



"Oh! A secret message!"

surprise!"--a jar of nuts for snack! We wanted to play the game "hunt for clues" over & over again!

23. DISCOVERED ONE DAY WE WENT ON AN ALL-DAY EXCURSION WITH A DEAR PORTUGUESE FRIEND TO THE BEAUTIFUL OLD CITY OF SINTRA. We went in a car (especially exciting for Davidito), with brothers Jay & Cephas, Alf & our sweet host. We visited a beautiful, small typical farm & talked with the people there, then visited lots of palaces & big villas in the thick, beautiful green forests of the country.

24. WE WALKED THROUGH HANGING GARDENS & even climbed over a stone wall into a gorgeous palace garden & there found a beautiful hidden cave that a millionaire had once had built as a private project.--A big stone wall revolved like a door when we pushed on it, & inside was a large network of caves & tunnels, as well as an underground spiral staircase that led down to a big, deep dark well!

25. IT WAS COLD, DRIPPY & DAMP INSIDE BUT VERY INTERESTING as we crept along, sometimes in the dark, holding on to one another. Alf always explained everything we saw to Sita & about the kings & presidents who had lived in the palaces we saw. Later we ate in a typical restaurant, & there too Davidito was very very good & only whined once the whole day when he thought we were going to have to go home!

26. WHILE IN THIS AREA WE ALSO VISITED THE LOCAL FISH STATION. Fish market & Fisherman's port, but the greatest fun was when

Alf took David out for more bowling experience! He looked like a widgee in his little blue-jeans & suspenders, rolling the big ball up to the line, then bending over to push it with all of his might!--The bowling ball would barely lunge down the lane until it'd just slightly tap one of the pins, which eventually made several others fall over! But he learned to line up the ball for a straight toss & he did score! He also saw how the pin machine set the pins back up from the back of the alley when we visited the maintenance room behind the alley.



"Boll'ee!"



Sitting in the shade during lunch while Mummy & Daddy sunbath!

27. OUR LITTLE CANARIAN DOESN'T LIKE THE SUN TOO MUCH, when the rest of us sit on the porch during lunch, for example, he wants to build a tent with sheets over the chairs so he can play with his cars in the shade.--A very typically Tenerife trait!

"RETURN TO MADRID"--Chapter 53

1. ONE NIGHT AFTER A REAL GOOD DINNER TALK BY DAD ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SMILING, & how timidity is really just pride, Dad suggested we have a "communion". In set up a place for Maria & Timothy on the floor, we had the couch, & a sister took care of sweet Alfred upstairs, of course it was really good for everybody to just love one another, & was especially nice & humbling for dear Timothy, but bless him!



A "love-doo"--whatta way to go!--(so this is DO, p'know)

2. SO DAVIDITO JUST WANDERED AROUND FROM ONE GROUP TO THE OTHER for a long while, while watching all four of us on the living-room, he said aloud to try to get our attention, "Hi-hoo!" I would like to play with my cars now", as if someone should stop the fun & join him. Then he thought about getting my attention & said in a very self-righteous, straight way, "Sara, I want to go upstairs & read a book about Jesus!"--how "saintly" & sweet!--he figured that'd really get me to pay attention to such a good little boy! Ha!

3. HE DID A FEW FAVOURS FOR DADDY such as turn off the lights, bring us more wine, then he went upstairs to watch Alf in action. Whenever Dito had ever seen me with Daddy before he'd always act very jealous & sometimes naughty, so, hoping not to offend him, Daddy suggested a while later that I'd better go find Dito & pay him a little special attention now!--and guess where I found him!--Sitting on the stairs peeing down as us!

4. SO WHEN I OFFERED TO READ WITH HIM, he said me, "I've already read this book, because with all this 'love-make' going on, Alf just threw me the book when I was in my bed & said, 'Mere! Read this!' So I've already read it. It's about the first airplane that men flew." (It was about the Wright brothers!)

5. SO NEXT HE WANTED HIS TURN, & as soon as I got into bed he jumped on me & said, "Sara, love me!" He specifically asked for several sips of wine, & got "happy" real



"Ha! I did interrupt you long enough to take a picture!"

quick, so we really had a good time! Alf, Tim & Mummy were outside the door listening to him. "Sara, now kiss it!", & then he began to laugh & laugh. "Oh, it flopped in your nose!...Oh, all this hair!--So much hair!--I was pushing my hair out of his face, but kept asking for more & more love. 6. I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS "IN THE MOOD", as Daddy says, to which he asked, "What's in the mood?" I said, "That means when you feel like it." So he answered, "Oh yes, my MOOD feels it." Ha! We were all really surprised that he took everything so well, since he at first didn't have a "playmate" too & is usually very jealous about "sharing", but he waited his turn & was a real good boy!

7. SOON AFTERWARDS, IN OUR NEXT LOCATION, HE MADE UP FOR LOST TIME with his favourite playmate Davidito. He told me, "Sara, we're gonna have to teach David to LIE to fuck & not to push me away!" Well, I'm glad she doesn't push him away all the time, because the very next night I couldn't find them after dinner, but then spotted them right at the top of the stairs!--Banging away on each other! Inevitable! It's a good thing she liked it that time!

8. WHEN WE GOT MAIL ABOUT DAVID, while we were still living apart, he was really excited to hear everything about her. I believe David must think he is her caretaker & he wonders just how she's getting along without him! He laughed when the letter said that she'd bring apple juice. But then when he saw that she didn't think it was so funny he changed to a quick frown in a more "correct" manner. I said disappointedly, "No, David should ask politely & not shine!"

9. HE WAS A REAL GOOD BOY ABOUT KEEPING IT A SECRET that we were going to be seeing