

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD^s BY BAIAN HUNDRED EYES
 none of it. And then when Baian sees this he [62a] goes forward and finds again ^{FB}
 another city, and again it refused to surrender, and he sets himself on the road
 again forward to the third; next to the fourth; afterwards to the fifth; from all which he ^P
 received a like answer.¹ And he did this, not afraid² to leave cities of the enemy behind him, ^P
 because his army was great and very good, for he had with him men who were most vigorous
 fighters, and because he knew that the great Kaan was sending again a great army
 behind him. And what shall I tell you about it? You may know that he goes to five ^{FB}
 cities, nor can he take any, because he was unwilling to fight nor would any surrender. ^{FB}
 Now it happened that the sixth city, Baian took it by force and skill, causing all who ^R
 were found in it to be killed;³ and then he took another of them, and afterwards the
 third, and afterwards the fourth, so that I tell you that it happened in such a way that ^{FB}
 he took twelve cities the one after the other by force of arms in a short time. Then the ^{FB P}
 hearts of the men of Mangi trembled when they heard this news. And why should I make you ^{VA}
 a long story? You may know quite truly that Baian, when he had taken so many
 cities as I have told you, he goes off quite straight with both the armies to the capital ^R
 city of the kingdom of Mangi which is called Quinsai, in which the king and the ^{TA V}
 queen were & their court, and there he drew up his army in order before it. The king, when ^{VA P}
 he saw Baian with all his army so great, and heard of the valour and strength of the Tartars, ^{FB FB P}
 he has great fear like one unused to this sight. And he sent for his astrologers, not knowing ^{FB V}
 the name and the nature of Baian; and he sent also his spies to inquire into his nature and power,
 and it was told him by his army that he was named Hundred Eyes.⁴ And when the king
 understood this he feared greatly and he left that city with many people and enters
 into ships, so that he had in his company quite a thousand ships loaded with all his goods ^{VA VB}
 & wealth and set out and flies into the great Ocean sea among the impregnable islands ^{FB FB P}
 of Indie, leaving the city of Quinsai to the care of the queen, with orders to defend herself as ^{FB P VB}
 well as she could, for being a woman she would have no fear of death if she fell into the hands
 of the enemy. And the queen who was left in the city with a great people bestirred
 herself with her barons to defend it as well as she could like a valiant lady as she was. ^{P FB}
 Now it happened one day that the queen being daily more straitened & yet remaining ^{FB VB}
 with great hope that she could not lose the country, asks the astronomers who would win, and ^{FA}
 how he was named who was warring there. And then one tells her that he was called ^{FB}

¹ TA³: e per queste lasciaua gente a chonbattere

² R: non volendo

³ R adds: la qual cosa vdita da tutte l'altre, fu di tanto spauento, & terrore, che spontaneamente tutte vennero all'obediienza sua.

⁴ V by some confusion has homeni in place of "eyes" in this passage. VA makes it into one word, cogi.