

LARA'S SEVEN BROTHERS

During the wedding between Doña Lambra and Rodrigo Velázquez de Lara, better known as the brother of Doña Sancha, mother of the infants, the bride's relatives confront those of Lara. Alvar Sánchez, Doña Lambra's cousin, was killed in that confrontation at the hands of Gonzalo González, the youngest of the seven infants of Lara.

Later Gonzalo González is seen by Doña Lambra while he bathes in his underwear, an event that Doña Lambra, considering it as a purposeful sexual provocation, interprets as a serious offense.

Doña Lambra, taking advantage of this incident to avenge the death of her cousin Alvar Sánchez, which has not yet been satisfied, responds with another affront by ordering her servant to throw and stain Gonzalo González with a cucumber filled with blood, to the mocking laughter of his brothers. Gonzalo reacts by killing Doña Lambra's servant, who had gone to take refuge under the protection of his lady.

These events provoke Doña Lambra's thirst for revenge. For this reason, her husband Ruy Velázquez devises a plan by which Gonzalo Gustioz is sent to Almanzor with a letter whose content indicates that the bearer of the letter be killed. The father of the infants does not know the content of the letter because it is written in Arabic. Almanzor takes pity on Gonzalo Gustioz and limits himself to keeping him prisoner, since he considers the suffering of his captive excessive. Lara's seven brothers had been led into an ambush by Muslim troops in which, despite their warrior worth, they were decapitated and their heads sent to Córdoba by orders of their uncle Ruy Velázquez. And there they will be painfully contemplated by their father Gonzalo Gustioz.