Jheronimus Bosch's triptychs

Promoting Jheronimus Bosch's triptychs by creating a digital library compliant with IIIF standards.

Guaranteeing an online access to high-quality images.

Transcribing in high definition the details that typify Bosch's paintings.





An undeniable potential

To annotate both open and closed triptychs from different collections: a great potential of ubiquity.

The tools were flawed but I managed to annotate 3 out of 6 images.

Since IIIF is used by major institutions, a less laborious deployment is conceivable.

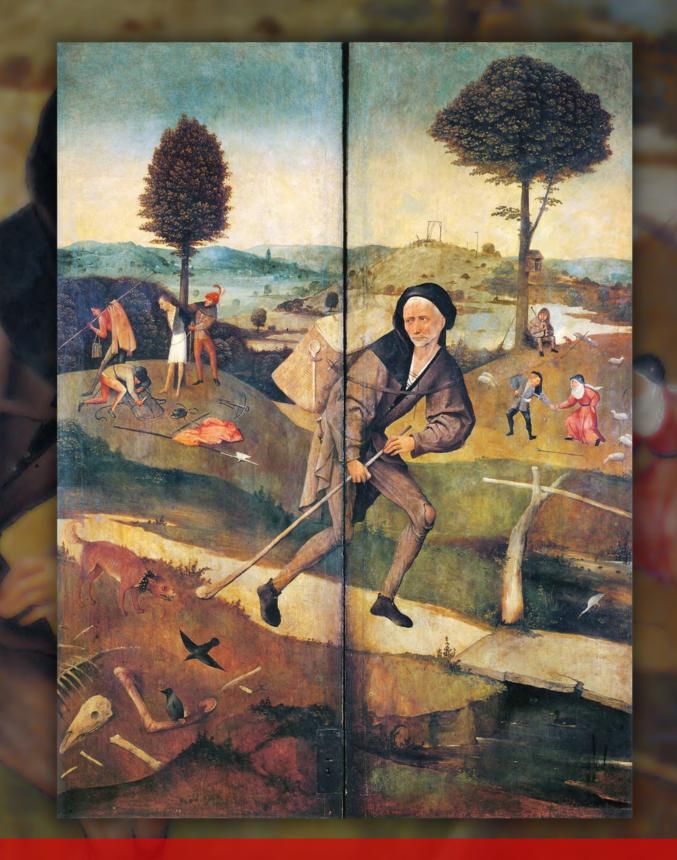








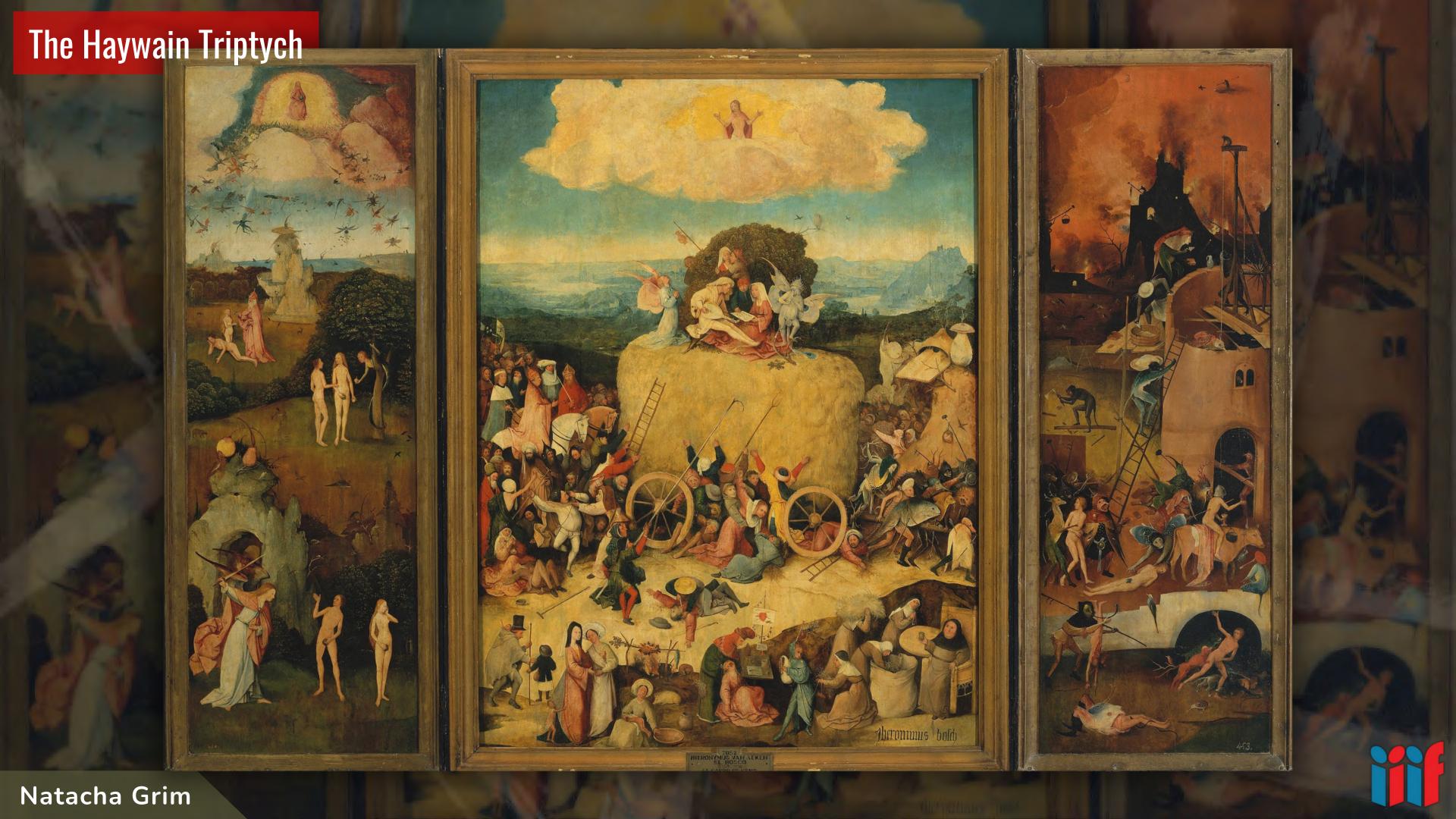
205.5 cm × 384.9 cm (81 in × 152 in), Museo del Prado, Madrid



Jheronimus Bosch, The Haywain Triptych, oil on oak panels,

135 cm x 200 cm (53 in x 79 in), Museo del Prado, Madrid





The whole process

Collect images

Create a manifest

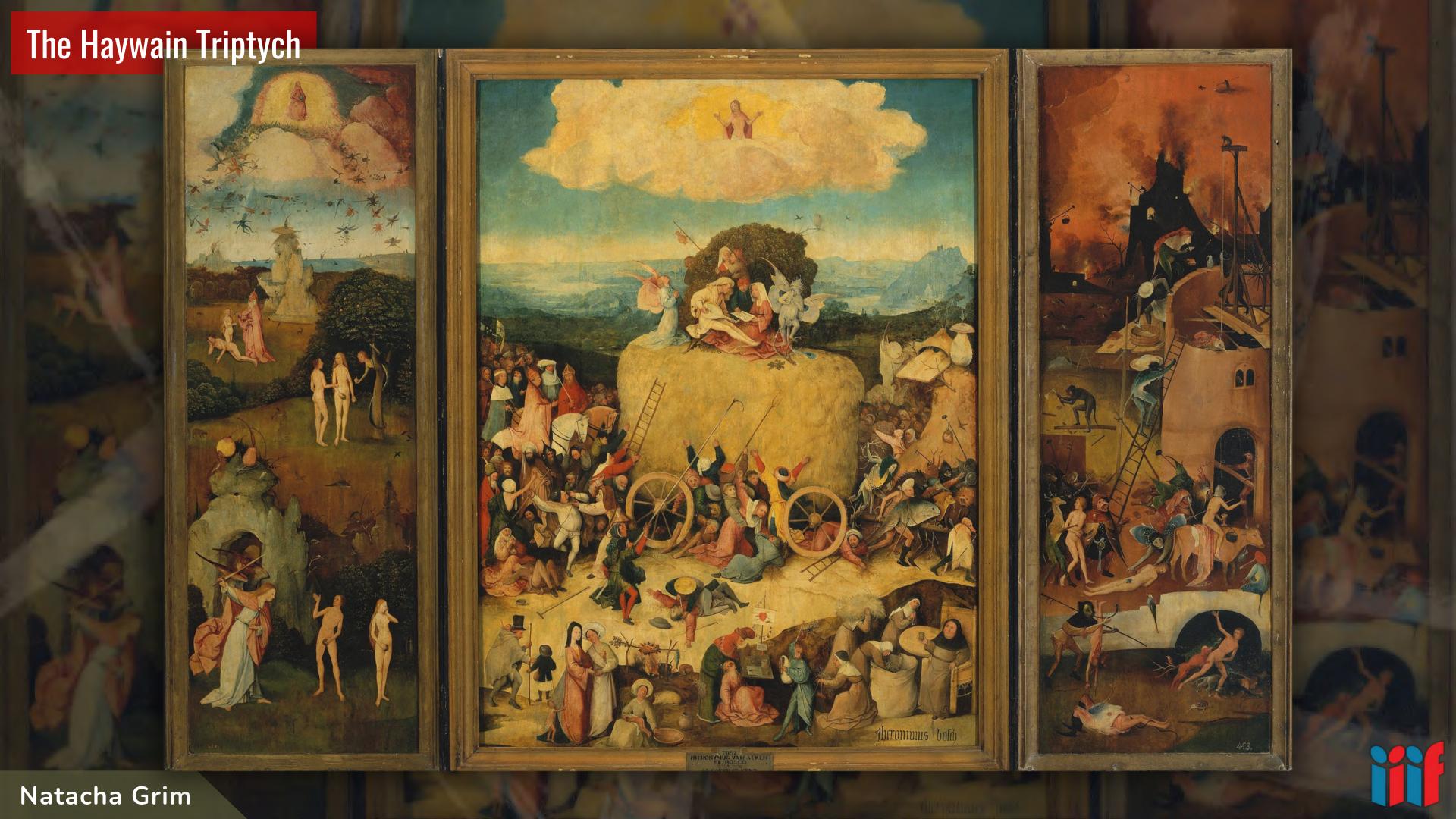
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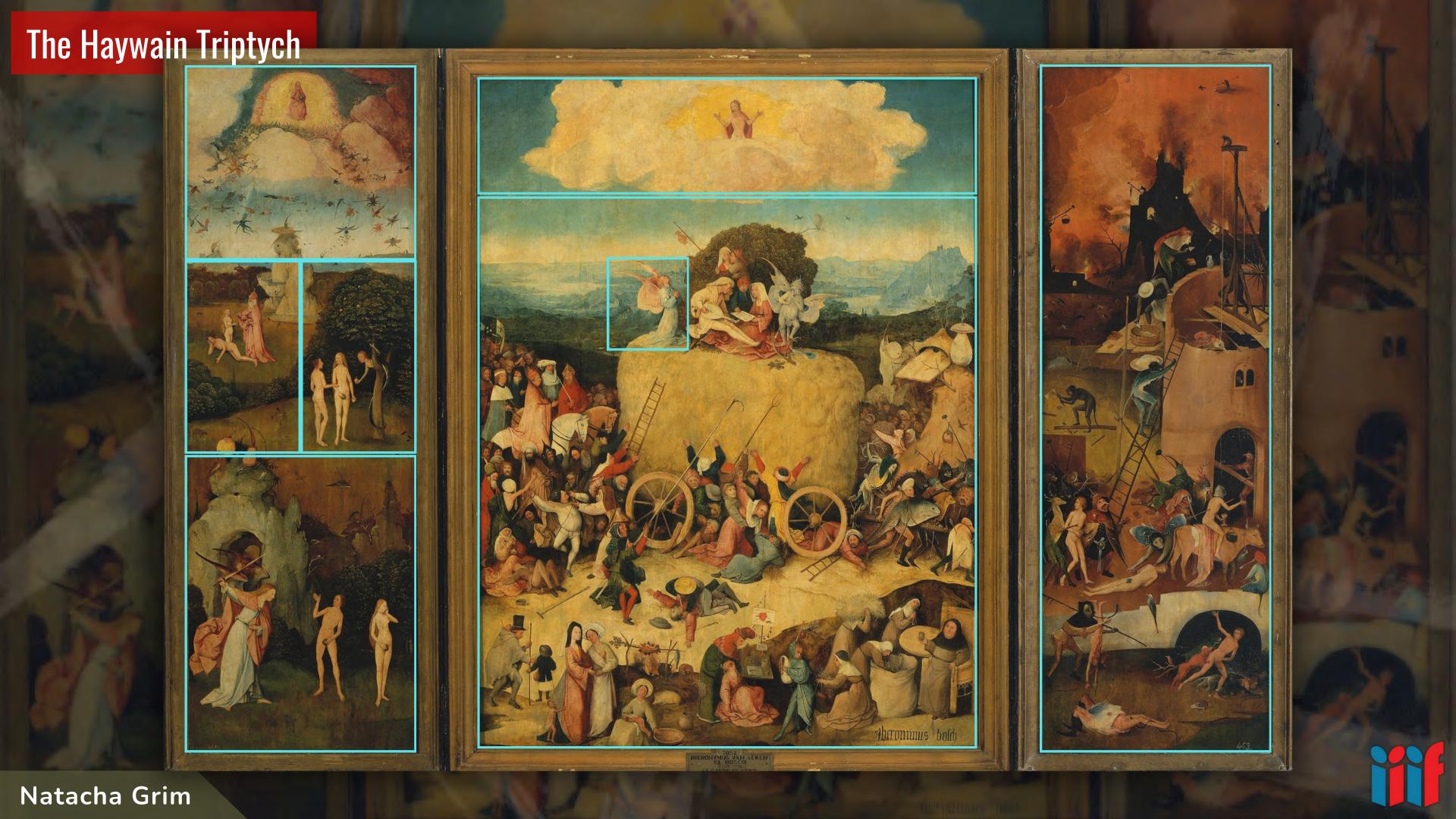
Annotate images

Link your annotations to the manifest

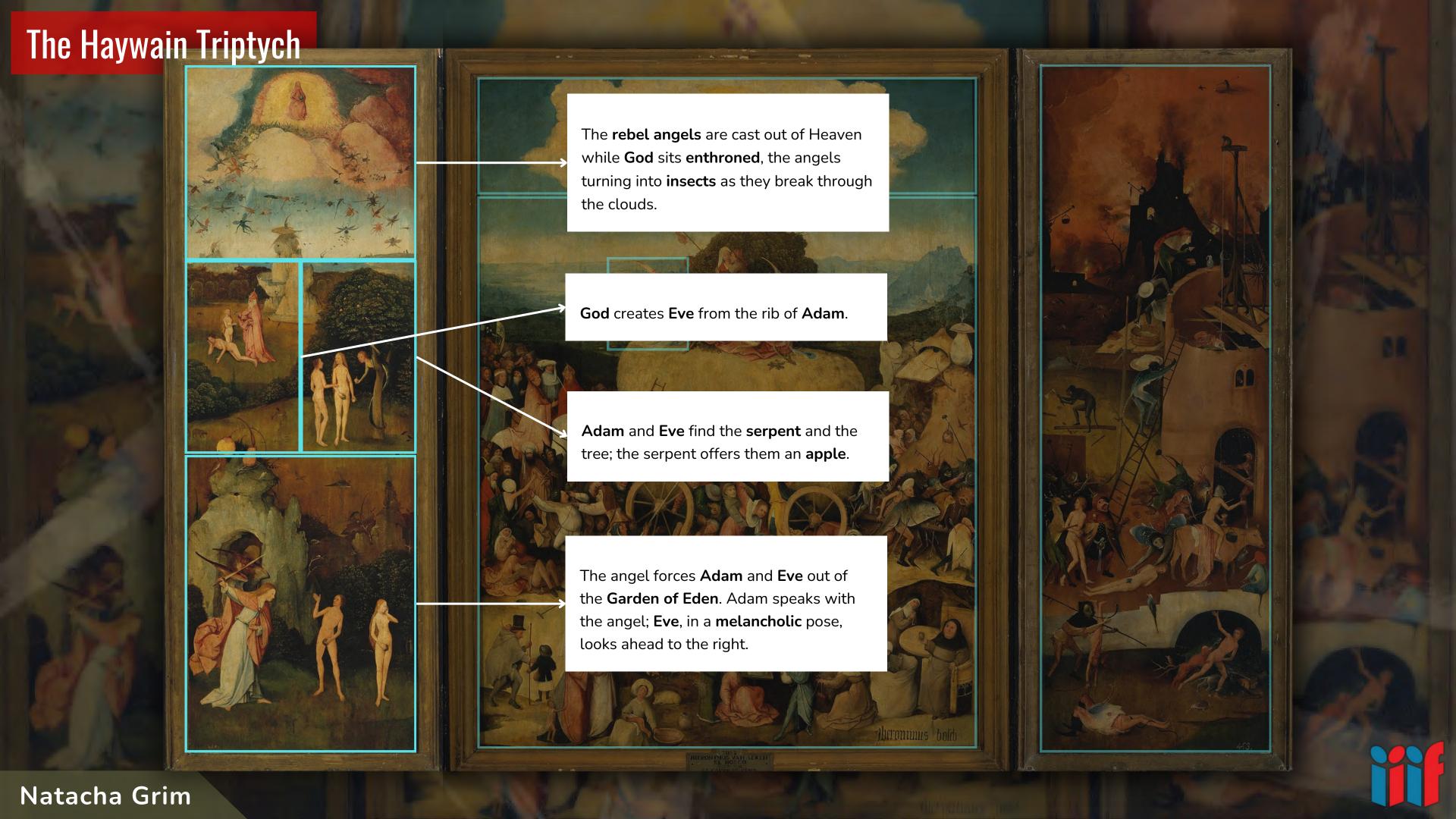








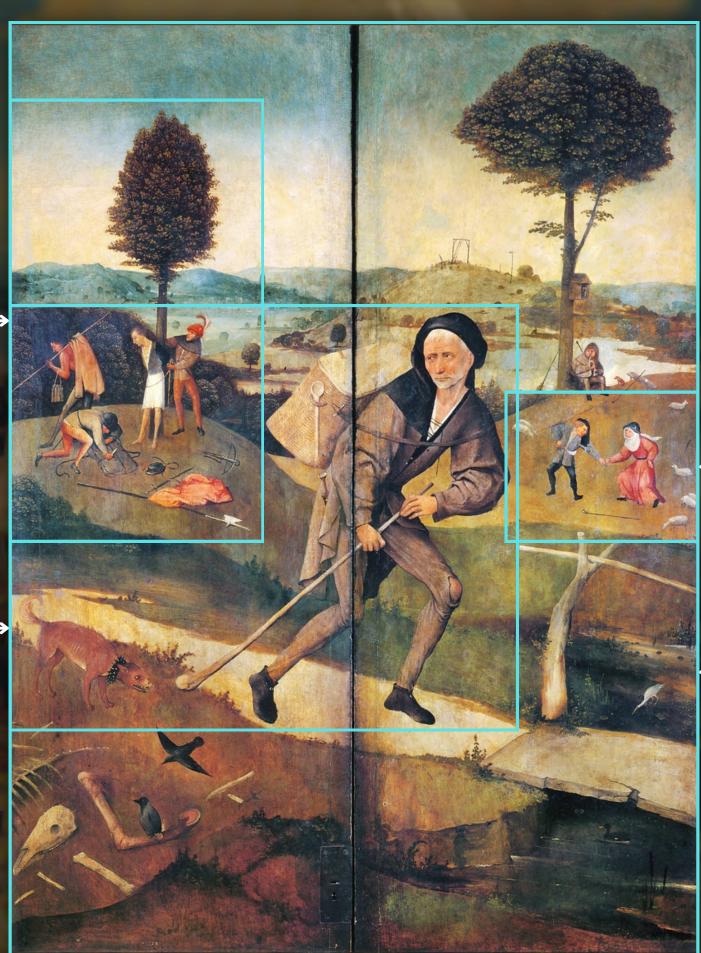






The **robbery** of another **wayfarer**.

A wayfarer using a stick to repel a dog.



Two dancing **shepherd**.

The **representation** of a **man** who follows his road in spite of the **temptation** of **sins** and the **evil acts** occurring around him.

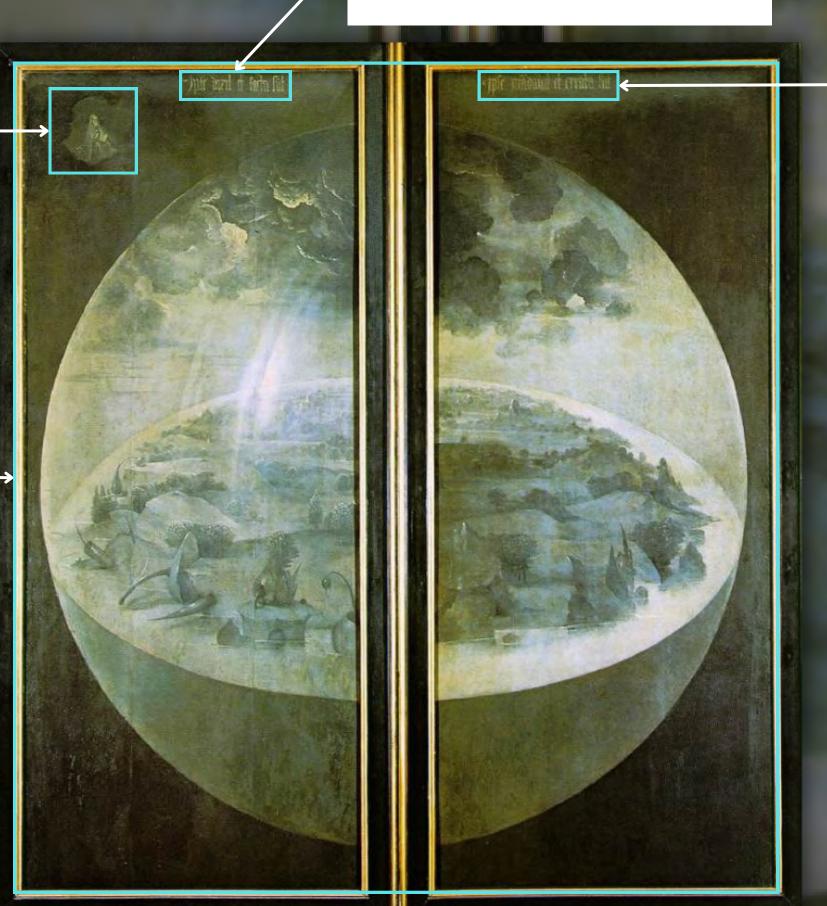
Natacha Grim

The Garden of Earthly Delights (shuttered)

Ipse mandāvit, et creāta sunt, He commanded, and it stood fast (Psalm 33:9).

God, wearing a crown similar to a papal tiara (a common convention in Netherlandish painting).

Triptych's wings **closed** showing the **creation** of the world: a still-**pristine** Earth.



Ipse dīxit, et facta sunt, For he spoke and it was done (Psalm 33:9).

Almost constant references to the Bible: linking them with quotations and exegesis.

integrating annotations with biographical sections, a reference to other painters (Pieter Bruegel the Elder), etc.



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The technical side

Core format: JSON a more and more popular thus easy one to learn about.

It is straightforward to edit JSON files on any text editor and any computer.

We can work on GitHub and use tools that offer numerous checkpoints for every stage of the process.



Thank you for your attention!

My Jheronimus Bosch project on GitHub.

Any question about IIIF? Contact me! natacha.grim@chartes.psl.eu.

Download my manifest here and this presentation here.







