Pedro el Estevado

Apart from a dishevelled beard and a Seville Hat which sits perpetually on the top of a spherical crimson faced head, Pedro el Estevado has three claims to fame.

Firstly, he breeds the world renowned Alquerian Newt Hound. A strange dog evolved from the Andalucían Hound and fearless in its search for the formidable Alquerian Newt.

Second. He has the most pronounced bow legs on the Iberian Peninsula. He is so bow legged that when naked his genitals appear to be in parentheses.

Thirdly he has B.O. His body odour is mentioned in the UN Chemical Weapons' Convention. When he applies deodorant his B.O. simply acts as a catalyst modifying even the most fragrant odour into a foul smelling emission.

Pedro's body odour is almost tangible. Some swear they have seen a strange glowing mist engulf him when his body juices are in ascendance. People naturally avoid him. Those who are not swift enough to take evasive action are usually buttonholed by him. These unfortunates will agree to anything just to cut the interview short. Pedro believes this is down to his eloquence in debate rather than his nauseating personal pong. The simple villagers feel rather intimidated by his powers of persuasion and so avoid him, at least this is what Pedro believes and of course explains why people avoid him.

So Pedro struts about the village scattering its inhabitants before. His B.O. flowing like a malodorous veil, if it were visible it could screen the largest of convoys. Today however Pedro was in demand. Rodriquez the olive mill owner and patriarch of the Newcomers needed to speak with him. Rodriquez had taken precautions in the form of a handkerchief heavily doped with aftershave which he kept against his mouth on the pretext of having a slight cold.

Pedro was overjoyed at the meeting. He listened intently to Rodriquez bemoaning the fact that the Alquerian coffers were empty after the failure of Remitbrick and Remitbright. Rodriquez, turning almost purple with the stench issuing from the open necked shirt told him of his wonder at Pedro's powers of persuasion and how he could charm the very birds of the very trees. Rodriquez laid it on thick and Pedro lapped it up, growing in stature and stench at each new complement.

Rodriquez is a man who specialises in Machiavellian intrigue and is a man who regards himself as a born leader. There was a reason for these overtures he made to Pedro el Estevado.

A reason which will become clear very very soon!