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integrated into the Norwegian kingdom. As such, it contributes to a

more nuanced understanding of how this culturally significant period of medieval Icelandic history was perceived when the memory of it was still crossing the boundary between common knowledge and foundational history.