Alqueria. The Principal Residents

It may be useful to list the main residents of the village republic of Alqueria along with their barrio allegiance. The original inhabitants populate the Hill People's Barrio to the west of the Village. Those that came after the Great Alqueria Reconstruction occupy the easterly Newcomer's Barrio. Several of the denizens owe no allegiance and are therefore non-partisan.

Manuela: Barrio of the Hill People. Our heroine but with a dark soul. Once decapitating her and her Sister's dolls, keeping their heads in a plastic bag under her mattress. Her prowess with the opposite sex has been described as legendary. Leads the Hill People during the 'Alquerian Pastime' of civil unrest.

Fernándo Rodriquez: Newcomer's Barrio. Deadly enemy to Manuela and the Hill People. He owns the Olive Mill and is systematically running it into the ground due to incompetence and nepotism. His physical attributes are those of an obese foul-mouthed bully. His only redeeming feature is wealth which is being fast depleted.

Antonio Poyato: Hill People's Barrio. Owns the smallholding where Remitroot grows. He is addicted to the plant and especially relishes its effects as an aphrodisiac. He has to wear specially made trousers with a low hanging crotch and carbon steel reinforcing.

Loco Paco: Hill People's Barrio. His career advisor summed up his abilities with the remark, “Can ride a bike, not well but adequately” Raised Benjy, a Saharan Dung Beetle from a pup and has an imaginary five foot tall rodent friend called Bert. Opinions differ regarding his sanity.

Blyth Gruntmore: Non-partisan. The Village's very own Englishman. He speaks bad Spanish with a Geordie accent. No-one understands him. He is treated with pity and

considered simple. He once ordered dinner in his unique style of Spanish and ended up with a scale model of the Alhambra covered in tartar sauce.

Roberto Robles: Newcomer's Barrio. Second in command to Rodriquez at the Olive Mill. Arch sycophant. Once slim and fit, he purposely became obese to imitate Rodriquez. He is totally incompetent in all respects. He always speaks in a very loud voice which he believes makes him wise and astute. He has no redeeming features.

Sacerdote del Semblante Lánguido: Non-partisan. Village priest. Was once young, pious and enthusiastic. After listening to one of Manuela's confessions he became an existentialist. He now wanders the Pueblo hollow-eyed and muttering. He is plagued with the mental images of Manuela's revelations.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of Alquerians. The population is virtually a static one. No-one visits in the Pueblo on purpose with it being such an obnoxious place. No-one leaves, as Alquerians in general lack the necessary abilities and people skills to survive in the real world.

These are however the more normal folk of Alqueria, the others are really quite strange.