UP AND DOWN

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) 56B/85

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1797 - 1798
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	204 x 144 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	13 Sep 2022 / 27 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	2144 D4221

INSCRIPCIONES

Watermark: [Shield with helmet, bird inside, and underneath "D.N J.PH GIS.T / ALCOY" (lower half)].

HISTORIA

On the origin of this and other preparatory drawings for *The Caprices*, see the commentary

on the first of them, corresponding to Caprice number 1 (*Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, painter*), and on the one corresponding to Caprice 3 (*The bogeyman is Coming*).

Line of provenance of this drawing: Javier Goya; Mariano Goya, 1854; Valentín Carderera, ca. 1861; Mariano Carderera, 1880; Prado Museum, 1886.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Preparatory drawing for *Caprice 56. Up and down*

This is one of Goya's strangest compositions. A sort of Warlock, with the legs of a goat and a human face, holds in his hands a small figure whose hair and hands are on fire. Two other figures, on either side, fall into the void. The etching will make the surface on which this figure is seated more precise, as it is a globe.

The title already gives a clue as to what he wanted to represent in this scene: the fickleness of fortune, which can raise a man to the top and plunge him into the depths of the abyss. The period in which Goya painted this picture was politically convulsive, and it is thought that the figures depicted are Godoy and the ministers he removed from office, Jovellanos and Saavedra; or, as Edith Helman suggests, they could also be Floridablanca and Aranda.

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PALABRAS CLAVE

CAPRICCIO LUJURIA GODOY DIOS PAN PRÍNCIPE DE LA PAZ

ENLACES EXTERNOS