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## THE DOUBLE CROSS

(Continued.)

"We will go to the camp, Joquin," Felipa announced, as we mounted our ponies.

We cantered out of the plaza. "The light of devilment is in your eyes, Felipa," I said. "Why the camp? What's up your sleeve?" "Poco tiempo" (in a little while), she replied.

"I must save my face. - used the wedding day only as an excuse to get away from the hacienda," she admitted brazenly. "I want you to meet the officers of the Black Cavalry. By our etiquette, it is the custom for the newcomer to make the first call."

"But we are alone," I protested. "Had we not better ride back for the padre—or else pick up a duena of some kind?" "No," she insisted, in decision. "We will go alone."

We swooped down upon the camp of the Black Cavalry—past the corrals containing nine hundred or more tough, short, Mexican "Black Beauties," and up to the officers' tents. As we drew rein, Captain Ruiz hurried to assist Felipa from her horse.

"At your feet, senorita," he said.

"But—"

He looked back hastily along the trail over which we had come.

"But you are alone, senorita?"

He spoke in a tone of utter incredulity.

"No, not alone, captain," Felipa chuckled. "The Senor St. John, whom you have twice met, is with me and awaits your welcome."

"The camp is yours, senor," he said to me quite dutifully, but with a black look.

As I dismounted, fully a dozen officers came up to greet us.

"We have come, senores," cried Felipa, in a merry voice, "to eat—what do you say in the army?—mess?—with you."

And she swept the faces of all the officers, as if studying the effect of her announcement.

"Bueno!" chorused the officers.

"You shall join us, senorita."

"And the senor," turning to me,

"it is an honor we had hardly dared expect."

To a man they scanned me with looks of bewilderment and embarrassment, the full meaning of which I did not fathom.

Soldiers now led away our horses. The officers chatted with us, relating how half the regiment would some night ride over the mountains and make a "daybreak assault" on the other half of the camp—these manoeuvres being in accordance with orders of the President of Mexico, who believed in getting up before the other fellow.

"And may the defenders beat off the daybreak assault," Felipa cried, enthusiastically, as if tremendously interested, though to me she acted like one "marking time."

An orderly announced supper, and with the officers we gathered in the mess-tent. Considering that we were with soldiers in the field, that repast should be called a banquet.

There were fish and entrees; meats and puddings and numerous sweets. Finally cigarettes were brought, and champagne. Glasses were filled.

Then Joquin, sitting next to Felipa, put his glass to her lips, and, speaking so all could hear, cried:

"Endulemele!" (Sweeten it for me).

To conform to this pretty Mexican custom, Felipa should have taken a sip of wine, after which Joquin would have drained the glass thus "sweetened."

Felipa, however, instead of doing what was expected of her, pushed her campstool back in hasty retreat from the proffered glass, and cried:

"Too late, senor el capitán. And yet, nay! Give me the glass."

She took the brimming glass from Joquin's hand and sipped it.

I understood now that she was beginning her "grand stand play" for which she had been "marking time."

"So! for the last time," she said, handing the glass back to Ruiz.

"I drink in future," she added, thus reaching the climax of her play, "only from the cup of my betrothed—the Senor Juan San Juan."

A thunderclap could not have caused greater consternation in the mess-tent. The officers looked at one another in a kind of panic, as if wondering how they should greet this astounding news of the betrothal of

the ranking senorita of the district with an utter stranger, and an alien at that.

"And what," I thought, "will Ruiz do now to thwart me?"

At our previous meeting, Ruiz had shown that he hated me. The news which Felipa had just announced would surely cause his hatred to take active form. He looked vicious and was probably vengeful. Where, when, how would he strike?

"A vuestra salud!" (To your health!) cried all the officers except Ruiz himself, each rising and drawing his sword. And all then crossed their blades over Felipa's head.

"Thus," cried the colonel in command of the camp, "To the Senorita Felipa de Gasteneda is pledged the protection of this regiment as long as a man of us shall live."

Ruiz, having sat for a moment like one petrified, suddenly sprang up, his sword flashed from its scabbard and he joined his brother officers in the sword-crossing pledge of protection to Felipa, shouting at the same time a repetition of the words:

"As long as a man of us shall live."

Then, after all had resheathed their blades, Joquin again caught up the glass of "sweetened" champagne, not a drop of which he had touched, and, holding it far above his head, cried:

"Saludos (compliments) senorita!"

And, looking directly into her eyes, he added:

"For the last time."

Whereupon he drained his glass.

I noticed that, despite his attempt to appear calm, his hand trembled so that some of the wine flowed over the brim of the glass and dripped upon his uniform.

And right after that he gave me such a look of inordinate hate, that I became more than appalled by what had happened. For if ever I saw murder written in human face, I saw it then in the countenance of Ruiz.

Felipa, having accomplished whatever object had brought her to the camp, (for even now I failed to see the full meaning of it all)—rose abruptly and said:

"Adios, senores. Night falls quickly, now that the sun is setting. You shall all dance at my betrothal party at the hacienda, not many nights hence. Si, senores, the contradanza. You will dance with me?—all of you?—yes?"

We all stepped out of the tent. I saw a soldier loading a cannon that stood by the flag-staff, from which floated the tricolor of Mexico.

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