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**CONCERNING THE WAY IN WHICH THE STRENGTH  
OF ALL PRINCIPALITIES OUGHT TO BE MEASURED**

IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER WHETHER A PRINCE HAS SUCH POWER THAT HE CAN SUPPORT HIMSELF WITH HIS OWN RESOURCES, OR WHETHER HE HAS ALWAYS NEED OF THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHERS.

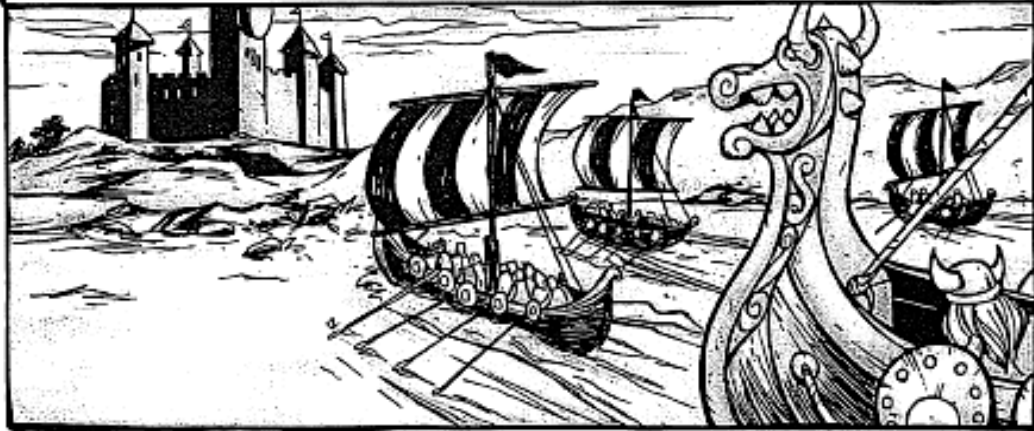
THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES ARE THOSE WHO CAN RAISE A SUFFICIENT ARMY TO JOIN BATTLE AGAINST ANYONE WHO COMES TO ATTACK THEM.

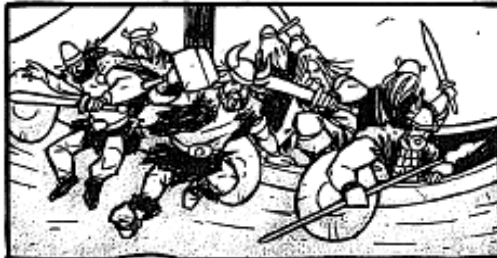
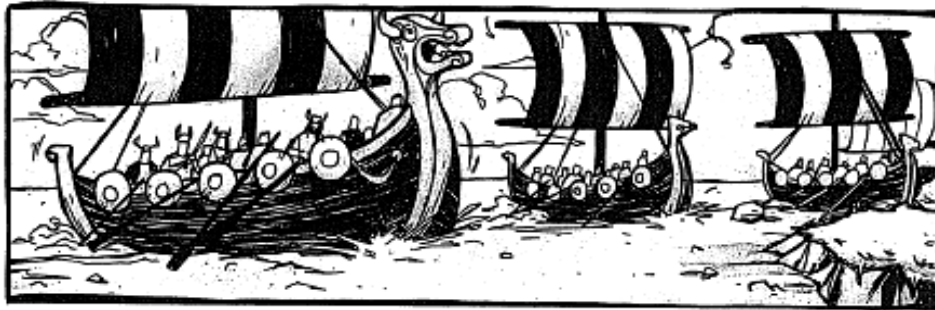


THOSE WHO HAVE NEED OF OTHERS CANNOT SHOW THEMSELVES AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE FIELD, BUT ARE FORCED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES BY SHELTERING BEHIND WALLS.



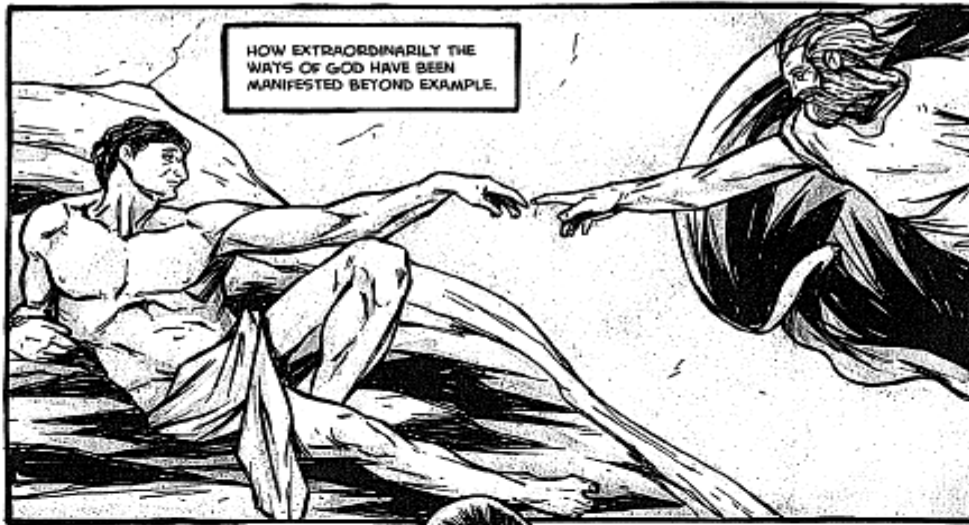
IF EVERYTHING IS WELL CONSIDERED, IT WILL NOT BE DIFFICULT FOR A WISE PRINCE TO KEEP THE MINDS OF HIS CITIZENS STEADFAST FROM FIRST TO LAST, WHEN HE DOES NOT FAIL TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THEM.





THEREFORE, A PRINCE WHO HAS A STRONG CITY, AND HAD NOT MADE HIMSELF ODIUS, WILL NOT BE ATTACKED.





YOU OUGHT TO DO THE REST.

GOD IS NOT WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING, AND THUS TAKE AWAY OUR FREE WILL...



...AND THAT SHARE OF GLORY WHICH BELONGS TO US.



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