Object: Tristes presentimientos de lo que ha de acontecer (Sad

Forebodings of What Is Going to

Happen)

Museum: Herzog Anton Ulrich-Museum

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Collection: Kupferstichkabinett

Inventory number:

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Description

In Los Desastres de la Guerra (Disasters of War), a series of 82 etchings created between 1810 and 1820, Goya depicted the violence, hardship, and hunger of the Dos de Mayo Uprising and the Peninsular War against the Napoleonic occupation of Spain. While most of these images of violence are almost unbearably realistic, towards the end of the series, the visual language becomes more symbolic and allegorical, preparing the way for the imagery of Los Disparates, begun around 1815. Sad Forebodings belongs to this later group of the Disasters of War, known as Caprichos enfáticos(Emphatic Caprichos), and was selected as the opening image when the series was finally published in 1863, 35 years after Goya's death. The resigned figure kneeling in the dark foresees unfathomable pain and chaos. (TD 2024, translation Büro LS Anderson, Berlin)

Basic data

Material/Technique: Etching,

aquatint, drypoint, burin

Measurements:

Events

Published When 1820

Who Francisco Goya (1746-1828)

Where

Printing plate When 1810-1816

produced

Who Francisco Goya (1746-1828)

Where

Intellectual

When

creation

Who Francisco Goya (1746-1828)

Where

Bought When 1985

Who Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum

Where Brunswick

Keywords

• Graphics

- Kniender
- Man
- Shadow

Literature

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