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Rearrange characters in a string such that no two adjacent are same

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In [29]: def adj_chars_not_same(inpt):
        st = list(inpt)
        q = 0
        p = q - 1
        while q < len(st) and p < len(st):
            p += 1
            q += 1
            while q < len(st) and st[p] == st[q]:
                q += 1
            if q < len(st):
                p += 1
                st[p], st[q] = st[q], st[p]
                q = p + 1
            else:
                break
        if p == q - 1:
            return "".join(st)
        else:
            return "Not Possible"
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In [30]: adj_chars_not_same("aaabc")
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Out[30]: 'abaca'
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In [31]: adj_chars_not_same("aa")
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Out[31]: 'Not Possible'
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In [32]: adj_chars_not_same("aaabb")
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Out[32]: 'ababa'
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In [33]: adj_chars_not_same("aaaabc")
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Out[33]: 'Not Possible'
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