

# FATAL MISFORTUNE

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

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



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1798

UBICACIÓN

Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid, España, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

185 x 120 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguatinta bruñida, punta seca y buril sobre papel verjurado

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

National Library of Spain

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter*.

Only one unpublished proof remains, which belonged to the former Carderera collection in 1867. It later became part of the holdings of the National Library in Madrid.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

On verso of the folio is *Dream. Of lies and inconstancy.*

In the centre of the print, a woman dressed in light clothes holds her hands to her head and clutches her hair. We cannot see her face, but we can intuit her pained expression. Next to her, an old woman weeps, wiping her eye with her hand, while in the foreground, on the left side of the print, a man in a ponytail, short coat and stockings caresses a small barking dog. Behind the group passes a maid who raises her arms, also in despair; her figure appears in profile and is heavily blackened by the aquatint.

Goya used a single aquatint; later he made some drypoint and burin retouches on the female figure holding her hands to her head.

It is possible that the Aragonese painter depicted in this engraving one of the many whims of the Duchess of Alba, whose fickle character was well known.

No preparatory drawing for this engraving has come down to us, although it could be related to drawing no. 91 of Cuaderno B or Madrid entitled *Fatal misfortune, The whole house is clamouring because the Perrica has not worked.* For Enrique Lafuente Ferrari, the work we are dealing with here shows some similarities with drawing no. 94 *She has the car towed away, her hair dishevelled and pulled out and kicks because Abbé Pichurris told her in his ears that it was discoloured,* in which the Duchess of Alba is also shown combing her hair with a gentleman in the background.

#### CONSERVACIÓN

It is preserved in poor condition with some flaws due to paper scuffing in several areas, especially on the head of the man sitting with the dog.

The sheet has been trimmed within the imprint of the plate.

#### EXPOSICIONES

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Museum**

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PALABRAS CLAVE

**DESGRACIA DUQUESA DE ALBA CAPRICCIO**

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