

Chapter XIX: "The Old World Once More" *The Flamingo Feather*

Consider Rene's assertion that "I would sooner be the humblest citizen of my own country, and dwell amongst those of my own blood, than be a ruler among strangers, even though they were the proudest nation of the earth." Are you surprised by this statement? Why do you think he feels this way? Explain, using details from the text.