

DANTE'S INFERNO

Physical Description, Sins, Punishment,
& Symbolic Retribution



CIRCLE ONE

UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN & NON-BELIEVERS

- Punished by sadness & Limbo, forever knowing that heaven is out of reach
- *Never chose a path, so a path will not be given to you*



Castle w/7 walls & Meadows

CIRCLE TWO

THE LUSTFUL

- Blown endlessly by the torrential, unforgiving winds of unquenchable desire
- *Desires kept you aroused, so you will never find rest nor contentment*



Windy tempest; Minos

CIRCLE THREE

THE GLUTTONS

- Cold & heavy eternal rain of mud and excrement consumes & buries you with the other lost souls; torn apart by Cerberus
- *Overconsumption in life leads to fate of overwhelming elements*

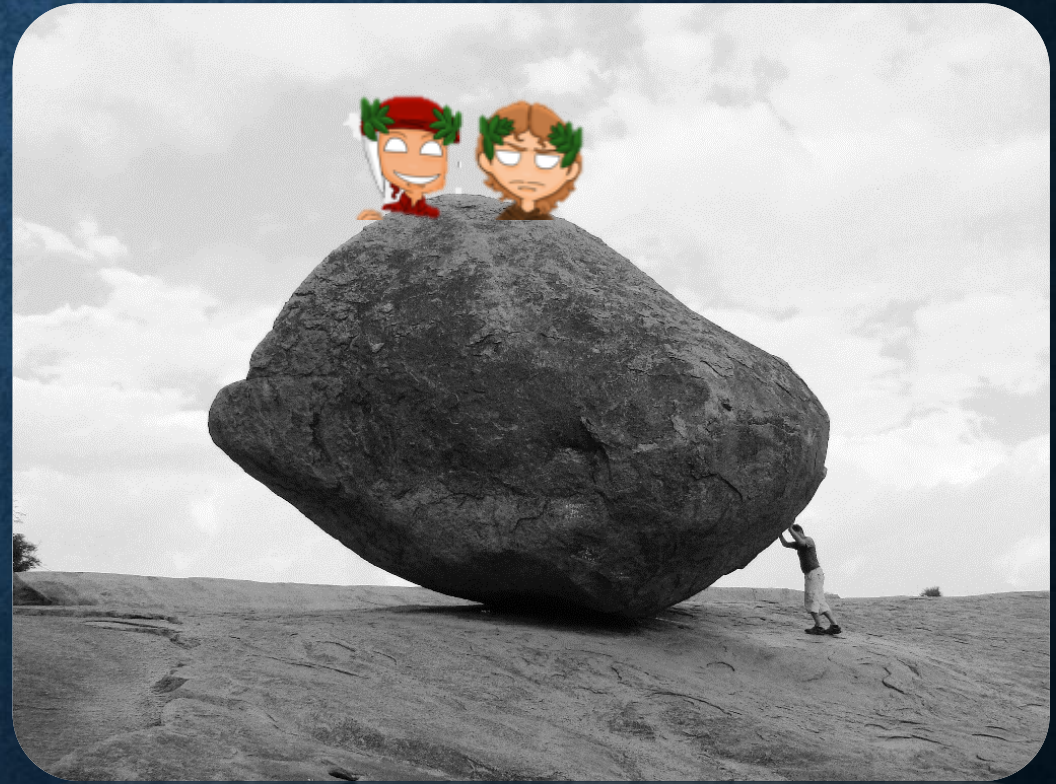


Cold, heavy eternal rain;
Cerberus the 3-headed dog

CIRCLE FOUR

THE GREEDY HOARDERS & THE WASTEFUL

- Ditch surrounds the circle; hoarders must push the boulders into the circle, while wasters must push them out of the circle
- *The weights represent the wealth you gave your life to; those who collected must collect, & those who purged must purge*



Hard clay before the River Styx;
Demon Plutus

CIRCLE FIVE

THE WRATHFUL & GLOOMY

- Angry are forever angry, furious, naked, & lashing out
- Gloomy are forever gurgling in black mud, withdrawn & morose, gurgling, choking
- *Because you chose anger & gloom in life, that is the fate you are given in death*



River Styx

CIRCLE SIX

HERETICS WHO REJECT GOD & THE AFTERLIFE

- Trapped in the flaming tombs with others without respite; only your sighs can be heard
- *You believe life ends in the grave, so you will forever burn in yours*



Burning Mausoleums,
Satan's City of Dis

CIRCLE SEVEN

VIOLENT- AGAINST OTHERS, SELF, & GOD

- Violent against others stay in the river of blood or be shot with arrow
- Suicidal hang from (& become) dark, gnarled trees w//horrific screaming
- Blasphemers' bodies torn apart, diseased & afflicted, in falling flakes of fire
- *Punishments are specific to the torment you participated in during life*



Boiling bloody river,
Guarded by Minotaur

CIRCLE EIGHT

THE SEDUCERS, FRAUDS, HYPOCRITES, & THIEVES

- Whipped by demons
 - Wallow in excrement
 - Have their bodies torn apart
 - Diseased & afflicted
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- *Torment to others/self leads to your torment in hell*



Malebolge, an Ampitheatre-shaped
pit w/multi levels

CIRCLE NINE

TRAITORS AGAINST GOD, COUNTRY, FAMILY

- Souls frozen up to heads, above heads, etc based on crime
- No light or warmth, frozen body, mouth frozen shut
- Eternity with Satan
- *Cold shoulder to those who depend on you leads to eternal cold*



Where Lucifer resides; Frozen lake w/
Chilling cold winds & ice