

Zorro: The Curse of Capistrano
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ZORRO

A moment, Senior.

(Ramon flings Luisa away and turns to face Zorro.)

RAMON

Damn your eyes, thief!

ZORRO

I heard a lady scream and came to find the cause. You will apologize on your knees to the senorita for being a swine. *(He draws.)*

RAMON

Certainly. Right after I gut you.

(He draws and they engage. This is an all-pro event, fast and deadly. It lasts until Zorro feints and offers a false opening to draw Ramon. Thinking Zorro is in grave danger, Luisa impulsively jumps on Ramon's back, hiding his eyes. Zorro takes Ramon's sword and winds things up:)

ZORRO

(His sword at Ramon's throat.)

Now - "I apologize for being a swine.."

RAMON

I apologize-

(Zorro gestures for Ramon to smile:)

for being a swine..

ZORRO

Forgive me for fouling the air you breathe..

RAMON

Forgive me for fouling the air you breathe...

ZORRO

I will never annoy you again; I humbly beg your pardon, Seniorita

RAMON

I will never annoy you again; I -humbly - beg your pardon, Seniorita..

ZORRO

-which she won't grant because you are beneath contempt. I should kill you, but-

(He turns slightly to sheathe his sword, and Ramon takes his chance- he has a knife in his boot. It's out, and almost released when Luisa brains him with his own sword. He falls senseless.)

ZORRO
Santa Maria-