

**Zorro: The Curse of Capistrano**  
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FELIPE

What is all this noise? Sons of iniquity-what do you here in the dead of night?

RAMON

We are chasing this Senor Zorro, the so-called Curse of Capistrano-

FELIPE

And you expect to find him in this poor house?

RAMON

Are you coy with me, church mouse? Doubtless you have heard of him-

FELIPE

I have heard that he seeks to aid the oppressed, and whipped those dogs who have beaten Indians..

RAMON

Bold words, brother mouse.

FELIPE

It is my nature to speak the truth, soldier.

RAMON

You will be getting into difficulties with the powers, Franscican!

FELIPE

In the name of Him I serve, I fear no politician, soldier!

RAMON

You have not seen a masked fiend who calls himself Zorro?

FELIPE

The only fiends I see these days wear their naked faces-

RAMON

I shall have my men search your house-

FELIPE

You accuse me of falsehood?

RAMON

My men have nothing better to pass the time..why? Have you something to hide?

FELIPE

Present company considered? Perhaps the wine-jugs-

RAMON

Ahh! You three ! (He gestures offstage) Search the place-  
if I am assured he is not here, you avoid the appearance of evil in shielding him from  
justice...(in moving idly about the room, Ramon opens the poorbox.) how comes it,  
Franciscan, that you have offerings of so many new-minted riales ?

FELIPE

Why, I cannot tell- all gifts of charity are anonymous, to forestall the appearance of  
pride...

RAMON

Bernardo; arrest Felipe on the charge of harboring a fugitive and receiving stolen goods-  
(Bernardo moves in on Fra Felipe who strong-arms him and takes his sword.He makes a  
huge pax vobiscum in the air with the sword as he says:)

FELIPE

I am a soldier in the army of the Lord, and I draw my sword in the name of the living  
Christ! En garde, Ramone!

(This is a short but brilliant fight- which Felipe is bidding fair to win when he is aware of  
a gun being cocked behind him. On the exit he blesses Bernardo, after which Ramon  
shoves the alms box in Bernardo's stomach)