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POPE ALEXANDER VL

FRANCESCO BORGIA, Duke of Gandia)

CÆSAR BORGIA, Cardinal of Valencia

his sons.

DON MICHELE COREGLIA, called MICHELOTTO,

agent for Casar Borgia.

GIORGIO SCHIAVONE, a Tiber waterman.

TWO ASSASSINS.

AN OFFICER of the papal household.

VANNOZZA CATANEI, surnamed LA ROSA, concubine to the Pope-

LUCREZIA BORGIA, daughter to Alexander and Vannozza-

Scene: ROME

Time: June 14-July 22, 1497.

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THE DUKE OF GANDIA

SCENE I

The Vatican

Enter CÆSAR and VANNOZZA

CÆSAR

Now, mother, though thou love my brother more, Am I not more thy son than he?

VANNOZZA

Not more.

CÆSAR

Have I more Spaniard in me—less of thee?

Did our Most Holiest father thrill thy womb

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