Ali Tepeleni, Pacha of Janina, rose to power during the early 1800s in one of the Ottoman Empire's most unruly territories (Albania). His ferocious imposition of will was limitless, earning him the sobriquet of “the Lion of Janina.” As the mauling and murder of innocents sustains the lion, so did it sustain Ali Pacha's rule. Thus, the range of celebrated crimes that Dumas describes in this essay are as vast as Ali Pacha's ambition – an ambition rooted in his mother’s callous advice that “success justified everything, and everything is permissible to him who has the power to do it.” - Summary by jvanstan

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