

had lived in Milan a long time, and now they were living in Ravenna in Northern Italy. And the empress was persuaded by this man that Boniface was secretly planning to break Africa off from the empire, and to set himself up as supreme ~~ruler~~ <sup>the</sup> ruler over it. And at ~~this~~ time time, this man who came to be a good friend of Boniface, was writing Boniface and telling him that there was bad ~~feeling/stories~~ <sup>stories</sup> being spread about him in the court that he ought to stop. And now, the empress sent an order to Boniface to come back ~~and~~ to headquarters; she wanted to confer with him. This man who was a friend to Boniface wrote a letter to Boniface and he said, "They are planning here to kill you." Once they get you in their possession they will kill you." And Boniface knew that exactly that had been done with Stilatal, the great general a few years before; that was what Contance had done with the elder brother of Julian, if you remember. It was not at all unprecedented, such an action, and so that when his friend wrote him that that was what was under ~~consideration~~ consideration, he ~~thought~~ felt that it would be to lose his life or actually stand up and fight, and so he stood up and fought. And he was an able general, and had a good force there in Africa, but he knew ~~x~~ that it was not sufficient to 12 the power which the empire could raise against him. And so he sent word to his brothers-~~a~~/in-law and his father-in-law in Spain, and he said, "Would you ~~will~~ be willing to ~~help~~ send me some troops to help me against this attack that is coming against me?" And the Vandals sent back and said, "If you will turn over a certain section of North Africa to us as payment for it, we would be very glad to do this." And so Boniface sent word that he would do so. And they prepared to leave. And the Spanish people who were under their "protection" were so glad to get rid of them that they got all sorts of boats together 13 and the Vandals proceeded to make preparation 13

the whole body of Goths in their battle, and they left Spain, and Spain ceased to be a Vandal area.