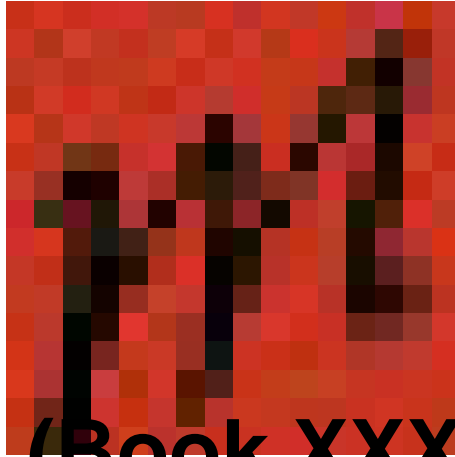


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# Annex 25 (Book XXXI, chapter 20)

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At first one has difficulty understanding how a prince who had several good qualities, who was not wanting in insight, who naturally loved the good, and finally, in a word, was son of Charlemagne, could have such numerous, such violent, such irreconcilable enemies, so eager to affront him, so insolent in his humiliation, so determined to destroy him : and they would have destroyed him twice irretrievably if his children, at bottom more worthy men than they, had been able to follow a project and agree on something.