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# SERIAL KILLERS IN MEXICO

# THE TACUBA STRANGLER

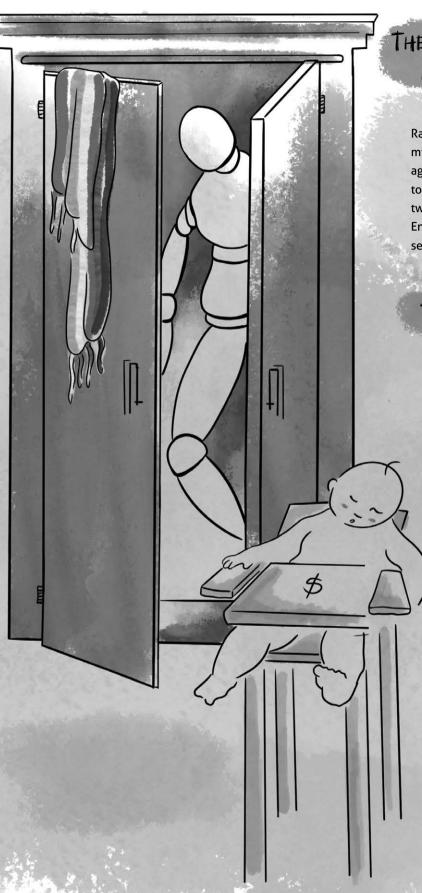
In 1942, Gregorio Cárdenas Hernández raped, strangled, and buried four women in his garden in the Tacuba Neighborhood. He was sentenced to forty years in prison, but in 1976 was pardoned after his supposed rehabilitation.

### THE LITTLE-OLD-LADY KILLER

Between 1999 and 2005, Juana
Dayanara Barraza, known in the
wrestling world as The Lady of Silence,
killed thirteen elderly women, although
authorities speculate that the number of
her victims was higher. Outside the ring,
she passed herself off as a nurse and
caregiver for elderly women, whom she
robbed and strangled. She is currently
serving a 759-year sentence in Santa
Martha Acatitla Prison.

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# THE RAINBOW KILLER

Raúl Osiel Marroquín, a former member of the military, is responsible for a series of hate crimes against homosexual men; he kidnapped, tortured, and strangled four men and kidnapped two more. Operating in complicitly with Juan Enrique Madrid, Marroquín was arrested and sentenced to 300 years in prison.

### THE CANNIBAL POET

In 2007, writer and poet José Luis Calva Zepeda murdered three women. He is suspected of having eaten parts of his victims' bodies. After his arrest, police found the dismembered body of the mother of his children; body parts were found in the refrigerator, flesh in a frying pan, and the body's trunk in the closet.

## THE WOMAN OGRE OF THE ROMA NEIGHBORHOOD

Between 1930 and 1941, nurse Felícitas Sánchez Aguillón murdered about fifty babies. She ran a human trafficking ring, facilitating illegal adoptions and murdering the children she could not sell. She dismembered, burned, or threw the bodies of her victims in the storm drain. Sánchez Aguillón committed suicide before she could be sentenced.