

A True Story in Pictures Every Week

Don Renegade

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CHAPTER XXI

A DISH OF DOVES

ARCOS ZAPPA spent the next two days loitering in the inn and resting. Occasionally he strolled around the plaza at the hour of promenade and received the nods of men and the flirtatious glances of the señoritas.

News of his encounter with Don Miguel had spread through the town and the countryside, and there were several versions of it. But all agreed that there would be a duel as soon as Don Marcos Zappa was mended enough.

On the third morning, Don Juan de Vasquez came to town with the señorita. Meanwhile, Marcos Zappa had received a package from Don Pedro Garcia, and in it he had found documents which amazed and amused him. But he knew they would be sufficient to impress the Vasquez.

He called at the casa at the proper time after the siesta hour, and Don Juan greeted him gravely and perused the docu-



ments Pedro Garcia had provided. As they sipped wine, they talked.

"I have heard about Miguel," Don Juan

"I regret that very much," Marcos Zappa was quick to say.

"I have talked to the boy, and his father has talked to him. He was not really in love with Manuela. But he had looked forward to marriage with her, and his pride was hurt when he learned she had given her heart to you."

"I can understand that," Zappa replied.

"I have explained to him that people will guess your trouble was over her. The boy realizes he has made an error. But his stubborn pride will not let him admit it. He went wild, drank too much wine, forgot himself utterly."

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