



A snake. May be blazoned a “viper,” a “snake,” or any period variety of snake. No default posture. No proper coloration.

The dragon-like head shown here is typical of early depictions of serpents. The image of a snake devouring a child (or a Turk) is associated with Milan, where it is known as the “biscione.”

Traced by Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin from a mosaic of the arms of the Visconti family of Milan.

Serpent Erect Vorant of a Child 10.63