



Circle 7: Violent

- Who are the sinners in Circle 7?
 - Round 1: The Violent Against Neighbors
 - Round 2: The Violent Against Self
 - Round 3: The Violent Against God

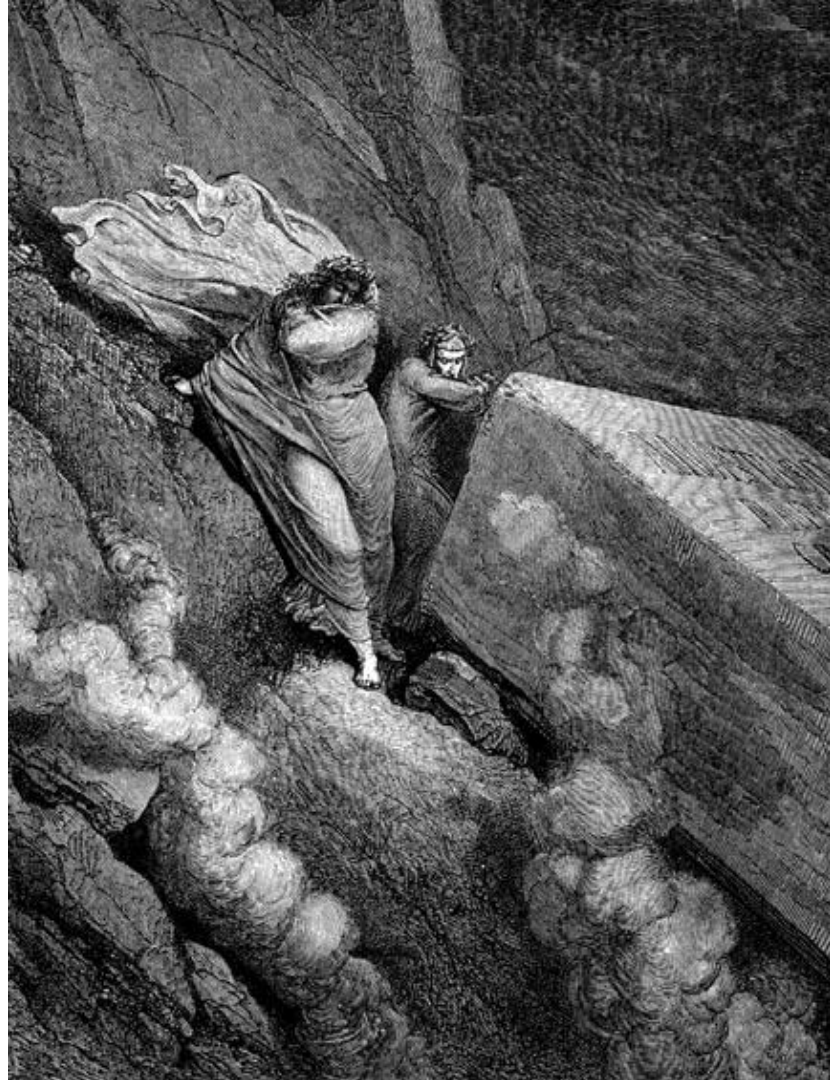
Circle 7 Round 1: Violent against Neighbors





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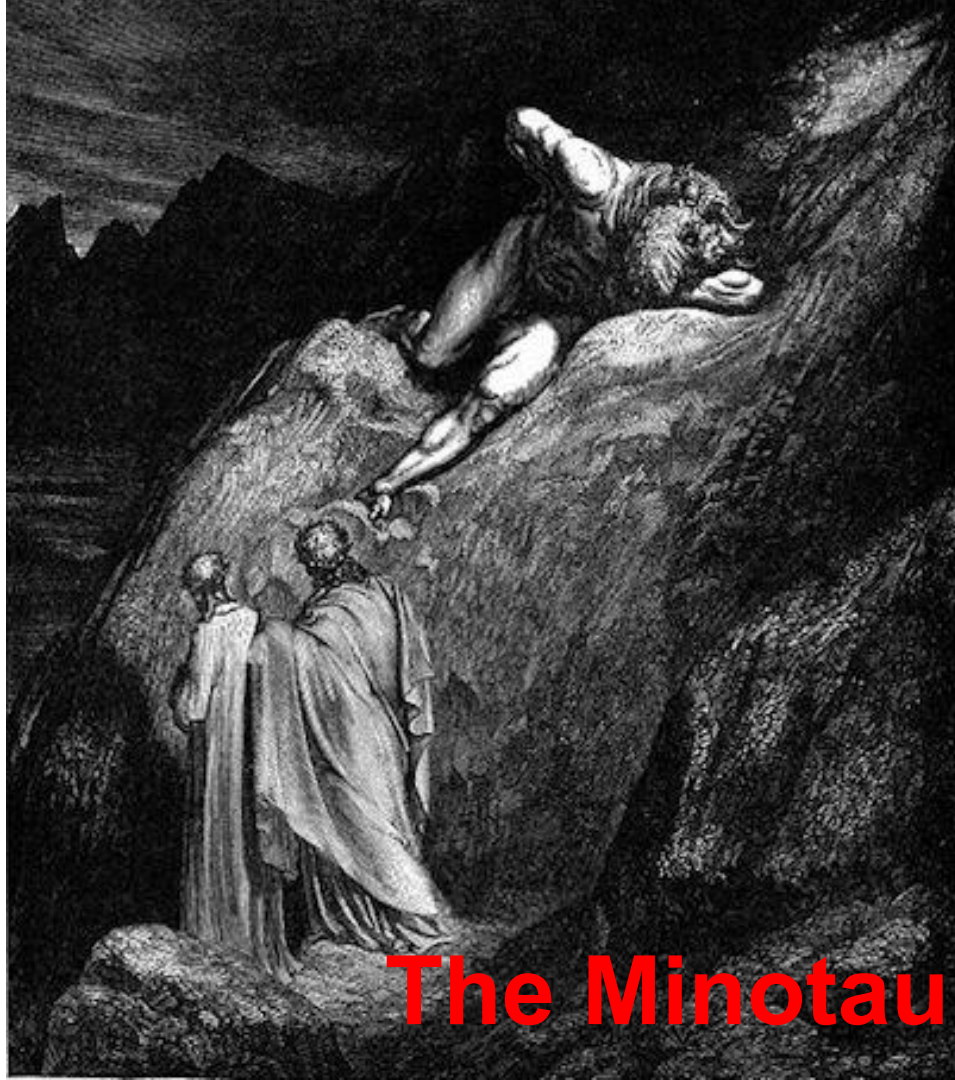
- What is the explanation for the rocky terrain of Circle 7?
 - The Great Harrowing aftermath
- What was the Great Harrowing?
 - After Christ died on the cross, there was a great earthquake throughout all of heaven, hell, and earth, causing massive damage. There are cracks in the surface of Hell, rocks, and





Circle 7 Round 1

- Who are the sinners in Circle 7 Round 1?
 - Round 1: The Violent Against Neighbors
- Who is the monster who guards all of Circle 7?
 - Minotaur-He is the son of the Pasiphaë, wife of King Minos. She and a bull created the Minotaur-strange, indeed!



The Minotaur



Circle 7 Round 1

- What is the River that flows throughout all of Circle 7?
 - The Phlegethon
- What does its name mean?
 - It means the River of Blood- it will flow throughout all 3 rounds of Circle 7



Circle 7 Round 1

- What is a centaur?
 - The centaurs were creatures of classical mythology
 - They were half-horse, half-men
 - Skilled in hunting and astronomy





Circle 7 Round 1

- What is the punishment of the sinners in Circle 7 Round 1?
 - They are in the Phlegethon River, which is boiling. The sinners are placed in deeper or shallower parts of the river according to the degree of guilt.
 - They are also being shot with flaming arrows by the centaurs who are guarding this round. If



Circle 7 Round 1

- Who is the lead centaur in Round 1?
 - Chiron, who is the wisest and most just of the centaurs. He taught Achilles, as well as other Greek heroes like Ajax, Hercules, Theseus, and Jason
- How does he display his intelligence in the text?
 - He recognizes that Dante is alive because the rocks move underneath his weight, so he tells the centaurs to hold off on shooting Virgil and Dante

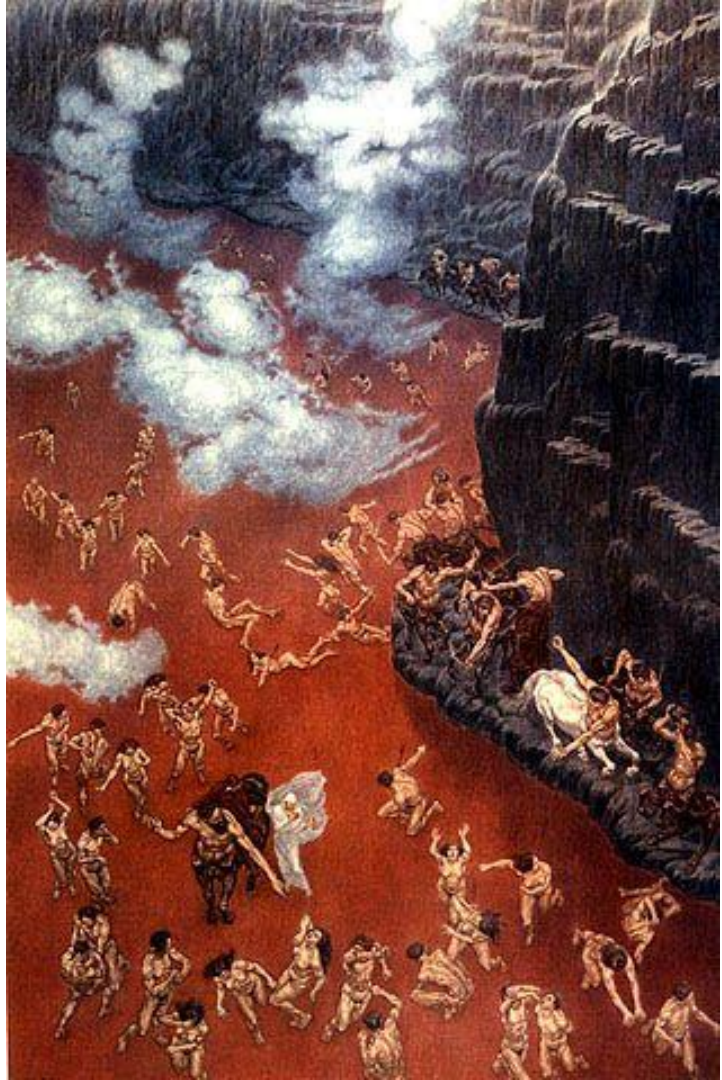


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- What does Virgil request of Chiron and the centaurs?
 - To carry Dante across the Phlegethon River since Virgil can float like a spirit
- Whom does Chiron send to help them?
 - Nessus, who explains to Dante and Virgil who some of the sinners are in Round 1











Chiron

Circle 7 Round 2: Violent against Self



Circle 7 Round 2

- What is geography called in Circle 7 Round 2?
 - The Wood of the Suicides
- What is the landscape of Circle 7 Round 2?
 - Gnarled, twisted, thorny, black trees
- Who are the creatures that live in the trees?
 - The Harpies
 - Half-bird, half-woman

Harpjca





A Harpy, wings disclosed.

Circle 7 Round 2

- What does Virgil instruct Dante to do to figure out who the sinners are in this Round?
 - He tells him to break off a twig from one of the trees
- Who are the sinners in Circle 7 Round 2?
 - The Self-Violent, or Suicidal
- What is the punishment of these sinners?





Circle 7 Round 2

- Why is this an appropriate place for these sinners?
 - Human beings have free will; trees don't have free will:
 - Human beings can decide to move around; trees can't.
 - Human beings can decide where to live; trees take root where a seed falls.
 - Human beings can make decisions; trees can't.
 - Human beings can solve problems; trees can't.
 - By committing suicide, these human beings gave up



Circle 7 Round 2

- How does these sinners get to this location?
 - They arrive to King Minos, who judges them.
 - Then, he coils his tail around them and flings them to this Circle and Round.
 - Wherever they land, they sprout roots and grow.
 - They have no choice in the matter
- How does this connect to the Law of Retribution?
 - Suicides want to live life on their own terms. When things are going well, they want to live. When things are going badly, they do not want to live



Circle 7 Round 2

- At the Last Judgment, what will happen to the Suicides?
 - At the Last Judgment, the Suicides will be given back their bodies, but because they rejected their bodies when they were alive, their bodies will hang from the branches of the shrubs.
- Why is the punishment given to the Suicides fitting?
 - The Suicides have no free will because they rejected the chance to use free will to solve



Circle 7 Round 2

- Who are the Profligates?
 - These sinners wasted their money then courted death intentionally
- Why is the punishment given to the Profligates fitting?
 - The Spendthrifts simply wasted their wealth; the Profligates are violent in their wasting. After wasting their wealth, the Profligates courted death by acting foolishly in battle—a kind of suicide.
- We learn that the dogs tear the shades of the



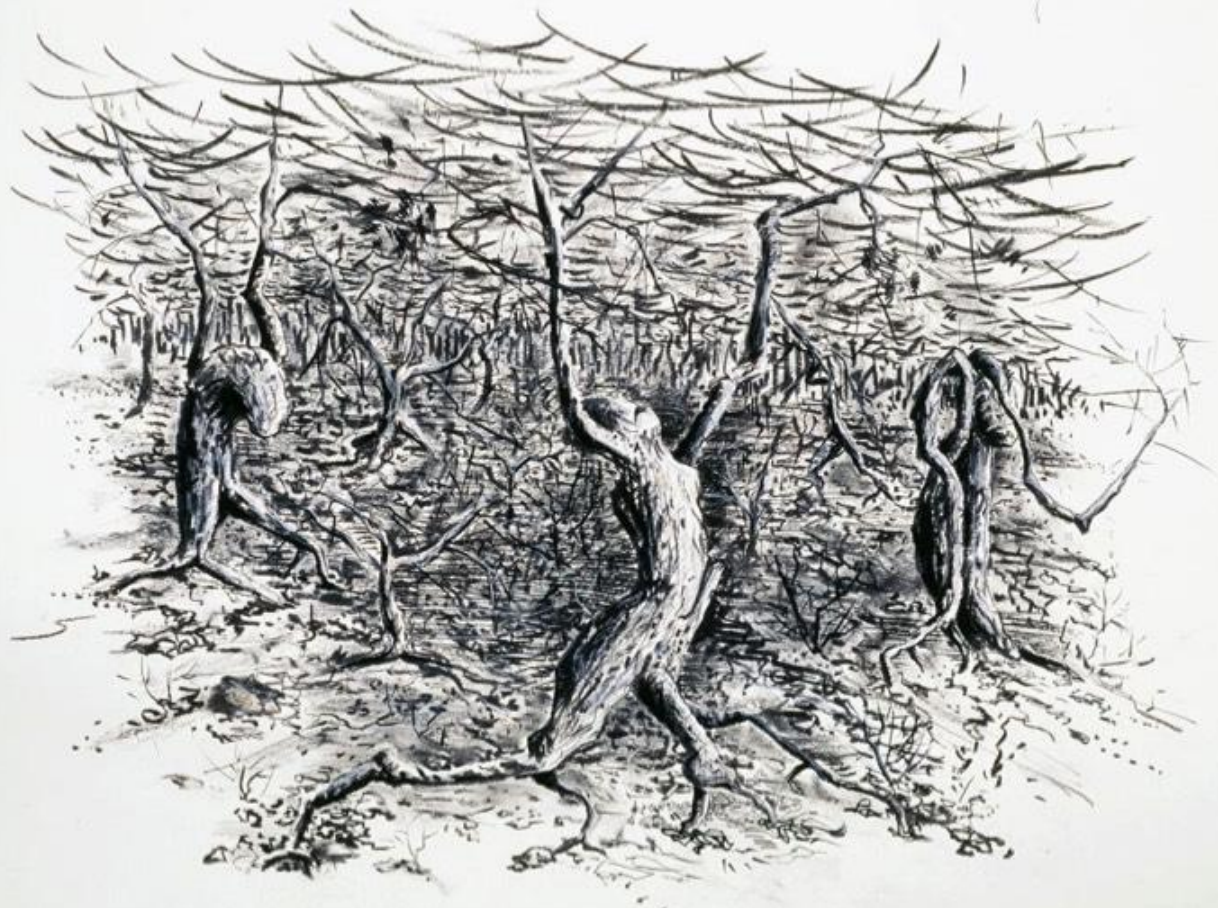
Circle 7 Round 2

- Who are some of the Profligates?
 - Giacomo da Sant' Andrea
 - He supposedly once deliberately set on fire several houses that he owned just because he wanted to.
 - Lano of Siena
 - He wasted his wealth, then deliberately sought death in a 1287 battle; he could have escaped by retreating, but stayed to fight so that he would die.











Circle 7 Round 3: Violent against God





Circle 7 Round 3

- What is the landscape of Circle 7 Round 3?
 - The Plain of Burning Sands
 - The ground is burning sand and there is an eternal raining fire on the sand
- Who are the sinners here?
 - The Blasphemers
 - The Usurers
 - The Sodomites



Circle 7 Round 3

- What are the sinners doing?
 - The Blasphemers-
 - They are least numerous, cursed God, so they lie on their backs, looking upward in the direction of what they cursed.
 - The Usurers (Greedy Moneylenders)
 - They are bent over, like a moneylender who is counting money.



Circle 7 Round 3

- How are Virgil and Dante able to travel safely through the burning plain?
 - A stream (a branch of the river of boiling blood) flows through the burning desert.
 - Above this stream the flames are put out.
 - By staying close to the stream, Dante and Virgil are protected from the flakes of fire.



Circle 7 Round 3

- What is the Statue of Crete?
 - It is made of many kinds of materials, which grow less in quality descending from the head, which is made of gold, to the feet, one of which—the right one—is made of terra cotta (baked clay).
 - The eyes of the statue drip tears. The tears flow to the ground and become the streams and rivers of the Inferno.



Circle 7 Round 3

These are those streams:

- Acheron: Charon ferries the souls of the dead across Acheron.
- Styx: This stream is a marsh in which the angry and the sullen (or slothful) are punished.
- Phlegethon: The river of boiling blood in which the physically violent are punished.
- Cocytus: Cocytus is not explained here, but it is the frozen ice in the ninth and final circle. Virgil merely tells Dante that he will see it for himself.

Circle 7 Round 3



Why is the punishment given to the Blasphemers and the Usurers fitting?

- The Blasphemers, Sodomites, and Greedy Moneylenders (Usurers) are punished in a scorching desert.
- All of these sinners have committed sins in which they are violent against God or God's gifts.
- All of these sinners have committed sins in which they either take something that should be fertile and make it infertile or take something that should be infertile and make it fertile.

Circle 7 Round 3



Why is the punishment given to the Blasphemers fitting?

- The Blasphemers ought to love God, but they curse God instead.
- The love of God ought to be fertile and result in good things, but the Blasphemers curse something that ought to be regarded as valuable.
- They lie in the sandy desert and face upward, looking toward that which they cursed.



Circle 7 Round 3

Why is the punishment of the Usurers fitting?

- In contrast, the Greedy Moneylenders (Usurers) take something that ought to be infertile and make it fertile.
- The definition of usury has changed over time, but originally, as in the Bible, it meant lending money at interest.
- The Bible is against lending money at interest to relatives or to poor people

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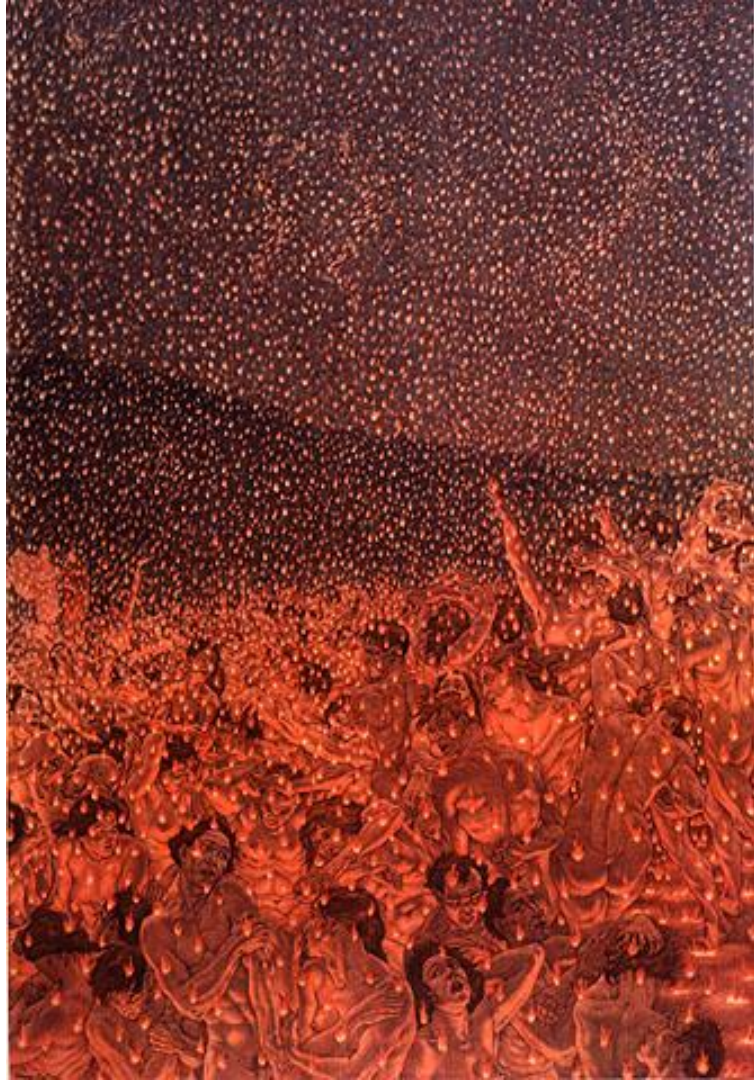
What does it mean to be violent against God?

- God is not a physical person (except in the case of the Incarnation), so how can one be violent against God?
- Blasphemers are violent against God directly. They curse God directly.
- The Greedy Moneylenders and the Sodomites are violent against God indirectly.
 - The Greedy Moneylenders take advantage of the poor

Circle 7 Round 3

- Why is Sodomy against the Catholic faith?
 - The Catholic faith believes that marriage has one goal: to make more Catholics!
 - Sodomy is against the Catholic Church because you can never, ever make more humans by engaging in these acts:
 - Homosexuality
 - Bestiality
 - Other forms of sexuality that don't produce







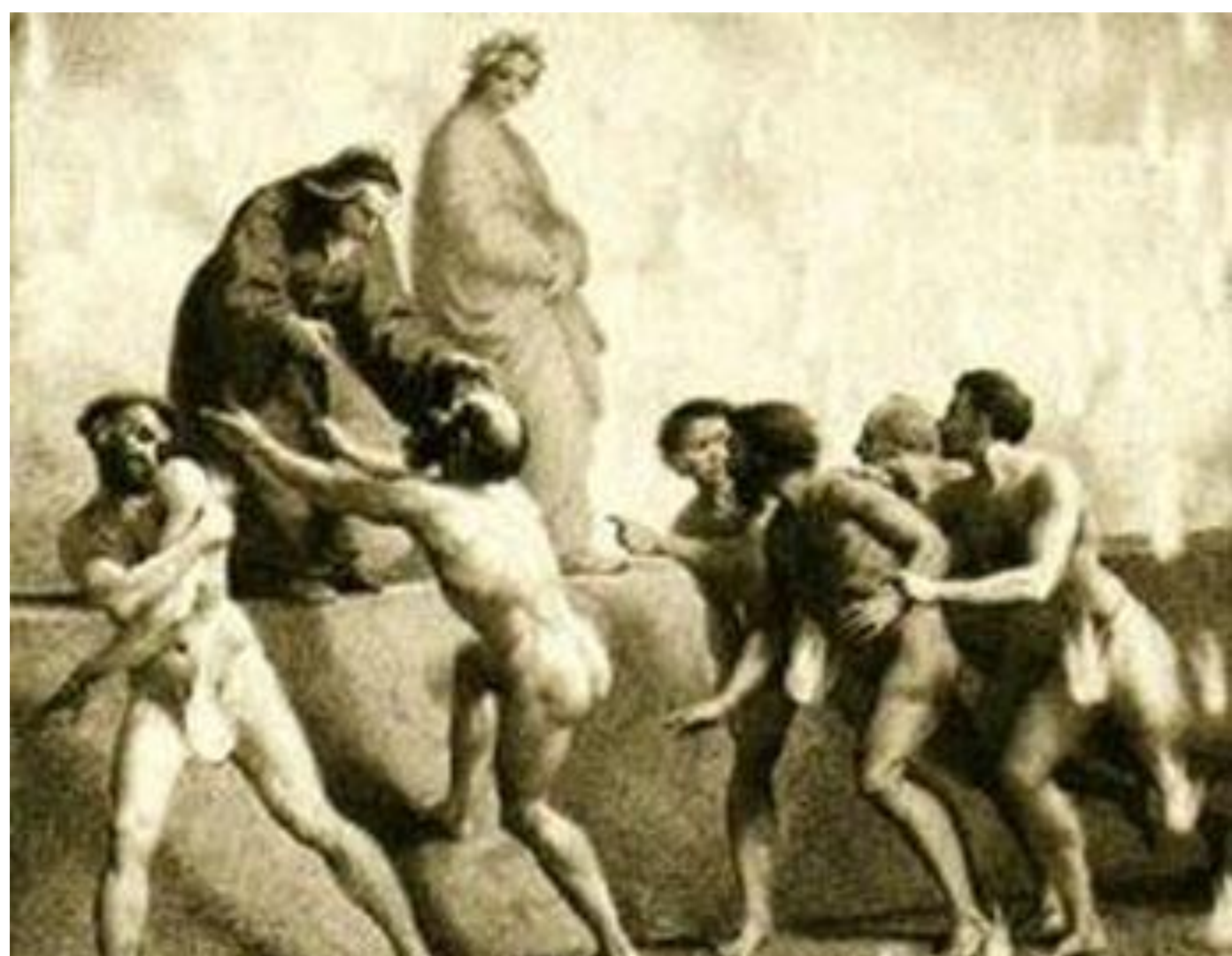




And all ye have?

—The Wreckers.

Chapter IV. — Part 10.



On Your Post-It Note...



What is **deceit**? On your post-it note, define the word **deceit** and then tell of a time when you were deceived or how you were deceived. When you are finished, **BRING IT TO THE FRONT WHITEBOARD!**