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The Doctor's Latin Lover by Olivia Gates Harlequin Medical # - July Savannah is desperate to prove to herself, her father, her ex-husband and her ex-lover that she is a great surgeon and has the strength to endure the danger zones of Columbia.

His mother coddled him, while his father disapproved of him. Unable to secure employment, he departed for the United States in New York [edit] Valentino around the late s Arriving in New York City, he supported himself with odd jobs such as bussing tables in restaurants and gardening. Valentino eventually befriended Chilean heiress Blanca de Saulles , who was unhappily married to prominent businessman John de Saulles , with whom she had a son. Following the divorce, John de Saulles reportedly used his political connections to have Valentino arrested, along with a Mrs. Thyme, a known madam, on some unspecified vice charges. Shortly after the trial, Blanca de Saulles fatally shot her ex-husband during a custody dispute over their son. Fearful of being called in as a witness in another sensational trial, Valentino left town and joined a traveling musical that led him to the West Coast. By fall, he was in San Francisco with a bit part in a theatrical production of Nobody Home. While in town, Valentino met actor Norman Kerry , who convinced him to try a career in cinema, which was still in the silent film era. He continued dancing, teaching dance, and building up a following that included older female clientele who would let him borrow their luxury cars. His first part was as an extra in the film Alimony, moving on to small parts in several films. Despite his best efforts, he was typically cast as a "heavy" villain or gangster. It was a bit part as a "cabaret parasite" in the drama Eyes of Youth that caught the attention of screenwriter June Mathis , who thought he would be perfect for her next movie. He returned for a visit in , staying with friends in Greenwich Village , eventually settling in Bayside, Queens. There he met Paul Ivano , who would greatly help his career. She cast him in the role of Julio Desnoyers. For the director, Mathis had chosen Rex Ingram , with whom Valentino did not get along, leading Mathis to play the role of peacekeeper between the two. For his follow-up film, they forced him into a bit part in a B-film called Uncharted Seas. On this film, Valentino met his second wife, Natacha Rambova. The film, mostly under the control of Rambova and Nazimova, was considered too avant garde by critics and the public. The film received critical acclaim and did well at the box office. Yearning for Europe, better pay, and more respect, Valentino returned and promptly quit Metro. After quitting Metro, Valentino took up with Famous Players-Lasky , forerunner of the present-day Paramount Pictures , a studio known for films that were more commercially focused. Mathis soon joined him, angering both Ivano and Rambova. Lasky intended to capitalize on the star power of Valentino, and cast him in a role that solidified his reputation as the "Latin lover". The film was a major success and defined not only his career but his image and legacy. Valentino tried to distance the character from a stereotypical portrayal of an Arab man. Asked if Lady Diana his love interest would have fallen for a "savage" in real life, Valentino replied, "People are not savages because they have dark skins. The Arabian civilization is one of the oldest in the world The film contained lavish sets and extravagant costumes, though Photoplay magazine said the film was "a little unreal and hectic. Years after its release, Beyond the Rocks was thought to be lost , save for a one-minute portion. The restored version was released on DVD in Initially believing the film would be shot in Spain , Valentino was upset to learn that the studio planned on shooting on a Hollywood back lot. He was further irritated by changes in production, including a director of whom he did not approve. The trial was a sensation and the pair was forced to have their marriage annulled and separated for a year. Despite the trial, the film was still a success, with critics calling it a masterpiece on par with Broken Blossoms and Four Horsemen. Valentino considered this one of his best films. Only fragments of this film, recovered in , still remain. Valentino felt he had underperformed in the film, being upset over his separation with Rambova. They were spotted and followed by reporters constantly. During this time, Valentino began to contemplate not returning to Famous Players, although Jesse Lasky already had his next picture, The Spanish Cavalier, in preparation. Valentino had hoped while filming in Europe he could see his family, whom he had not seen in 10 years. Angered, Famous Players, in turn, filed suit against him. Variety erroneously announced the salary increase as a "new contract" before news of the

lawsuit was released, and Valentino angrily rejected the offer. Famous Players made their own public statements deeming him more trouble than he was worth the divorce, bigamy trials, debts and that he was temperamental, almost diva-like. They claimed to have done all they could and that they had made him a real star. Joseph Schenck was interested in casting his wife, Norma Talmadge, opposite Valentino in a version of *Romeo and Juliet*. June Mathis had moved to Goldwyn Pictures, where she was in charge of the *Ben-Hur* project, and interested in casting Valentino in the film. However, Famous Players exercised its option to extend his contract, preventing him from accepting any employment other than with the studio. Valentino filed an appeal, a portion of which was granted. Although he was still not allowed to work as an actor, he could accept other types of employment. Ullman previously had worked with Mineralava Beauty Clay Company, and convinced them that Valentino would be perfect as a spokesman with his legions of female fans. In addition to the tour, Valentino also sponsored Mineralava beauty products and judged Mineralava-sponsored beauty contests. Selznick, who titled it *Rudolph Valentino and his 88 Beauties*. The film did poorly and American audiences found it "effeminate". In , he starred in *A Sainted Devil*, now one of his lost films. It had lavish costumes, but apparently a weak story. It opened to strong sales, but soon dropped off in attendance and ended up as another disappointment. The production was beset with problems from the start, beginning with the script written by June Mathis. Valentino agreed only on condition that it not be released until after *The Hooded Falcon* debuted. It was Rudolph Valentino with a beard upon his chin. My heart stopped off from beating and I fainted dead away, and I never want to come to life until the judgement day," was soon printed in *Photoplay*. The contract excluded Rambova from production of his films and the film set. It became her only film, titled *What Price Beauty?* With the marriage under strain, Valentino began shooting and Rambova announced that she needed a "marital vacation". Quite some time elapsed before he made another film, *The Son of the Sheik*, despite his hatred of the sheik image. The film used the authentic costumes he bought abroad and allowed him to play a dual role. Valentino was ill during production, but he needed the money to pay his many debts. The film opened on July 9, , to great fanfare. During the premiere, Valentino was reconciled with Mathis; the two had not spoken in almost two years. Women loved him and thought him the epitome of romance. However, American men were less impressed, walking out of his movies in disgust. With the Fairbanks type being the epitome of manhood, Valentino was seen as a threat to the "All American" man. One man, asked in a street interview in what he thought of Valentino, replied, "Many men desire to be another Douglas Fairbanks. Puts the love-making of the average husband or sweetheart into discard as tame, flat, and unimpassioned. A man with perfectly greased-back hair was called a "Vaselino". Some journalists were still calling his masculinity into question, going on at length about his pomaded hair, his dandyish clothing, his treatment of women, his views on women, and whether he was effeminate or not. Valentino hated these stories and was known to carry the clippings of the newspaper articles around with him and criticize them. An editorial that followed used the story to protest the feminization of American men, and blamed the talcum powder on Valentino and his films. The piece infuriated Valentino and he challenged the writer to a boxing match, since dueling was illegal. Mencken for advice on how best to deal with the incident. Mencken advised Valentino to "let the dreadful farce roll along to exhaustion," [50] but Valentino insisted the editorial was "infamous. Had he achieved, out of nothing, a vast and dizzy success? Then that success was hollow as well as vast—a colossal and preposterous nothing. Was he acclaimed by yelling multitudes? Then every time the multitudes yelled he felt himself blushing inside The thing, at the start, must have only bewildered him, but in those last days, unless I am a worse psychologist than even the professors of psychology, it was revolting him. Worse, it was making him afraid Here was a young man who was living daily the dream of millions of other men. Here was one who was catnip to women. Here was one who had wealth and fame. And here was one who was very unhappy. The women were like flies to a honeypot. He could never shake them off, anywhere he went. What a lovely, lucky guy. His title was the *Adagio Dancer*. The March issue was one of the best-selling ever for the magazine. Most of the serials were later published as books after his death.

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