



## Imagining a romantic destiny

The place of the painted portrait in *N'oublie pas que tu vas mourir* by Xavier Beauvois (1995)

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