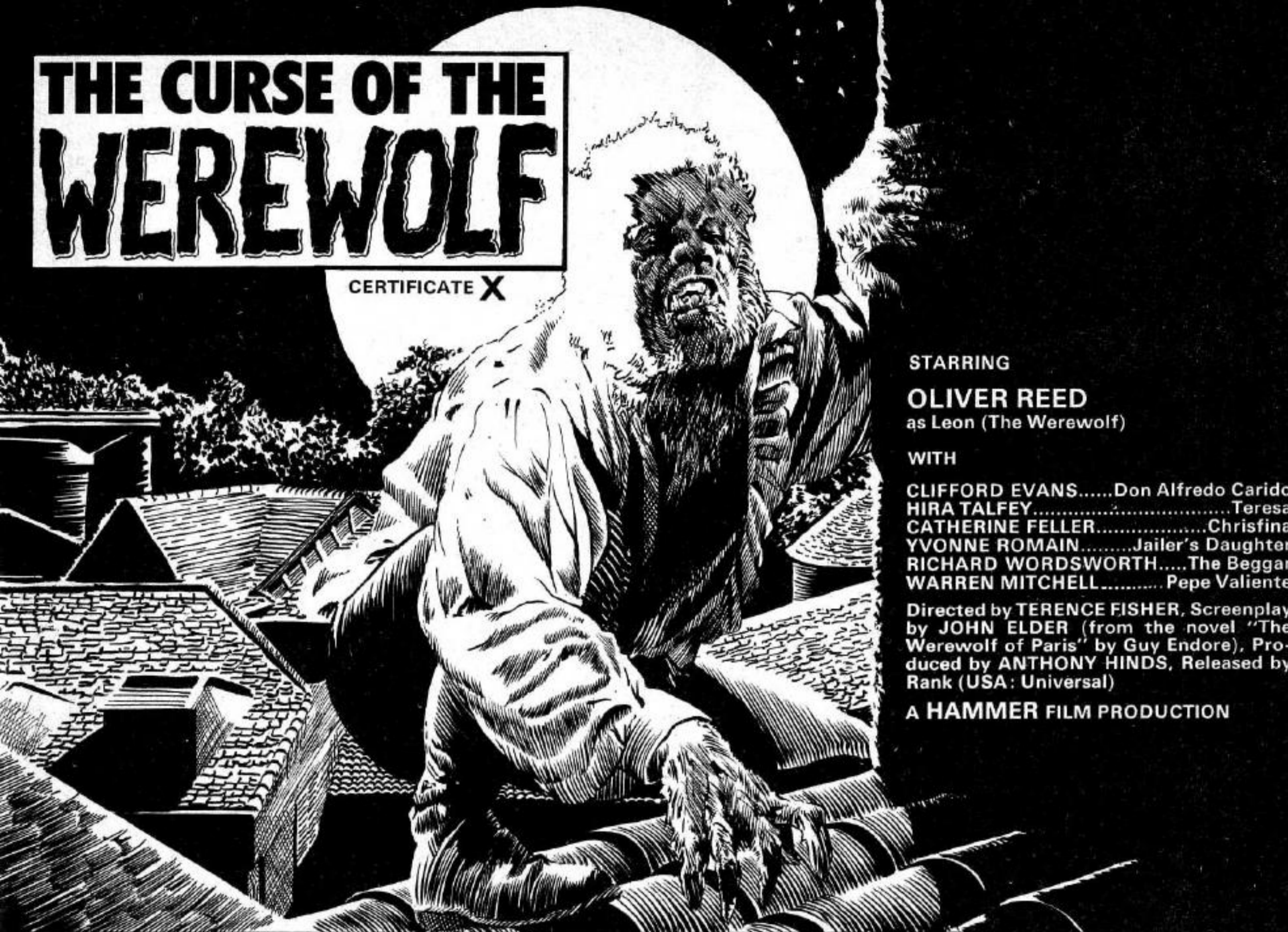


THE CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF

CERTIFICATE X



STARRING

OLIVER REED

as Leon (The Werewolf)

WITH

CLIFFORD EVANS.....Don Alfredo Carido
 HIRA TALFEY.....Teresa
 CATHERINE FELLER.....Christina
 YVONNE ROMAIN.....Jailer's Daughter
 RICHARD WORDSWORTH.....The Beggar
 WARREN MITCHELL.....Pepe Valiente

Directed by TERENCE FISHER, Screenplay by JOHN ELDER (from the novel "The Werewolf of Paris" by Guy Endore), Produced by ANTHONY HINDS, Released by Rank (USA: Universal)

A HAMMER FILM PRODUCTION

LIFE IS ALWAYS HARD FOR A BEGGAR... ESPECIALLY SO IN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SPAIN. BUT FOR ONE TATTERED WRETCH LIFE SEEMS TO BE LOOKING UP... FOR HE HAS STUMBLERD INTO A WEDDING FEAST AT THE CASTLE SINIESTRO. AND ON THIS DAY, THE DEBAUCHED OLD MARQUES SEEMS DISPOSED TOWARD KINDNESS ...

HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR YOURSELF, BEGGAR? TEN PESETAS?



TEN PESETAS? THANK YOU, MY LORD!

UNAWARE THAT HE HAS JUST SOLD HIMSELF, BODY AND SOUL, FOR A PITTANCE, THE BEGGAR ENJOYS THE UNEXPECTED GENEROSITY... AND DOES WHAT HE CAN TO REPAY THE KINDNESS...

COME ON, WRETCH! DANCE! MAKE US LAUGH!



TIME TO RETIRE, I THINK! YOU THERE! SEETHAT THE BEGGAR IS GIVEN SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION UNTIL I SEND FOR HIM AGAIN!



BUT THE MARQUES NEVER DOES SEND FOR HIM AGAIN. MANY YEARS PASS BY... YEARS OF LONELINESS, BOREDOM AND BROODING...



BROODING, PERHAPS, ABOUT THE ONLY OTHER PERSON HE EVER SEES...



... THE JAILER'S MUTE DAUGHTER, WHO BRINGS HIM HIS FOOD... WHEN SHE GETS THE TIME AWAY FROM HER DUTIES AS A MAID...



TIME HAS RAVAGED THE MARQUES, TOO... TURNING HIM INTO A FRIENDLESS, MAD, OLD RECLUSE... BUT EVEN TIME HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REFORM HIS NATURE...

HEH, HEH! COME ON, MY DEAR... A LITTLE KISS, AND THEN...

UH-UHH!



THE MARQUES TUGS ON A BELL-PULL...

HAVE THAT GIRL LOCKED UP... UNTIL SHE LEARNS SOME BETTER MANNERS!



ONLY ONE CELL IS AVAILABLE, AND SO THE OLD BEGGAR IS FINALLY SENT A COMPANION... NO, MORE THAN A MERE COMPANION...



BUT FOR THE MUTE GIRL THERE IS NO WAY TO CALL FOR RESCUE... NO ESCAPE FROM A MAN KEPT ALONE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS!



AT LAST, ABUSED AND HUMILIATED, SHE IS RELEASED... ONLY TO FIND FURTHER HORRORS IN STORE...



AND THIS TIME THE PROSPECT IS TOO REVOLTING TO ENDURE...



AND SO...

AAUUUGGH!



AFTER THAT, THERE IS NOTHING FOR THE GIRL TO DO BUT FLEE... SHE LIVES WILD IN THE WOODS FOR A TIME, UNTIL, ON THE POINT OF DEATH BY EXHAUSTION SHE IS FOUND BY ALFREDO CARIDO, A LOCAL WRITER...

HOLY SAINTS! WHAT'S THIS?



ALFREDO IS A KIND, GENTLE MAN... PERHAPS THE FIRST THE GIRL HAS EVER MET... AND AT LAST SHE HAS A REAL HOME...

THE POOR GIRL CAN'T SPEAK... CAN'T TELL US WHAT SHE'S SUFFERED... BUT IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE!



AND ALFREDO'S HOUSEKEEPER DOES LOOK AFTER THE GIRL THROUGH MANY MONTHS... MONTHS THAT CULMINATE WITH THE BEGGAR'S FINAL LEGACY... A BABY BOY... BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

IT'S A BOY THEN, TERESA? EXCELLENT!

STILL, THAT'S OVER NOW... YOU'LL LOOK AFTER HER, TERESA!

NO, SENOR, IT'S VERY UNLUCKY... AN UNWANTED CHILD BORN ON OUR LORD'S BIRTHDAY IS AN INSULT TO HEAVEN!



AND THE POOR GIRL HAS DIED IN CHILDBIRTH... WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?



BUT IT SEEMS TERESA'S FEARS ARE UNFOUNDED, AS LITTLE LEON DEVELOPS INTO A HEALTHY, BUT SLIGHTLY WITHDRAWN BOY...

I'M NOT HUNGRY, AUNT TERESA..

BUT LEON, YOU MUST EAT... WE CAN'T HAVE YOU LOSING YOUR APPETITE!



VERY NASTY... THERE MUST BE A WOLF ABOUT!



OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE STANDS PEPE, THE LOCAL HUNTER... IT IS HIS JOB TO PROTECT THE FLOCKS... AND NOW THEY NEED PROTECTING!



PEPE'S FIRST DUTY IS TO REPORT TO THE MAYOR... BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP HIM PAUSING FOR A FEW MINUTES' GOSSIP...

A DEAD GOAT, YOU SAY? LITTLE LEON'S KITTEN WAS KILLED TOO... I DON'T DARE SHOW IT TO HIM...



HE CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD, CAN HE...?



ALMOST FAINTED WHEN I TOOK HIM HUNTING WITH ME A FEW DAYS AGO! I THOUGHT HE'D ENJOY IT, BUT... STILL, I'VE GOT TO BE OFF!

THAT EVENING, PEPE IS OUT ON HIS ROUNDS AGAIN... AND THIS TIME HE IS READY...

THERE IT IS, NOW I'LL GET IT!





DAMN! I KNOW I HIT IT, BUT IT GOT AWAY! STILL, IT WON'T GET FAR...



LATER THAT NIGHT...

THERE, LEON... YOU'LL SOON BE BETTER!

AAAOWWW!



HE'S FALLEN ASLEEP... BUT HOW COULD IT HAVE HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW... BUT HE'S BEEN SHOT ALL RIGHT! THIS IS ONE OF PEPE'S BULLETS!



LATER, AFTER LEON HAS RECOVERED A LITTLE...

NOW, LEON, TELL ME... WHERE DID YOU GO?

NOWHERE, UNCLE... I WAS IN BED ALL NIGHT! BUT I DID HAVE A TERRIBLE DREAM...



I HAVE THE SAME DREAM EVERY NIGHT... I DREAM I'M A WOLF... A WOLF THAT DRINKS BLOOD!



IT'S HAPPENED EVER SINCE OLD PEPE TOOK ME HUNTING! HELP ME, UNCLE... HELP ME!

YES, I'LL HELP YOU, LEON... IF I CAN!

IN A SMALL VILLAGE LIKE THIS, THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN OF WISDOM TO TURN TO... THE PRIEST!

SOMETIMES A SPIRIT CAN ENTER THE BODY AT BIRTH, AND WAR WITH THE SOUL FOR CONTROL. AND IF THE SOUL SHOULD BE WEAKENED, THE SPIRIT TAKES OVER. FOR LEON, THE SPIRIT IS A WOLF... AND AT TIMES OF THE FULL MOON...



THEN, CAN NOTHING BE DONE?



BUT CARING ALSO MEANS GIVING PROTECTION... PROTECTION FROM WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF LEON GETS INTO PEPE'S SIGHTS AGAIN...

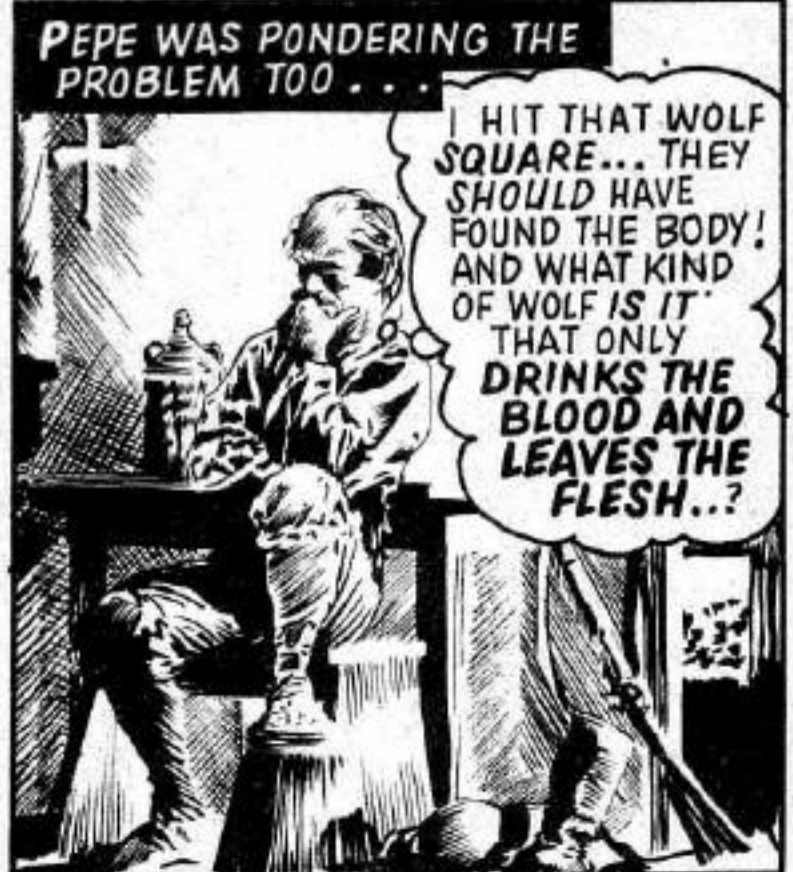
THERE! THAT SHOULD KEEP YOUR NIGHTMARES AWAY, SHOULDN'T IT, LEON?

YES, UNCLE!



LOVE IS THE ANSWER... LOVE STRENGTHENS THE SOUL IN ITS FIGHT. WHEN HE GROWS UP AND FINDS A GIRL TO LOVE HIM, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, HE HAS NO PARENTS...

THEN I'LL TRY TO GIVE HIM THAT LOVE AND CARE... I'LL BE A FATHER TO HIM...



PEPE WAS PONDERING THE PROBLEM TOO...

I HIT THAT WOLF SQUARE... THEY SHOULD HAVE FOUND THE BODY! AND WHAT KIND OF WOLF IS IT THAT ONLY DRINKS THE BLOOD AND LEAVES THE FLESH...?



UNLESS IT'S NOT AN ORDINARY WOLF... BUT TO MAKE A KILL THEN I'D NEED A VERY SPECIAL BULLET...



THAT SHOULD DO IT... A BULLET OF BLESSED SILVER! NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN CATCH!



WHEN NIGHT COMES, THE MOON IS STILL ALMOST FULL... AND THE HUNTER SETS OFF IN PURSUIT OF HIS QUARRY...



BUT LITTLE LEON FAILS TO KEEP HIS APPOINTMENT WITH FATE...

GRRRAAR!

LEON!
LEON!



IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, TERESA... HE JUST NEEDS REST...



BUT IF IT IS NOT LEON, WHAT IS IT THAT OLD PEPE SEES... AIMS AT... AND SHOOTS...?

GOT YOU!



SO IT WAS DOMINIQUE'S SHEEPDOG... MUST HAVE GONE WILD! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!

THE ATTACKS STOP AFTER THAT, AND IT SEEMS THE DOG MUST HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE. THE YEARS PASS, BUT PEPE STILL WEARS THAT SILVER BULLET AROUND HIS NECK... TO REMIND HIMSELF OF WHAT HE MIGHT HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH...



WITH THE LOVING CARE OF ALFREDO AND TERESA, LEON PUTS HIS TROUBLES BEHIND HIM AND GROWS INTO A NORMAL YOUNG MAN. AND, LIKE ALL YOUNG MEN, EVENTUALLY LEAVES HOME TO LOOK FOR WORK...

COME BACK IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE PLACE...!

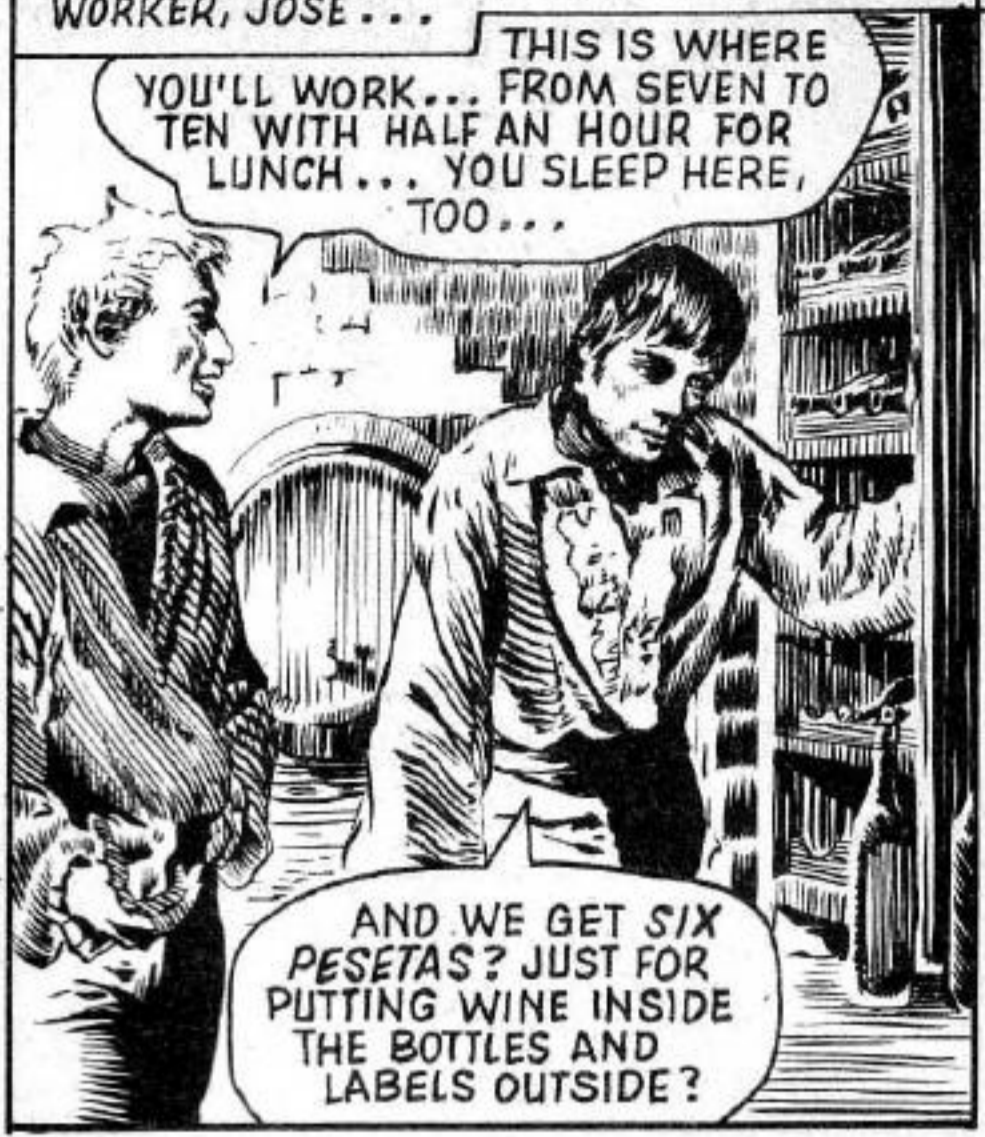
I WILL, AUNT TERESA... I PROMISE...

BUT LEON'S ARRIVAL AT THE VINEYARD OF DON FERNANDO FERNANDEZ DOES NOT GET OFF TO A GOOD START...



HEEEY!

BUT LEON IS TAKEN IN, AND GIVEN A JOB IN THE BOTTLING ROOM WITH ANOTHER WORKER, JOSE...



THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL WORK... FROM SEVEN TO TEN WITH HALF AN HOUR FOR LUNCH... YOU SLEEP HERE, TOO...

AND WE GET SIX PESETAS? JUST FOR PUTTING WINE INSIDE THE BOTTLES AND LABELS OUTSIDE?



AND THEN, SURPRISINGLY..

SENOR, I'VE COME TO APOLOGISE FOR SPLASHING YOU EARLIER. I'M CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ...

THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGISE, SENORITA...

LOVE STRIKES SWIFTLY, AND MAKES NO DISTINCTIONS... AND SO, IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW...



CHRISTINA! HURRY... BEFORE YOUR FATHER SEES YOU...!

IT SEEMS LEON HAS FINALLY FOUND THE GIRL WHO WILL CURE HIM FOR ALL TIME OF THE TERRIBLE HORROR THAT WARS WITH HIS SOUL...



I CAN'T SEE YOU TOMORROW, LEON... BUT I'LL BE HERE ON SUNDAY...

BUT I CAN'T BEAR TO BE AWAY FROM YOU, CHRISTINA... COME AWAY... WE'LL BE MARRIED...

BUT FATE NOW DEALS A HAMMER BLOW...



I CAN'T MARRY YOU, LEON... I'M ALREADY BETROTHED TO RICO GOMEZ... I WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO MARRY YOU!

SATURDAY NIGHT SEES LEON TRYING TO DROWN HIS SORROW WITH JOSE... AT AN INFAMOUS TAVERN NOT FAR FROM THE VINEYARD...



YOU DON'T LOOK WELL, DEARIE... COME OUTSIDE FOR SOME FRESH AIR...

LEON IS STILL DWELLING ON HIS REJECTION... BUT THE GIRL CANNOT KNOW THAT...

I DON'T FEEL...

WISHING ON THE MOON? WISH SOMETHING NICE FOR ME WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!...

WHY, DEARIE- I...?



LEON! LEON! WHERE ARE YOU, WHAT THE...

OH, MY GOD!



BUT JOSE ONLY FINDS... THAT THE NIGHTMARE HAS BEGUN AGAIN!

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CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF Part II 'MURDER MOON'



SOME INSTINCT LEADS LEON BACK... BACK TO THE ONLY SAFE HAVEN HE HAS KNOWN IN HIS LIFE...

LEON!
HOW DID YOU GET BACK...!?
AND WHERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES?



IRON BARS CAN SOMETIMES TELL A STORY MUCH PLAINER THAN WORDS...

GOOD LORD!



THE PRIEST IS CALLED, FOR ONLY HE CAN EXPLAIN... AND BE BELIEVED...

YOU SAY I TURNED INTO A WOLF? I-I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING... YET THERE'S BLOOD ON MY HANDS...

PERHAPS ONLY THE BLOOD OF A SHEEP MY SON. AND YET, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE...



I THINK I CAN GET YOU INTO A MONASTERY, WHERE YOU'LL BE CARED FOR... BUT TILL THEN, YOU MUST BE CHAINED...!



CHAINED LIKE AN ANIMAL? NO... I WON'T...

LEON!
COME BACK!



IT IS DAWN WHEN LEON REACHES THE VINEYARD AGAIN, AND PREPARES TO START WORK...

BUT TODAY, HE WILL WORK ALONE...?



BUT BY NIGHTFALL, HE BEGINS TO REALISE HIS FATE...



BUT SUDDENLY...

LEON!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

CHRISTINA...
KEEP AWAY FROM ME!



PANICKING, LEON TRIES TO FLEE... BUT EVEN HIS FEET SEEM TO HAVE TURNED AGAINST HIM...

LEON... IN GOD'S NAME...!

OOOF!



LEON HAS NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME PASSES AS HE LIES THERE IN DELIRIUM... UNTIL, FINALLY...

ALL NIGHT? BUT... TELL ME... DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?

OH, LEON, YOU'RE AWAKE... BUT NOW I MUST GO... BEFORE MY FATHER FINDS OUT I'VE BEEN HERE WITH YOU ALL NIGHT...



NO, NOTHING HAPPENED... YOU JUST SEEMED TO BE ILL!

THEN YOU'VE SAVED ME! BUT WE MUST GET MARRIED AND GO AWAY... IF YOU LOVE ME, SAY YOU'LL COME WITH ME!



YES, I'LL COME WITH YOU... BUT WHAT'S THE MATTER, LEON?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER... BUT WE MUST LEAVE RIGHT NOW! GO AND GET READY!

A MOMENT'S HESITATION, AND THEN...



BUT TIME IS TOO SHORT... AND THEIR PLANS ARE INTERRUPTED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE POLICE...

LEON CARIDO! ARE THESE YOUR CLOTHES?

WHY, YES... I THINK SO...



THEN I'M ARRESTING YOU... THE CHARGE IS MURDER...!



AND SO...

JAILER! LISTEN TO ME! YOU MUST SEND FOR MY FATHER...!

HE WON'T LISTEN.. WON'T DO ANYTHING... UNLESS YOU PAY HIM!



HERE! IT'S ALL THE MONEY I HAVE! FETCH MY FATHER... PLEASE! HURRY..



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE VINEYARD...

LEON, WHERE ARE YOU? I'M READY... OH! FATHER!

SO, YOU WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY WITH HIM... WELL, YOU CAN FORGET THAT...



I AM GOING TO MARRY HIM! WHERE IS HE, FATHER? HE NEEDS ME!

WELL, HE'S NOT GOING TO SEE YOU! THEY'VE PUT HIM WHERE HE BELONGS... IN JAIL!



BUT NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP CHRISTINA NOW...

YOU THERE! DRIVE ME INTO TOWN... IT'S MY FATHER'S ORDER!



IT IS A LONG DRIVE BACK INTO TOWN, AND IN THE MEANTIME...

BUT LEON, THEY STILL HAVE TO PROVE THAT YOU KILLED THOSE PEOPLE...

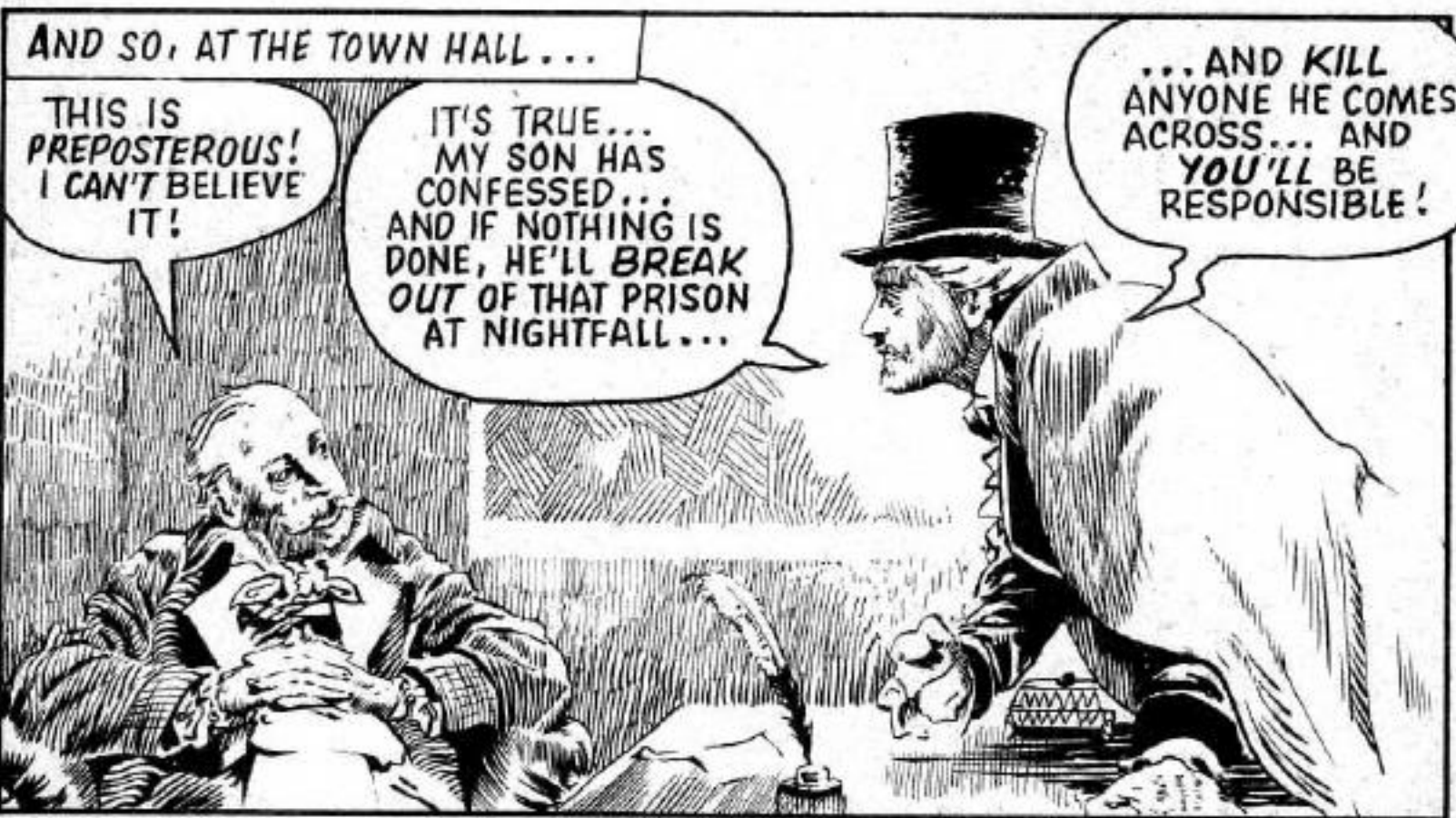
THEY'LL PROVE IT.. BECAUSE IT'S TRUE! AND IT'LL HAPPEN AGAIN TONIGHT IF THEY KEEP ME HERE... THESE BARS WON'T STOP IT...

WE'LL GO TO THE MAYOR... AND FIND OUT WHAT CAN BE DONE!



TELL HIM I'VE CONFESSED... AND I MUST BE EXECUTED BEFORE SUNDOWN... AND YOU KNOW HOW THAT MUST BE DONE...

SHOT WITH A SILVER BULLET, OR BURNED... **BURNED ALIVE!**



AND SO, AT THE TOWN HALL...

THIS IS PREPOSTEROUS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S TRUE... MY SON HAS CONFESSED... AND IF NOTHING IS DONE, HE'LL BREAK OUT OF THAT PRISON AT NIGHTFALL...

...AND KILL ANYONE HE COMES ACROSS... AND YOU'LL BE RESPONSIBLE!



AH... WELL... LET'S GO AND LOOK AT HIM...



YOU MUST BELIEVE THEM, SENOR! ALL THEY'VE TOLD YOU IS TRUE...

YOU LOOK PERFECTLY NORMAL TO I'LL NEED OTHER WITNESSES... INDEPENDENT WITNESSES!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT...

LEON! WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO YOU?

CHRISTINA!

WHA... AND WHO ARE YOU, SENORITA? YOU KNOW HIM?



I'M CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ, SENOR... LEON AND I ARE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED...

SO, YOU YOU KNOW HIM WELL... DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIS... AFFLICTION?

BUT, OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE INNOCENT...

HE DOESN'T HAVE AN AFFLICTION... HE'S PERFECTLY NORMAL!



THANK YOU! THE PRISONER WILL STAY HERE AND AWAIT TRIAL!

COME, MY CHILD!

NO! LEAVE HER WITH ME! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE ME!



FATHER! OLD PEPE HAS A SILVER BULLET... YOU MUST GET IT FROM HIM... AND USE IT ON ME...



AND, AT ALFREDO'S HOUSE...

THIS IS A FRIEND OF LEON'S, WITH NOWHERE TO GO... PERHAPS SHE CAN STAY HERE... AT LEAST UNTIL DON ALFREDO FINDS PEPE...



PEPE? THEN IT'S COME TO THAT AT LAST...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A SILVER BULLET?

A SILVER BULLET MADE FROM A CRUCIFIX... THE ONLY BULLET THAT COULD KILL... A WEREWOLF!



BUT NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES SUCH THINGS... LIKE THE OLD DRUNKARD WHO SHARES LEON'S CELL...

A BEAUTIFUL EVENING... AND THERE'S A FULL MOON RISING! IT'LL SOON BE BRIGHT AS... WHAT?



NO! IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN! IT MUSTN'T... NOOOO!



GRRRRAAR!



BUT SUCH HORRORS DO NOT GO UNNOTICED FOR LONG...

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE... GOOD LORD!

BUT APPEALS FOR HEAVENLY AID BRING NO RELIEF... FOR LEON IS ALL WOLF NOW. AND EVERYONE ELSE... ONLY VICTIMS!



NO! KEEP BACK!

AND THEN, THE WEREWOLF IS FREE!



GRRRRRRR

FREE... TO KILL!



AND SO, WHEN ALFREDO RETURNS FROM HIS QUEST...

WHAT'S HAPPENED?
HAS LEON GONE?
WHERE IS HE?

WE DON'T
KNOW, SENOR!
HE...

THEN...

THERE
HE IS!

UP ON THE
ROOF!



IN A MOB, MEN WILL
DARE MANY THINGS...
EVEN FACING A
WEREWOLF...

AFTER
HIM!
DON'T LET
HIM GET
AWAY!



WOLVES
CAN'T STAND
FIRE! WE'LL
FORCE HIM
DOWN...



AND, FOR A MOMENT, IT LOOKS AS
IF THE PLAN MIGHT WORK...



BUT ONLY FOR
A MOMENT...

LOOK
OUT!



THE MOB SCATTERS BRIEFLY,
BUT THEN THE CHASE IS ON
AGAIN...

THERE HE
GOES! HE'S GOT
ONTO THE
CHURCH!



AND BELOW...

STAY BACK... I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DEAL WITH HIM...

BUT YOU CAN'T KILL HIM... YOU MUSTN'T...



BUT ALFREDO KNOWS WHAT MUST BE DONE ... AND SO ...

THIS LADDER LEADS UP INTO THE BELL-TOWER...



THEN HE IS THERE ... FACING LEON WHO HE HAS RAISED AS HIS OWN SON!

GOD GIVE ME STRENGTH!..

PERHAPS SOME SPARK OF HUMANITY REMAINS IN LEON, FOR HE DOES NOT ATTACK THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN HIS FATHER ... BUT LEAPS AWAY INSTEAD



KLOON

ALFREDO HESITATES FOR LONG SECONDS, UNABLE TO PULL THE TRIGGER...

KLOON

FORGIVE ME, LEON... FORGIVE ME...

AND THEN...

SHOOOOSH!

BLAM



THEN THE TORMENT IS OVER...

UUUUH!



AND FOR ALFREDO, ONE LAST ACT AS A FATHER...



THE EXCITEMENT OVER, THE VILLAGERS GO HOME... LEAVING BEHIND ONLY THREE PEOPLE... THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOVED AND CHERISHED YOUNG LEON CARIDO... BUT FIND THAT A CRUEL WORLD HAS ONLY REWARDED THEM WITH PAIN AND GRIEF...



THE END