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## De expugnatione Cōstātinopolis



**V**oluerat itāpridem animo maomethes quo nā modo Cōstantinopolim sibi subigere posset neq; ad suā  
 gloriā pertinere arbitrabatur urbem in medio turchorū sitam esse que suo imperio nō pareret. tantoq;  
 maius inde nomini suo decus accedere si eam urbem expugnaret q̄to p̄genitores sui idem conati turpib;  
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 cū p̄pinquū notūq; habuit cū eo hilaris epulat<sup>9</sup> est. atq; ubi satis ē bibitū tāq; se deinceps nūq; visuri eēnt  
 amplexati exosculatiq; simul vltimū vale dixerūt. In urbe aut sacer dotes sacras ferentes ymagines seque