

# A TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL

In the carnival of my village (situated in Ávila), the costumes are the less important things. Only, I am going to tell the traditional things that today we still celebrate.

This tradition is based on the quintos (boys who are 18 years old).

## ○ Friday

This night, the quint@s proclaim the beginning of carnival from the city hall's balcony.

## ○ Saturday

The Saturday night the quintos with the musician of the village sing the ronda to their mothers and quintas. They go <sup>from</sup> house to house singing and the parents of the girl or their mother have to invite them to eat.

## ○ Sunday

Los quintos and quintas go to the church with the regional suit. Furthermore, this morning los quintos take a decorated ram to the garden of the church.

After the mass, all people go with them to the square of the village because there is music and the mothers of the quintos give to all people the traditional food of the village: "las machaconas" and sweets.

This day, los quintos put down the ram and raffle his skin. (Today anybody wants the skin, but in the past it cost a lot. It is because they raffle more things like a TV, DVD...).

## ○ Tuesday

But the most important day, is the Tuesday. It is called the day of the egg (el día del huevo). This day, the quintos and quintas and all boys and girls smaller than quintos go <sup>from</sup> house to house asking for an egg.

The little boys and girls put the egg in a basket with straw, and then they eat together potato omelette and other foods with eggs.

The quintos take a dumb with a cart to put the eggs, and they eat together too.

In the afternoon, los quintos burn a doll full of straw and firecrackers.

## ○ Wednesday

This day, all people go to "el entierro de la sardina". This is a funeral procession with a sardine. Everybody can dress up <sup>like</sup> things associates to funeral. The quintos dress up <sup>like</sup> widows and the quintas dress up <sup>like</sup> gravediggers.

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### Vocabulary:

- regional suit: traje regional
- church: iglesia
- of house in house: de casa en casa
- raffle: sortear
- dumb: burro
- widow: viuda

- ram: carnero
- mass: misa
- square: plaza
- skin: piel
- firecrackers: petardos
- gravediggers: enterradores

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