



23 degree of Capricorn: 'Two awards for bravery in war'

This is another ambivalent image, one of many amongst the Sabian symbols.

Why two awards? Were they given to one exceedingly brave individual, or were instead two people involved? If they were two, were they fighting in the same battle, under the same flag? Or, more intriguingly, were they enemies, fighting against each other? Courage is courage after all, no matter which side one is on.

Another question can also arise: were these awards bestowed upon living or dead soldiers? There are indeed many different stories we could weave around this deceptively simple sentence: happy tales of triumph over adversity and reward for right action, or sad tales of tearful funeral rites.

Would you rather be alive or be awarded a bravery medal posthumously?

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