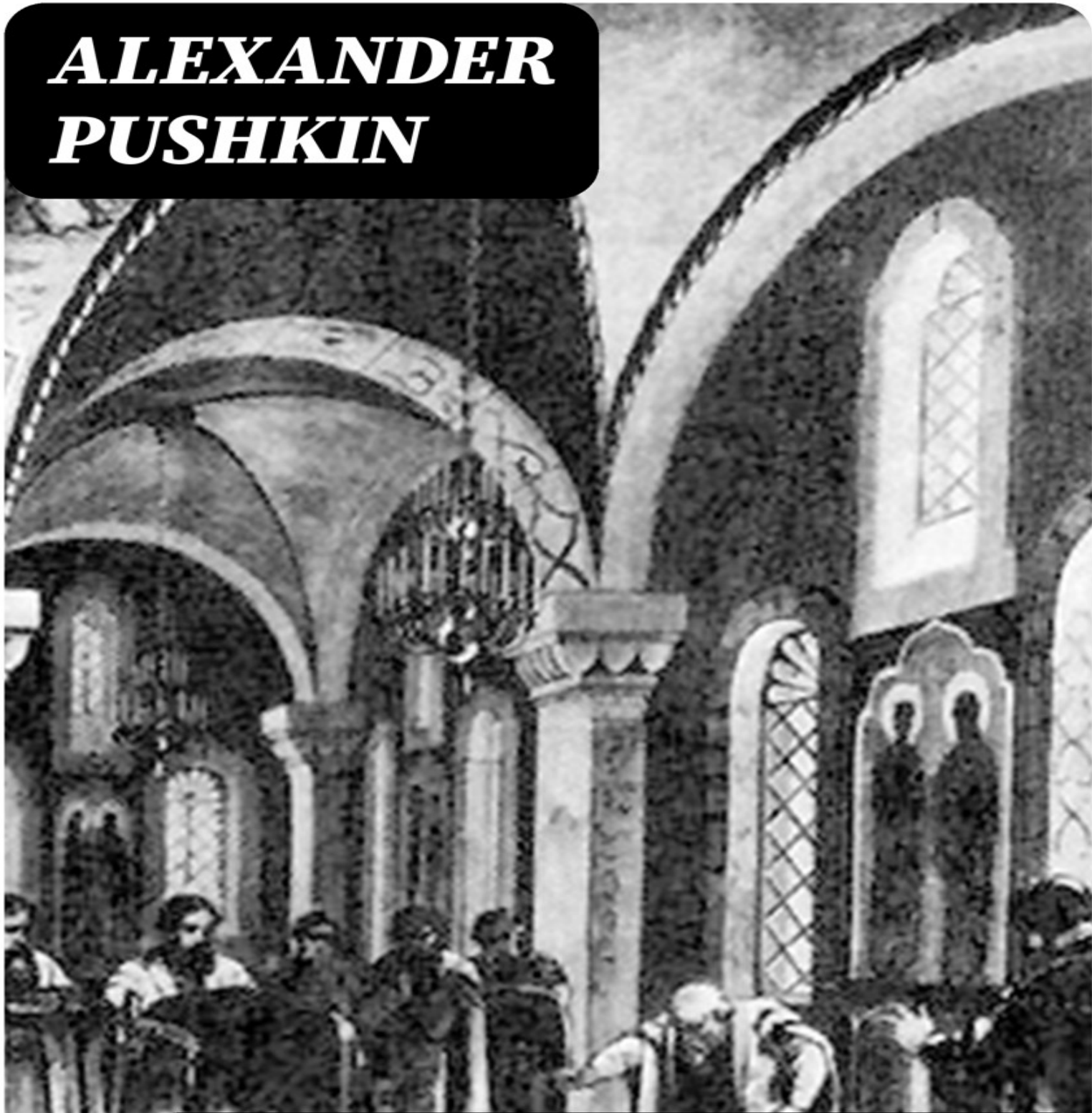
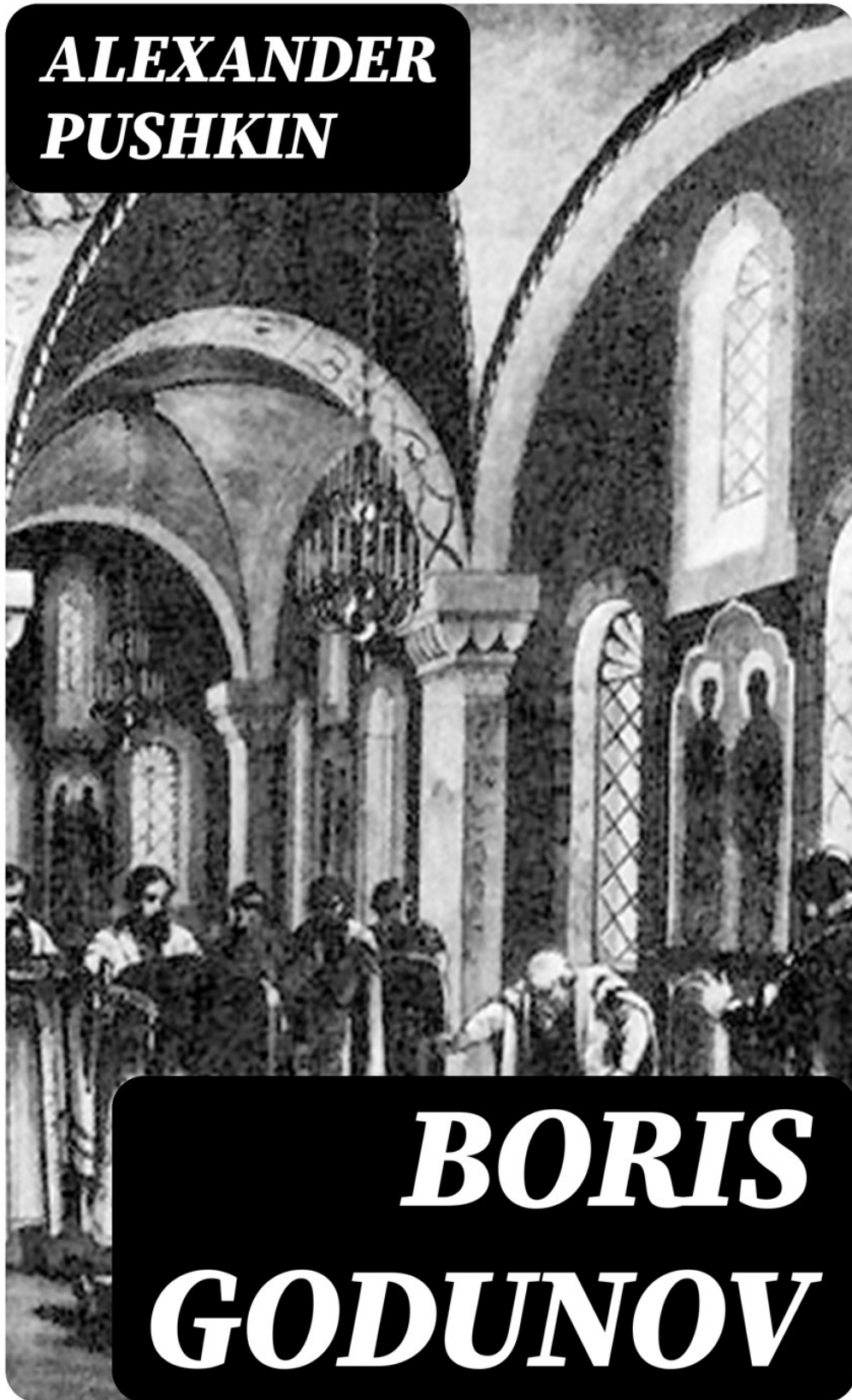


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- **BORIS GODUNOV**, afterwards Tsar.
- **PRINCE SHUISKY**, Russian noble.
- **PRINCE VOROTINSKY**, Russian noble.
- **SHCHELKALOV**, Russian Minister of State.
- **FATHER PIMEN**, an old monk and chronicler.
- **GREGORY OTREPIEV**, a young monk, afterwards **THE PRETENDER** to the throne of Russia.
- **THE PATRIARCH**, Abbot of the Chudov Monastery.
- **MISSAIL**, wandering friar.
- **VARLAAM**, wandering friar.
- **ATHANASIUS MIKAILOVICH PUSHKIN**, friend of Prince Shuisky.
- **FEODOR**, young son of Boris Godunov.
- **SEMYON NIKITICH GODUNOV**, secret agent of Boris Godunov.
- **GABRIEL PUSHKIN**, nephew of A. M. Pushkin.
- **PRINCE KURBSKY**, disgraced Russian noble.
- **KHRUSHCHOV**, disgraced Russian noble.
- **KARELA**, a Cossack.
- **PRINCE VISHNEVETSKY**.
- **MNISHEK**, Governor of Sambor.
- **BASMANOV**, a Russian officer.
- **MARZHERET**, officer of the Pretender.
- **ROZEN**, officer of the Pretender.
- **DIMITRY**, the Pretender, formerly Gregory Otrepiev.
- **MOSALSKY**, a Boyar.
- **KSENIA**, daughter of Boris Godunov.
- **NURSE** of Ksenia.
- **MARINA**, daughter of Mnishek.

- **ROUZYA**, tire-woman of Ksenia.
- **HOSTESS** of tavern.

Boyars, The People, Inspectors, Officers, Attendants, Guests, a Boy in attendance on Prince Shuisky, a Catholic Priest, a Polish Noble, a Poet, an Idiot, a Beggar, Gentlemen, Peasants, Guards, Russian, Polish, and German Soldiers, a Russian Prisoner of War, Boys, an old Woman, Ladies, Serving-women.

- The list of Dramatis Personae which does not appear in the

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PRINCE SHUISKY and VOROTINSKY

VOROTINSKY. To keep the city's peace, that is the task

Entrusted to us twain, but you forsooth

Have little need to watch; Moscow is empty;

The people to the Monastery have flocked

After the patriarch. What thinkest thou?

How will this trouble end?

SHUISKY. How will it end?

That is not hard to tell. A little more

The multitude will groan and wail, Boris

Pucker awhile his forehead, like a toper

Eyeing a glass of wine, and in the end

Will humbly of his graciousness consent

To take the crown; and then--and then will rule us

Just as before.

VOROTINSKY. A month has flown already
Since, cloistered with his sister, he forsook
The world's affairs. None hitherto hath shaken
His purpose, not the patriarch, not the boyars
His counselors; their tears, their prayers he heeds not;
Deaf is he to the wail of Moscow, deaf
To the Great Council's voice; vainly they urged
The sorrowful nun-queen to consecrate
Boris to sovereignty; firm was his sister,
Inexorable as he; methinks Boris
Inspired her with this spirit. What if our ruler
Be sick in very deed of cares of state
And hath no strength to mount the throne? What
Say'st thou?

SHUISKY. I say that in that case the blood in vain
Flowed of the young tsarevich, that Dimitry
Might just as well be living.

VOROTINSKY. Fearful crime!
Is it beyond all doubt Boris contrived
The young boy's murder?

SHUISKY. Who besides? Who else
Bribed Chepchugov in vain? Who sent in secret
The brothers Bityagovsky with Kachalov?
Myself was sent to Uglich, there to probe
This matter on the spot; fresh traces there
I found; the whole town bore witness to the crime;
With one accord the burghers all affirmed it;
And with a single word, when I returned,
I could have proved the secret villain's guilt.

VOROTINSKY. Why didst thou then not crush him?

SHUISKY. At the time,
I do confess, his unexpected calmness,
His shamelessness, dismayed me. Honestly
He looked me in the eyes; he questioned me
Closely, and I repeated to his face