

ALDONZA
Why do you do these things?

DON QUIXOTE
What things?

ALDONZA
These ridiculous... the things you do!

DON QUIXOTE
I hope to add some measure of grace to the world.

ALDONZA
The world's a dung heap and we are the maggots that crawl on it!

DON QUIXOTE
My lady knows better in her heart.

ALDONZA
What's in my heart will get me halfway to hell. And you, Señor Don Quixote – you're going to take such a beating!

DON QUIXOTE
Whether I win or lose does not matter.

ALDONZA
What does?

DON QUIXOTE
Only that I follow the quest.

ALDONZA
(Spits)
That for your quest.

(She turns, marches away. Stops.
Turns back and asks)
What does that mean – quest?