

# THIS IS WORSE (ESTO ES PEOR)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (37/82)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1812 - 1815

DIMENSIONES

157 x 208 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Etching, lavis and drypoint

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass* (*Tristes presentimientos de lo que ha de acontecer*).

The title was handwritten on the print by Goya in the first and only series that is known to have been printed at the time the works were created, which the artist gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Therefore, the title was etched into the plate at a later date and left unchanged as of the first edition of the *Disasters of War* printed by the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid in 1863, after the printing of the series in the possession of Ceán Bermúdez.

There are no surviving preparatory drawings for this print.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In the foreground Goya has etched a naked body which has been mutilated and brutally impaled on a tree. Behind this in the background a French soldier wields a sword: it is impossible to tell if he is killing someone or dismembering a corpse. On the left, another soldier is dragging another corpse along the ground by the legs.

The impaled body seems to be a demonstration of what the French were capable of in times of war. Goya has taken care over the depiction of the figure, which shows a clear classical influence. It could be said that the studies of the Belvedere Torso Goya made as a young man in his *Italian sketchbook* during his stay in Rome (1769-1771) give rise to and find expression both in this image and print no. 39, *Great deeds! With dead bodies! (Grande hazaña! Con muertos!)*.

This is worse is also linked to print no. 36, *Not this time either (Tampoco)*, since Goya establishes a comparison between these two forms of punishment, reaching the conclusion that the second is the worse of the two. There is also a connection between this print and no. 33, *What more can be done? (Qué hai que hacer mas?)* which may form the starting point for this work.

The aggressiveness of nature is patently and cruelly obvious in this work, in which the tree is not only a support for the act but also an instrument of torture.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is stored in the National Chalcography (cat. 288).

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