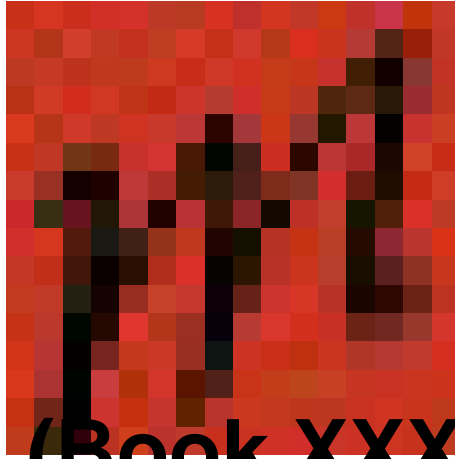


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He indisposed the bishops with statutes that seemed rigid to them, because he went farther than they themselves wanted to go. Some very good laws are made inappropriately. The bishops, accustomed in those times to going to war against the Saracens and the Saxons, were very far from the monastic spirit. On the other hand, having lost all sorts of confidence for his nobility, he elevated men of no standing ; he deprived them of their positions, sent them away from the palace, and called on strangers. He had separated himself from those two bodies, and was abandoned by them.