

one had Cibai *and the other* Caban¹ for name. They were *grandsons* of Ciagatai who FA Z
 was a Christian baptized and was own brother to the great Kaan Cublai. And
 what shall I tell you about it? *This* Caidu *indeed* with *all* his people, *who were quite* Z Z FA FA
 60000 horse, fought with these two *governors* his cousins who indeed had likewise a V
 very great people of *more than* 60000 horsemen, so that there were really between the FA
 one side and the other about 100000 horsemen. They fought together very hard
 and many of them were killed both on the one side and on the other, but at the
 last *those two barons were defeated* and king Caidu & *his people* won it and caused very FA FA
 great loss of those men. *And there were many people dead on the one side & the other;* FA
 but yet you may know that *seeing this* the *said* two brothers who were cousins of V V
 the king Caidu escaped without any hurt of *their persons*, for they had very good Z V
 horses which carried them off very swiftly. In such way did the king Caidu win
 the battle. He grew in bombast and pride thereby, and after that he had won this
 battle in such way as you have heard he goes back into his land *with great joy* and FA
 stays quite two years in peace when he made not *assemblage* of army nor battle; Z
 nor in all that term did the great Kaan make him *any war* nor army.² Now it LT
 happened that at end of two years the king Caidu assembles a great host so that
 they were indeed a [97b] very great people of horsemen. *For* he knew that the Z
 son of the great Kaan who had Nomogan for name was at Caracorom and with
 him was Giorge the son to the son of the Prester Johan. *And* these two barons Z
 had also a very great people of horsemen. And what shall I tell you about it? The
 king Caidu, when he had assembled all his people, he set out from his kingdom
 with all his host and put himself on the way, and they ride so far by their journeys,
 without finding any adventure that does to mention again,³ that they were come
 rather near to Caracorom where the *aforesaid* two barons were *staying* with a very Z Z
 great people. And when these two barons, that is the son to the great Kaan and
 the son to the son of the Prester Johan, have known how Caidu was come into
 their land with so great a *multitude* of people to fight against them, they do not Z
 show that they are dismayed⁴ but they show that they have courage and valour.
 They *immediately* prepare themselves very well *for the battle* with all their people Z LT
 who were indeed more than 60000⁵ horsemen *well equipped*. & *a great number* of foot- FA VB
 soldiers. And when they were well prepared, & *when they knew that the king Caidu &* FA

¹ cibai ou ciban LT: *super unum baronem . . . uocabatur Cimbay.* See PN.

² LT: *nec aliquam nouitatem.*

³ *encore* B. corrects to *en conte*, perhaps rightly. cf. p. 486 n. 1.

⁴ *estas* probably for *esbais* FA: *esbahiz*

⁵ VB: 50000