

Circle 8: Bolgia 7





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- What happens to Dante as he climbs to Bolgia 7?
 - He becomes very tired and has to stop
- What makes the climb so treacherous?
 - The fallen rocks from the Great Harrowing
- What encourages him to persevere in his climb?
 - Virgil's encouraging words and gentle push
 - Dante responds just as a son would to a father



The Treacherous Climb

- What does Dante see as he glances down into Bolgia 7?
 - A mass of snakes- GROSS!
 - Sinners are running around terrified
- Who are the sinners here?
 - The Thieves
- What is Thievery?
 - Thievery is stealing someone else's property
 - Identity theft



The Treacherous Climb

- Why are serpents/snakes a fitting choice for this bolgia?
 - Snakes are said to be the most cunning of all animals (*Genesis* 2: 7-9; 3:1-7)
 - Snakes are deceptive-like FRAUD
 - If someone calls you a snake, it's not a good thing, right?



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- What is the punishment of these sinners?
 - One of 3 things happens:
 - The serpents bite the Thief who then is consumed by flames, but whose ashes immediately reform as the Thief.
 - The Thieves and serpents keep switching places
 - The Thieves and serpents unite into 1 body
- Who is the sinner that Dante encounters?
 - Vanni Fucci
 - He once stole religious items and an innocent



How is this punishment fitting?

Thieves stole things that belonged to other people, and in this bolgia, the only thing they have—their identity—is stolen by other thieves.

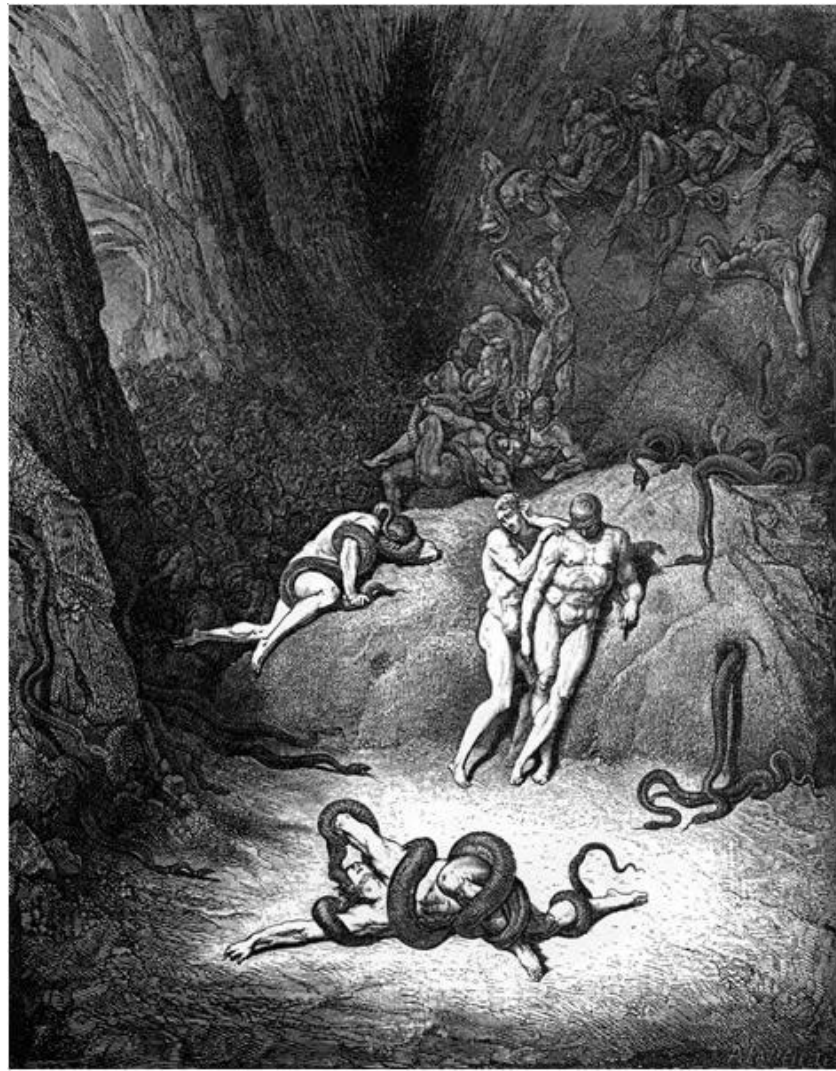
Since they use their limbs to steal from other people, they are now limbless as serpents.



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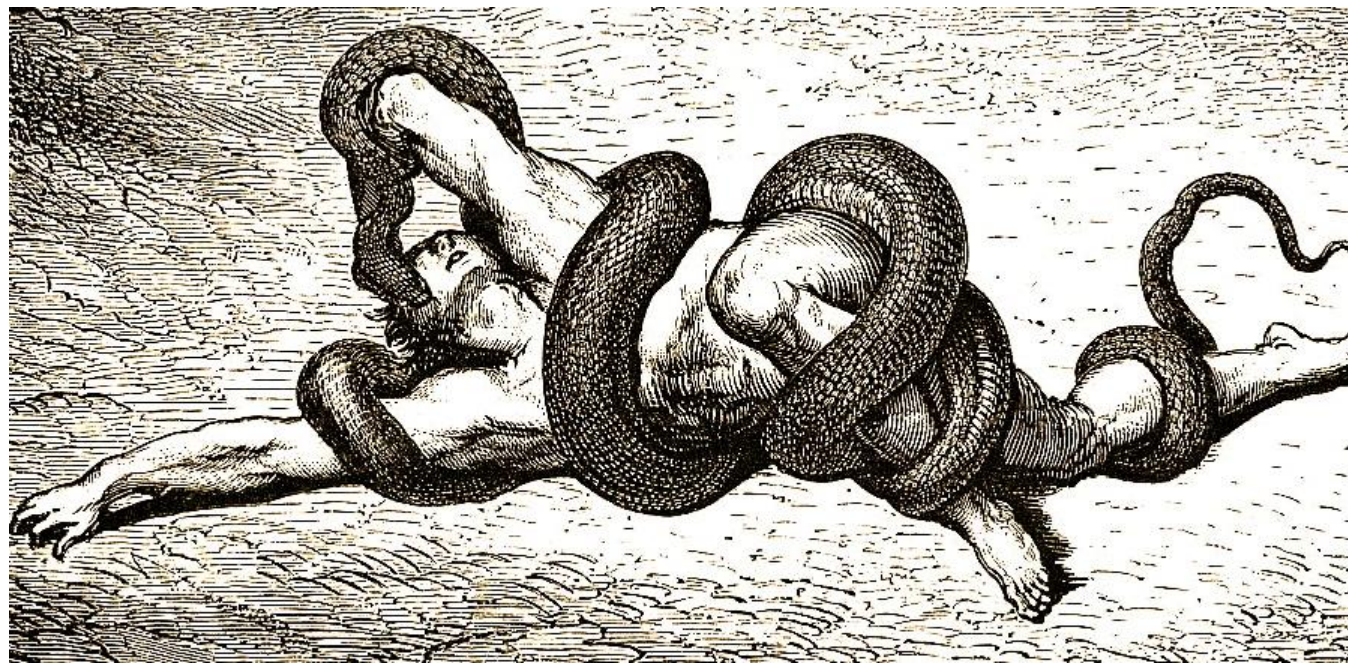
- What does Vanni Fucci predict?
 - He predicts that the White Guelfs will be expelled from Florence by the Black Guelfs
 - He says this to hurt Dante's feelings intentionally
 - He curses God and gives him the Fig- YIKES!
- Who is the guard of the Thieves?
 - Cacus
 - He is a centaur who once stole cattle from Hercules.
 - He dragged them by the tails into the cave so that he could lure Hercules there, but Hercules heard the sound of the stealing and tore off the top of the

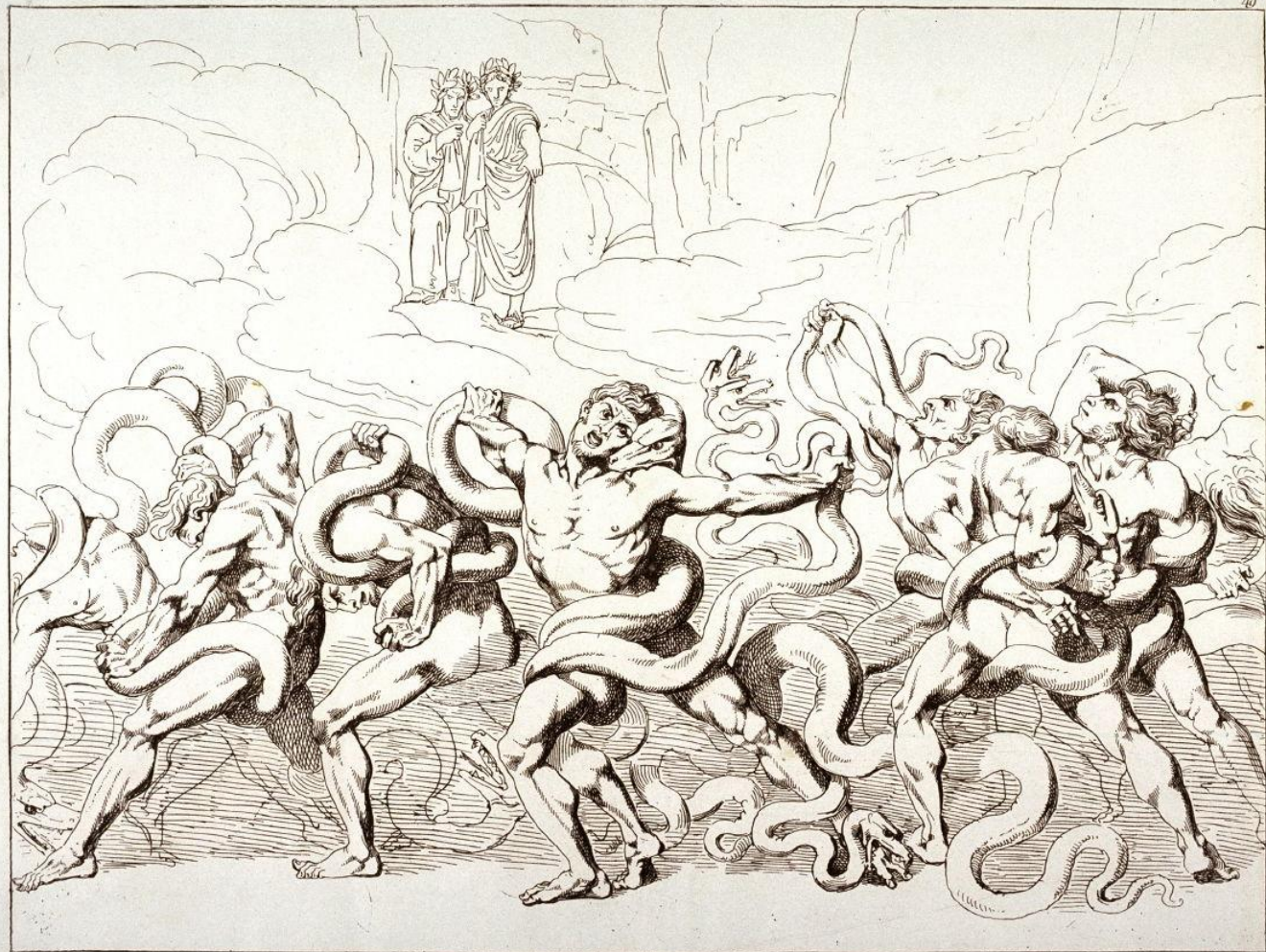








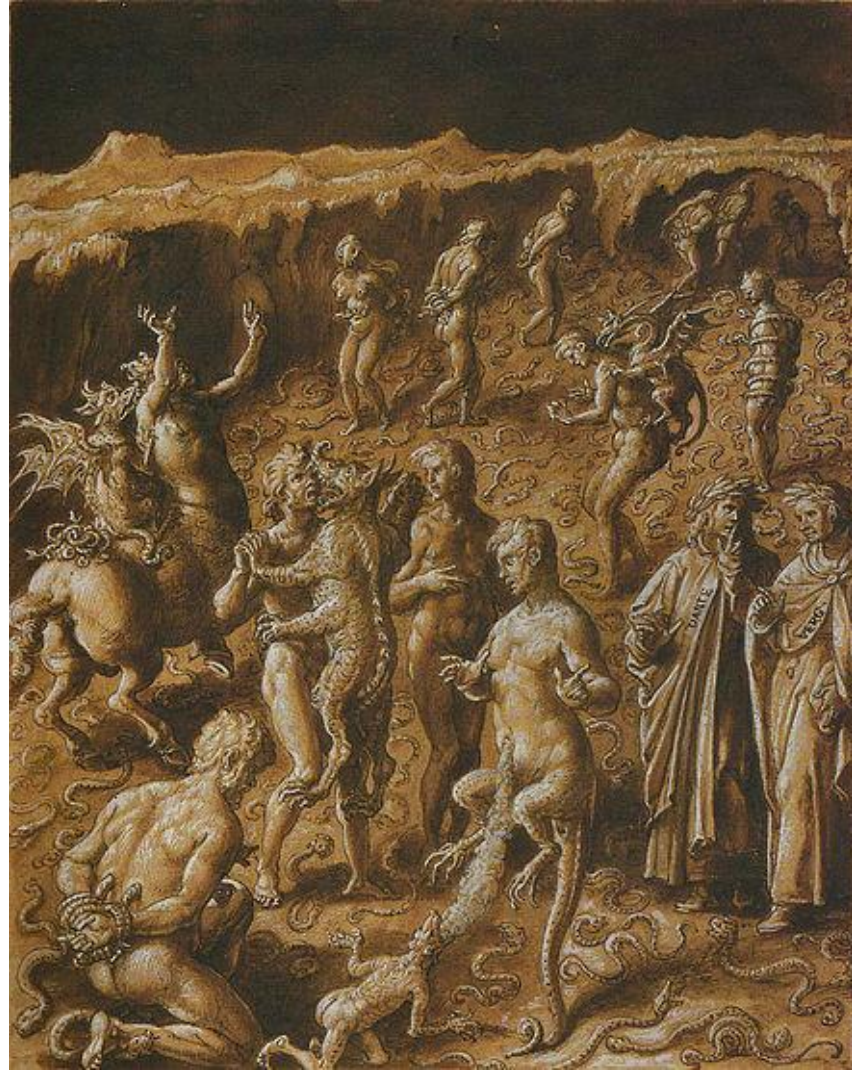














Journal #22

Reflecting on Circle 8 Bolgia 8 and the Evil Counselors, consider Ulysses and Diomedes. They both intentionally misled the people around them for their own personal gain. Has this even happened to you? Did you ever intentionally mislead someone for your own personal benefit? Or, perhaps someone misled you for his or her own benefit. Explain the circumstances and how that situation constitutes as simple fraud. *One whole page*

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- Who are the sinners in Circle 8 Bolgia 8?
 - The Evil Counselors
- What is their sin?
 - These sinners intentionally misled others for their own gain by feeding them misinformation
 - These sinners are some of the most selfish of all sinners in Hell



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- Who is Diomedes?
 - Diomed was in the Trojan Horse along with Ulysses (Odysseus)
- What happened in the Trojan War?
 - The Trojans were attacked by the Greeks by using a huge wooden horse that was originally given to Troy as a gift
 - The Greeks surprised the Trojans and manipulated them by the Trojan Horse



Circle 8 Bolgia 8: Evil Counselors

- The Evil Counselors here in Bolgia 8 are endlessly hidden from view inside great flames.
- They are stolen from sight and hidden in the great flames which represent their own guilty consciences.
- Since they used their tongues to manipulate others, so they are stuck in tongues of flame.



Is Ulysses guilty of fraud?

- He manipulates other people to do what he wants. He is a master of rhetoric, which includes the glibness of tongue that allows others to do what you want by persuading them by speaking.
- Ulysses gives men bad advice, like sailing in pursuit of fame even though the journey is fated to doom.
- Ulysses misrepresents himself. He doesn't trust

Simple Fraud: What's It Mean?

- There is a lot of simple fraud here in this bolgia:
 - the idea of simple fraud comes to fruition here by the manipulation and deceit of people to whom you owe nothing.
- My question for you is that do you think that Ulysses deserves to be in Circle 8?
- Why isn't he in Circle 9 in your opinion where the others who have committed complex fraud lay for











Circle 8: Bolgia 9





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- What is a schism?
 - It is especially a break within a church, as between Catholics and Protestants, or between the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church, or between Islam and Christianity.
 - Schisms can also occur in politics when rivals, often hate-filled political parties are formed.



Circle 8 Bolgia 9

- Who are the sinners here in this bolgia?
 - The Sowers of Discord
- What was their sin?
 - Sowers of Political Discord
 - Sowers of Religious Discord
 - Sowers of Familial Discord
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Why is the punishment fitting?

In the 9th bolgia, the sinners are punished for causing divisions, whether within religions, politics, or families. They are punished by eternally walking around in a circle and being sliced by a devil with a sword.

The sinners slowly heal as they walk around the Circle. They are fully healed by the time they

Who's Who in Circle 8 'Bolgia 9'?

Sowers of Religious Discord:

Muhammad was the founder of Islam; he is the prophet of Allah; split from his chin to his anus, with his intestines hanging out.

Alison-in-law to Muhammad who wanted to take over after Muhammad; those who accepted him as the head of Islam are the **Shiites** and those who rejected him as the head of Islam are the **Sunnis**. We still see this factionalism in modern day Iraq; split from his chin to his brow; this wound is what caused the death of his mortal body while he was praying

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Sowers of Political Discord:

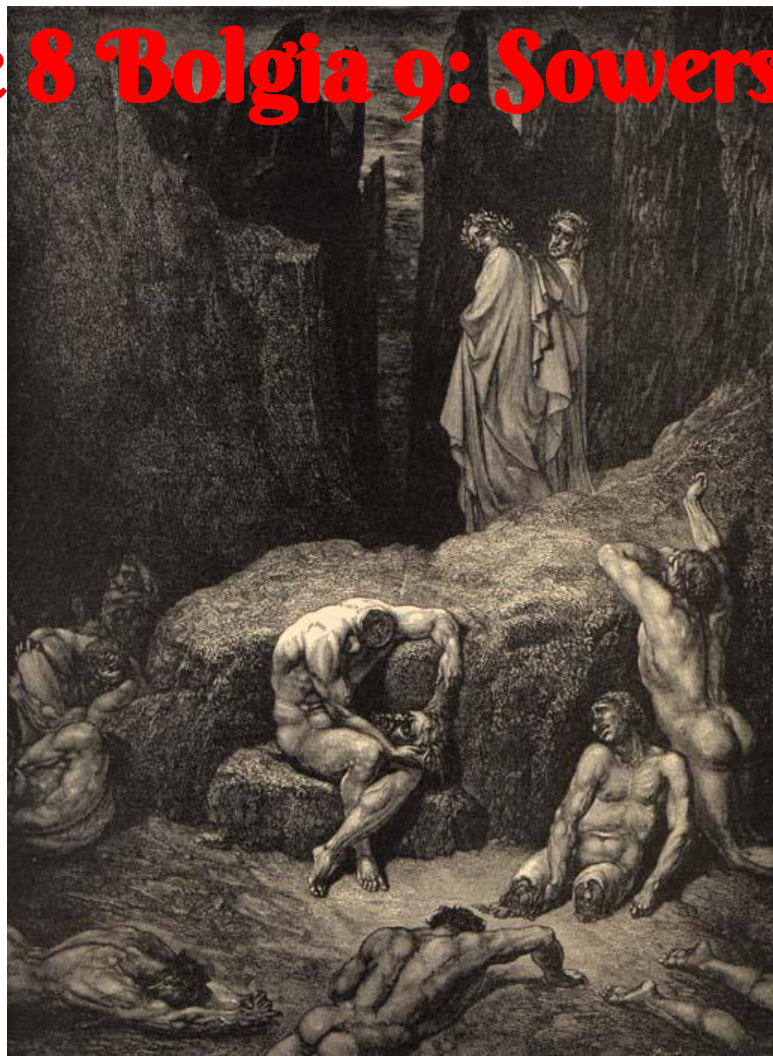
Pier Dia Medicina- from Romagna, he caused rulers to turn against themselves; he caused discord between the Polenta and Malatesta families.

Curio is the man who urged Caesar to cross the Rubicon, declaring war on the Republic.

Mosca Dei Lamberti said that one of the Buondelmonti should be murdered, which caused conflict between the Ghibellines and Guelphs.

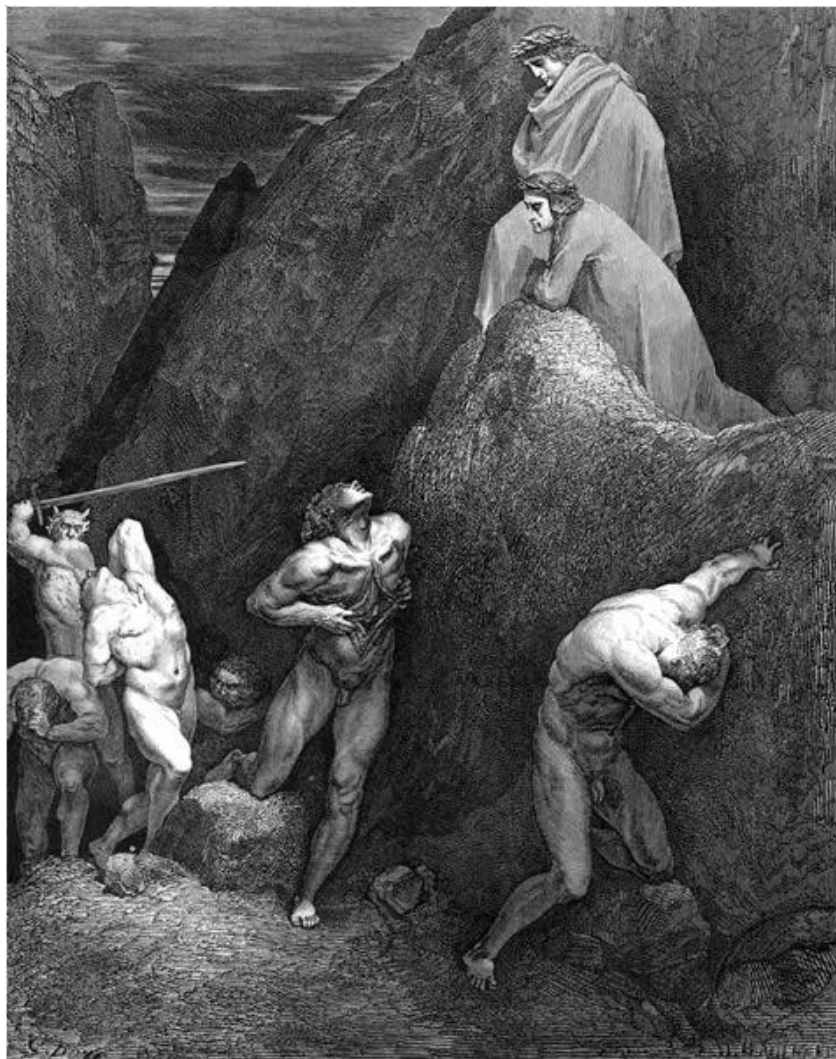
Sower of Discord Between Kinsmen:

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'Who's 'Who in Circle 8 'Bolgia 9?

