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and his knowledge of Indian life and lore. The most beautiful virgins were given him as presents. These he accepted and incorporated into his retinue, much, it is said, to the displeasure of the chaste Father Marco, who, soon after they crossed the Rio Grande, dropped behind, letting Estevanico blaze the way.

"According to certain writers, it was Estevanico's acceptance of, and freedom with, the women that caused Father Marco to lag behind, but it seems that the latter also acted from motives of prudence and advantage as Estevanico was easing the way splendidly. Father Marco was none too squeamish, himself. He had taken part in the conquest of Peru and the barbarous treatment of the Indians there by Pizarro.

"The following is the reason for the parting, according to Castenado, the historian of the Coronado expedition, which followed immediately after that of Estevanico's:

"IT SEEMS that after the friar I have mentioned, and the Negro had started, the Negro did not get along well with the friars because he took the women that were given him and collected turquoises and got together a stock of everything. Besides, the Indians in those places got along with the Negro better, because they had seen him before. This was the reason he was sent on ahead to open up the way and pacify the Indians so that when others came along they had nothing to do except to keep an account of the things for which they were looking.

"Father Marco and Estevanico parted 'One Passion Sunday after dinner,' with the understanding that if Estevanico heard tidings of a fair country he should send back a small cross; if the country were rich he should send a cross 'two hand-fuls long'; and if it were richer than Mexico, he should send back a great cross.

"WITH HIS emblem of power, a rattle gourd, decorated with two bells and two feathers, one red, the other white, Estevanico forged his way northward, hearing as he went yet more wonderful tales of empires in the interior; of buildings that were five stories high; of peoples who were well clothed, and beyond them of other cities even richer. That he had only three hundred followers did not daunt him. He possessed the true spirit of the conquistador and meant to win or die. Optimistic by nature, present conditions made him even more so. Was it not he, the former slave, whom the viceroy had chosen to lead this important expedition? With the tribute and the presents of women showered on him was he not a conqueror? In his enthusiasm he saw riches far beyond those captured by Cortez and Pizarro. Already he saw his bearers struggling under loads of golden breast-plates; doors, studded with jewels; great idols of gold with eyes of burning rubies, bracelets and sacrificial knives of gold. In the heat of his optimism he sent back to Father Marco a cross so large that it took four men to carry it and a message urging him to hurry on as he had heard of 'the greatest thing in the world.' He added that he was not yet at a town, but was thirty days' march from the first of the golden cities."

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"A Good Time Was Had By All" when Mary Lou Webb celebrated her birthday with a party of close friends pictured here from left: Willie Blanch, Delores Collins, John Banks, Sherry Junior, Fran Styles, Juanita Johnson, Jimmy Banks, Luetta Reid, and (seated) Francis Jackson--Photo below, Mary Lou is shown with Roy Bolden.

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