Pacoism

Whether Pacoism will rival the great religions of the world only time will tell. Whether Existentialists or Humanist will convert to the Pacoist philosophy, we will have to wait and see. Presently Pacoism only flourishes in Alqueria. Groups of travellers make pilgrimages to the village just to worship at the feet of Loco Paco. The great man had absolutely no idea of what was going on. His world is one of a finely crafted veneer meticulously built up over the years. Anything outside of his small terraced house was a complete mystery to him. His only friends are a Saharan Dung Beetle called Benjy and an imaginary five foot rodent. To the Travellers the three identities form the 'Holy Trinity of the Divine Paco'.

The villagers themselves were delighted at this influx of visitors and their cash. The Travellers consumed Remitroot at an unnerving rate, their hedonistic community relished the effects of the liquor particularly its qualities as an aphrodisiac. Although the traders of Alqueria were delighted the population in general were rather puzzled and surprised at the choice of the 'Holy One'. It is a commonly held belief that simply staying in bed drains Paco's intellectual reserves.

Paco's followers believe Manuela to be his foil and therefore the Evil One, calling her 'La Diablesa' and making the sign of 'La Moza Malvada' whenever she appears. This did not surprise the villagers however, they have had their suspicions for years. Manuela did nothing to disprove this conviction. It all added to her kudos, her mystery, her control over the male population of the Pueblo.

The route from Órgiva to Alqueria is by now a well-trodden one. A pilgrim's trail for the Travellers. Groups sit crossed legged under Paco's window discussing his philosophy and miracles. Paco's philosophy is one woven around him without his knowledge or consent, certainly without his understanding.

The miracles.

The Miracle of the Crying Virgin. This turned out to be Pilar Redondorodillas keeper of the local bakery. The flour made her appear as a plaster saint, the crying because Paco had walked in and as for being a virgin, sheer invention.

The Apparition of the Dancing Man. This figure appears on Paco's patio dancing and singing in an incomprehensible and unknown language. It usually appears a day or so after Blythe Gruntmore, the resident Englishman and Geordie receives his Newcastle Brown Ale shipment from Gibraltar.

Even someone as intellectually challenged as Paco couldn't remain oblivious to his new found status indefinitely. He began putting two and two together. Despite several wrong answers the realisation finally dawned and it made Paco feel rather uncomfortable.