



ORRO

A BAR OF GOLD



It is a close call for Zorro when his moneyhungry enemies give wild chase to turn him in for the handsome reward of a bar of gold.



Sergeant Garcia also has a secret plan and hopes to collect the reward for himself and to revel in the glory of Zorro's capture.

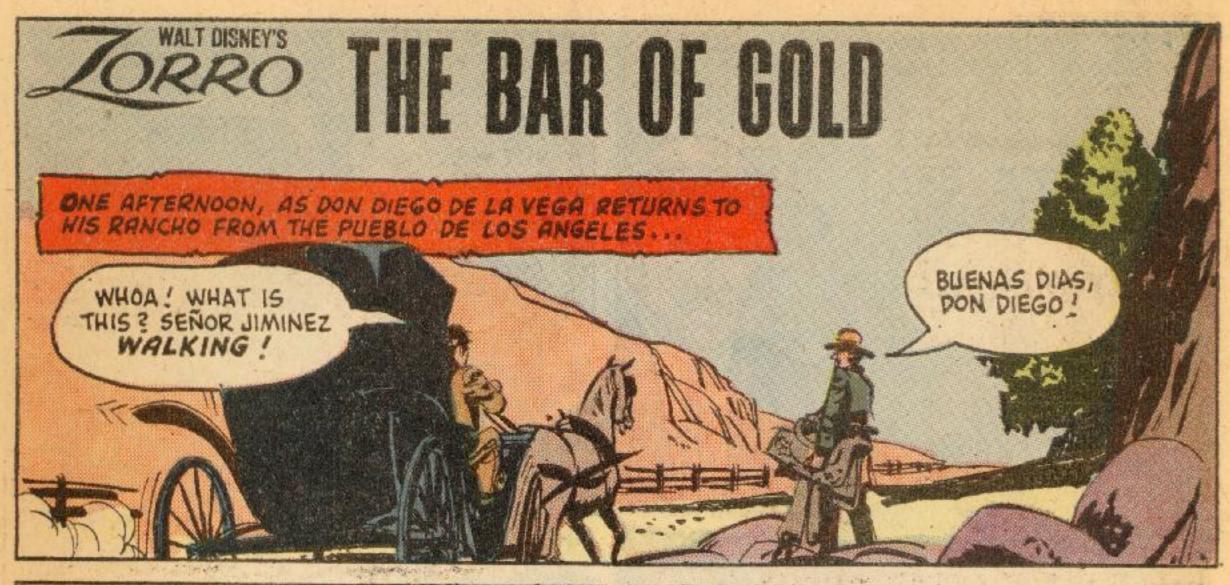
THE WELL



Garcia's lancers refuse to pay for refreshments consumed during a siesta... "Small payment for our protection," they scoff.



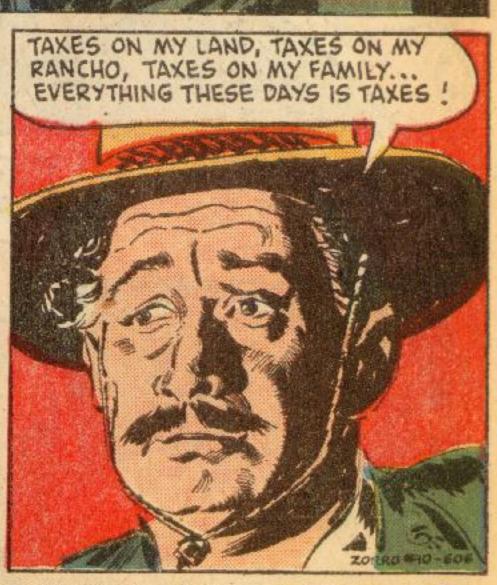
But it is a different matter when Zorro face. the gratis-takers and uses an unusual method to persuade them to pay their debts.











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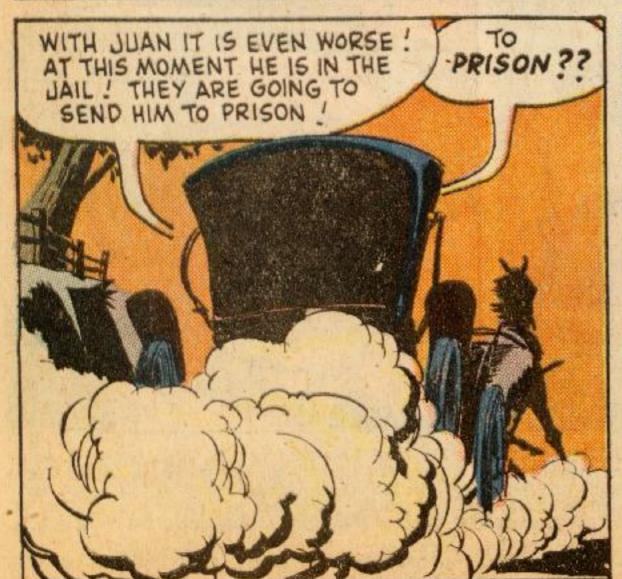
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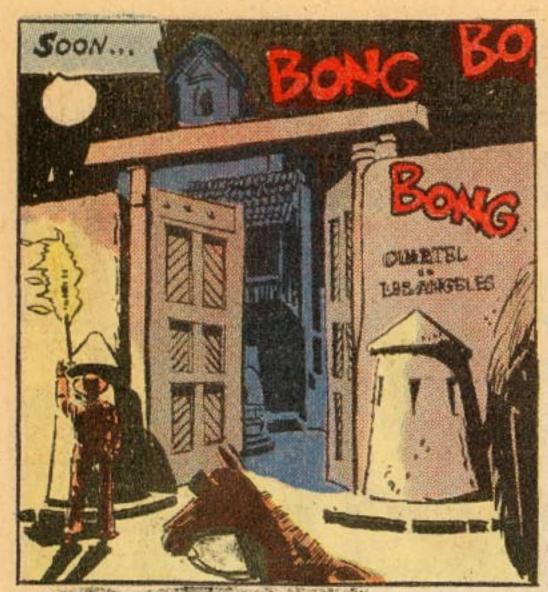




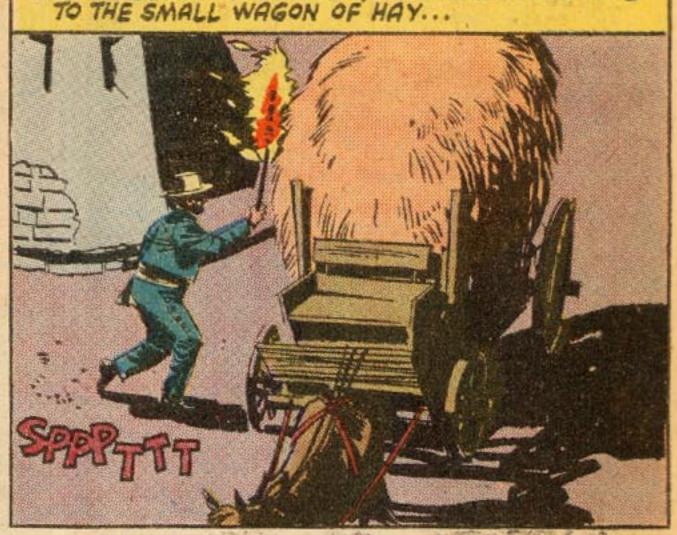


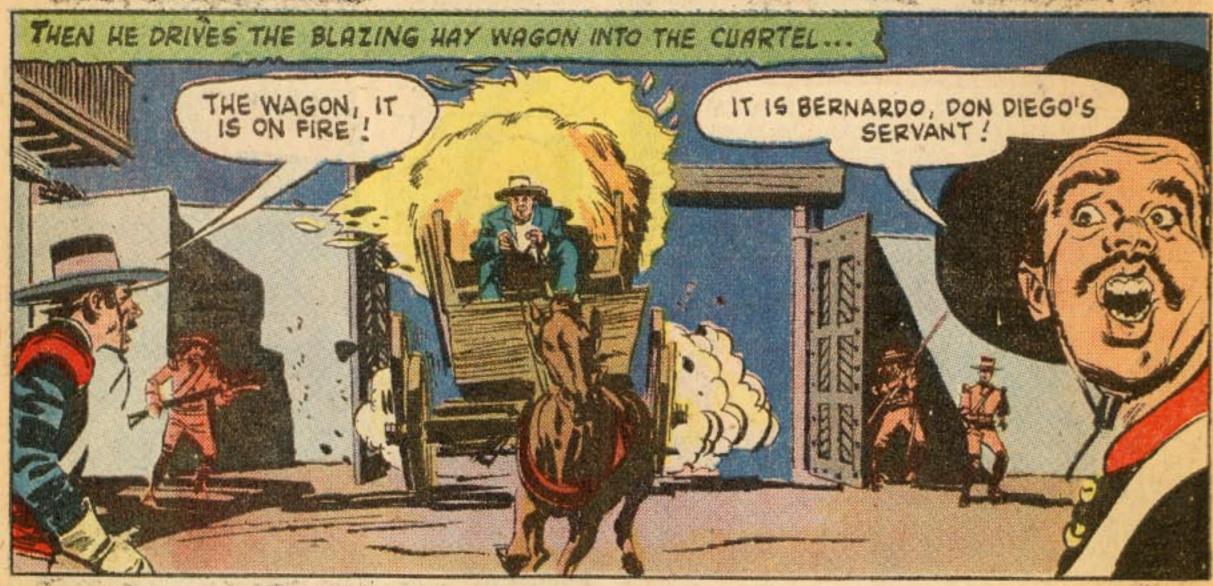






AS THE BELL STRIKES TEN, BERNARDO SETS FIRE TO THE SMALL WAGON OF HAY...













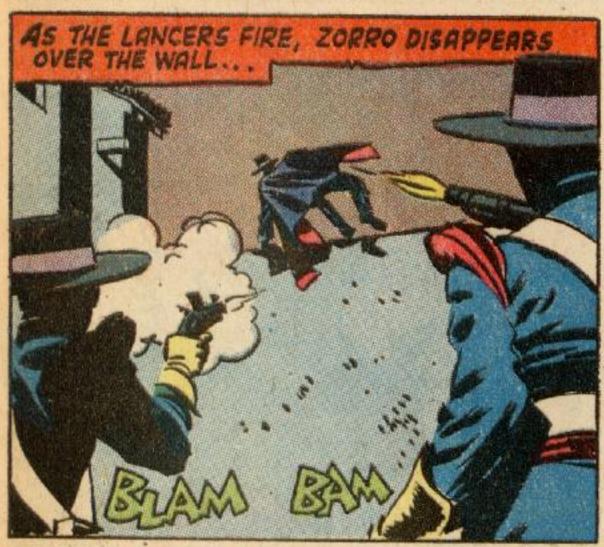




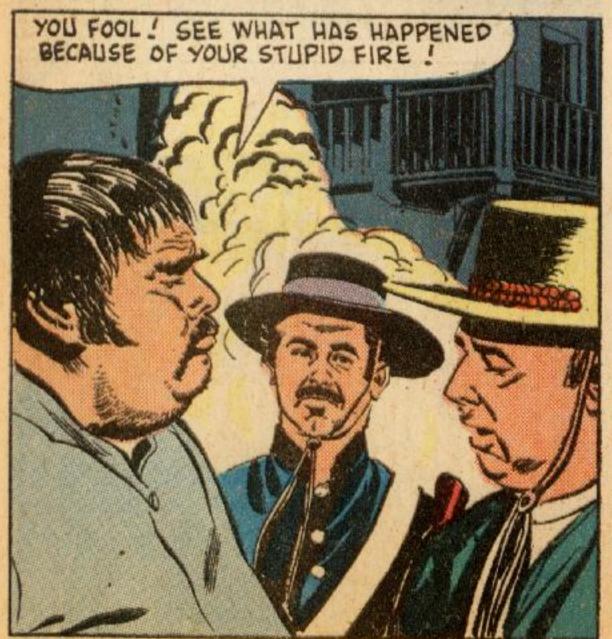




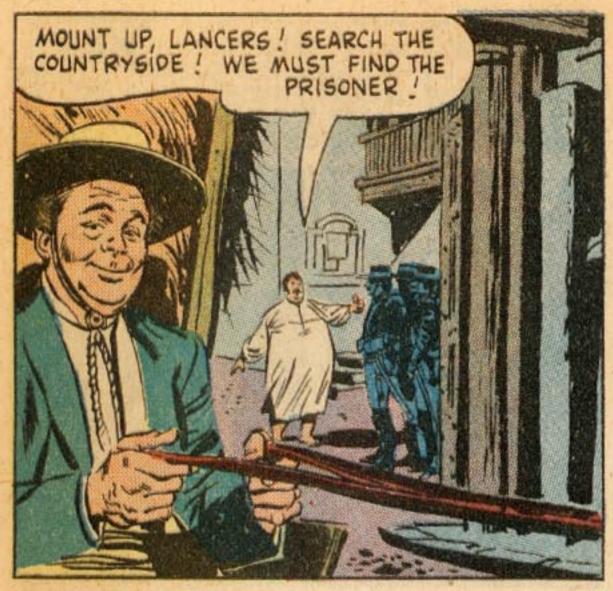


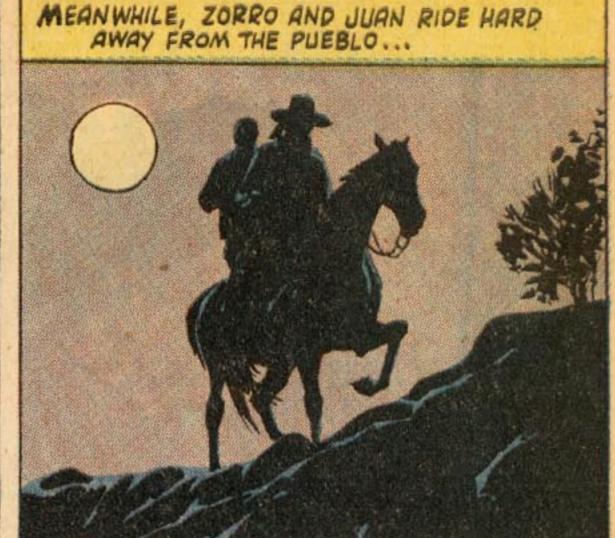






















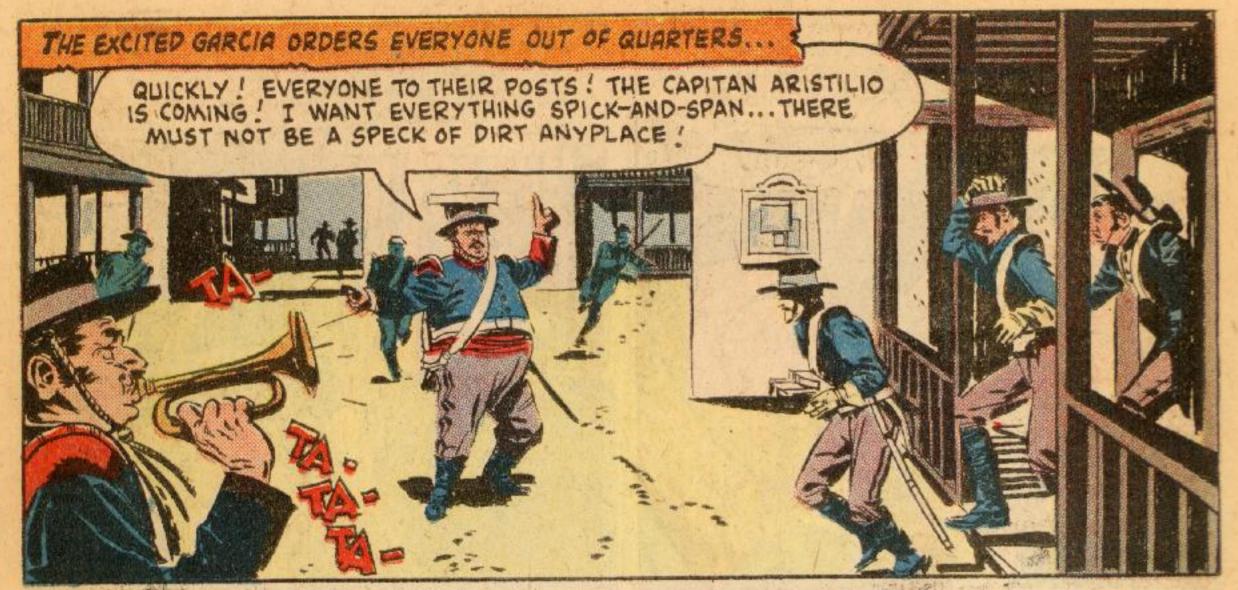




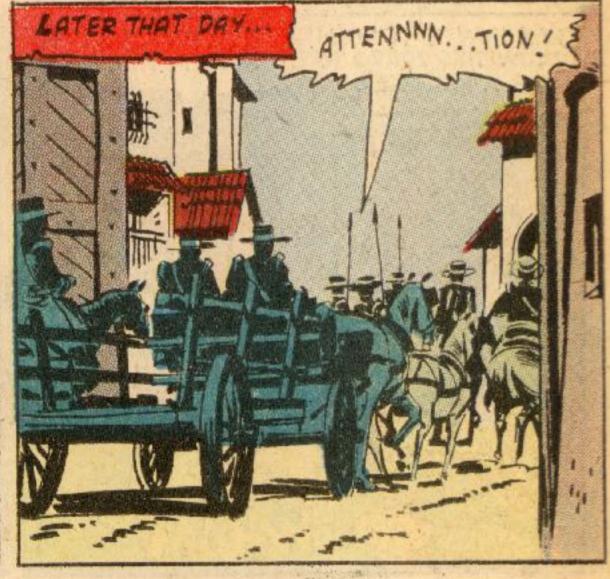




























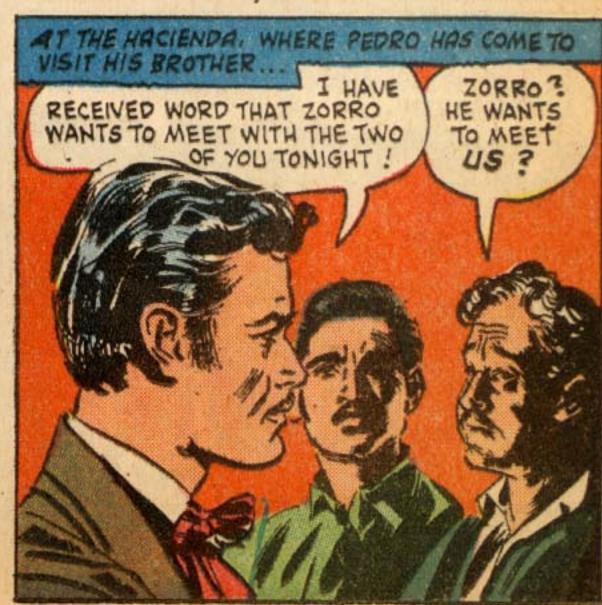






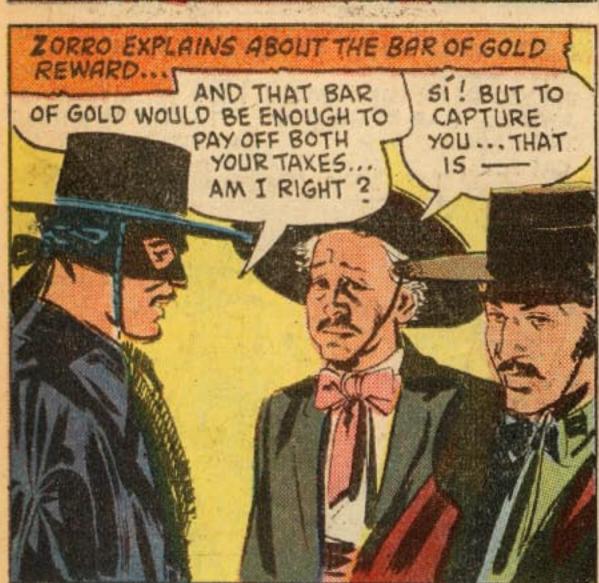














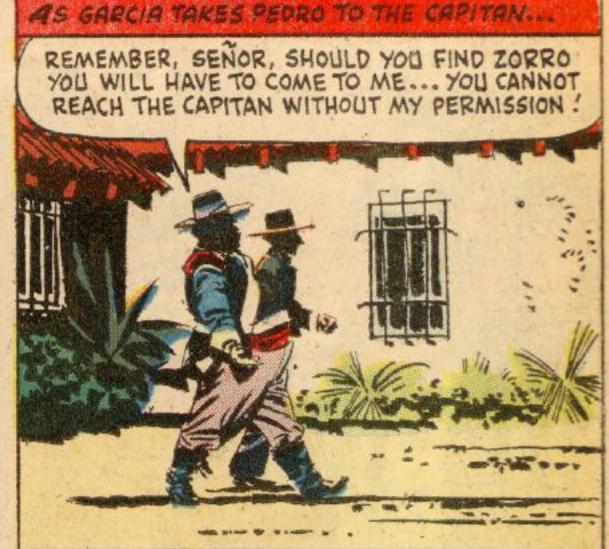


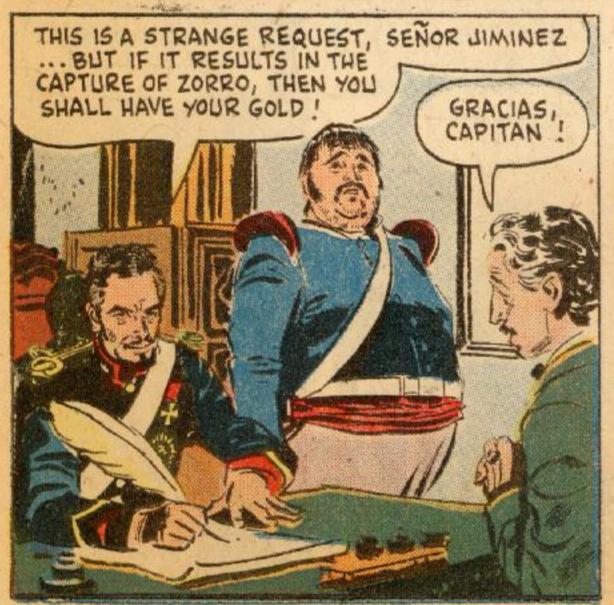


























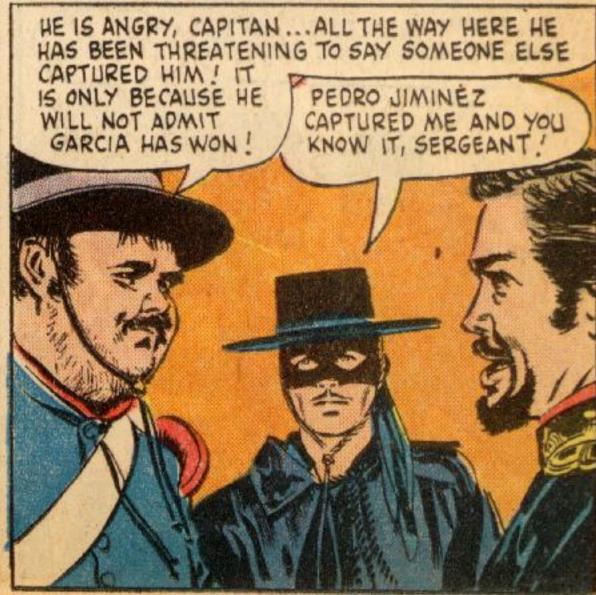
















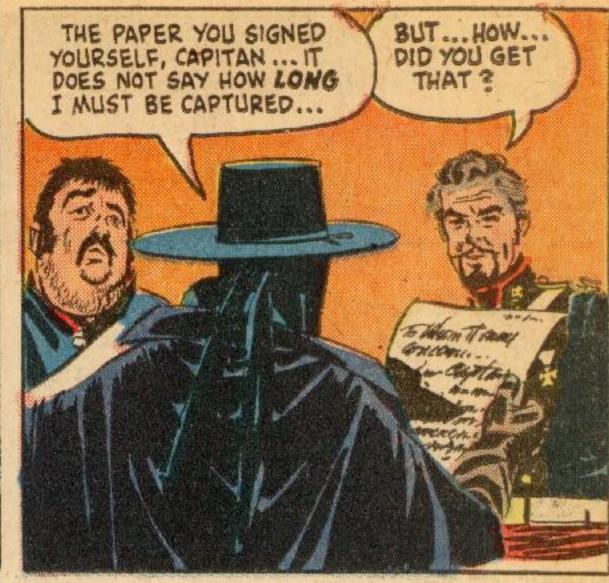










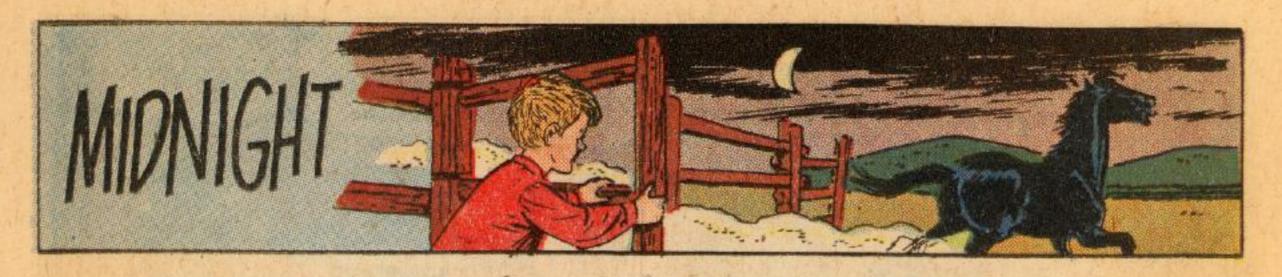












Gramps was hardly out of sight before Ben was down at the corral, leaning on the fence, watching Midnight with a calculating gleam in his eye. Ten-year-old Jody felt his stomach tighten at the sight of the foreman and the horse. Jody didn't like Ben. He didn't trust him. Ben was too heavyhanded with the horses, and he had an ugly way of looking right past Gramps when Gramps was speaking to him.

Jody walked to the corral and stood next to Ben. The foreman glanced down at the boy and smiled. "Think it's about time that horse was broke," he said. It wasn't a question. It was a statement.

"Gramps will be back in three days," Jody protested. "Midnight's his horse. He wouldn't like anyone foolin' with his horse when he isn't here."

A flash of anger showed on Ben's face. "Your Gramps left me in charge here, Jody," he reminded the boy evenly. "I think he'd be right pleased to-come back and find that wild horse saddle broke and ready for him."

Jody argued, but it did no good. Gramps had left Ben in charge, and Jody could see that the foreman was determined to break Midnight. Jody realized that it was the fight Ben wanted — a fight with the horse. Ben wanted to beat Midnight down, and he'd decided to do it when Gramps wasn't around to watch.

The next hour was a nightmare. Ben roped the horse around the neck, cutting off his wind, throwing him into a plunging panic. Then, while one of the ranch hands held Midnight by the ears, Ben saddled the horse and climbed aboard. Midnight was turned loose and the battle began. Midnight tried every trick. He bucked and reared, but he couldn't dislodge Ben. Jody saw that Ben meant to stick to the horse until Midnight was exhausted. This wasn't the right way. The right way, Jody knew, took time and lots of patience.

"He'll ruin Midnight," Jody thought. "I've got to do something. But what can I do?" It seemed hopeless.

When Midnight came to a standstill at last, he was trembling and covered with sweat. Flecks of blood showed on his flanks. Ben slid down from the saddle with a self-satisfied grin. "Couple more days with him, and he won't give me any trouble," Ben said smugly, as he sauntered off toward the ranchhouse.

Jody waited that night until after everyone else was asleep. When he heard the
clock in the hall strike eleven, he slipped
out of bed and stole to the kitchen. Without
striking a light he found the sugar bowl and
fumbled in it. Then he eased the kitchen door
open and scurried, barefoot, across the yard
to the corral.

It took time to coax Midnight near, even with the lump of sugar Jody held out as bait. Finally the horse came, took the sugar from Jody's palm and nuzzled the boy's shoulder.

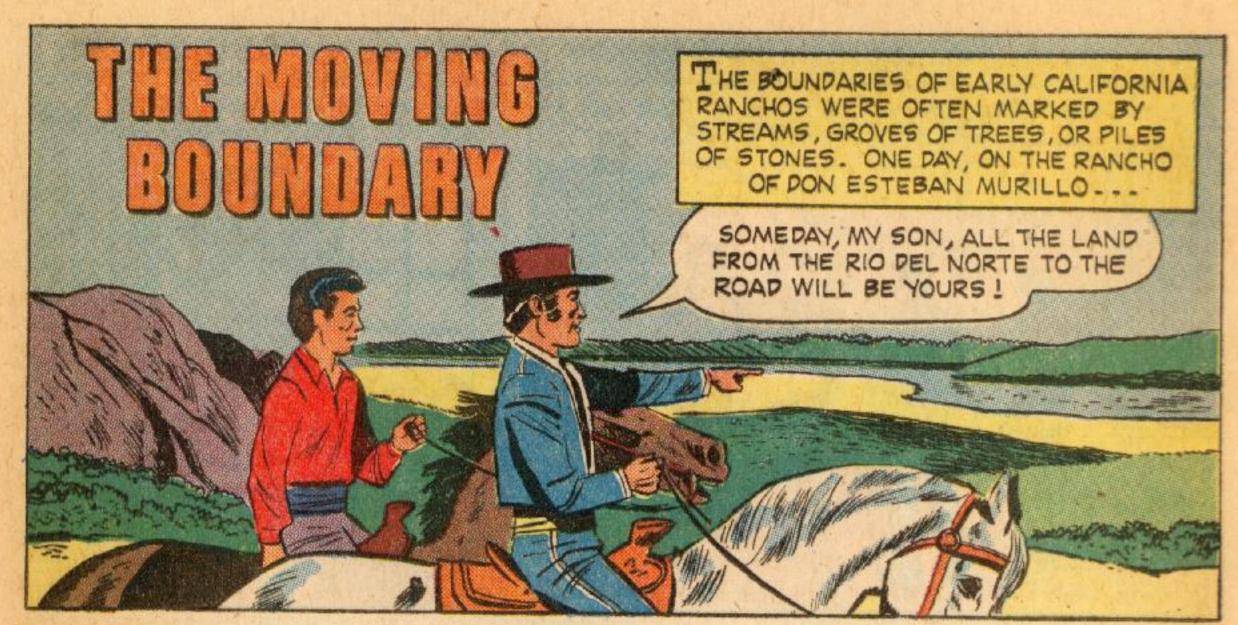
"You've got to go," Jody whispered. "Get away from here and stay away till Gramps gets back. You understand?"

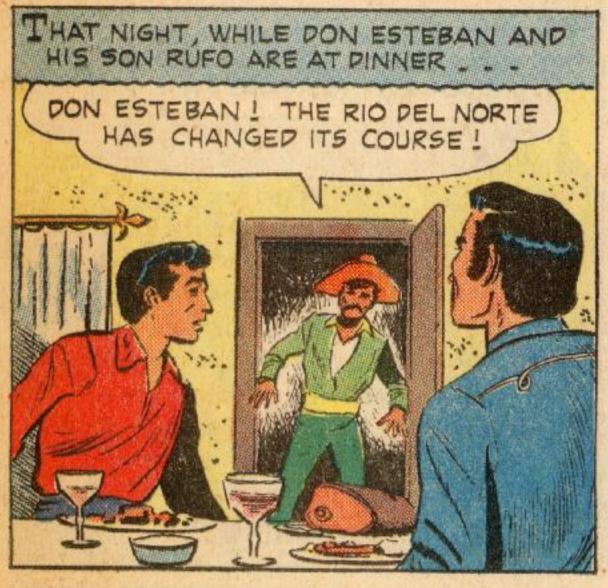
Midnight whinnied, and Jody heard a stir in the bunkhouse. Quickly he opened the corral gate. "Git!" he said, and he slapped the horse sharply on the rump.

By the time Ben and the others came running, Midnight was gone.

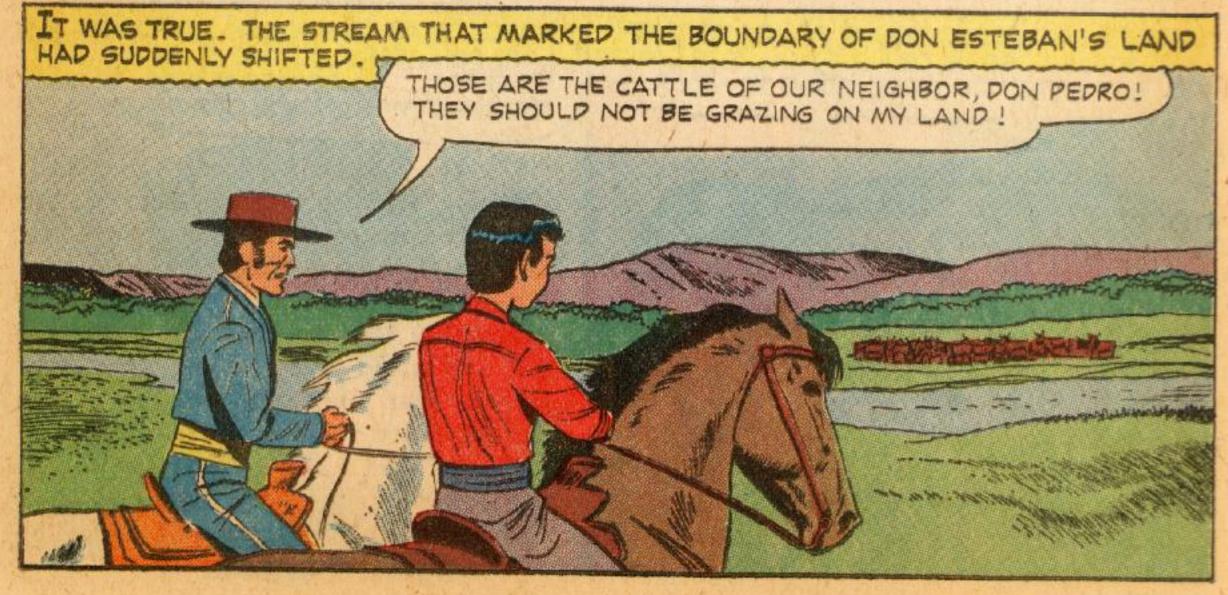
"You won't be able to catch him, Ben,"
Jody said. "He'll be smart enough to keep
out of your way — at least for a while."

When Gramps came home three days later, he listened while both Jody and Ben told their stories. Then he sent Jody out of the room and talked to Ben alone. Jody never found out what Gramps said to Ben, but the foreman packed and left the ranch that afternoon. Jody didn't have much time to wonder about it. He was too busy helping Gramps find Midnight to bring him back so that he could be trained — the right way.



















UNLESS DON PEDRO FOUND A WAY TO TURN

THE STREAM SO HE COULD STEAL THE LAND?

RUFO! THAT IS ENOUGH! I DO NOT LIKE DON PEDRO, BUT HE IS MY NEIGHBOR...TO ACCUSE HIM OF DISHONESTY IS UNTHINKABLE!



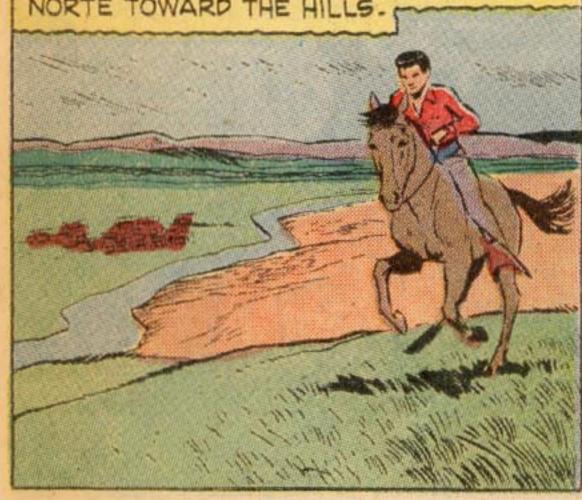
VERY WELL, FATHER! THEN I WILL NOT ACCUSE HIM! IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, I WILL RIDE BACK TO THE HACIENDA LATER...THERE ARE SOME THINGS I WISH TO GET, FATHER!



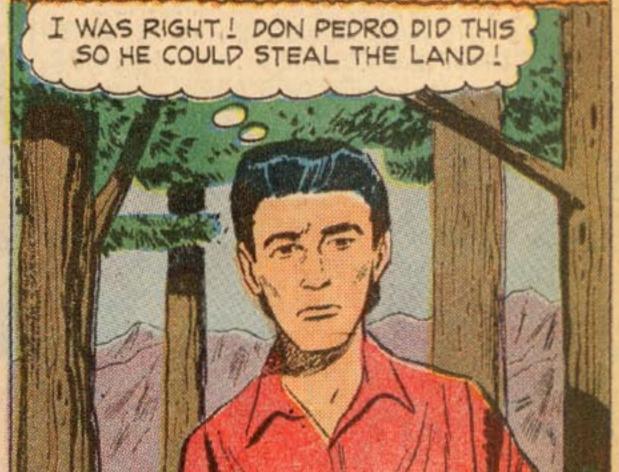
LEAVING HIS FATHER, RUFO RETURNS TO THE CUARTEL, WHERE HE HAS A BRIEF TALK WITH THE COMANDANTE.



THEN RUFO LEAVES THE PUEBLO AND FOLLOWS THE DRY BED OF THE RIO DEL NORTE TOWARD THE HILLS

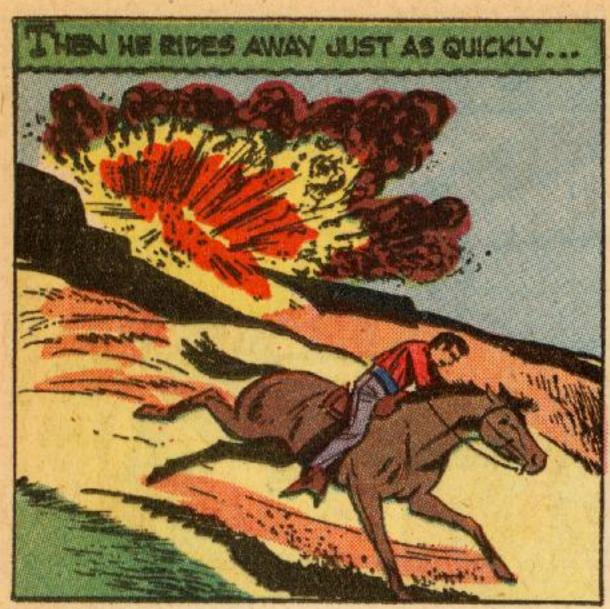


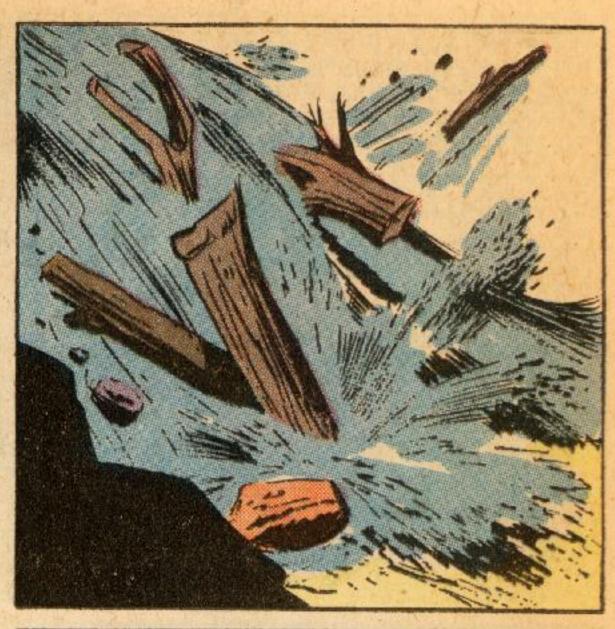
WHEN HE REACHES THE HIGH LAND FROM WHICH THE RIO DEL NORTE BEGINS ITS FLOW...

























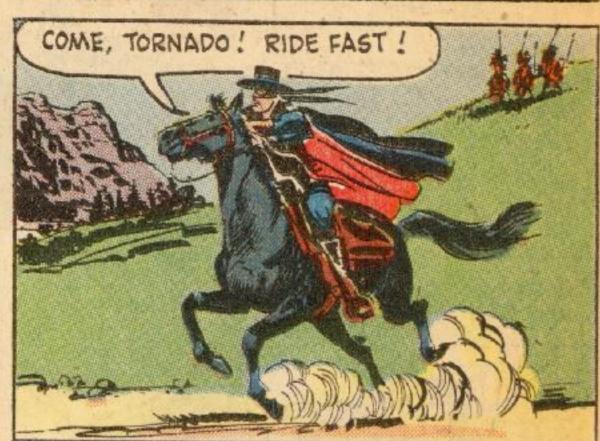


























































































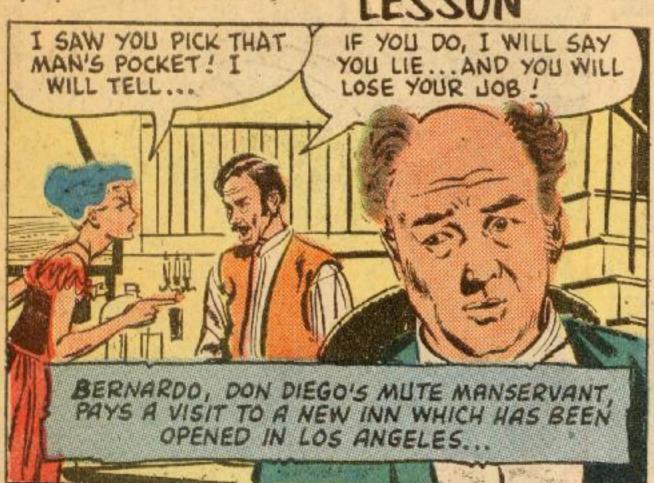


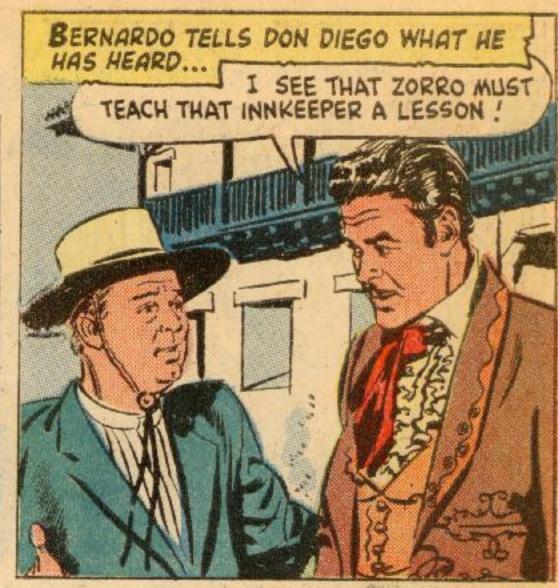


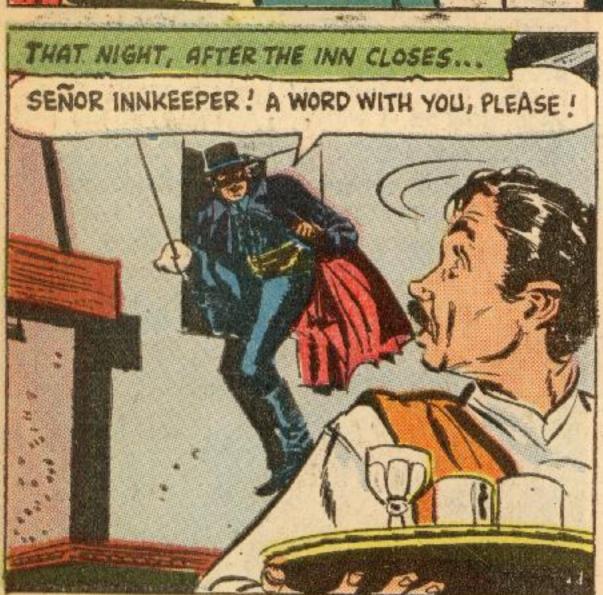




TORROTHE INNKEEPER'S LESSON













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There were few doctors and no drugstores in early California, but the Spanish women were skilled in preparing "unusual" home remedies and treatments in this do-it-yourself era. Some of them were a bit strange.



For example, the treatment for a toothache was to carry in one's mouth an eye-tooth of a black dog. Sometimes the dog objected; then, the poor sufferer was out of luck.



Ladies got rid of wrinkles by washing their faces in a lotion made of red wine and rosemary. This treatment probably worked best only when the ladies were young and pretty.



A dull-witted student could learn much more rapidly if he occasionally sniffed a bit of sifted, powdered mustard seed . . . provided, of course, he could stop sneezing.



Fortunately, Californians ate simple food and led active outdoor lives. Most of them were healthy enough to survive their own medicines and live on to a ripe old age.

JORRO DON FELIPE'S BUSY NIGHT

HE INDIANS WHO
WORKED ON THE
RANCHES IN EARLY
CALIFORNIA WERE
USUALLY WELL TREATED.
BUT OCCASIONALLY ONE
OF THE SPANISH LANDOWNERS WAS CRUEL...
SUCH A MAN WAS DON
FELIPE.









MEXT DAY, ALL LOS ANGELES IS TALKING ABOUT THE CHANGES AT THE RANCH OF DON FELIPE...

