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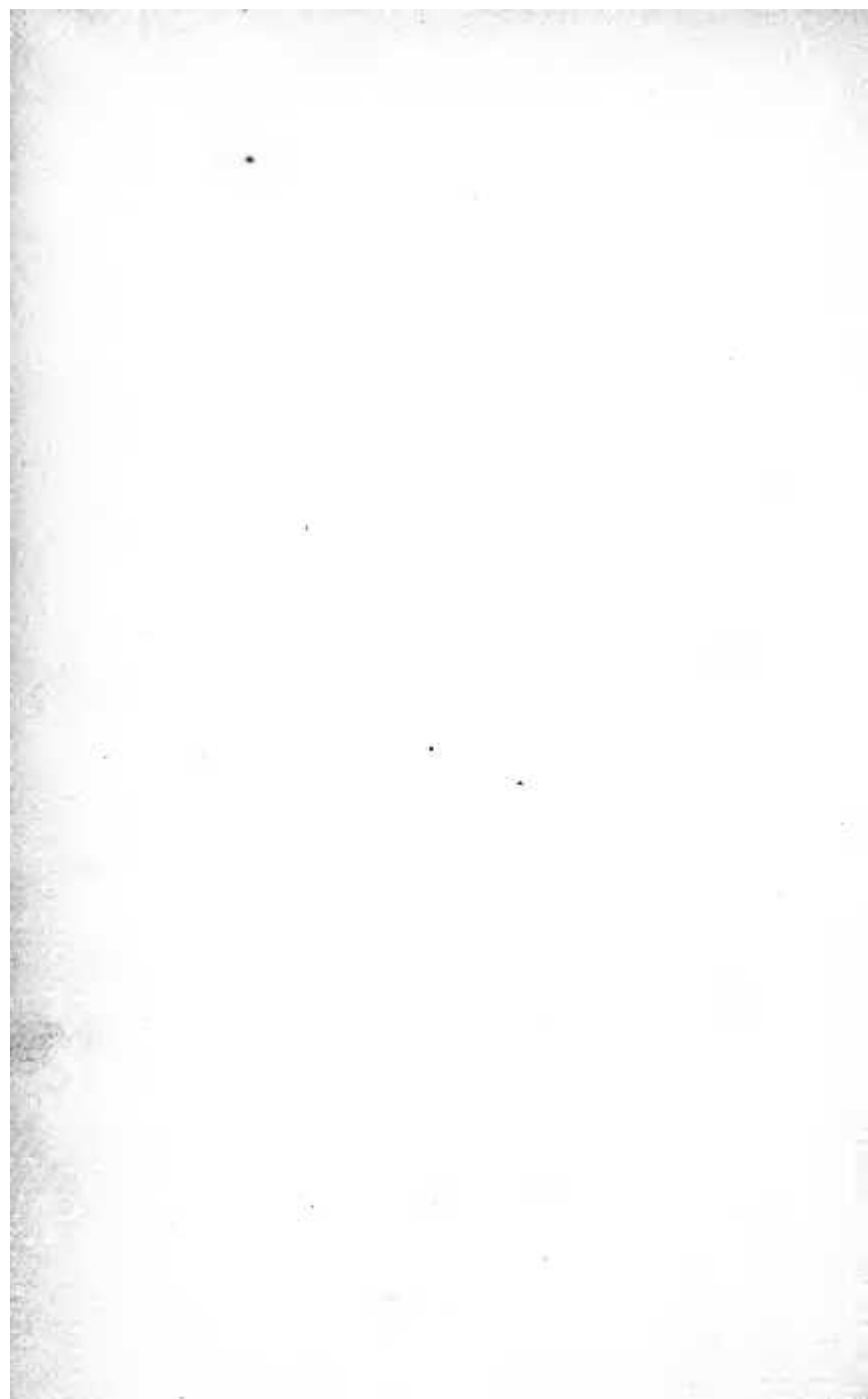
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## PROLOGUE

### THE SPIRE OF STRASBURG CATHEDRAL

*Night and storm. LUCIFER, with the Powers of the Air, trying to tear down the Cross.*

LUCIFER.

**H**ASTEN! hasten!  
O ye spirits!  
From its station drag the ponderous  
Cross of iron, that to mock us  
Is uplifted high in air!

VOICES.

O, we cannot!  
For around it  
All the Saints and Guardian Angels  
Throng in legions to protect it;  
They defeat us everywhere!

THE BELLS.

Laudo Deum verum!  
Plebem voco!  
Congrego clerum!