVE NO GUNPOWDER HERE! AND YET YOU PLAN TO TAKE PART OF IT TO SAN DIEGO... TO KILL MY OWN HUSBAND!

THERE IS NOTHING PERSONAL, SERORA! WE PLAN THE SAME FATE FOR EVERY OFFICER OF THE KING'S ARMY, THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA!



THIS IS IT, TORNADO! I AM CERTAIN WE HAVE FOUND THE MISSING GUNPOWDER! THE WHOLE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA IS AT STAKE RIGHT HERE!

WHAAAAH! WHUPH!

GET HELP, BOY! GET TO BERNARDO! HE WILL KNOW WHAT THE CAPE MEANS... HE IS TO BRING THE LANCERS!

WHILE INSIDE THE WINERY...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER! YOU TAKE CHARGE OF FINDING THE GUNPOWDER!

SI!

IT IS TOO BAD, SORORA! YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE WIDOW!

BUT BEFORE BERNARDO CAN CARRY OUT HIS DEED...

CRASH
ZORRO!

YOU ARE BRAVE MEN! IT TAKES ONLY FOUR OF YOU TO WANGLE A MORGAN!





PERHAPS NOT, GERONDA !...
WE WILL SOON SEE !

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING ?



I WILL GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE
TO GET COMPLETELY OUTSIDE !
QUICKLY, OR I WILL BLOW UP
THE ENTIRE BUILDING !

HOW COULD YOU ?
IT WOULD BLOW
ME UP, TOO !



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE ? YOU WILL
SHOOT US, ANYHOW ! AS LONG AS WE HAVE TO
GO, IT MIGHT BE A MORE
INTERESTING TRIP IF WE
ALL GO TOGETHER !

HE IS BLUFFING ! HE
WOULD NEVER DO IT !



THERE IS YOUR ANSWER,
GERON ! IT IS DONE ! YOU
HAVE JUST SECONDS TO
LIVE !

YIPPI !
THE MAN
IS LOSE !



I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! ... GET ME, TOO!



SUPPOSE THEY
HAD NOT RUN?
WOULD YOU
STILL HAVE LET
IT BLOW UP?

BUT I **KNEW** THEY WOULD
RUN, SENSORA ... AND WHEN
THEY GET OUTSIDE, I THINK
THEY WILL HAVE A SURPRISE
WAITING FOR THEM!



DON'T SHOOT!
DON'T SHOOT!
WE SURRENDER!



IN THE WINERY, SERGEANT ... YOU WILL
FIND THE MISSING GUNPOWDER! THESE
MEN ARE ALL ENEMIES OF THE KING!

AFTER THE ENGLISHER MEN ARE LED AWAY ...

SO, I HAVE CAPTURED THEM
AND DONE A GOOD THING. BUT
I DO NOT KNOW QUITE **NOW!**
AND WHAT IS THE SENSORA
DOING HERE?

SHE WAS BROUGHT
HERE AT GUN
POINT, SERGEANT...
AGAINST HER
WILL!



ALL SHE WANTS
TO DO NOW IS JOIN
HER HUSBAND ...
AND CATCH A WIP
FOR SPAIN! WHO!



Walt Disney Presents

ZORRO

A DOUBLE FOR DIEGO

EARLY ONE MORNING, A FEW MILES
OUTSIDE THE PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES...

FASTER
BABOSOS' ZORRO
MUST NOT ESCAPE
THIS TIME!



NO! SERGEANT
GARCIA AND HIS
LANCERS SEEM
IN EARNEST!



WE MUST TAKE
DRASTIC ACTION,
TORNADO!



AT ZORRO'S COMMAND TORNADO
JUMPS...







BERNARDO CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW DON DIEGO PLANS TO BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME...

YES, BERNARDO... I KNOW IT PRESENTS A PROBLEM... BUT TOGETHER, I BELIEVE WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT!



GARCIA, KNOWING THAT WORD WILL GET TO ZORRO, TELLS MANY PEONS OF DON DIEGO'S KNOWLEDGE...

YES, INDEED! AND TONIGHT THAT GENTLEMAN IS GOING TO TELL US THE REAL IDENTITY OF ZORRO!



THAT NIGHT, GARCIA AND HIS LANCERS WAIT CONFIDENTLY FOR ZORRO TO APPEAR...

EH, DON DIEGO IS BRAVER THAN I THOUGHT! HE AND BERNARDO SIT NEAR THE WINDOW, AS IF DARING ZORRO!

SI! I WOULD NOT SO EXPOSE MYSELF TO A MARKSMAN SUCH AS ZORRO!



THEN...

PEST! HE COMES, SERGEANT!

I HAVE EYES, BARBOSO! WE WILL WAIT UNTIL HE MOVES CLOSER!



THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...





WHILE MY MEN SEARCH, I MUST SEE IF
MY FRIEND, DON DIEGO, WAS HURT BY THE
STONE! IF SO, IT IS MY FAULT...I AM
TO BLAME!



INSIDE...

RIEE!!
IS IT
PAINFUL,
SEÑOR?

NOT REALLY,
SERGEANT! THE
STONE DID NOT
HIT ME, BUT I
WAS STARTLED
AND FELL OFF
THE CHAIR!



THANK HEAVEN FOR
THAT! YOU WERE VERY
BRAVE!...BUT THE
STONE — IT HAS
A MESSAGE!

YES — IT SAYS
"NO ONE KNOWS
ZORRO!" BUT IS A
WARNING, I
FEAR!



NEVERTHELESS, WE
WILL NOT GIVE UP
THE SEARCH! ZORRO
WILL BE BROUGHT
TO JUSTICE!

I HAVE GREAT
FAITH IN YOU, MY
FRIEND! BUT, AS
FOR ME, I SHALL
HEED THE
WARNING!



MOMENTS AFTER GARCIA HAS GONE...

AH, BERNARDO, IT
IS AMAZING HOW
LITTLE EFFORT
WAS REQUIRED TO
RECOVER OUR
FRIEND SERGEANT
GARCIA AND
HIS MEN!



ALL IT TOOK WAS JUST THE SHADOW OF
THIS CUTOUT CAST UPON THE WINDOW...
AND NOW, THE POOR SERGEANT WILL
SPEND A FRUITLESS NIGHT CHASING—
A PHANTOM!





To my darling
Lucy Williams
Eugene Delgado

The Four R's of LEARNING *in* SPANISH CALIFORNIA



Schools in early California left much to be desired for the education of the peasant population. As a youth, Don Diego, with sons of the landed gentry, returned to Spain for tutoring, but other children were not so fortunate.



Actually, only six schools existed at that time, housing less than fifty students within their crude adobe walls, where soldier-teachers taught with rigid rules.



There were no high schools, and the primary classes consisted only of the four R's . . . reading, writing, reckoning, religion. Religion was the prime subject, however.



Lessons were read as loud as lungs would allow, and each child had to memorize full scripts from the masters. Failure to do so meant punishment by the teacher.



Only on rare occasions were girls schooled. It was considered a waste of time to teach them as they would get married at an early age and the education would be useless.