Ma c c h i a v e l l i’ s “a c c u s a t a / s c u s a t a” is typically interpreted as “the end justifies the means.” It basically means that what accuses you also excuses you. A leader must have a clear eye on the goal and be willing to take the necessary steps towards it.

“The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.” Machiavelli emphasizes. It is important to exert most care in selecting one’s team members. Also, a leader has to be wary of bootlickers: “There is no other way to guard yourself against flattery than by making men understand that telling you the truth will not offend you.”

“It is necessary to be a fox to discover the snares and a lion to terrify the wolves.” A good leader knows how to conceal his foxiness as well as how to appear good (but also knows how to be evil).

“Whoever desires constant success must change his conduct with the times. To do the same thing always is to fall into error.”

“Adaptation” means that circumstances must change the course with the times. To do it is not even enter on the same path. One must be able to adapt according to the circumstances that arise.

“Risks” are necessary just to discover the means and a foot to sturdy how is needed. Great individuals are always to be wise.

“Obstacles” are simply those who understand that there is another difference between the good and evil experiences where others are involved.

“Crush” can come either be carried or carried. If you can do it, do not do it. If you cannot do it, have faith, you must endure.