



The 17th-Century Drama on the 19th-Century stages of Paris and Madrid

From a transfer to a resembling embezzlement

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