

Chapter 1 : Lusty Monk Mustard

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He appeared in all that ugliness, which since his fall from heaven had been his portion: A swarthy darkness spread itself over his gigantic form: His hands and feet were armed with long Talons: Fury glared in his eyes, which might have struck the bravest heart with terror: Over his huge shoulders waved two enormous sable wings; and his hair was supplied by living snakes, which twined themselves round his brows with frightful hissings. In one hand He held a roll of parchment, and in the other an iron pen. Still the lightning flashed around him, and the Thunder with repeated bursts, seemed to announce the dissolution of nature. They were persuaded, that what He did must be right His monastic seclusion had till now been in his favour, since it gave him no room for discovering his bad qualities. The superiority of his talents raised him too far above his Companions to permit his being jealous of them: His exemplary piety, persuasive eloquence, and pleasing manners had secured him universal Esteem, and consequently He had no injuries to revenge: His Ambition was justified by his acknowledged merit, and his pride considered as no more than proper confidence. Because of these unique circumstances he had never been exposed to temptation, vice, sin or the charms of the female form. Now the upper class women did find his eloquence when he gave sermons so enticing that he quickly became the most popular monk for hearing confessions. Which I often thought that one of the bonuses of being a member of the cloth would be to hear all the juicy details of confession. My point is that even with his sheltered upbringing he had a good idea what all those people were getting up to out there in the regular world, but he had an almost scientific detachment from the conception and the temptations of sin. The downfall of Ambrosio was just too tempting for Lucifer. Rosario keeps his face hidden under a cowl and makes himself indispensable to Ambrosio. After he has gained the trust of the monk he reveals himself to be a woman, a beautiful woman named Matilda. Needless to say after much wringing of hands and grand speeches about his virtue being beyond reproach he finds out after all he is just a man. Should your sex be discovered, my honour, nay my life, must pay for the pleasure of a few moments. Fool that I was, to trust myself to your seductions! What can now be done? How can my offence be expiated? What atonement can purchase the pardon of my crime? Wretched Matilda, you have destroyed my quiet for ever! The writing is weak when it comes to characters representing the commendable people. They were cardboard cutouts just mere backdrops for the villains to ply their villainy upon. Ambrosio soon tires of the beautiful Matilda and turns his attentions to the seduction of Antonia a timid and innocent girl of Matilda turns demon pimp and acquires magic to help Ambrosio feed his growing lust. Lewis builds the tension in this section as there are several moments when we feel that he is about to accomplish his task and something interferes. He knows it is not right to despoil this girl of her virtue, but he can not resist his own base urges. Turn not on me those supplicating eyes: Consult your own charms; They will tell you, that I am proof against entreaty. Can I relinquish those limbs so white, so soft, so delicate; Thos swelling breasts, round, full, and elastic! These lips fraught with such inexhaustible sweetness? No, Antonia; never, never! I swear it by this kiss, and this! Here amidst these lonely Tombs, these images of Death, these rotting loathsome corrupted bodies! Here shall you stay, and witness my sufferings; witness what it is to die in the horrors of despondency, and breathe the last groan in blasphemy and curses! And who am I to thank for this? What seduced me into crimes, whose bare remembrance makes me shudder? Have you not plunged my soul into infamy? Have you not made me a perjured Hypocrite, a Ravisher, an Assassin! He would have let her keep her virtue and he would be back on the path to righteousness. Matthew Lewis Now Lewis does ramble around a bit. The Prioress turns out to be another great villain and capable of such diabolical vengeance that yet again Lewis made this reader uneasy. He also incorporates the Bleeding Nun into this section. It was the Bleeding Nun! Her face was still veiled. She lifted up her veil slowly. What sight presented itself to my startled eyes! I beheld before me an animated Corse. Her countenance was long and haggard; Her cheeks and lips were bloodless; The paleness of death was spread over her features, and here eye-balls fixed steadfastly upon me were lustreless and hollow. In spite of his injunctions to the contrary,

Curiosity would not suffer me to keep my eyes off his face; I raised them, and behold a burning Cross impressed upon his brow. For the horror with which this object inspired me I cannot account, but I never felt its equal! My senses left me for some moments; A mysterious dread overcame my courage, and had not the Exorciser caught my hand, I would Have fallen out of the Circle. He puts Walpole and Lewis in perspective with the emergence of this Gothic-Horror genre. The Monk was a black engine of sex and the supernatural that changed the genre--and the novel itself--forever. That sums up for me why when I was deciding between three stars and four stars I gave the push to four. Lewis published the first edition Anonymously, but then when it became a sensation he published the second edition under his own name and added M. Bowing to pressure he reworked and removed some of the more offensive passages. There is nothing like a little controversy to drum up book sales. He writes vividly of the most horrible circumstances. He even came to the attention of Lord Byron. If he had put more flesh on the bones of the more honorable characters bringing them up to par with the ingenious descriptions of his villains this would have been a novel to contend with the very best. If you wish to see more of my most recent book and movie reviews, visit [http:](http://)

Chapter 2 : The Buddhist World: Lay Buddhist's Guide to the Monk's Rules

The Lustful Monk. I lay here at the end of all things. With a simple snap of the finger, I can make hell appear before my very eyes. The ceiling crumbles, falling into dust as the blood of thousands seeps from the walls around me.

The Afterglow Monks and Sex For the past several thousand years, monks have been the primary custodians of the wisdom of meditation. Bless them for that. Because of this, everything we know about meditation is flavored with the view over the monastery wall "and the view from within the walls, as the monks look at themselves. Somewhere between fifteen and twenty-five million Americans meditate, according to surveys. Here is a link to the research. Most of the teachings on meditation have been developed by and for monk-type guys, to help them adapt to life inside of a spiritual order. But what are monks? And what do they need? The short answer is, monks are people who have taken vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience. And what they need is a meditation that acts like a medication to keep them humble and not horny. Testosterone is the enemy, to monks. And each religious order, each monastery, each ashram, has its own rules and styles and techniques. There is incredible diversity, and all generalizations are lies. Because until about 50 years ago, almost everything ever written about meditation was by and for celibate males. Look at any book in yoga meditation history, or Zen, or Buddhist meditation. And in this discussion, I am not inferring that there is any problem with monks and nuns at all. The problem is that it is very difficult to teach someone from a different culture and lifestyle. Interior Decorators of the Spirit World There did not used to be straight and gay. There were "householders," people who worked and were married and maintained houses, and there were "monks," who were single and lived in groups of men, and wore really chic robes. One of the functions of monks throughout time has been as interior decorators of the inner world, the realms of spirit. They developed ways of arranging flowers on the altar, picked incense that goes well with the god being worshipped, found a color scheme for each god and each energy center in the body, invented ritual motions that say so much, and worked out sounds or mantras that go with the god, the motions and the paintings. They just knew what goes with what. I think there has always been a Queer Eye for the Inner World, just to liven up the world for the rest of us. I have done thousands of pujas over the years, and I am always stunned at the fabulousness and precision of the Sanskrit sounds, the colors, the motions, they way it all goes together. I am in awe of the beauty of what has been constructed into the ritual worship we call a puja. No, you wear only Louis Vuitton and Prada, and you only practice the meditations taught by Chetsang Rimpoche. But French design is at least visible. Everyone can see it. The workmanship of the originals is superb, and if you are rich you have your own tailors to fit the dresses for your exact body. Then a year later you can buy off-the-rack imitations at Walmart. Meditation is invisible behavior, no one can see how badly the technique fits you. And when people close their eyes, they tend to be as mean to themselves as any schoolyard bully. It is not a good idea to internalize all the self-hatred that monks from the opposite side of the Earth felt a thousand years ago. Who became a monk? Was there any choice? For much of known human history marriages were arranged. Your families worked out something, often as a kind of business deal. These arrangements could be made when the children were born. A friend of mine just came back from working in a region of India, and the girls and boys there get married at 9. They have a wedding ceremony, but keep on living with their respective parents. Girls in this area frequently have their first babies at Things have changed somewhat in the modern West, but Marilyn Monroe, for example, was married at age Of course, the system varied from decade to decade, region to region, but there just has been this historical trend to push people to get married off. The pressure to conform, to obey, and get married must have been incredibly intense. But there seems to have been an outlet, where a small percentage of males was allowed to go off and do something else. So maybe one of the safety valves was to let a few guys go off and do the monk thing if they just totally refuse to conform. Some variation on this pattern may have been fairly common around the world throughout time. Each culture, each area, and each time period has its own unique flavor. In the reading I have been doing, people become monks because: Buddha, for example, ran away from his home, abandoning his newborn son, to become a monk. The parents sell the boy to a monastery because he is good-looking and they can get a good price. The

parents send the boy to a monastery, to learn to read and get an education, in the same way one would send a child to a boarding school. Who would be there? I get the feeling that it would be an extremely diverse group of people who just did not fit in to society at large for whatever reason. Either they felt revulsion at the prospect of getting married at age 9 or 13, or they did not like the family they were to be married into, or they did not want to do whatever their father did. Or maybe they were true hermits, called to just going off into the forest or the mountains and living there on roots and berries, and they needed to have a loose affiliation with a monastery just for some human contact. There are so many reasons a child would not want to get married and start having children. Just consider, in all of human history we know about, and until about years ago, most children died before the age of ten. Babies died like flies, mothers often died in childbirth or a few days later, from an infection called "childbirth fever," and then children that survived to be one or two would be ravaged by a whole series of "childhood illnesses" that tended to kill seven children out of ten. Say you lived in a village of 50 homes, and there were 50 babies born around the same time as you, by the time you were ten years old, 35 of your friends would have died. And a hundred kids slightly older and younger than you would have died in one disease or another sweeping through the village. If you were a sensitive child, and saw all this death, and saw your mother suffering with each dying child, why would you want to run off and start having sex with women and bring more babies into the world? The reasons for wanting to go away, to wander homeless or sit and meditate, are innumerable. So really, there is no hypothetical monastery. Each one must have been full of a motley collection of the walking wounded, misfits, spiritual geniuses, loners, people who just did not identify with the stereotypical male of that time and place, people who wanted to be left alone to read, kids who were rejected by their parents, and so on. In chronological age, they would range from early teenagers to old men. And somehow they have to all live together. We who live outside the monastery walls know almost nothing of how they did it – how did these societies of men survive for thousands of years. Only the Japanese have written openly and honestly about the sex lives of monks, apparently because they tend to see sex as a natural human function, nothing to be ashamed of. In the sections following this, there is a whole discussion of sex. American women meditators are every age and lifestyle, but by and large they have families and jobs and friends and loves. They are not living in cloisters. Yet the teachings on meditation are heavily weighted toward the needs of celibate males, Buddhist and Hindu monks. These monks trained most of the teachers in America. So it makes sense that meditation teachings and books present useful techniques, and then go on to emphasize the importance of detachment, killing passion, and distancing yourself from desire. There is an anti-sex and anti-body attitude sprinkled throughout the meditation literature. To the extent that a woman internalizes these negative attitudes toward herself, she will become depressed and lose her love of life. If you think about it, of course teachings intended for monks would be designed to help them lose interest in outside relationships, sex, and the desire to do anything other than study spiritual things. Because monks talk about sex and encourage celibacy, it is necessary to discuss their celibacy and sexuality, to see where they are coming from, and why they resist adapting their teachings to the needs of modern women. Monks are only human, and like all humans, they can vow something one day, and in the middle of the night the next day their craving takes over. Who knows – they may be crawling out of their skin. Where does that energy go? There are many yogic and meditative techniques that have been developed to redirect or suppress the sex drive. And quite a few ex-monks and ex-nuns have mentioned that ahem, actually there is a lot of sex going on behind closed doors. What does it mean when someone takes a vow of celibacy? Does it mean that magically, their sex drive will disappear? And it can also mean that they will be tormented by sex for the rest of their miserable lives. So when we listen to monks and nuns, we are listening to people who have set their will against the flow of life. And they are not in a position to talk honestly about where they are in that struggle. They may have to lie about their actual experience. Even today in Asia, monasteries get burned down occasionally because a monk gets a local girl pregnant. In the United States, sexual secrets tend to come out. Americans like to know what is really going on. People can even write books about their experiences being the sex slave of this guru or that priest or Tibetan Lama. What a complex and troubling thing sex is for celibates. And almost every week, there is a different story about this or that priest, monk, lama, yogi, or swami who is breaking his vow of celibacy. But you will never find out everything – I have met many people who will not

talk publicly about the sexual experiences they had with the guru or minister, because they are afraid of retaliation. But why would people want to be celibate in the first place? And why would anyone think that a celibate person is better somehow, rather than simply emotionally constipated?

Chapter 3 : Windwalker Monk DPS Spec, Builds, and Talents (Battle for Azeroth) - Noxxic

Lustful Monk's Gaming Tips. First and foremost. I know if you are in my guild you have seen it over and over and over USE KONGCODES!!!!

Her mother fell ill while pregnant with Agnes and promised to send Agnes to the convent if she delivered her safely. She is a virtuous young lady who intends to marry Don Raymond but her parents want her to become a nun, so she decides to run away with him. Their plans are foiled and, thinking Don Raymond has abandoned her forever, she enters the convent. Ambrosio is an extremely devout monk about 30 years old. He was found left at the Abbey doorstep when he was too young to tell his tale. The monks consider him a present from the Virgin Mary and they educate him at the monastery. She was brought up in an old castle in Murcia with only her mother Elvira and is therefore very sheltered. He lets travellers stay in his house so that he may rob and murder them. His two sons by a previous wife, Jacques and Robert, assist him to this end. He then forced Marguerite to marry him. Marguerite, however, is disgusted by his life of crime. Cunegonda An old nun who is held by Don Raymond to prevent her telling of his attempted elopement with Agnes. Elvira is the mother of Antonia and Ambrosio. She married a young nobleman in secret. His family does not approve of her and because of this she and her husband escape to the Indies, leaving her 2-year-old son behind. After 13 years, when Antonia is very young, her husband dies and she returns to Murcia where she lives on an allowance given to her by her father-in-law. She takes an immediate dislike to Ambrosio after hearing his sermon. She eventually marries a younger man and lives in Cordova. Matilda is first known as Rosario, the young boy who looks up to Ambrosio "with a respect approaching idolatry". He always hides under his cowl and later reveals that he is actually Matilda, a beautiful young lady who loves Ambrosio. She seduces Ambrosio and aids in his destruction of Antonia with magic. The plot of the novel relies on her being a supernatural force with magical powers, [9] but she begins as a human. She tells Ambrosio she loves him when she thinks he is asleep and cries "involuntary" tears when she realises he no longer cares for her. These passages, together with the haste in which the novel was written, seem to indicate "that Lewis changed his mind in the course of the narrative". They fall victim to the outraged crowd at the processional. Marguerite is first introduced as a short and unwilling hostess and wife of Baptiste. Her first husband dies after receiving wounds from an English traveller. The group of banditti do not trust Marguerite to keep their secret and she becomes the property of Baptiste. She has two sons, Theodore and a younger unnamed boy. She stabs and kills Baptiste as Don Raymond tries to strangle him, allowing them both to escape. The Prioress, also known as Mother St. Agatha, punishes Agnes severely to uphold the honour of the convent of St. She is beaten to a bloody pulp by the crowd that gathers to honour St. He takes the name Alphonso when his friend, the Duke of Villa Hermosa, advises him that taking a new name will allow him to be known for his merits rather than his rank. He travels to Paris, but finds the Parisians "frivolous, unfeeling and insincere" [12] and sets out for Germany. Near Strausbourg he is forced to seek accommodations in a cottage after his chaise supposedly breaks down. He is the target of the robber Baptiste but with help from Marguerite, he is able to save himself and the Baroness Lindenberg. Grateful, the Baroness invites Don Raymond to stay with her and her husband at their castle in Bavaria. She is in love with Don Raymond and becomes jealous when she finds out Don Raymond is in love with her niece, Agnes. She asks him to leave the Castle of Lindenberg and later speaks poorly of his character. After reading "Love and Age", Don Raymond points out the flaws in the piece, which may be flaws Lewis noticed in his own work. His poems parallel the action of the story. Clare in the Procession. Like Isabella in The Castle of Otranto , she is introduced as an acceptable marriage partner for Lorenzo, but plays an unessential part in the plot. As the story is told, Lorenzo falls in love with Antonia. The mysterious priest, who was left at the abbey as a child, delivers the sermon, and Antonia is fascinated with him. Lorenzo vows to win the hand of Antonia, but must first visit his sister Agnes, who is a nun at the nearby abbey. Having fallen asleep in the church, he awakens to find someone delivering a letter for his sister from Raymond de las Cisternas. On the way home, a gypsy warns Antonia that she is about to die, killed by someone who appears to be honourable. Ambrosio is visited by nuns, including Agnes, for confession. She drops a letter which reveals

her plans to run away with Raymond de las Cisternas. As she is led away, she curses Ambrosio. They both know he must throw her out of the monastery, but she begs him not to and vows to kill herself if he does. He relents, but after talking the next day she decides to leave of her own accord, on the condition Ambrosio gives her a rose to remember him by. As he picks the rose, he is bitten by a serpent and is rushed to his room where it is predicted that he will die within three days. Rosario acts as his nurse and the next day it is discovered that Ambrosio is cured, which is proclaimed a miracle. At the point of death, she begs him to make love to her and he succumbs to the temptation at last, having discovered that she is the model who sat for his beloved portrait of the Virgin Mary. While travelling, his chaise is incapacitated and his servant finds him some lodging at a nearby cottage owned by Baptiste and his wife, who is anything but congenial. At another party, a Baroness and her retinue also stop for the night. He avoids being drugged and manages to escape with the others, along with Marguerite, who kills Baptiste. They make it to Strasbourg, where Marguerite shares her story of illicit love with a bandit, by whom she has two children, and being forced into marriage with Baptiste. At the home of the Baroness, Raymond falls in love with her niece Agnes and goes to the Baroness to ask for her blessing. However, the Baroness is in love with Raymond and when he refuses her advances since he loves Agnes, she vows vengeance. Discovering that it is Agnes, she plans to send her to the convent and so Raymond and Agnes make plans to elope. Agnes plans to dress as the Bleeding Nun, a ghost who haunts the castle, when she escapes with Raymond. The two drive away in the night, but the carriage crashes, and when Raymond awakens, he finds the nun Agnes is gone. After several months healing, he learns that it was not Agnes, but the Bleeding Nun herself who was with him. Raymond learns that the Bleeding Nun is an ancestor and he is responsible for burying her bones and so release her from her hauntings. He finds Agnes in the convent and takes the disguise of the convent gardener. There he overcomes Agnes, earning her rejection. However, when she discovers that she is pregnant, she begs him to come to rescue her. When Raymond finishes his story, Lorenzo agrees to help him elope with Agnes. In the meantime, Lorenzo tries to visit his sister Agnes in the convent, but is told that she is too ill to see him. He has sent to Rome to receive a papal bull releasing Agnes from her vows so that she may honourably marry Raymond without fear of retribution. When the Prioress of the abbey is presented with the papal bull, she tells Lorenzo that his sister died several days before. However, after two months, there is no other word concerning Agnes. Ambrosio and Matilda spend the night making love, Ambrosio no longer feeling the guilt of sin. But as the week progresses, Ambrosio grows tired of her and his eyes begins to wander, noticing the attractiveness of other women. Ambrosio is approached by Antonia, who asks him to provide a confessor for Elvira, her dying mother, and is immediately attracted to her. He prays for Elvira, who begins to improve, and so agrees to come to visit them often, for the simple purpose of being with Antonia and hopefully seducing her. Elvira confesses that she sees something familiar in Ambrosio, but she cannot pinpoint what it is. Ambrosio continues his visits to Antonia. He asks if there is not a man whom she has ever loved, and she confesses that she loves him. Misinterpreting her, he embraces her, but she resists him, insisting that she did not love him in that way, yet the priest continues to ravish her until her mother enters. Ambrosio pretends that nothing was happening, but Elvira had already suspected his designs on her daughter and tells him that his services are no longer needed. Ambrosio is horrified and rejects her suggestion. However, when she shows him a magic mirror that reveals to him Antonia bathing, he agrees. Matilda and Ambrosio return to the cemetery, where Matilda calls up Lucifer and receives his help, and they receive a magic myrtle bough, which will allow Ambrosio to open any door, as well as satisfy his lust on Antonia without her knowing who is her ravisher. Ambrosio agrees, without, he believes, selling himself to the devil. Raymond mourns the death of his lover, Agnes, so Theodore plots to disguise himself as a beggar and go to the convent to find out what happened to her. He is taken into the convent, where he hopes that Agnes will recognise him, sending some word of her state. He is disappointed when no word comes. However, as he leaves, Mother St. Ursula hands him a basket with gifts. Theodore takes the basket back to Raymond, where they find a note hidden in the linen cover, stating that they should have the cardinal arrest both Mother St. Ambrosio carries out his plot to rape Antonia. With the magic myrtle bough he enters her chamber and finds her asleep. He performs the magic rite that will prevent her resistance. He is on the point of raping her when Elvira enters the room and confronts him, promising that she will make his true nature public.

Chapter 4 : The Lustful Monk, a horror fiction | FictionPress

The Lusty Monk Gift-pack, shipping included! The perfect gift, you get all three flavors "Original Sin," "Burn in Hell" Chipotle, and the "Altar Boy" Honey Mustard" as well as a "Spread the Lust" bumper sticker and two mini-bags of pretzels so you can dig right in.

Hsoj Try to figure out what this is about, almost the entire story is a huge metaphor. With a simple snap of the finger, I can make hell appear before my very eyes. The ceiling crumbles, falling into dust as the blood of thousands seeps from the walls around me. In this great divide, everything is lost and the greatest of evils becomes a mere plaything in face of the devil I know find before me. Lust, ye greatest of deceivers! Tragic is the air I breathe from this damned emotion. I choke, falling to the ground, choleric in my own way. The disease of dissolution of the imagination exacerbated by the morbidity of my imperialism. The angels of love fall, wings burning as a torch in the impenetrable night. Flesh consumed, I still lay there, my pillow as glue, wanting to begin a new and never fall to this again. He forever has and forever shall. I find it odd how nothing changes, as years slip by, like sand through the hour glass, falling into a pile of grains exactly the same in shape and texture. The futility of it all defeats me. I cannot find the words to describe the obscene benign love that I would feel should someone draw me away from this. A light shines in the void, and slowly I crawl to it, my newborn eyes still burning and barely open. The ground turns to that same sand under my hands and knees, and before I can reach freedom I fall again. O God, save me! For I cannot save myself, and if thou be the savior deemed to be by the eternal rest of thou servitors, dost thou save me? Dripping this liquid blood flows and replaces the holes of faith and hope. Coagulation I find in knowing that nothing is permanence or purposeful, and yet I still believe in a purpose of everything. O God, the pain has become unbearably petulant! Steadfast shall I hold, though I begin to doubt my own words. Will you not save me? Will you not bring upon a humble mortal the life he so deserves. To hell, to hell! I cannot, shall not, take any more of this derisive and sardonic laughter of the devil any longer. Fuck you and your false beliefs! Adversity is glorified as I see fit, and the adversity I hold in my own contemptible sin most of all. This is where I shall send you, this is where you shall burn! This is where my sin shall burn in the throes of agony for eternity, bleeding from the eyes of my own lust! For I cannot overcome the greatest of burdens myself. God, I plead save me. The author would like to thank you for your continued support. Your review has been posted.

Chapter 5 : The Norton Anthology of English Literature: The Romantic Age: Topic 2: Texts and Contexts

Matthew Gregory Lewis, from The Monk Matthew Gregory Lewis's The Monk, written in ten weeks when the author was nineteen and published in when he was twenty, is the most lurid of the Gothic novels and, at the same time, one of the most vividly written (a combination guaranteed to produce a best-seller).

This compilation is for anyone interested about Bhikkhus monks and about how to relate to them. Some may think that this lineage follows an overly traditionalist approach but then, it does happen to be the oldest living tradition. A slight caution therefore to anyone completely new to the ways of monasticism, which may appear quite radical for the modern day and age. The Discipline of a Buddhist monk is refined and is intended to be conducive to the arising of mindfulness and wisdom. This code of conduct is called the Vinaya. While it is not an end in itself, it is an excellent tool, which can be instrumental in leading to the end of suffering. Apart from the direct training that the Vinaya provides, it also establishes a relationship with lay people without whose co-operation it would be impossible to live as a monk. A monk is able to live as a mendicant because lay people respect the monastic conventions and are prepared to help to support him. This gives rise to a relationship of respect and gratitude in which both layperson and monk are called upon to practise their particular life styles and responsibilities with sensitivity and sincerity. Many of the rules of discipline were developed specifically to avoid offending lay people or giving rise to misunderstanding or suspicion for example, the rules stipulating that another male be present when a monk and a woman would otherwise be alone together. As no monk wishes to offend by being fussy and difficult to look after, and no lay Buddhist would wish to accidentally cause a monk to compromise the discipline, this booklet is therefore intended to be a useful guide to the major aspects of the Vinaya as it relates to lay people. Providing the Means for Support The Vinaya, as laid down by the Buddha, in its many practical rules defines the status of a monk as being that of a mendicant. Having no personal means of support is a very practical means of understanding the instinct to seek security; furthermore, the need to seek alms gives a monk a source of contemplation on what things are really necessary. The four requisites, food, clothing, shelter and medicines, are what lay people can offer as a practical way of expressing generosity and appreciation of their faith in belonging to the Buddhist Community. Rather than giving requisites to particular monks whom one likes and knows the practising Buddhist learns to offer to the Sangha as an act of faith and respect for the Sangha as a whole. Monks respond by sharing merit, spreading good will and the teachings of the Buddha to all those who wish to hear, irrespective of personal feelings. Food A monk is allowed to collect, receive and consume food between dawn and midday taken to be 12 noon. He is not allowed to consume food outside of this time and he is not allowed to store food overnight. Plain water can be taken at any time without having to be offered. Although a monk lives on whatever is offered, vegetarianism is encouraged. A monk must have all eatables and drinkables, except plain water, formally offered into his hands or placed on something in direct contact with his hands. In the Thai tradition, in order to prevent contact with a woman, he will generally set down a cloth to receive things offered by women. He is not allowed to cure or cook food except in particular circumstances. In accordance with the discipline, a monk is prohibited from eating fruit or vegetables containing fertile seeds. So, when offering such things, a layperson can either remove the seeds or make the fruit allowable slightly damaging it with a knife. It is instructive to note that, rather than limiting what can be offered, the Vinaya lays emphasis on the mode of offering. Offering should be done in a respectful manner, making the act of offering a mindful and reflective one, irrespective of what one is giving. Clothing Forest monks generally make their own robes from cloth that is given. Plain white cotton is always useful it can be dyed to the correct dull ochre. Shelter Solitary, silent and simple could be a fair description of the ideal lodging for a monk. From the scriptures it seems that the general standard of lodging was to neither cause discomfort nor impair health, yet not to be indulgently luxurious. So a simple bed is an allowable thing to use, although most monks prefer the firmer surface provided by a mat or thick blanket spread on the floor. In providing a temporary room for a night, a simple spare room that is private is adequate. Medicine A monk is allowed to use medicines if they are offered in the same way as food. Once offered, neither food nor medicine should be handled again by a

layperson, as that renders it no longer allowable. Medicines can be considered as those things that are specifically for illness; those things having tonic or reviving quality such as tea or sugar ; and certain items which have a nutritional value in times of debilitation, hunger or fatigue such as cheese or non-dairy chocolate. Sundries As circumstances changed, the Buddha allowed monks to make use of other small requisites, such as needles, a razor, etc. In modern times, such things might include a pen, a watch, a torch, etc. All of these were to be plain and simple, costly or luxurious items being expressly forbidden. Invitation The principles of mendicancy forbid a monk from asking for anything, unless he is ill, without having received an invitation. So when receiving food, for example, a monk makes himself available in a situation, where people wish to give food. At no time does the monk request food. This principle should be borne in mind when offering food; rather than asking a monk what he would like, it is better to ask if you can offer some food. Considering that the meal will be the only meal of the day, one can offer what seems right, recognising that the monk will take what he needs and leave the rest. A good way to offer is to bring bowls of food to the monk and let him choose what he needs from each bowl. Tea and coffee can be offered at any time if after noon, without milk. Sugar or honey can be offered at the same time to go with it. To avoid any misunderstanding, it is better to be quite specific about what you are offering. Unless specified, an invitation can only be accepted for up to four months, after which time it lapses unless renewed. Inappropriate Items Including Money T. Under certain circumstances, a Dharma video or a documentary programme may be watched. In general, luxurious items are inappropriate for a monk to accept. This is because they are conducive to attachment in his own mind, and excite envy, possibly even the intention to steal, in the mind of another person. This is unwholesome Kamma. It also looks bad for an alms mendicant, living on charity as a source of inspiration to others, to have luxurious belongings. Although the Vinaya specifies a prohibition on accepting and handling gold and silver, the real spirit of it is to forbid use and control over funds, whether these are bank notes or credit cards. The Vinaya even prohibits a monk from having someone else receive money on his behalf. In practical terms, monasteries are financially controlled by lay stewards, who then make open invitation for the Sangha to ask for what they need, under the direction of the Abbot. This means that as far as is reasonably possible, the donations that are given to the stewards to support the Sangha are not wasted on unnecessary whims. If a layperson wishes to give something to a particular monk, but is uncertain what he needs, he should make an invitation. For items such as travelling expenses, money can be given to an accompanying anagarika dressed in white or accompanying layperson, who can then buy tickets, drinks for a journey or anything else that the monk may need at that time. It is quite a good exercise in mindfulness for a layperson to actually consider what items are necessary and offer those rather than money. Relationships Monks and nuns lead lives of total celibacy in which any kind of sexual behaviour is forbidden. This includes even suggestive speech or physical contact with lustful intent, both of which are very serious offences for monks and nuns. Monks should have a male present who can understand what is being said when conversing with a lady, and a similar situation holds true for nuns. Much of this standard of behaviour is to prevent scandalous gossip or misunderstanding occurring. So, to prevent such misunderstanding, however groundless, a monk has to be accompanied by a man whenever he is in the presence of a woman; on a journey; or sitting alone in a secluded place one would not call a meditation hall or a bus station a secluded place. Generally, monks would also refrain from carrying on correspondence with women, other than for matters pertaining to the monastery, travel arrangements, providing basic information, etc. When teaching Dharma, even in a letter, it is easy for inspiration and compassion to turn into attachment. Teaching Dharma The monk as Dharma teacher must find the appropriate occasion to give the profound and insightful teachings of the Buddha to those who wish to hear it. It would not be appropriate to teach without invitation, nor in a situation where the teachings cannot be reflected upon adequately. The value of Dharma is greatly reduced if it is just received as chit-chat or speculations for debate. Accordingly, for a Dharma talk, it is good to set up a room where the teachings can be listened to with respect being shown to the speaker. Questions are welcome at the end of the talk. Also, as a sign of respect, when inviting a monk it is usual for the person making the invitation to also make the travel arrangements, directly or indirectly. Minor Matters of Etiquette Vinaya also extends into the realm of convention and custom. In monasteries, there is some emphasis on such matters as a means of establishing

harmony, order and pleasant relationships within a community. Lay people may be interested in applying such conventions for their own development of sensitivity, but it should not be considered as something that is necessarily expected of them. Firstly, there is the custom of bowing to a shrine or teacher. This is done when first entering their presence or when taking leave. Done gracefully, at the appropriate time, this is a beautiful gesture, which honours the person who does it; at an inappropriate time, done compulsively, it can appear foolish to onlookers. Another common gesture of respect is to place the hands so that the palms are touching, the fingers pointing upwards and the hands held immediately in front of the chest. This is a pleasant means of greeting, bidding farewell, saluting the end of a Dharma talk or concluding an offering. Body language is something that is well understood in Buddhist cultures. Apart from the obvious reminder to sit up for a Dharma talk rather than loll or recline on the floor one shows a manner of deference by ducking slightly if having to walk between a monk and the person he is speaking to. Similarly, one would not stand looming over a monk to talk to him or offer him something, but rather approach him at the level at which he is sitting.

Chapter 6 : The Monk by Matthew Lewis

Kelly Davis' passions for history and experimenting in the kitchen combined the day she made her first batch of homemade mustard. While thumbing through a 19th century cookbook, she was intrigued by a recipe for freshly ground mustard.

Ambrosio, abbot of the Capuchin monastery in Madrid, goes from a pinnacle of self-satisfied saintliness to become one of the most depraved villains in all fiction. After being seduced by Matilda, a diabolical woman who has entered the monastery disguised as a novice named Rosario, the monk, with the help of a talisman provided by Matilda, plots the rape of one of his penitents, Antonia. His second attempt, in which he succeeds, culminates in the fatal stabbing of Antonia. As it turns out, Antonia is his sister and Elvira their mother; thus he has, among his crimes, the rape and murder of his sister and the murder of his mother. His punishment at the end, when the Devil reneges on a pact that would have allowed Ambrosio to escape, is gratifyingly spectacular. Situations of torment, and images of naked horror, are easily conceived; and a writer in whose works they abound deserves our gratitude almost equally with him who should drag us by way of sport through a military hospital, or force us to sit at the dissecting table of a natural philosopher. The romance writer possesses an unlimited power over situations; but he must scrupulously make his characters act in congruity with them. Let him work physical wonders only, and we will be content to dream with him for a while; but the first moral miracle which he attempts, he disgusts and awakens us. In the first of the two extracts given here, from chapter 2, Ambrosio exults in his cell after having delivered a spellbinding sermon to a packed church in Madrid. The second extract, from chapter 8, recounts the first assault on Antonia and the murder of Elvira. He was no sooner alone, than he gave free loose to the indulgence of his vanity. When he remembered the enthusiasm which his discourse had excited, his heart swelled with rapture, and his imagination presented him with splendid visions of aggrandizement. He looked round him with exultation; and pride told him loudly that he was superior to the rest of his fellow-creatures. Who else has subdued the violence of strong passions and an impetuous temperament, and submitted even from the dawn of life to voluntary retirement? I seek for such a man in vain. I see no one but myself possessed of such resolution. How powerful an effect did my discourse produce upon its auditors! How they crowded round me! How they loaded me with benedictions, and pronounced me the sole uncorrupted pillar of the church! What then now is left for me to do? Nothing, but to watch as carefully over the conduct of my brethren, as I have hitherto watched over my own. Am I not a man whose nature is frail and prone to error? I must now abandon the solitude of my retreat; the fairest and noblest dames of Madrid continually present themselves at the abbey, and will use no other confessor. I must accustom my eyes to objects of temptation, and expose myself to the seduction of luxury and desire. Should I meet in that world which I am constrained to enter, some lovely female "lovely as you" Madona"! He paused, and gazed upon it with delight. Can the rose vie with the blush of that cheek? Should I not barter for a single embrace the reward of my sufferings for thirty years? Should I not abandon " " " Fool that I am! Whither do I suffer my admiration of this picture to hurry me? Let me remember that woman is for ever lost to me. Never was mortal formed so perfect as this picture. Temptation, did I say? To me it would be none. What charms me, when ideal and considered as a superior being, would disgust me, become woman and tainted with all the failings of mortality. Are not the passions dead in my bosom? Take confidence in the strength of your virtue. They shall know you for what you are! With difficulty did the abbot awake from his delirium. The knocking was repeated. It has been already mentioned that the abbey was at no great distance from the strada di San Iago. He reached the house unobserved. Here he stopped, and hesitated for a moment. This latter argument was perfectly false. He knew not how uncertain is the air of popular applause, and that a moment suffices to make him to-day the detestation of the world, who yesterday was its idol. He ascended the steps leading to the house. No sooner did he touch the door with the silver myrtle than it flew open, and presented him with a free passage. He entered, and the door closed after him of its own accord. Guided by the moon-beams, he proceeded up the stair-case with slow and cautious steps. He looked round him every moment with apprehension and anxiety. He saw a

spy in every shadow, and heard a voice in every murmur of the night-breeze. Yet still he proceeded. He stopped, and listened. All was hushed within. The total silence persuaded him that his intended victim was retired to rest, and he ventured to lift up the latch. The door was fastened, and resisted his efforts. But no sooner was it touched by the talisman than the bolt flew back. The ravisher stepped on, and found himself in the chamber where slept the innocent girl, unconscious how dangerous a visitor was drawing near her couch. The door closed after him, and the bolt shot again into its fastening. Ambrosio advanced with precaution. He took care that not a board should creak under his foot, and held in his breath as he approached the bed. His first attention was to perform the magic ceremony, as Matilda had charged him: The effects which it had already produced permitted not his doubting its success in prolonging the slumbers of his devoted mistress. No sooner was the enchantment performed than he considered her to be absolutely in his power, and his eyes flashed with lust and impatience. He now ventured to cast a glance upon the sleeping beauty. A single lamp, burning before the statue of St. Rosolia, shed a faint light through the room, and permitted him to examine all the charms of the lovely object before him. The heat of the weather had obliged her to throw off part of the bed-clothes. She lay with her cheek reclining upon one ivory arm: A few tresses of her hair had escaped from beneath the muslin which confined the rest, and fell carelessly over her bosom, as it heaved with slow and regular suspiration. The warm air had spread her cheek with a higher colour than usual. A smile inexpressibly sweet played round her ripe and coral lips, from which every now and then escaped a gentle sigh, or an half-pronounced sentence. An air of enchanting innocence and candour pervaded her whole form; and there was a sort of modesty in her very nakedness, which added fresh stings to the desires of the lustful monk. He remained for some moments devouring those charms with his eyes which soon were to be subjected to his ill-regulated passions. Her mouth half-opened seem to solicit a kiss: This momentary pleasure increased his longing for still greater. His desires were raised to that frantic height by which brutes are agitated. He resolved not to delay for one instant longer the accomplishment of his wishes, and hastily proceeded to tear off those garments which impeded the gratification of his lust. Is not this an illusion? He started, and turned towards it. Elvira stood at the door of the chamber, and regarded the monk with looks of surprise and detestation. A frightful dream had represented to her Antonia on the verge of a precipice. She saw her trembling on the brink: His shame and her amazement seemed to have petrified into statues both Elvira and the monk. They remained gazing upon each other in silence. The lady was the first to recover herself. It is the man whom Madrid esteems a saint that I find at this late hour near the couch of my unhappy child. I already suspected your designs, but forbore your accusation in pity to human frailty. Silence would now be criminal. The whole city shall be informed of your incontinence. I will unmask you, villain, and convince the church what a viper she cherishes in her bosom. He would fain have extenuated his offence, but could find no apology for his conduct. He could produce nothing but broken sentences, and excuses which contradicted each other. Elvira was too justly incensed to grant the pardon which he requested. She protested that she would raise the neighbourhood, and make him an example to all future hypocrites. Then hastening to the bed, she called to Antonia to wake; and finding that her voice had no effect, she took her arm, and raised her forcibly from the pillow. The charm operated too powerfully. Antonia remained insensible; and, on being released by her mother, sank back upon the pillow. All your villainy shall soon be unravelled.

Chapter 7 : Lusty Monk - Venture Asheville

The Monk. BACK; NEXT ; Character Analysis. The Monk, Chaucer tells us, is a manly man. The Monk's favorite past-time is hunting, and to this end he keeps gorgeous (and probably expensive) horses and greyhounds.

While thumbing through a 19th century cookbook, the Asheville, N. The fresh-ground mustard seeds gave off intense flavor and a signature nostril-stinging kick. She was already holding down two jobs—as a proofreader for a newsletter company and as a bartender at Green Man Brewery in downtown Asheville. But the demand for her spicy blend was growing. At first, she gave away the concoction at Christmas gifts. Then she convinced the brewery to serve it to patrons with pretzels as a complimentary snack. Coworkers and bar patrons were immediately impressed. They helped refine recipes by giving feedback on the balance of spices and convinced her to discontinue a blend made with bourbon and raisins. Her first recipe, dubbed Original Sin, was followed by a fiery chipotle blend called Burn in Hell and the sweet, hot Altar Boy Honey Mustard, which brewery patrons helped name. In , her brother Scott Davis was looking for a jar of the mustard in his Portland, Ore. To ensure himself a steady supply of the condiment, he convinced Davis to start Lusty Monk LLC and provided the start-up funds. To learn everything she could about starting a specialty food business, Davis enrolled in night classes at Blue Ridge Food Ventures, a shared-use food and natural product processing facility that offers workshops for culinary entrepreneurs on the Enka campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. They hold your hand throughout the whole process. Sturgi said she encourages food entrepreneurs to figure out what makes their product different from everything else sold in grocery stores—from the product itself to the name, labeling and marketing—and then be diligent about selling it. When she told Sturgi she wanted Lusty Monk to be sold in a refrigerated case, Sturgi tried to discourage her. But refrigeration keeps the mustard spicy, Davis explained, and Sturgi was happy to be proven wrong. Food and Drug Administration inspected the house before purchase and they were able to convert the salon, with all of its extra plumbing, into a commercial kitchen with FDA approval. She imports bulk quantities of mustard seeds from Canada, where most of the plants are grown, and uses a 4-foot-tall immersion blender to grind them. Davis hired one employee to help with packaging and bottling. She handles distribution herself, although she is weighing the pros and cons of hiring help for that too. The mustard attracts a lot of repeat customers, and Mele said he frequently uses it on semi-organic hot dogs and as a dip for rice chips. We firmly believe in supporting local businesses and local products. Today, Lusty Monk Mustard is sold or served at more than locations in more than 50 cities across 10 states including Earth Fare, Whole Foods Market and many independently-owned shops. It is also available online at lustymonk.com. The Altar Boy and Original Sin mustards won first and second place respectively in condiment category for the Scoville Awards, an annual competition that recognizes the top fiery foods products in the world. The contest is a competitive blind tasted food competition that draws hundreds of products. Mustard distribution and production became so time consuming that Davis quit her proofreading job more than a year ago. After several weeks of getting coworkers to cover her shifts, she finally admitted in October that she no longer had time to work at Green Man Brewery. She was an integral part of our bar for so long. People actually identify the mustard with our tasting room because for so long you could only get it here. But hot sauce was a problem. An initiative started six years ago by AdvantageWest, an economic development partnership serving the 23 westernmost counties of North Carolina, Blue Ridge Food Ventures provides a shared-use commercial kitchen and food-business incubator on the Enka campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. The 11,000-square-foot facility includes a full-scale commercial kitchen, a dry product preparation area and a natural products production area for drying, crushing and extracting plants and herbs for tinctures and extracts. The products are approved by the FDA to be sold commercially. Owner of UliMana, she is one of the rare food entrepreneurs whose product is an instant success. Her handmade chocolate spreads and truffles made with vegan, organic ingredients were one of the first raw products available in grocery stores when the business launched in Appalachian Ginseng Farm owner Richard Bonsteel starting making extracts and honey from Carolina Black ginseng grown on private land near Franklin about eight years ago. The men knew very little

about launching a product line and wading through the FDA regulations, he said.

Chapter 8 : The Monk - Wikipedia

The Monk: A Romance is a Gothic novel by Matthew Gregory Lewis, published in A quickly written book from early in Lewis's career (in one letter he claimed to have written it in ten weeks, but other correspondence suggests that he had at least started it, or something similar, a couple of years earlier), it was published before he turned twenty.

The poet finds himself lost in a dark wood selva oscura [6] , astray from the "straight way" diritta via, [7] also translatable as "right way" of salvation. He sets out to climb directly up a small mountain, but his way is blocked by three beasts he cannot evade: The three beasts, taken from the Jeremiah 5: According to John Ciardi , these are incontinence the she-wolf ; violence and bestiality the lion ; and fraud and malice the leopard ; [12] Dorothy L. The beasts drive him back despairing into the darkness of error, a "lower place" basso loco [14] where the sun is silent I sol tace [15]. However, Dante is rescued by a figure who announces that he was born sub Iulio [16] i. Beatrice had been moved to aid Dante by the Virgin Mary symbolic of compassion and Saint Lucia symbolic of illuminating Grace. Rachel , symbolic of the contemplative life, also appears in the heavenly scene recounted by Virgil. The two of them then begin their journey to the underworld. These are the souls of people who in life took no sides; the opportunists who were for neither good nor evil, but instead were merely concerned with themselves. Among these Dante recognizes a figure implied to be Pope Celestine V , whose "cowardice in selfish terror for his own welfare served as the door through which so much evil entered the Church". These souls are forever unclassified; they are neither in Hell nor out of it, but reside on the shores of the Acheron. Naked and futile, they race around through the mist in eternal pursuit of an elusive, wavering banner symbolic of their pursuit of ever-shifting self-interest while relentlessly chased by swarms of wasps and hornets , who continually sting them. This symbolizes the sting of their guilty conscience and the repugnance of sin. After passing through the vestibule, Dante and Virgil reach the ferry that will take them across the river Acheron and to Hell proper. The ferry is piloted by Charon , who does not want to let Dante enter, for he is a living being. The passage across the Acheron, however, is undescribed, since Dante faints and does not awaken until he is on the other side. The circles are concentric , representing a gradual increase in wickedness , and culminating at the centre of the earth, where Satan is held in bondage. The sinners of each circle are punished for eternity in a fashion fitting their crimes: For example, later in the poem, Dante and Virgil encounter fortune-tellers who must walk forward with their heads on backward, unable to see what is ahead, because they tried to see the future through forbidden means. Such a contrapasso "functions not merely as a form of divine revenge , but rather as the fulfilment of a destiny freely chosen by each soul during his or her life". Those in Hell are people who tried to justify their sins and are unrepentant. These sinners endure lesser torments than do those consigned to Lower Hell, located within the walls of the City of Dis, for committing acts of violence and fraud – the latter of which involves, as Dorothy L. Sayers writes, "abuse of the specifically human faculty of reason". Lower Hell is further subdivided: Circle 7 Violence is divided into three rings, Circle 8 Simple Fraud is divided into ten bolge, and Circle 9 Complex Fraud is divided into four regions. Thus, Hell contains, in total, 24 divisions. First Circle Limbo [edit] The Harrowing of Hell , in a 14th-century illuminated manuscript , the Petites Heures de Jean de Berry Dante wakes up to find that he has crossed the Acheron, and Virgil leads him to the first circle of the abyss, Limbo , where Virgil himself resides. The first circle contains the unbaptized and the virtuous pagans , who, although not sinful, did not accept Christ. Sayers writes, "After those who refused choice come those without opportunity of choice. They could not, that is, choose Christ; they could, and did, choose human virtue, and for that they have their reward. Without baptism "the portal of the faith that you embrace" [25] they lacked the hope for something greater than rational minds can conceive. When Dante asked if anyone has ever left Limbo, Virgil states that he saw Jesus "a Mighty One" descend into Limbo and take Noah , Moses , Abraham , David , and Rachel see Limbo of the Patriarchs into his all-forgiving arms and transport them to Heaven as the first human souls to be saved. The event, known as the Harrowing of Hell , would have occurred in A. Dante encounters the poets Homer , Horace , Ovid , and Lucan , who include him in their number and make him "sixth in that high company". After passing through the seven gates, the group comes to an exquisite green meadow and Dante encounters

the inhabitants of the Citadel. These include figures associated with the Trojans and their descendants the Romans: Dante also views Saladin, a Muslim military leader known for his struggle against the Crusaders as well as his generous, chivalrous, and merciful conduct. Dante sees the Alexandrian geometer Euclid and Ptolemy, the Alexandrian astronomer and geographer, as well as the physicians Hippocrates and Galen. Dante and Virgil depart from the four other poets and continue their journey. Although Dante implies that all virtuous non-Christians find themselves here, he later encounters two Cato of Utica and Statius in Purgatory and two Trajan and Ripheus in Heaven. It is described as "a part where no thing gleams". Minos sentences each soul to its torment by wrapping his tail around himself a corresponding number of times. Virgil rebukes Minos, and he and Dante continue on. In the second circle of Hell are those overcome by lust. These "carnal malefactors" [30] are condemned for allowing their appetites to sway their reason. These souls are buffeted back and forth by the terrible winds of a violent storm, without rest. This symbolizes the power of lust to blow needlessly and aimlessly: The bright, voluptuous sin is now seen as it is — a howling darkness of helpless discomfort. Dante comes across Francesca da Rimini, who married the deformed Giovanni Malatesta also known as "Gianciotto" for political purposes but fell in love with his younger brother Paolo Malatesta; the two began to carry on an adulterous affair. Love, which in gentlest hearts will soonest bloom seized my lover with passion for that sweet body from which I was torn unshriven to my doom. Love, which permits no loved one not to love, took me so strongly with delight in him that we are one in Hell, as we were above. Love led us to one death. John Ciardi renders line as "That book, and he who wrote it, was a pander. Cerberus described as "il gran vermo", literally "the great worm", line 22, the monstrous three-headed beast of Hell, ravenously guards the gluttons lying in the freezing mire, mauling and flaying them with his claws as they howl like dogs. Virgil obtains safe passage past the monster by filling its three mouths with mud. Sayers writes that "the surrender to sin which began with mutual indulgence leads by an imperceptible degradation to solitary self-indulgence". These events occurred in, prior to when the poem was written but in the future at Easter time of, the time in which the poem is set. Although the two are often conflated, he is a distinct figure from Pluto Dis, the classical ruler of the underworld. Those whose attitude toward material goods deviated from the appropriate mean are punished in the fourth circle. They include the avaricious or miserly including many "clergymen, and popes and cardinals", [45] who hoarded possessions, and the prodigal, who squandered them. The hoarders and spendthrifts joust, using as weapons great weights that they push with their chests: Here, too, I saw a nation of lost souls, far more than were above: Then in haste they rolled them back, one party shouting out: Sayers writes, "Mutual indulgence has already declined into selfish appetite; now, that appetite becomes aware of the incompatible and equally selfish appetites of other people. Indifference becomes mutual antagonism, imaged here by the antagonism between hoarding and squandering. Sayers writes, "the active hatreds rend and snarl at one another; at the bottom, the sullen hatreds lie gurgling, unable even to express themselves for the rage that chokes them". When Dante responds "In weeping and in grieving, accursed spirit, may you long remain," [51] Virgil blesses him with words used to describe Christ himself Luke Virgil informs him that they are approaching the City of Dis. Dis, itself surrounded by the Stygian marsh, contains Lower Hell within its walls. The walls of Dis are guarded by fallen angels. Virgil is unable to convince them to let Dante and him enter, and Dante is threatened by the Furies consisting of Alecto, Megaera, and Tisiphone and Medusa. Canto IX An angel sent from Heaven secures entry for the poets, opening the gate by touching it with a wand, and rebukes those who opposed Dante. Allegorically, this reveals the fact that the poem is beginning to deal with sins that philosophy and humanism cannot fully understand. Virgil also mentions to Dante how Erichtho sent him down to the lowest circle of Hell to bring back a spirit from there. There is a drop from the sixth circle to the three rings of the seventh circle, then again to the ten rings of the eighth circle, and, at the bottom, to the icy ninth circle. Sixth Circle Heresy [edit] Canto X In the sixth circle, heretics, such as Epicurus and his followers who say "the soul dies with the body" [54] are trapped in flaming tombs. Dante holds discourse with a pair of Epicurian Florentines in one of the tombs: The political affiliation of these two men allows for a further discussion of Florentine politics. In response to a question from Dante about the "prophecy" he has received, Farinata explains that what the souls in Hell know of life on earth comes from seeing the future, not from any observation of the present. Consequently, when

"the portal of the future has been shut", [55] it will no longer be possible for them to know anything. Farinata explains that also crammed within the tomb are Emperor Frederick II, commonly reputed to be an Epicurean, and Ottaviano degli Ubaldini, to whom Dante refers to as il Cardinale. In his explanation, Virgil refers to the Nicomachean Ethics and the Physics of Aristotle, with medieval interpretations. Virgil asserts that there are only two legitimate sources of wealth: Usury, to be punished in the next circle, is therefore an offence against both; it is a kind of blasphemy, since it is an act of violence against Art, which is the child of Nature, and Nature derives from God. The "Wain", the Great Bear, now lies in the northwest over Caurus the northwest wind. The constellation Pisces the Fish is just appearing over the horizon: Canto I notes that the sun is in Aries, and since the twelve zodiac signs rise at two-hour intervals, it must now be about two hours prior to sunrise: Virgil assures the monster that Dante is not its hated enemy, Theseus. This causes the Minotaur to charge them as Dante and Virgil swiftly enter the seventh circle. Virgil explains the presence of shattered stones around them: Ruins resulting from the same shock were previously seen at the beginning of Upper Hell the entrance of the Second Circle, Canto V. In the first round of the seventh circle, the murderers, war-makers, plunderers, and tyrants are immersed in Phlegethon, a river of boiling blood and fire. Ciardi writes, "as they wallowed in blood during their lives, so they are immersed in the boiling blood forever, each according to the degree of his guilt". The river grows shallower until it reaches a ford, after which it comes full circle back to the deeper part where Dante and Virgil first approached it; immersed here are tyrants including Attila, King of the Huns flagello in terra, "scourge on earth", line, "Pyrrhus" either the bloodthirsty son of Achilles or King Pyrrhus of Epirus, Sextus, Rinier da Corneto, and Rinier Pazzo. After bringing Dante and Virgil to the shallow ford, Nessus leaves them to return to his post. This passage may have been influenced by the early medieval Visio Karoli Grossi. The second round of the seventh circle is the Wood of the Suicides, in which the souls of the people who attempted or committed suicide are transformed into gnarled, thorny trees and then fed upon by Harpies.

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