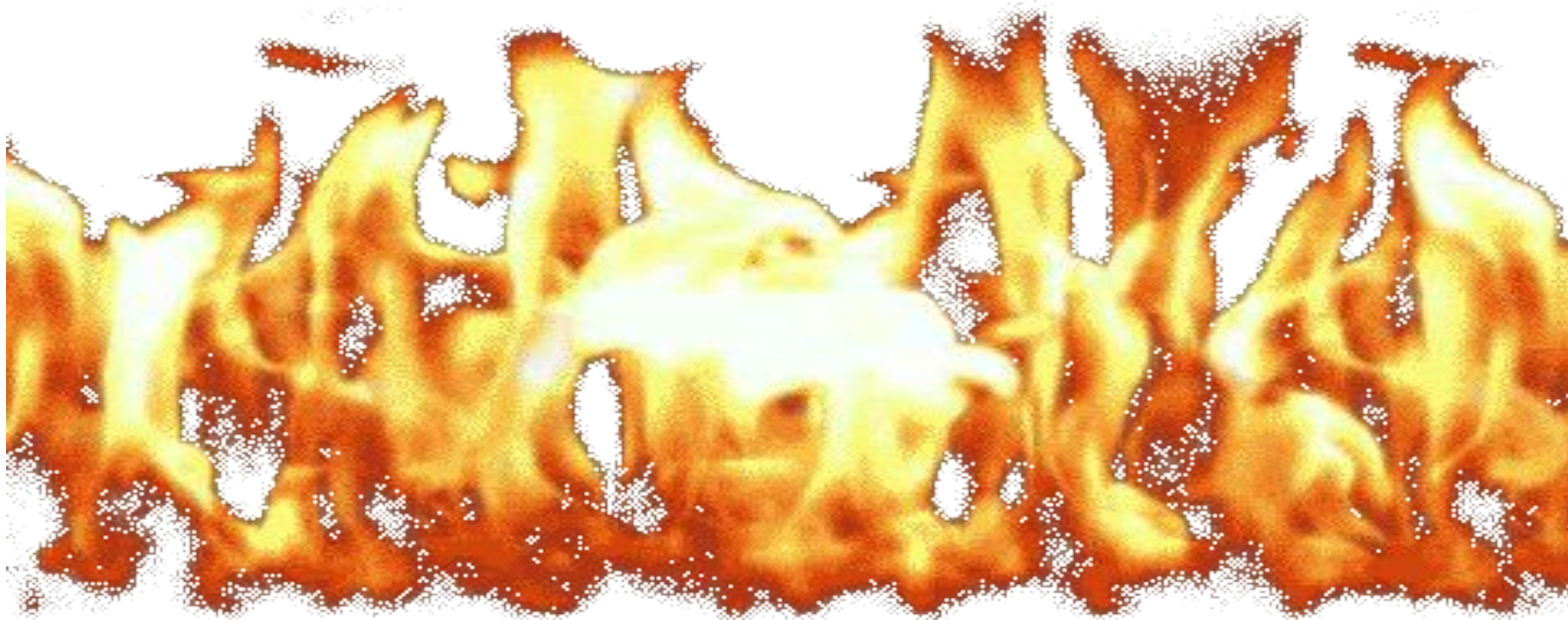


Circle 8: Simple Fraud





What is Simple Fraud?

- Simple Fraud is deceiving or misleading a stranger
- Circle 8 will have 10 *bolgias* or *evil ditches/pockets* of Simple Fraud sinners



Circle 8 Bolgia 1

- Who are the sinners in Circle 8 Bolgia 1?
 - The Panderers & Seducers
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- What does it mean to Pander?
 - A Pander or Panderer is a pimp or a procurer. If you are a man who wishes to have an affair with someone else's wife, a Pander will help you do that. A Pander is a go-between for two people who wish to have an affair. "To pander" is a verb that means to act like a pimp or a procurer.



Circle 8 Bolgia 1

- What is the punishment of the Panderers & Seducers?
 - These sinners walk in lines past each other, showing that their sins are related.
 - (Both sins involve unethical sex)
- Who punishes these sinners?
 - These devils whip any sinner who is slow; they also insult the sinners.
 - These sinners caused others to feel pain in the living world; now they feel pain themselves.



Circle 8 Bolgia 1

- What famous sinner do we see here?
 - Jason of the Argonauts
 - He is proud of his sin; he is not ashamed; he holds his head proudly and high for all to see



Circle 8 Bolgia 2

- Who are the sinners in Circle 8 Bolgia 2?
 - The Flatterers
- What does it mean to flatter?
 - It means to kiss up to someone with excessive compliments
 - Someone might say that you are “full of it”



Circle 8 Bolgia 2

- What is the punishment of the Flatterers?
 - This bolgia is filled with excrement from human privies, and the excrement coats the Flatterers.
 - In the living world, insincere flattery—or crap— came from the mouths of the Flatterers, so in the Inferno they are covered with crap.



Course Language?

- Why does Dante use such dark, coarse language?
 - Dante uses various kinds of language throughout The Divine Comedy. In the Inferno, it is appropriate to use coarse language, and so Dante uses it.
 - The sinners, the sins, and the punishment are dark, and so is the language
 - The language in the Paradise will be much different.

Venedico Caccianemico- Panderer

- Nobleman of Bologna
- Tried to win the favor of the Marquis da Este of Ferrara and used his sister to do so; he allowed him to sleep with her, making himself a Panderer
- “That whipped soul thought that he would hide from me/ by lowering his face” lines 46-47

Thais- Seducerer

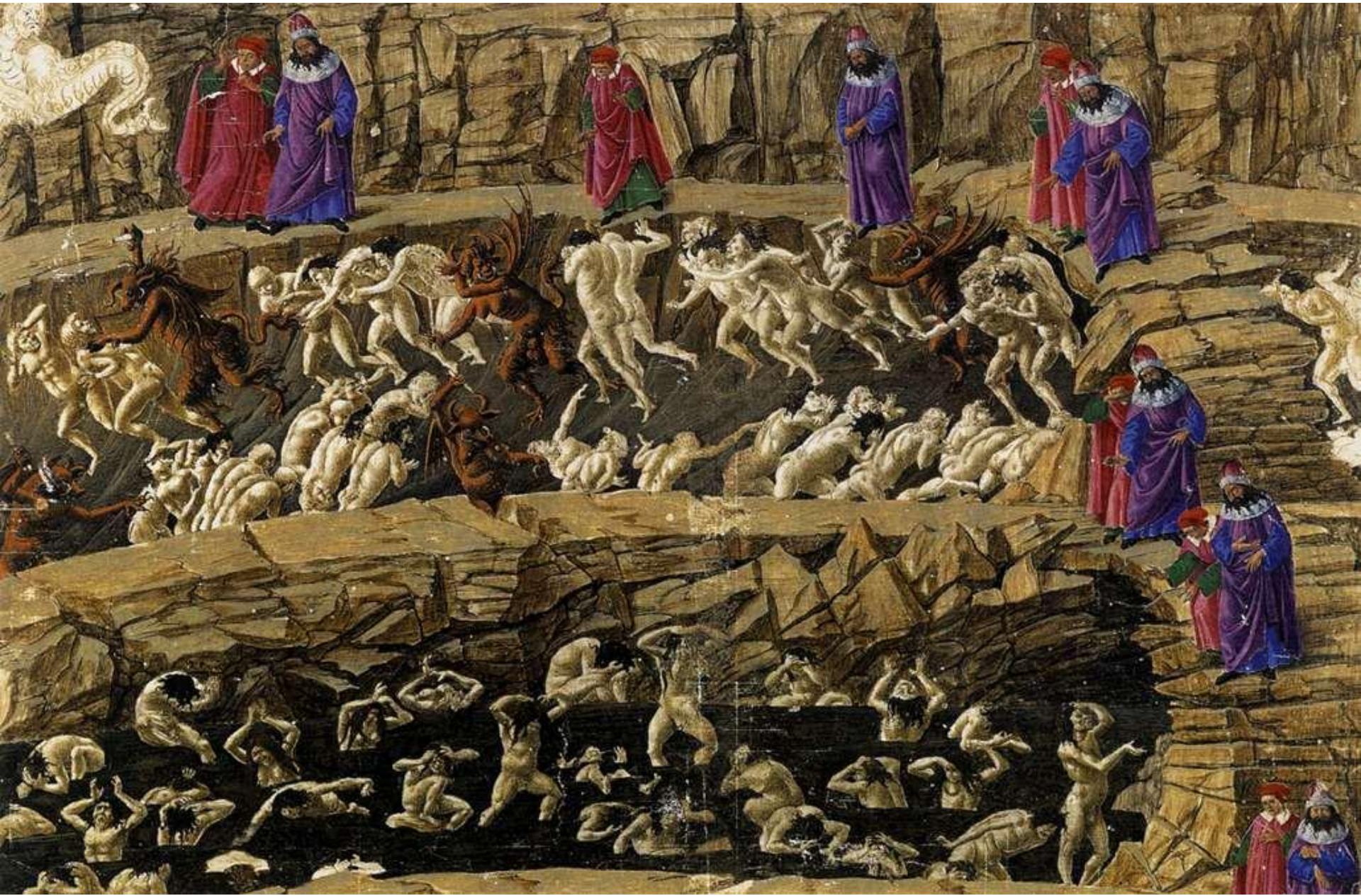
- A prostitute who flattered her clients
- She used her body and words to get what she needed in prostitution
- She is punished by being immersed in excrement
- She is a Flatterer
- Fictional character from the play *Eunuchus*

Alessio Interminai from Lucca-Flatterer

- A Flatterer who is in a ditch filled with excrement with the other Flatterers
- The slime on his forehead is excrement
- He is barely famous but his fame is derived from *Inferno*
- Mentioned in a few historical documents from Italian Renaissance

Jason and the Argonauts-Flatterer

- Jason and the Argonauts sailed in search of and found the Colchian Golden Fleece
- He seduced many women to get closer to his quest
- Slept with Hypsipyle who had twins, then abandoned her
- He married and had children with Medea and abandoned her from Creusa, daughter of the King of Corinth, Creon! Medea then killed their children
- Jason is a proud sinner and rebellious:
“Said to me: See that tall one who is coming,
And for his pain seems not to shed a tear.” (82-84)





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