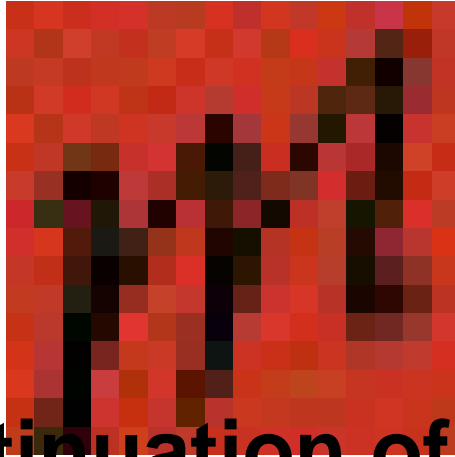


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Let us not look for magnanimity in despotic states ; the prince would not supply a grandeur he has not himself : in his land there is no glory.

It is in monarchies that we will see the prince surrounded by subjects illuminated by his beams ; it is there that everyone occupying so to speak a bigger space, can exercise those virtues that give the soul not independence, but grandeur.