



The narrative outlines the events surrounding the murder of Santiago Nasar, a young man who is thought to have taken the virginity of Angela Vicario. On her wedding night, after discovering that she was not a virgin, Angela's husband, Bayardo San Roman, returns her to her house. Angela's twin brothers, Pedro Vicario and Pablo Vicario, ask her who took her virginity, and she tells them that Santiago Nasar did. The brothers find Santiago and kill him.

The narrative is non-linear. The narrator begins the story by telling us about Santiago Nasar's household the morning he was murdered. In the course of the chapter, we learn that Santiago lived

with his mother, Plácida Pinero; their cook, Victoria Guzmán; and her daughter, Divina Flor. Santiago's father, Ibrahim Nasar, has died three years previously. After his father died, Santiago took over the family ranch, which has been very successful; the Nasars are wealthy in their community.

The day that Santiago is murdered was a significant day in town because the Bishop was coming by boat to bless the marriage of Angela Vicario and Bayardo San Roman. Many people were heading over to the dock to see the boats. Pedro and Pablo Vicario were sitting in the local milk-shop, which was enrooted to the dock, so that they could see Santiago Nasar either going or returning in order to track him down and kill him. The narrator's sister learns that Angela Vicario was returned home on the night of her wedding.

Bayardo San Roman had come to town to find a bride. After deciding on Angela, the courtship was short. Because Bayardo came from a prestigious, wealthy family, and the Vicarios were relatively poor, Angela did not really have a choice, even though she did not love Bayardo at the time they were wed.

The night before the murder, there had been lots of wedding revelry that had continued into the early morning at a local whorehouse run by María Alejandrina Cervantes, where Santiago Nasar had been carousing with the twins and the narrator until early in the morning. After returning home and finding their sister in disgrace, the Vicario brothers set out to avenge her honor by murdering Santiago Nasar. Even though they repeatedly announced their intent to murder him, the butcher, the police officer, and the Colonel all thought that the Vicarios are largely bluffing. Clothilde Armenta, the proprietor of the milk shop, even told the local priest about what the Vicario twins were threatening to do. However, in the excitement surrounding the arrival of the bishop, he forgot about her warning.

After the murder, the entire Vicario family left town because of the disgrace the combination of events had brought upon their family. A week after the murder, Bayardo San Roman left with his family; they came and retrieved him by boat. The Vicario brothers were imprisoned for three years. After their release from prison, Pablo proceeded to marry his betrothed, Prudencia Cotes, and Pedro went back into the armed forces.

After Bayardo returned Angela to her home on their wedding night, she fell in love with him. After she moved away from the town where she was disgraced, she wrote him letters every week for seventeen years, and eventually he returned to her.

For years after the crime, it was all anyone in the town spoke of. The narrator tells how his friend Cristo Bedoya searched frantically for Santiago the morning of the murder in order to warn him of the Vicario brothers' plan, but failed to find Santiago because he did not realize that Santiago had gone to the house of his fiancé, Flora Miguel.



Her father was the first to warn Santiago of the murder. At this point, there were crowds of people outside who had come to see the Bishop but had lingered because they had heard the rumor that Santiago was to be killed.

When he left Flora Miguel's house, Santiago was very confused. Clothilde Armenta yelled at him to run, and he ran the fifty yards to his front door. The Vicario brothers easily caught up with him, and stabbed him to death right outside of Santiago's front door.



Choose the correct answer

- 1) Who was Santiago Nasar?
 - a) A man who married Angela Vicario
 - b) A man who killed two brothers
 - c) A man who was murdered
- 2) Who did Angela marry with?
 - a) Santiago
 - b) Bayardo
 - c) Pedro
- 3) What did Bayardo do when he realized Angela wasn't virgin?
 - a) He returned her to her house
 - b) He didn't care about it
 - c) He took her to a honeymoon travel
- 4) Who did Angela blame to?
 - a) Santiago
 - b) Pedro
 - c) The bishop
- 5) What did Angela's brothers do to clear their honor?
 - a) They went to talk to the Bishop
 - b) They killed Santiago
 - c) They went to a local milk-shop
- 6) Who was coming to the town on that day?
 - a) Angela Vicario
 - b) Santiago's father
 - c) The bishop
- 7) When was Angela returned to her home?
 - a) After the murder
 - b) When the bishop arrived
 - c) On the night of her wedding
- 8) Why was people excited on that day?
 - a) Because of Angela's wedding
 - b) Because of the arrival of the bishop
 - c) Because of Santiago's murder
- 9) How long did Angela write to Bayardo before he returned to her?
 - a) 17 years
 - b) 70 years
 - c) 7 years
- 10) Who was the first person to help Santiago?
 - a) Flora Miguel's father
 - b) Flora Miguel
 - c) Clothilde Armenta



Choose True or False

Angela Vicario was a virgin before her wedding	True	False
Santiago was killed at the end of the story	True	False
Santiago didn't live with her mother	True	False
The bishop was coming on that day	True	False
Angela was returned to her house the night before the murder	True	False
Santiago was with the twins the night before the murder	True	False
The Vicario Brothers were in prison for 10 years	True	False
Cristo Bedoya told Santiago that the brothers wanted to kill him	True	False
Flora Miguel was Santiago's wife	True	False
Clothilda Armenta is milk shop's owner	True	False

Choose with a draw

Santiago Nasar
 Angela Vicario
 Bayardo San Roman
 Pedro and Pablo Vicario
 Victoria Guzman
 Placida Pinero
 Ibrahim Nasar
 Maria Alejandrina Cervantes
 Clothilde Armenta
 Prudencia Cortes

The bride
 The husband
 Milk shop's owner
 Santiago's father
 Whorehouse owner
 The assassins men
 Santiago's mother
 Pablo Vicario's wife
 The murdered man
 Santiago's cook

