The Population Explosion

Alqueria's has a falling population. Those that pass away are not being replaced, the birthrate is zero. This is not because the process of human procreation isn't practised, it is practised with 'gusto', the Pueblo's national sport in fact. The problem is Remitroot, both an aphrodisiac and strong intoxicant. It leaves the male seed so disorientated it doesn't know if it is Accession Day, Midsummer's Day or the anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate and they often head off in the wrong direction. Also individuals seemed to prefer dying than actually living in Alqueria. Something had to be done and Alqueria opened its doors to controlled immigration.

Those readers whose memory hasn't been totally destroyed by their consumption of Remitroot liquor may remember that only two immigrants satisfied the qualification process. Tonto Tomás and Crazy Carmen. As their names suggest some people paddle in very shallow gene pools. They seemed perfectly suited for life in Alqueria.

It would perhaps be interesting to describe these two additions to the population in some detail.

Crazy Carmen is a singular lady to say the least. Whether or not the term 'lady' applies to Carmen is open to some debate but we will go with the biological definition until we have official confirmation. She filled in the immigration form by accident believing it to be a subscription to the 'The Crazy Bitch Gazette: The magazine for the terminally flaky'. She has two major claims to fame. She can belch 'A Las Barricadas' after eight glasses of Remitroot beer and spit further that Soggy Sosima the 'All Comers Alqueria and District Phlegm Champion'. But she has a kind heart, at least we hope she has, she definitely needs a redeeming feature.

Tonto Tomás is the virtual opposite of Carmen, his spitting prowess is on a par with that of an asthmatic Drain Fly. As for belching, after two of the required eight glasses of Remitroot beer Tomás is inclined to faint. Tomás is in a perpetual state of

distraction with the attention span of a confused sardine. His distraction is such that he is distracted by distraction itself and has never completed a single task in his life.

Tonto Tomás and Crazy Carmen are well matched however. Carmen's physique has little in the way of femininity and that includes breasts. Tomás however has a very confused body, all the muscles seem to be in the wrong places and his limbs don't know the value of team work. While Carmen is flat chested, Tonto Tomás has man breasts, but this isn't a problem as after all someone in any relationship has to have a pair of tits.