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This study takes into account the 70-year history of "The Office of the Night", created in 1432 to police sexual behaviour in Florence. It shows a culture which accepted sodomy and charts the changes in public attitudes and private practises when acceptance turned to repression.

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