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Here at La Fonda, on the wall:  
a painting of him dressed Chinese,  
looking almost inscrutable.

Surely eccentric to a fault  
even for the Santa Fe art  
colony in its prime, he talked

a lot about chile that might  
burn the enamel off your teeth  
or—much the same—some beautiful

creature seen passing on the street.  
Once had the front door of his house  
carved in the shape of a life-size

Venus de Milo and then let  
no woman come inside unless  
her figure was a perfect fit.



*Photo courtesy of Santa Fe Guesthouse*