Ambition

Directions  The ambition of human nature has captivated real persons (such as Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Adolf Hitler) as well as fictional characters (such as Hamlet, Anakin Skywalker, Loki). They gamble everything on winning power and greatness for themselves, yet they always seem to have a tragic fall in the end. Why do ambitious persons and characters always seem to fall?

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“Ambition must be made to counteract ambition. The interest of the man, must be connected with the constitutional rights of the place.”

–JAMES MADISON, FEDERALIST #51