Manuela

Living in Alqueria is one those women who shine a little brighter, walk with a little more poise and are more charming than their contemporaries. Manuela is one such person, aloof yet charming, distant yet desirable. Manuela has an arsenal of weapons which she uses with great effect on the opposite sex, she deploys them without mercy to get what she wants. Men are exploited, used and left gibbering wrecks after her ministrations.

The women of Alqueria despise her but unknown to them they have a lot to thank her for. Alquerian men are renown for the attention they show their womenfolk, the womenfolk are in return happy and contented. It is Manuela who inflames the passion of the men, who builds up in them a force as half as old as time itself and is unleashed on respective wives and girlfriends. It is they who are the recipients of all the built up tension and frustration caused by the raven hair and swinging hips of Manuela.

Although the women of Alqueria curse Manuela publicly they secretly envied her, most knew they couldn't compete and satisfied themselves by exaggerating her minor misdemeanour and inventing new ones. The new owner of the Bar La Casa Devante, one Joseph Grogaloto known affectionately as 'Pepe Botella' due to his fondness for the products he retails hired Manuela as a barmaid. It is rumoured he pays over the odds for her services as he consider her a vital asset to the business.

Certainly it was a shrewd move to supply a uniform consisting of a satin skirt and tight blouse. This outfit coupled with Manuela's undoubted charm and beauty filled Pepe's place every night. The provocative affect of her ample frame manoeuvring through the crowded bar was intoxicating to the vast majority of the male customers and several of the more adventurous female customers as well. With all of them in such a state of bewilderment is was an easy matter for Manuela to offload the more dubious wine on her besotted admirers. The 'look but don't touch' rule applied in general but

she would sometimes engineer a fleeting contact with the more private male regions in order to maintain interest and boost wine sales.

Although Manuela is a desirable woman and certainly worth and second and even a third look she is somewhat of an enigma, so arrived unexpectedly from parts unknown and doesn't seem to have any relatives. She can certainly hold her own when necessary and once threatened to hollow out a Guardia Civil officer with a soup spoon after a lively debate over the bill in a Madrid restaurant.