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Date: 04.24.07 12:28

From: [Gabriel](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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Date: 04.24.07 12:38

From: [Lynn](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Re: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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At 24.04.07 19:28, Gabriel (Gabriel Granado) (#5993) wrote:

I like the quote you used I tended to use the same one when I wrote about this topic also. I agree with you on the sword and the demon and it all. However, when I read it the scandals seemed to be one of people in battle and such because in the foot notes it talks about different people in battles and how they betrayed their friends and family. Therefore, that is why I thought it was on war, but now that I re-read yours I guess your "ill advice" was on the whole. Overall, I really enjoyed what you wrote and agree.

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Date: 04.24.07 12:44

From: [Merissa](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Re: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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In response to your interpretation of the contrapasso of this sin, I think you are right on. In the way that they are stabbed and the wounds are given time to heal just to be wounded again is a good example of the way that the bad advice can give false hope.

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Date: 04.24.07 12:54

From: [Lauren\\_H](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Re: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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At 24.04.07 19:28, Gabriel (Gabriel Granado) (#5993) wrote:

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This is a very good analysis of the scene taking place here. The example that you used here was very good as well I had trouble figuring out how their punishment fit the sin that they committed in life but you did an excellent job at clearing that up.

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Date: 04.24.07 12:58

From: [Sounia](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Re: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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At 24.04.07 19:28, Gabriel (Gabriel Granado) (#5993) wrote:

The ninth pouch's punishment relates to the crime. The splitting of the limbs shows how one can be punished for causing your limbs split is how the punishment fits the crime. In many of these cantos that is apparent. All of the punishments are similar to the crime which was committed showing a significance. Your response to this was interesting and I agree with it.

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Date: 04.24.07 13:17

From: [Sierra](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

Subject: Re: Sowers of Scandal and Schism

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I thought that was Canto XXVIII. The punishment is perfect for the sin. I like how the wounds are left to heal and right before they do they get forced open again. Its like a broken heart, right before it heals something goes wrong and it's hurting again. LOL I guess I can sort of relate.

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Date: 04.24.07 14:05

From: [Stephanie\\_V](#)

To: [Oxford Forum](#)

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I think you did a good interpretation of Canto XVII you explained it well and I agree with what you said that there punishments were because of splitting of kingdoms and families,that they are also being split from their body parts for their actions.

*\*\* Last modified 24.04.07 21:09 by Stephanie\_V (#6003) \*\**

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