

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORLD TO CAPTURE SAIANFU
 should throw stones of three hundred pounds. And all immediately the three aforesaid FB
 caused some timber which was very good for making this to be brought at their will. And in R
 a few days these two & the other three aforesaid made three of them, very great and very FB FB
 fine mangonels according to the orders of the said brothers, each of which threw the stone R FB
 which weighed more than 300 pounds each, and one saw it fly very far; of which stones there
 were more than sixty rounds which weighed one as much as the other.¹ And when they were
 made and furnished the lord and the others saw them very willingly, and they caused several FB
 stones to be thrown from them in their presence, whereof they made themselves very great wonder
 and much praised that work. And the great lord had them immediately put on boats and R
 carried to his armies which were at the siege of the city of Saianfu, and which
 [64b] could not take it. And when the trebuchets were come to the army they have
 them set up, and they seemed to the Tartars the greatest wonder of the world
 because they were not accustomed at any time to see a requisite so made, and this was the first FB TA³
 which had ever been among the Tartars. And what shall I tell you about it? When the
 trebuchets were set up before the city of Saianfu and drawn, then each one throws a R FB
 stone of 300 pounds into the town. The stone which the mangonel first shot struck into TA³ R
 the houses and broke and ruins everything, & made great noise and great tumult.
 And every day they threw a very great number of stones, by which many were killed. And VB
 when the men of the city saw this misfortune which they had never seen nor heard, FB
 they were so much dismayed at it and so much alarmed that they did not know
 what they ought to say nor do, and made themselves great wonderment how this could be. FB
 They were in counsel together, and did not know how to take counsel how they
 could escape from these trebuchets and defend themselves against these great stones which FB
 came upon them; and they believed that this was done to them by enchantment, for it seemed R
 that the bolts came from the sky. Not knowing how to resist this new way of fighting, and VB
 seeing themselves killed every day by the stones, they said that they are all dead & would P
 perish under the ruin of the houses if they do not give themselves up. And then they
 took counsel & each one agreed that they will surrender themselves by all means; FB
 and then they send messengers to the master of the army and said thus, that they wish FB FB
 to give themselves up in the way that the other cities of the province of Mangi had R
 done, and that they were² willing to be under the rule of the great Kaan. And the
 lord of the army was very glad at this & said that he was quite willing for this. And FB
 then he received them, and those of the city gave themselves up like the other cities. FB

¹ desquelz chascun gettoit la pierre qui pesoit plus de iij^c liures chascune. et la veoit len voler moult loing Desquelles pierres il en yauoit plus de lx. Rontes. que tant montoit lune comme lautre.

² V adds non!