



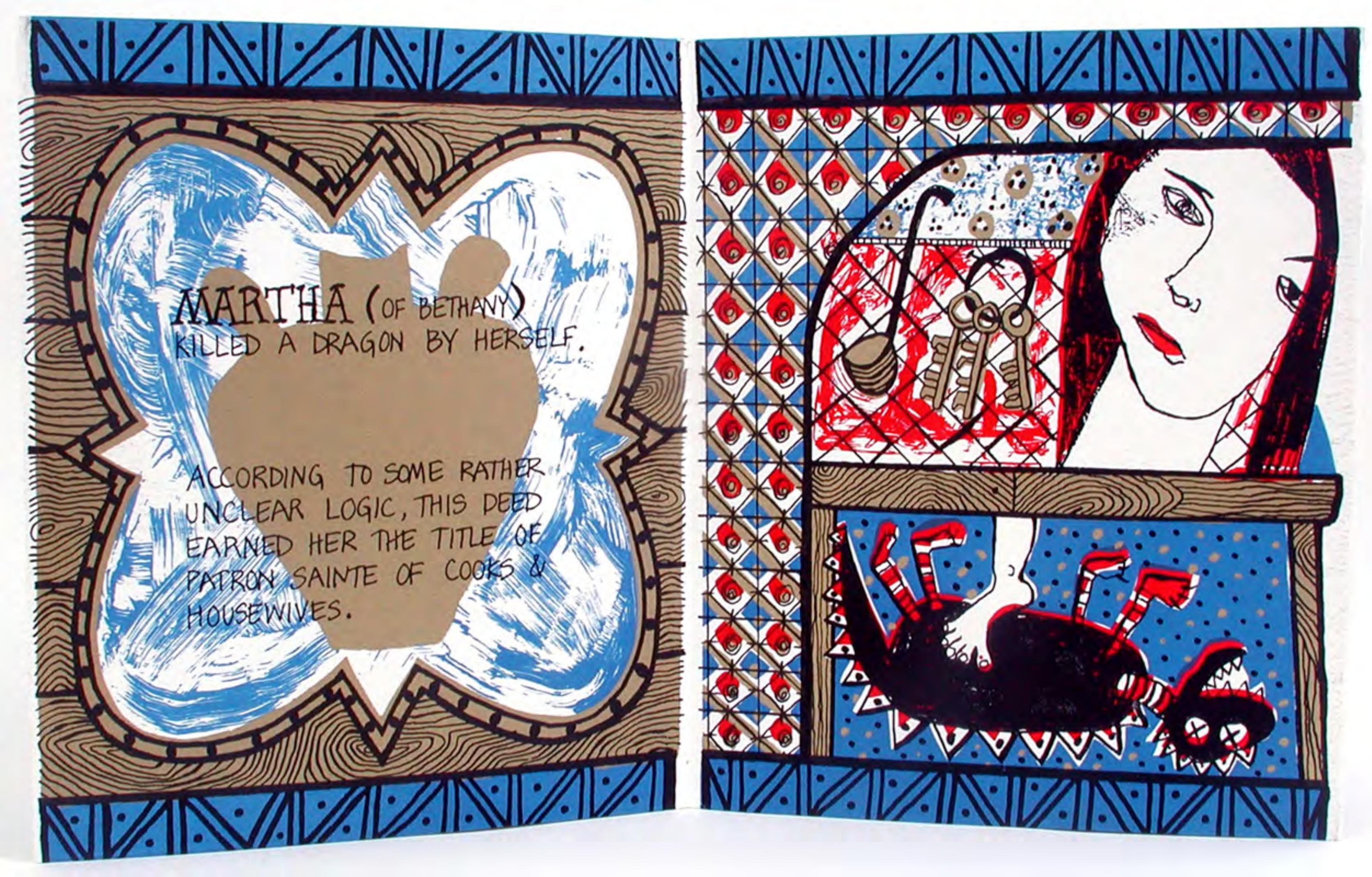
*Seven
Lady
Saints*

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MARTHA (OF BETHANY)
KILLED A DRAGON BY HERSELF.

ACCORDING TO SOME RATHER
UNCLEAR LOGIC, THIS DEED
EARNED HER THE TITLE OF
PATRON SAINTE OF COOKS &
HOUSEWIVES.



AGATHA

IS THE PATRON SAINTE AGAINST FIRE & DISEASES OF THE BREAST. SHE WAS FAMOUS FOR HER BEAUTY & HER DEVOTION TO GOD. HER LOOKS ATTRACTED QUINTIANUS, THE PAGAN KING OF SICILY. HE TRIED TO WIN HER WITH GIFTS & FLATTERY, BUT SHE REJECTED HIS ADVANCES WITH A SNEER. HE EVEN TRIED TO BRING HER AROUND BY PLACING HER IN THE HANDS OF A WICKED WOMAN & HER NINE WILD & WICKED DAUGHTERS. NOTHING WORKED. MANY TORTURES FOLLOWED, INCLUDING THE WRETCHED ACT OF TEARING HER BREASTS OFF WITH PINCERS. HER BREASTS GREW BACK OVERNIGHT. QUINTIANUS WAS SO ANGRY, HE HAD AGATHA BURNT TO HER DEATH IN A BIG FIRE.



FINA IS THE PATRON SAINTE OF SAN GEMIGNANO.
SHE WAS VERY YOUNG (LESS THAN 15) & WORKING
AS A SEAMSTRESS WHEN SHE FELL ILL. DEATH
WAS PREDICTED TO BE IMMINENT. SHE WANTED
TO SUFFER (TO BETTER SHOW HER DEVOTION TO
GOD). SHE INSISTED ON ENDING HER DAYS ON
A HARD WOODEN PALLET. A GANG OF RATS
HELPED TO SPEED HER DEATH BY EATING BITS
OF HER BEFORE SHE ACTUALLY DIED. WHEN HER
REMAINS WERE SCRAPED FROM THE PALLET, RUMORS
CLAIM THE WOODEN BED WAS COVERED WITH
WHITE VIOLETS & THE SMELL WAS LOVELY &
SWEET.



REPARATA WAS A THIRD CENTURY VIRGIN MARTYR WHOSE HEAD WAS CUT OFF WITH A SWORD. AS HER HEAD LEFT HER BODY, HER MOUTH OPENED AS IF TO SCREAM. NO SOUND CAME OUT. INSTEAD HER SOUL, IN THE SHAPE OF A WHITE BIRD, FLEW OUT & OFF TO HEAVEN. REPARATA WAS THE PATRON SAINTE OF FLORENCE FOR A WHILE BUT SHE WAS REPLACED.



LUCY

LUCY IS THE PATRON SAINTE OF SYRACUSE, AND AGAINST DISEASES OF THE EYE. A BEAUTIFUL & EARNEST CHRISTIAN, SHE TOOK AN EARLY VOW OF CHASTITY, AND REFUSED TO MARRY ANY OF HER NUMEROUS SUITORS. ONE SUITOR CLAIMED TO LOVE HER FOR HER BEAUTIFUL EYES, SO SHE SENT HIM HER EYES ON A DISH AFTER DIGGING THEM OUT WITH AN AWL. HE WAS PLUNGED INTO REMORSE BY HER ACT & HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN. SHORTLY AFTER THIS, HER EYES WERE RESTORED ^{TO} HER, IN GOOD & ATTRACTIVE WORKING ORDER. ANOTHER REJECTED SUITOR DENOUNCED HER TO THE AUTHORITIES AS A CHRISTIAN, SO THE GOVERNOR TRIED TO BURN HER. THE FIRE FAILED TO HARM HER & THE MOST THEY COULD DO WAS TO STAB HER IN THE NECK WITH A PONIARD TO PLEASE THE GOVERNOR.

P O N I A R D



URSULA

IS THE PATRON SAINTE OF TEACHERS. YOUNG
LADY. SHE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL. SHE RESISTED WHEN
HER FATHER TRIED TO MARRY HER OFF TO A PAGAN PRINCE.
TO STALL THE MARRIAGE, SHE ASKED FOR 10,000 VIRGINS,
10,000 SOLDIERS (FOR PROTECTION), & 3 YEARS IN WHICH
TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. EVERY BODY SAID
YES. THE PRINCE, WHO WAS TERRIBLY IMPRESSED
WITH HER BEAUTY, WENT TOO. HE CONVERTED TO
CHRISTIANITY DURING THE JOURNEY. ON THE WAY BACK
THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A PAGAN HORDE, WHO KILLED
EVERYONE EXCEPT URСULA (THE BEAUTIFUL). THE KING
OFFERED HER HER LIFE IF SHE WOULD MARRY HIM.
OF COURSE SHE COULDNT MARRY A PAGAN, SO SHE SAID
NO. HE KILLED HER WITH A GOLDEN ARROW. SHE IS
SOMETIMES PORTRAYED WITH HER 10,000 VIRGINS, BUT
IT IS ALSO NORMAL TO SEE HER ALONE, AS DRAWING
10,000 VIRGINS IS NO EASY TASK.



CECILIA

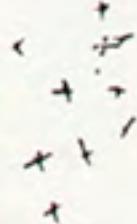
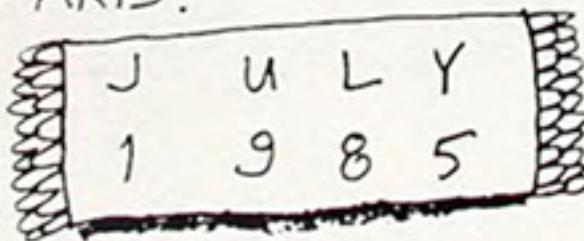
IS THE PATRON SAINTE OF MUSIC & MUSICIANS.
LIKE SO MANY OF THESE LADIES, SHE WAS TERRIBLY PIous,
CHASTE & BEAUTIFUL. SHE SANG SO BEAUTIFULLY THAT
THE ANGELS CAME DAILY TO LISTEN. SHE COULD PLAY
EVERY INSTRUMENT, & INVENTED THE ORGAN ONE DAY
IN ORDER TO BETTER EXPRESS HER DEVOTION TO GOD.
SHE WAS MARRIED & CONVINCED HER GROOM TO RESPECT
HER VOW OF CHASTITY, WHICH HE DID. HER GUARDIAN
ANGEL GAVE THEM EACH CROWNS OF **RED & WHITE**
ROSES. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON
CECILIA'S LIFE. ONE ATTEMPT WAS TO SUBMERGE
HER IN BOILING WATER; ANOTHER WAS TO CUT
OFF HER HEAD. THE EXECUTIONER WAS A NERVOUS
SORT - HE MADE THREE GASHES ON HER NECK &
GAVE UP. SHE LIVED FOR THREE DAYS WITH HER
BLEEDING WOUNDS - UNTIL SHE COULDNT SING ANY
MORE. THEN SHE DIED.





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