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Zorro investigates a mission theft but is interrupted by the overly anxious Sergeant Garcia!

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#### THE GOLDEN TRAIL



An Indian boy identifies two suspects as the ones guilty of robbing the mission of a golden treasure. But, for lack of proof, they are released by Sergeant Garcia.



Zorro believes the boy and vows to recover the loss for the mission, although, to do so he must first avoid being captured by Garcia's lancers who are on his trail.

#### DIEGO'S DILEMMA



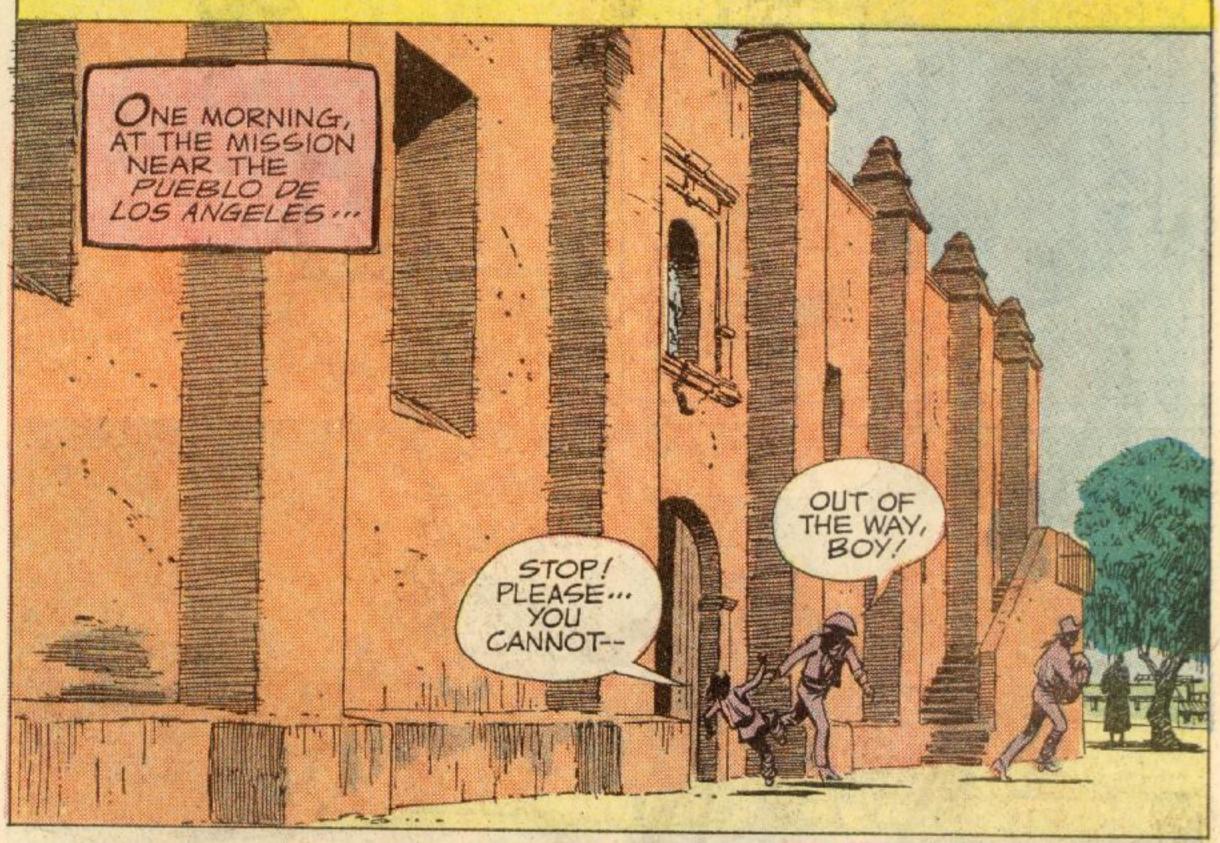
During an escape from the lancers, Zorro is wounded, and Sergeant Garcia hopes that by finding a wounded man he will find Zorro.



Alerted by Bernardo that Garcia will put him to the test, Don Diego prepares a surprize for the eager, scheming sergeant.

JORRO

### the COLDEN TRAIL



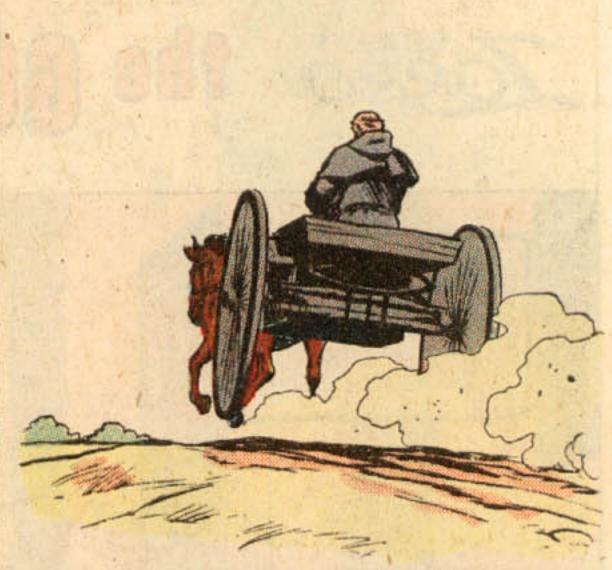


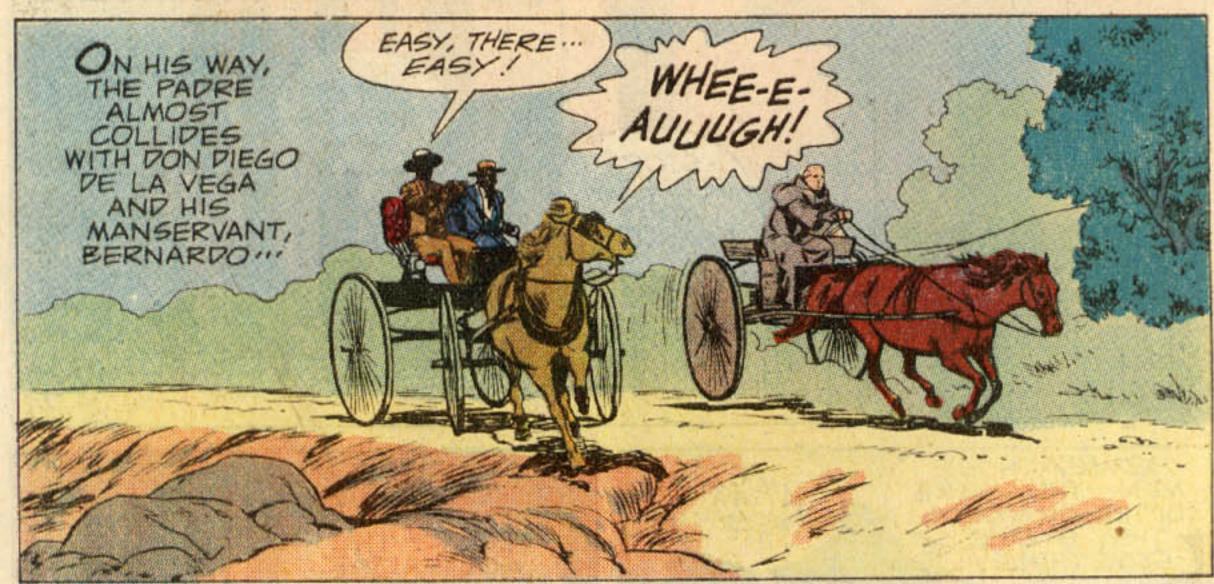


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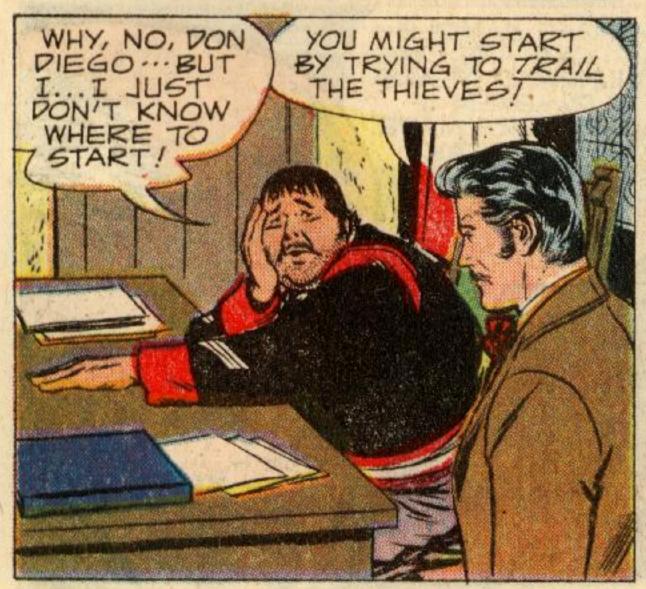




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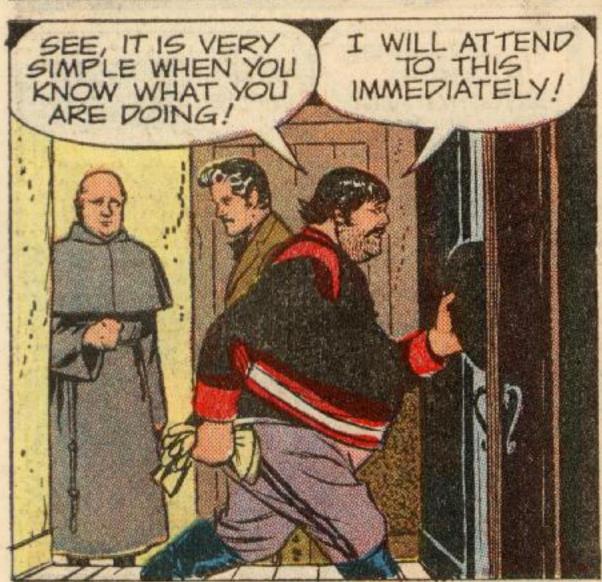


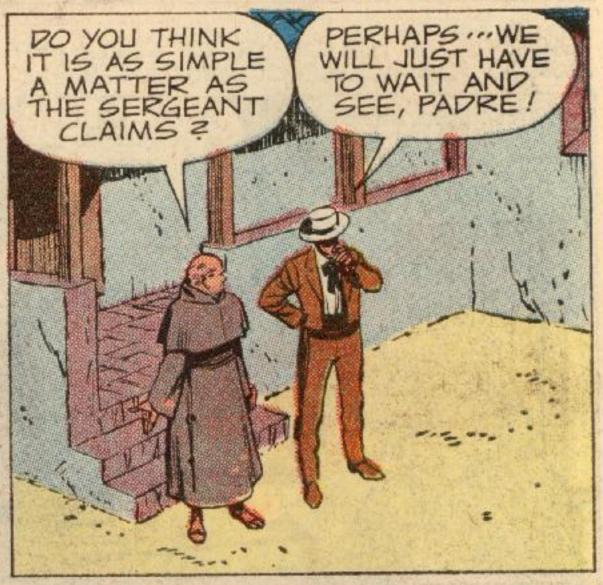








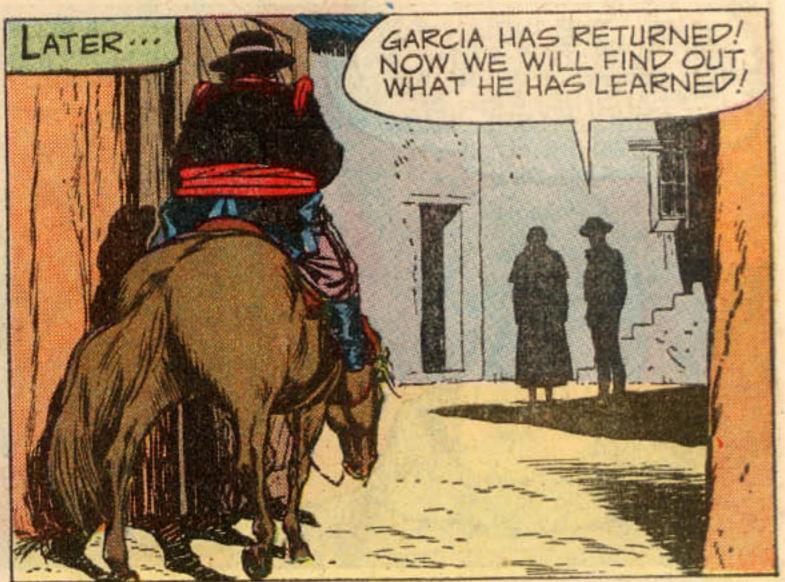






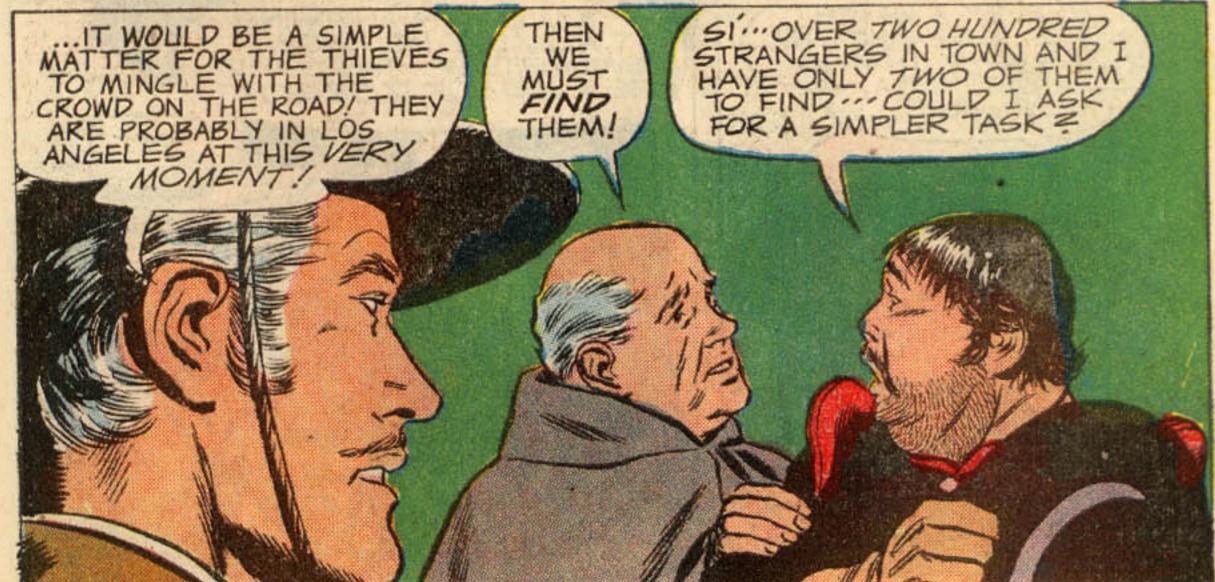


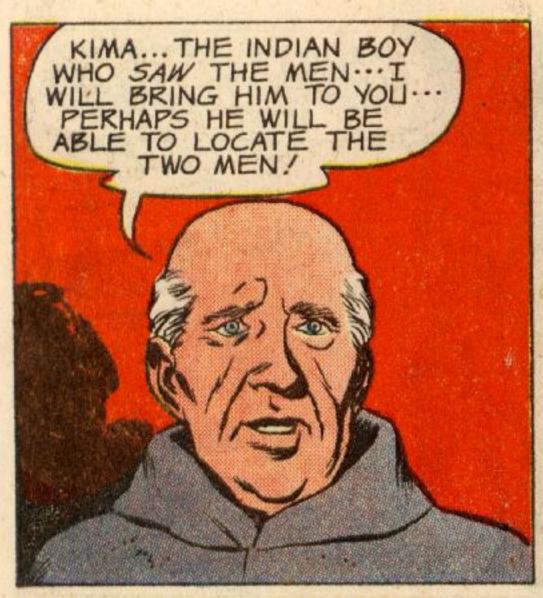








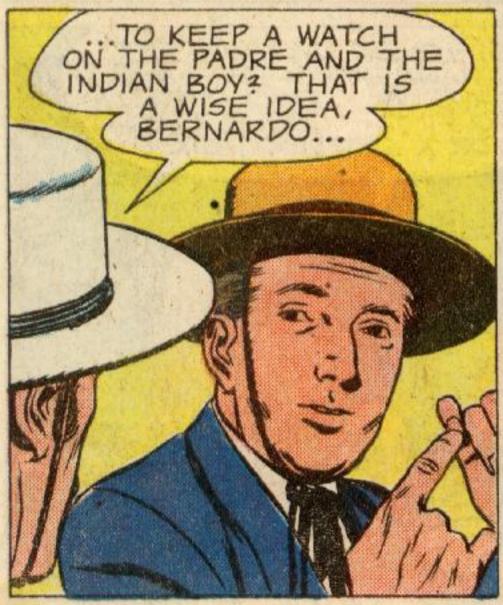


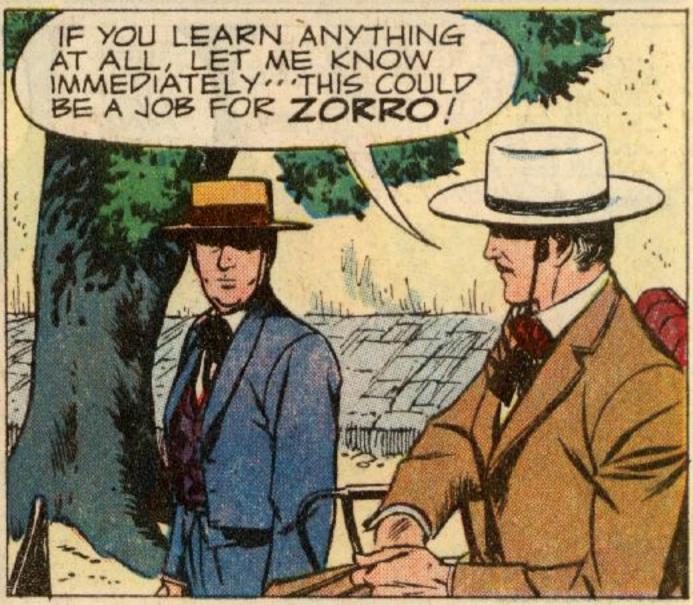




























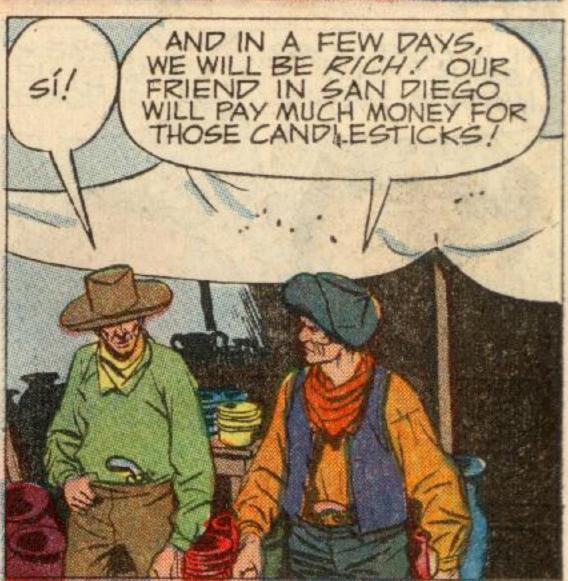


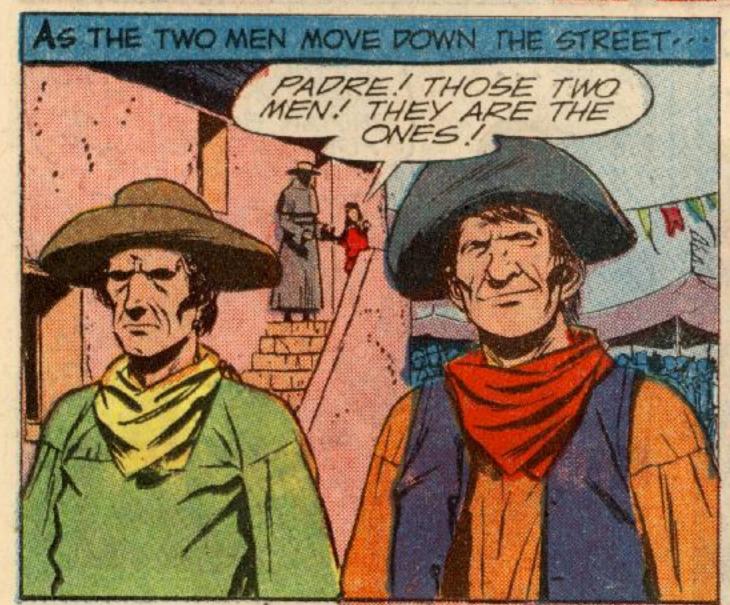
















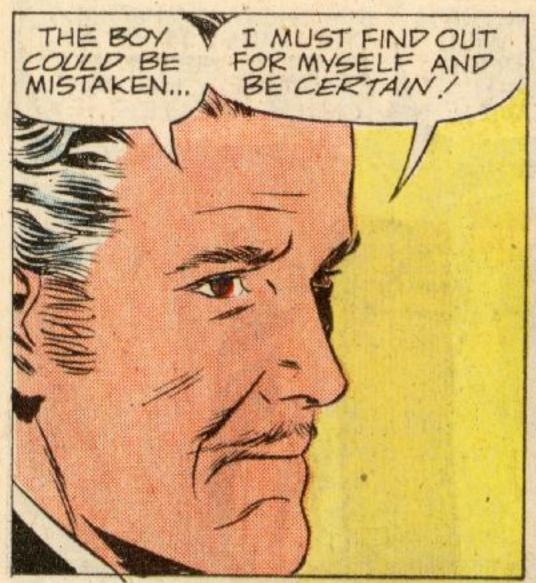


























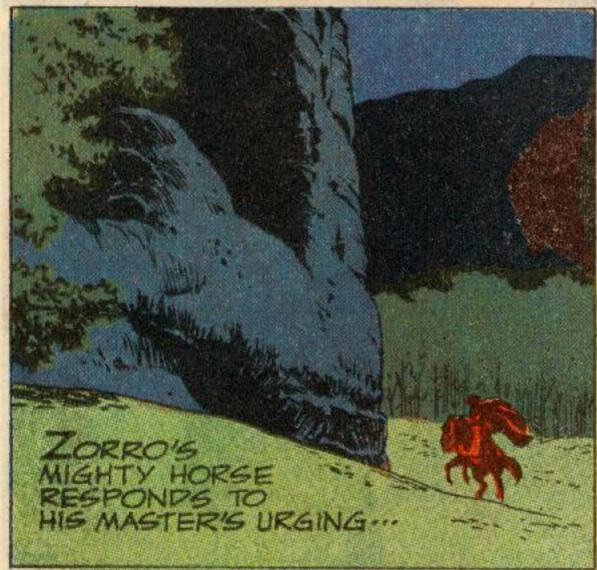












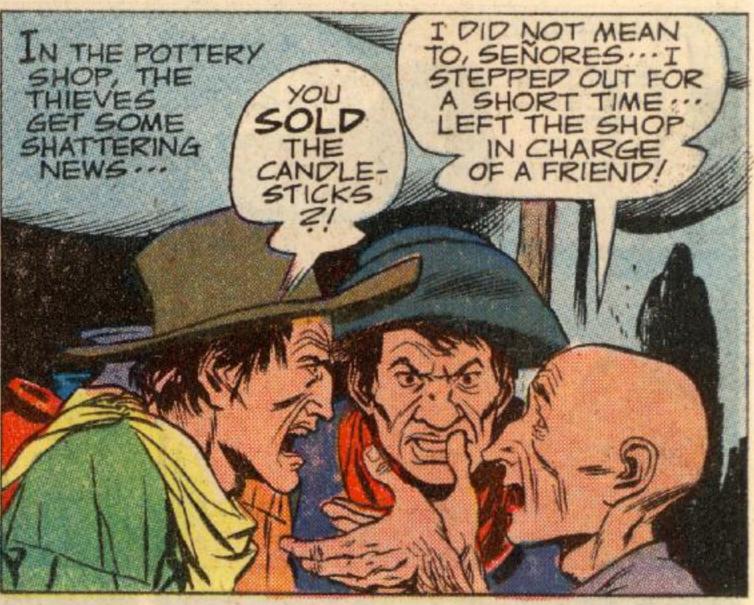


MOMENTS LATER, ZORRO HEADS BACK TOWARD LOS ANGELES ...























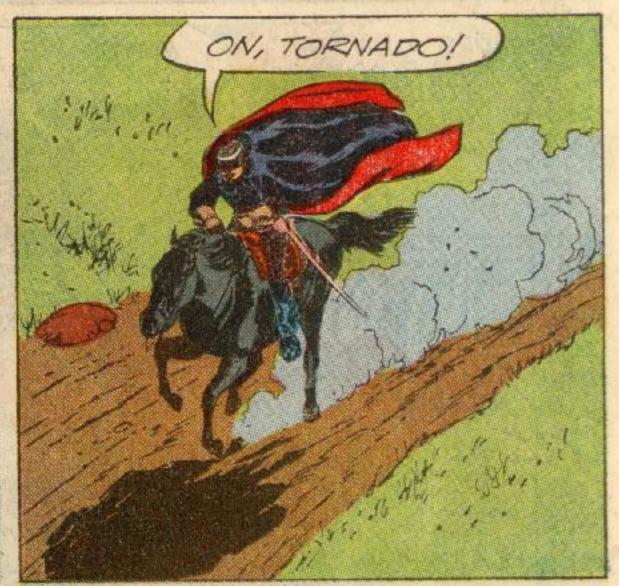


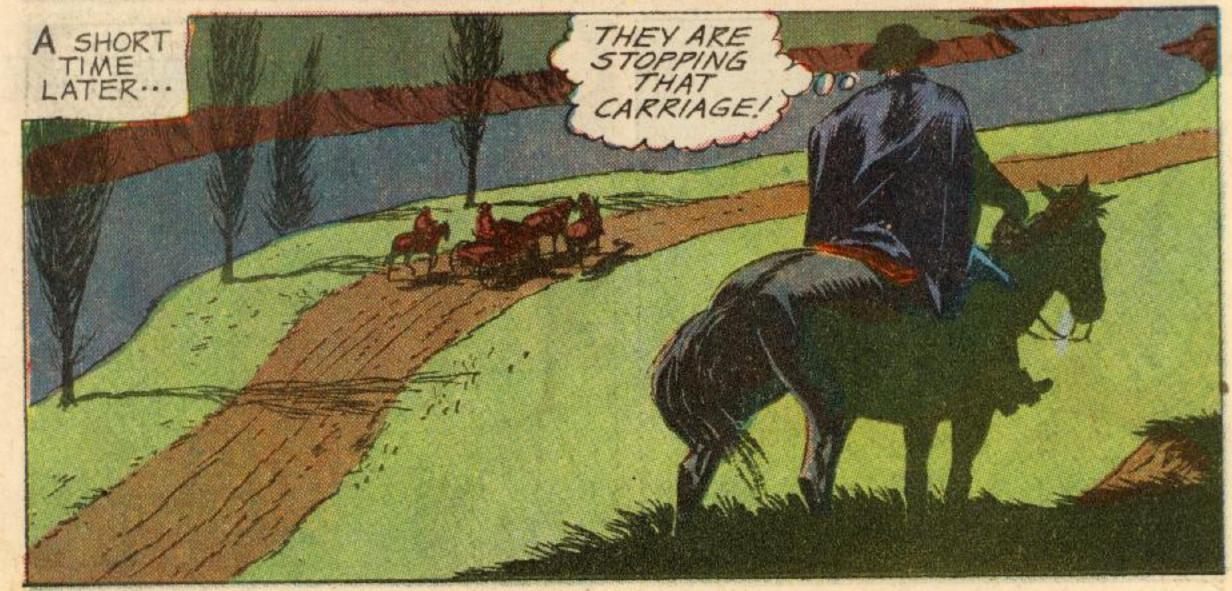






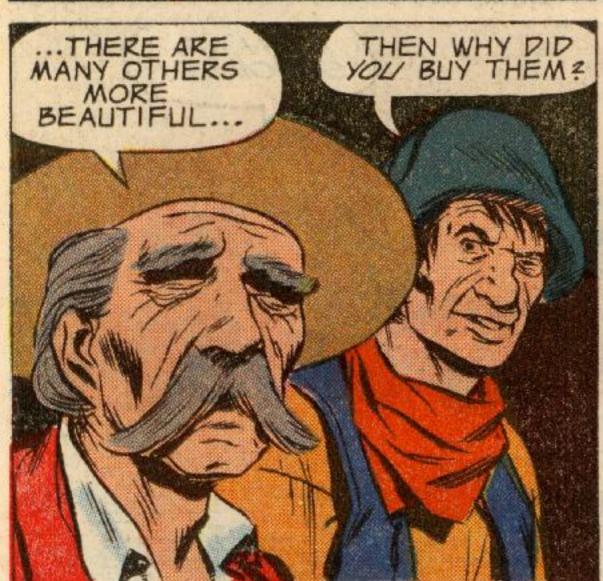






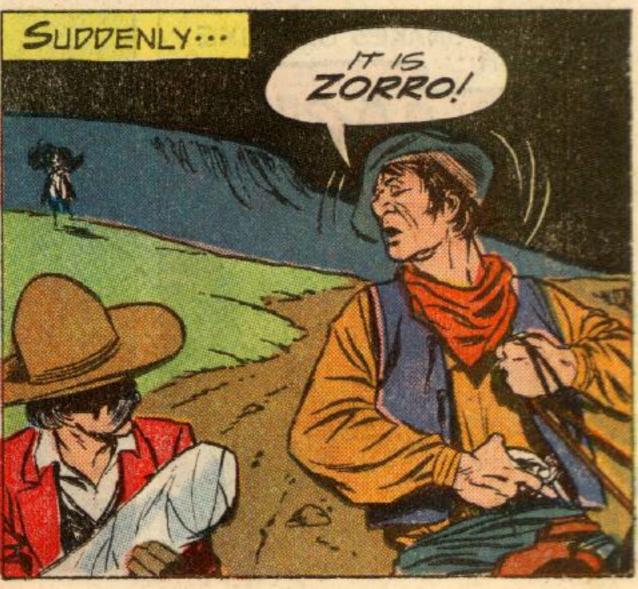




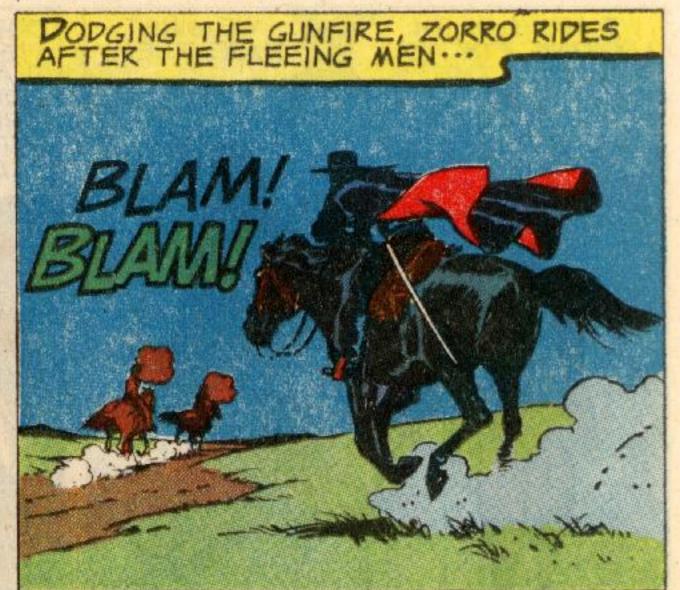


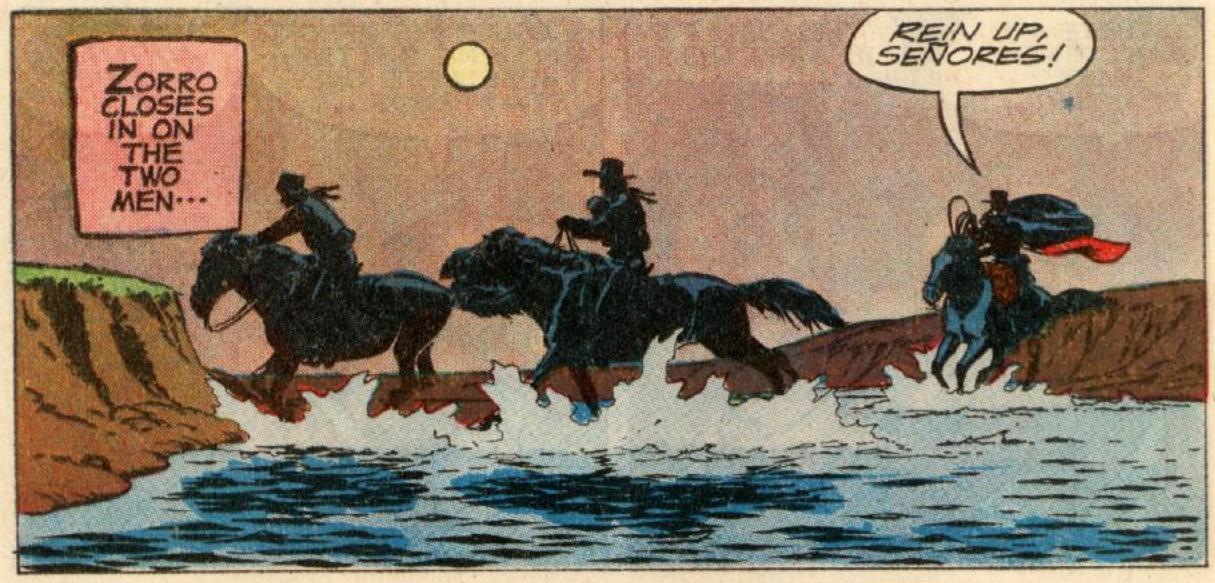




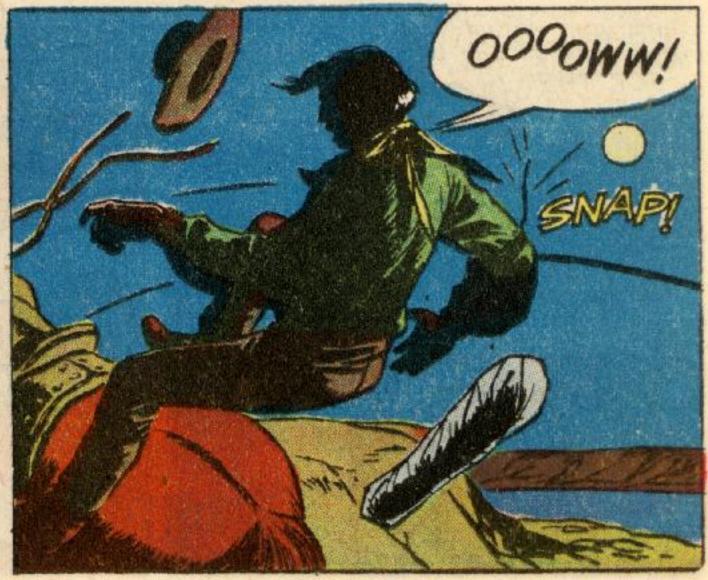








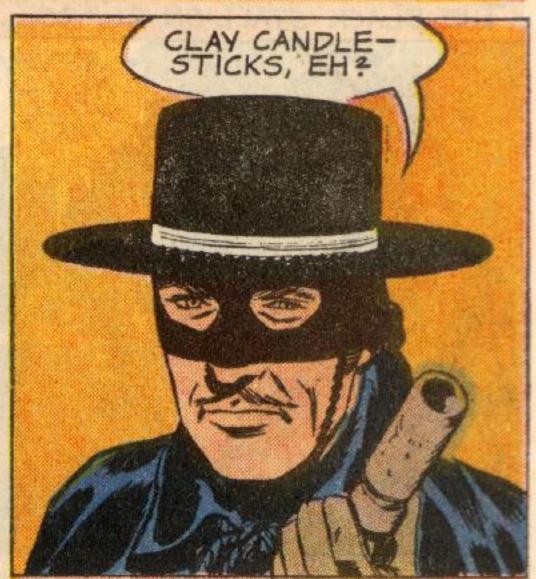




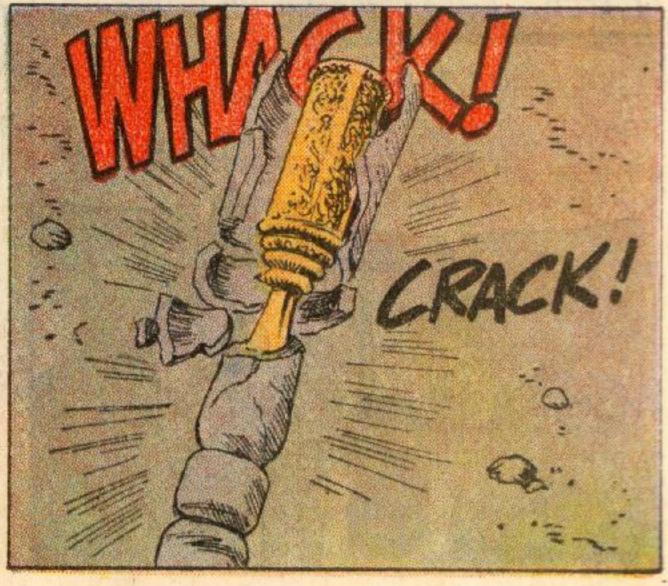


























Young Luis Morales was excited. He had never before seen a crowd like the one that thronged the streets of San Pedro. There were rich land owners who had come to sell hides to the Yankee sea captains. There were demure Spanish ladies with eyes that sparkled at the thought of fine silks spread out on the decks of Yankee ships. There were less prosperous rancheros, young men like Luis who were just getting a start. Some, like Luis, were selling hides for the first time. There were sailors in the streets, men who swaggered as they walked. There were boys hurrying importantly on small errands. And, Luis noticed, there were many men who stood and watched and did nothing. Luis glanced at one man, a thin, dark fellow who leaned against a doorway. The man, aware of Luis' glance, slowly moved away.

Suddenly Luis was uneasy. He did not like the crowd so much now. There were too many idlers who seemed to have no business in San Pedro. The small bag of gold he carried, the purchase price of his hides, was heavy in his belt.

"No one I know is here today," Luis said to himself. "The road to Los Angeles is long and lonely. It is an anxious thing to carry gold."

Luis sighed and hurried toward the livery stable where his horse waited. Once he looked back. Was that the man who had been leaning against the doorway? Was he being followed? Luis dodged into a shop and waited.

In a moment, the idler came up to the shop, stopped and peered into the window. When he saw Luis there he walked on.

Now Luis was really concerned. The man was following him. And there might be others. He could go to the cuartel and report the incident, of course, but he could prove nothing. The soldiers would only laugh at him.

"Can I help you, senor?" said a voice at his elbow.

Luis turned to the shopkeeper. "Is there a back door here?" he asked.

"Why yes, señor." If the man was surprised, he didn't show it. He ushered Luis out through a low doorway into a back street. With a murmured "Gracias," Luis hurried away, looking back now and then to make sure no one followed.

Soon Luis came upon a street vendor, an ancient peon who sat cross-legged in the dust. The man's entire stock, four clay jars, stood on the street beside him.

"My friend," said Luis to the peddler, "I would like to trade with you."

"Si, señor!" The man grinned and held out the largest of the jars.

"No," Luis said. "I do not want your jars. What I want is..."

And Luis told what he wanted. The man's mouth opened wide in astonishment. "But why, señor? I do not understand!"

"You see, it is a joke," Luis explained.

The vendor didn't see, but he laughed hugely and said he would be happy to help with the joke — such a fine joke.

When Luis finished with the street vendor, he went to the livery stable and made certain arrangements with the stableman. Then, whistling happily, he started home.

In the next days, all Los Angeles buzzed with talk of the bandidos who haunted the San Pedro road. Don Esteban Rodriguez had been robbed of many gold pieces, and the thieves had taken his fine horse. Pedro Alvarez had been robbed, and Jose Jiminez.

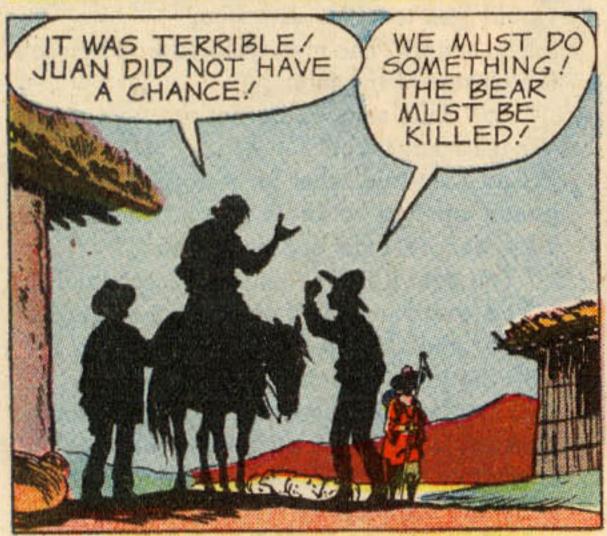
"How fortunate you are," they said to Luis Morales. "You met no bandits on your return from San Pedro."

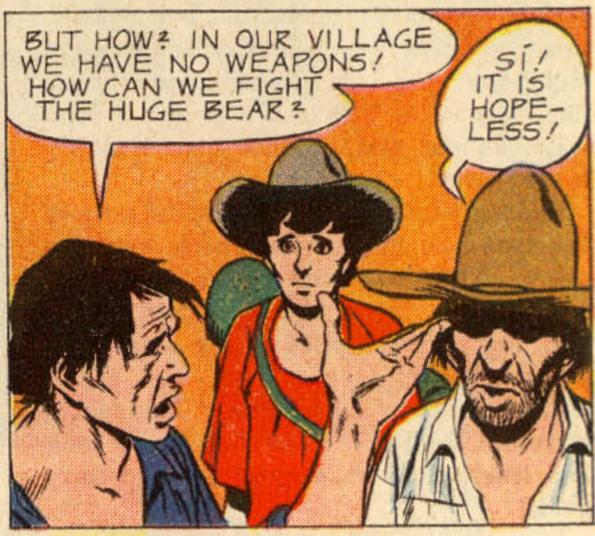
"I am a very lucky man," Luis agreed.

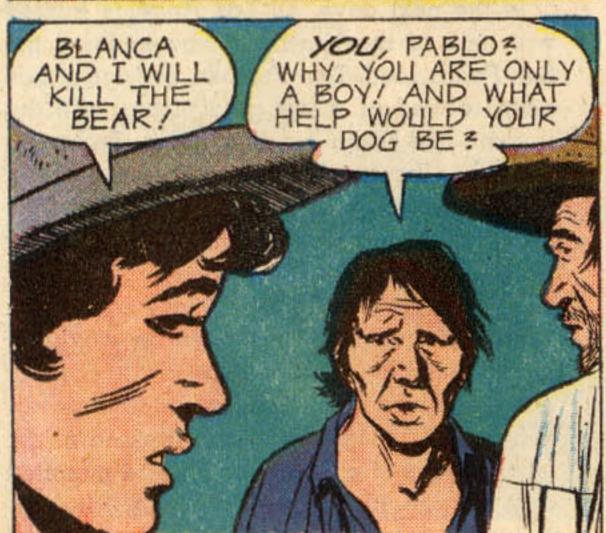
But of course Luis had known he would be lucky. Bandits were interested in dashing rancheros who were mounted on fine steeds. Why should they stop a man dressed in the tattered rags of a street vendor and mounted on a shaggy, plodding old mule?

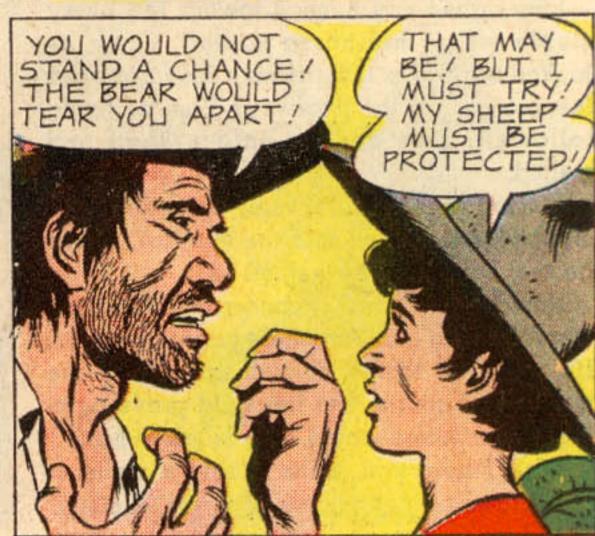
## THE SHEPHERD BOY

















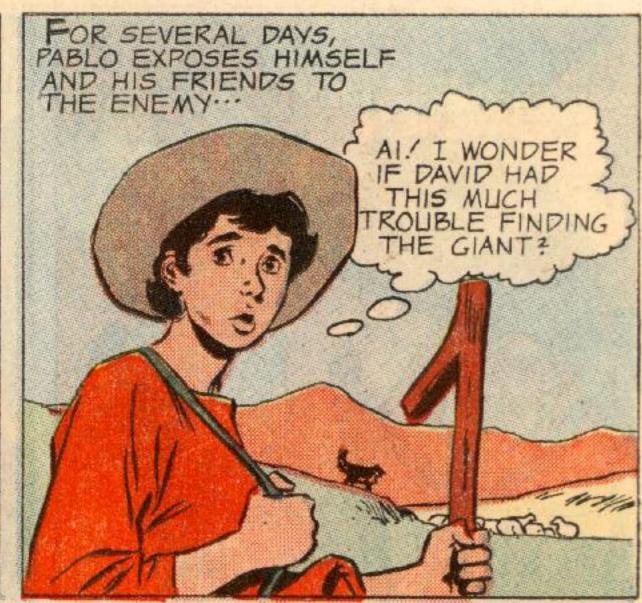




THE NEXT DAY, PABLO WORKS HARD TO FASHION A SLING ...

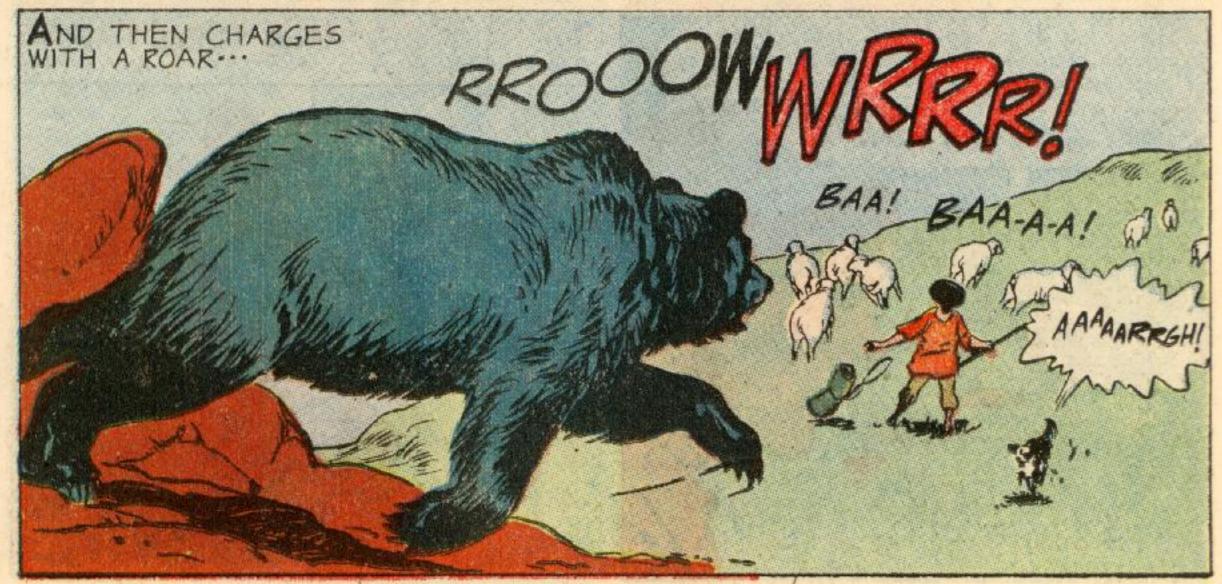






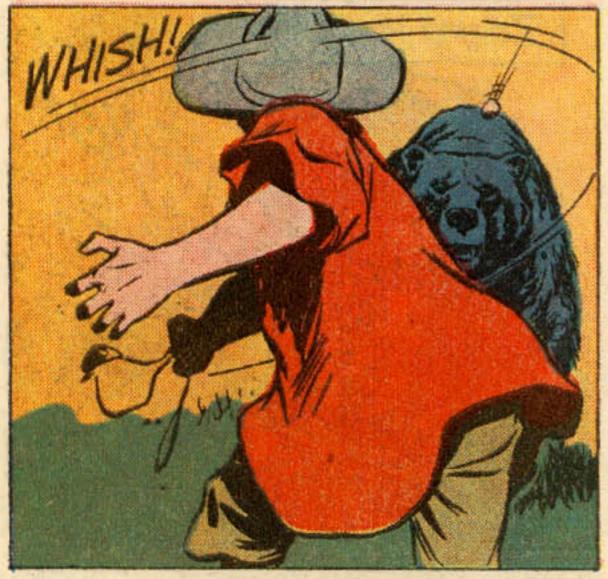








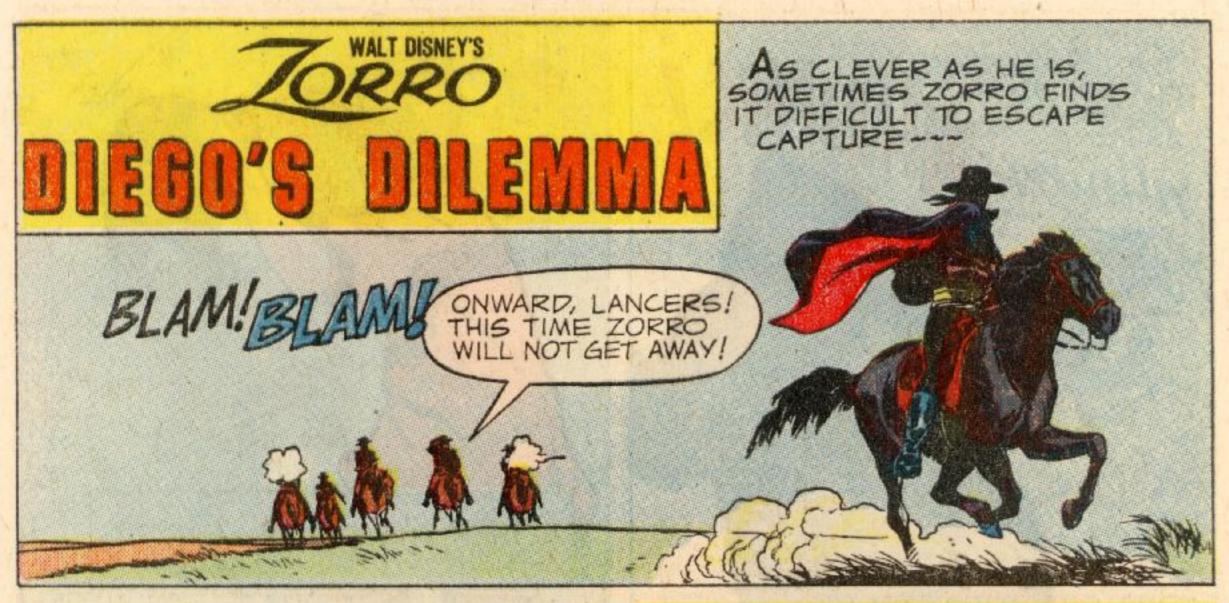


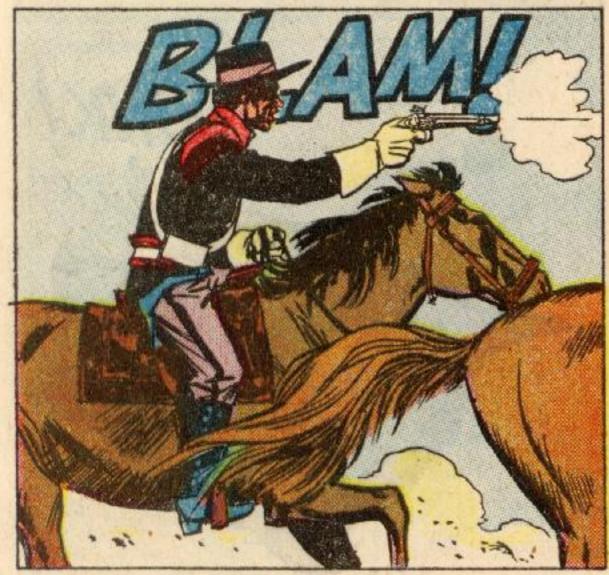






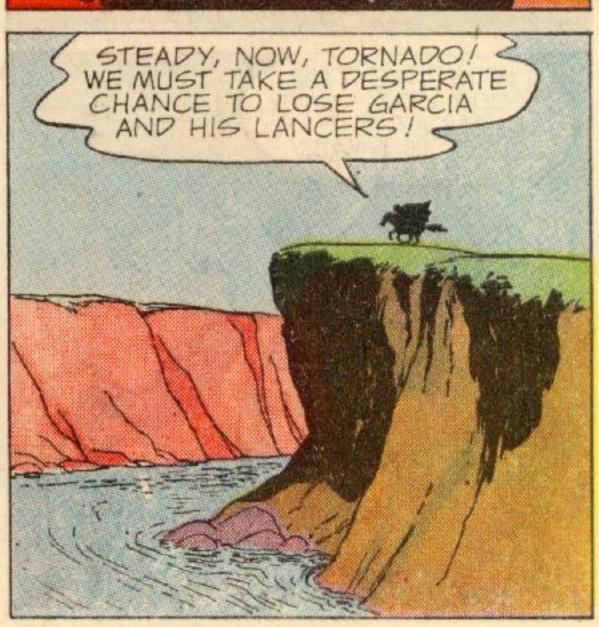






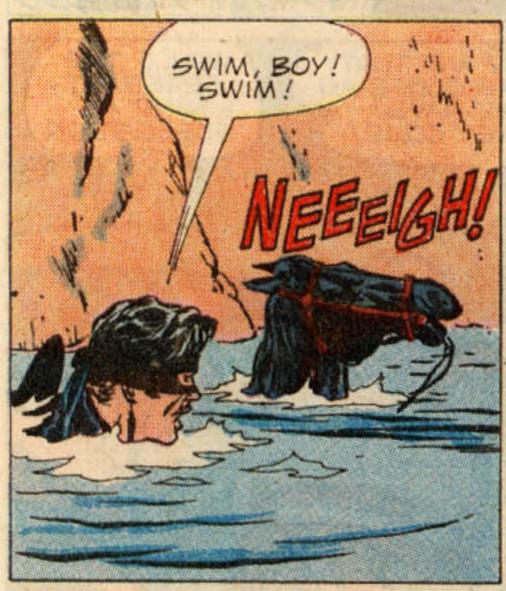
















SOMETIME LATER, DOWNSTREAM ...







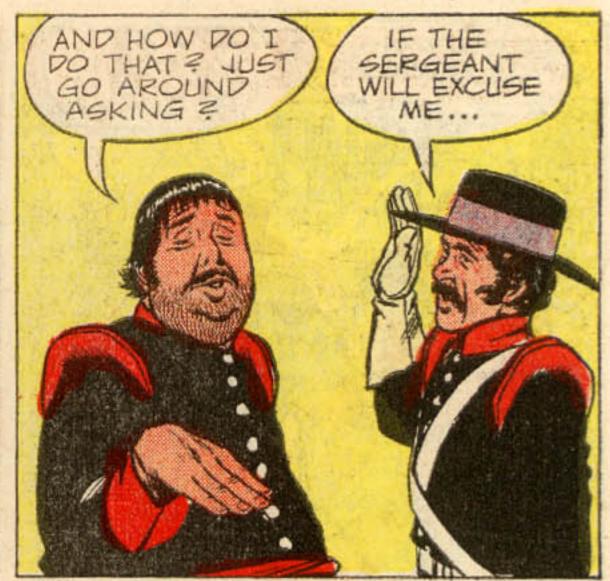




































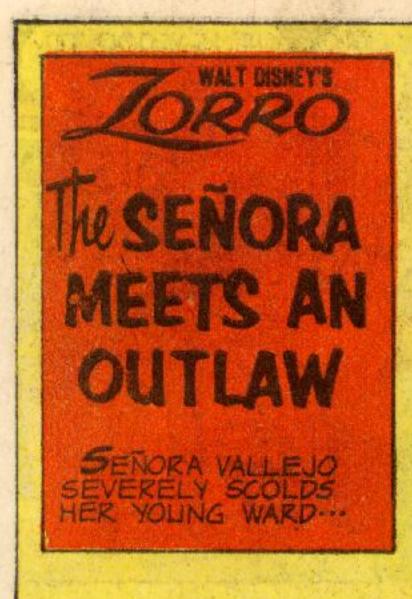
























# THE TREMBLING EARTH



The Spaniards who came to California in the early days had not been settled very long before they discovered that they were living in earthquake country. Every so often, the land would tremble; dishes danced on the tables, the walls of the houses creaked and groaned, and pots and jars tumbled from shelves.



If the quake was strong enough, house walls cracked suddenly and plaster came crashing to the floor. The terrified people would rush out into the open, or would huddle in a doorway — the strongest part of a house.



The worst earthquake in California's history was the great San Francisco quake which occurred just over fifty years ago. Fires resulting from the quake raged for three days and destroyed much of the city.



A few quakes were very strong. One destroyed the stone church at Mission San Juan Capistrano. The church was never rebuilt, and today visitors can still see the crumbling walls where the famous swallows nest.



Fortunately, severe earthquakes are few and far between, and Californians have always loved their land. So they patiently endure the rare times when chandeliers swing and sway and pictures tilt crazily on the walls.

### JORRO GARCIA'S MOONLIGHT RIDE









