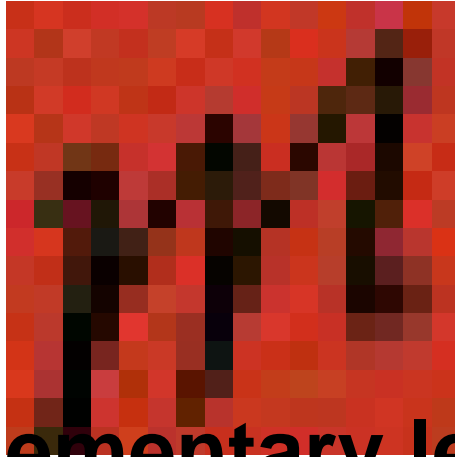


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Zelis to Usbek in Paris [1]

A thousand leagues from me, you judge me guilty ; a thousand leagues from me, you punish me.

When a barbaric eunuch puts his abject hands on me, he is acting at your order : it is the tyrant who abuses me, and not the one who exercises the tyranny.

You may at your whim redouble your mistreatments. My heart is easy, since it can no longer love you. Your soul abases itself, and you become cruel. Be sure you are not happy. Farewell.

The Isfahan seraglio this 2nd day of the moon of Maharram 1720

[1] First published in edition D in 1758.