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the illustrious status of Bodhisattva after killing their adversaries. In
seventeenth century Tibet, the Fifth Dalai Lama endo
