

The Sausages and the Insult. 1506 Portugal

There was a tavern (Bela Lingüiça) in Lisbon that served the most wonderful food. The Savage Steel company always ate there at least once a week while in port. That each of the landlords daughters was more beautiful than the next was also a matter of interest.

One day a rich Noble - Juan Ponce de León Count of Arcos- (and his friends) visited the tavern to sample some of the taverns delights. Delicious food was eaten. Excellent wine was drunk. The daughters were treated very poorly. The landlord (Estevao/Stephen)was incensed with their behaviour but prevailed upon his other customers to let him deal with it. Eventually the noble got up to leave and refused to pay. When asked why not he gave a list of faults with the food, wine and service and appearance of all within the tavern. Then he gave one insult too many for the landlord who demanded satisfaction in a duel. An argument followed.

Savage steel stepped in and ensured a duel would be fought. The Noble brought his enormous Swabian bodyguard (Gottfried) to act in his stead. The Swabian was strong, young, fit proven in many duels and fights, he was well armed and armoured and counted one of the finest swordsman in Portugal. Edward stabbed him in the face and much money was gained in side bets. The Noble was astonished and shaken, paid his debts. Savage Steel lived in the tavern for a while to prevent reprisals. There are many rumours (both good and bad) of the landlords fate.