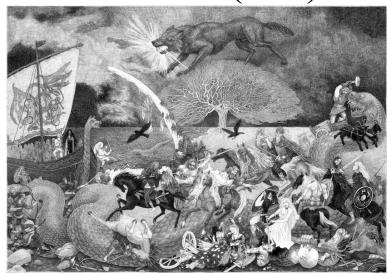


Rattling Missiles

Test Ban? What Test Ban!?

- Trachtenberg (486)
- 9/1/1961 USSR tests nukes despite Vienna good-faith negotiations →
 - JFK& HMAC propose ban on atmospheric testing
 - USSR answers w/ 2 more tests; NK calls JFK immature
 & inexperienced in media
- Gotterdammerung vs. One side survives (489)
 - RFK: Doesn't NK get it?!



Missile Gap? What Missile Gap?!

- A man on horseback...(490)
- JFK says there's a "missile gap" in campaign
 - US learned USSR had 10-25 ICBMs to their 6K (oops)
 - Needs a win in midterms, so releases info to the public
 - Of course, NK responds w/ missile tests →
- JFK gives an interview to saying he will use nukes preemptively.
 - Says JFK made a "bad mistake" (492)

Kagan Says...

- NK putting missiles in CUB meant he didn't think JFK would use them (492)
- Info release & interview embarrassed NK without removing his doubts that JFK would use the weapons (493)

