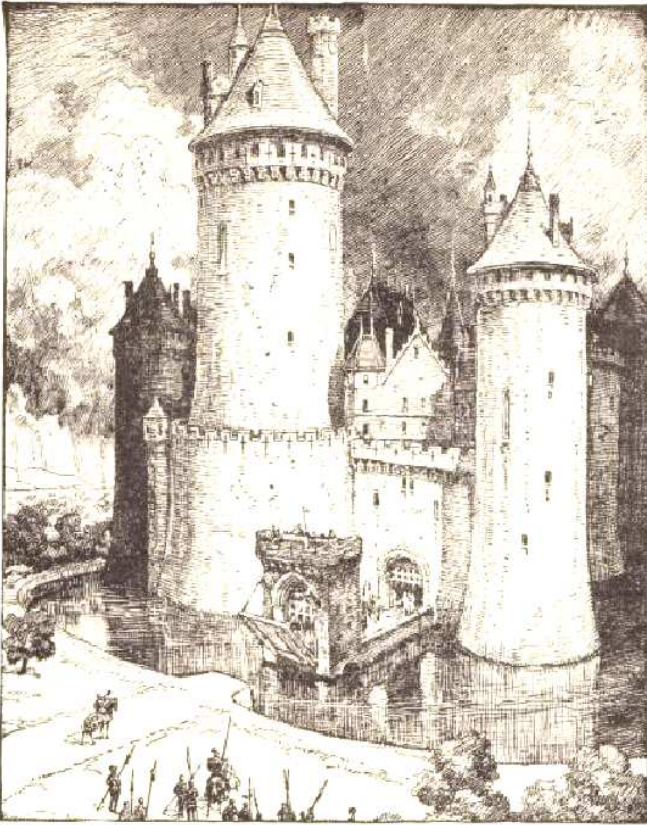


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Medieval Castle



This is a picture of what a typical medieval castle looked like. The largest round tower, called the donjon, was often 200 feet high and 100 feet in diameter, with walls in some places 30 feet thick.

Smaller towers, a moat, and high walls also protected the great fortress.

The entrance to the castle was over a drawbridge crossing the moat.

In time of attack, the drawbridge was raised and the portcullis, a heavy grating of wood, was lowered across the gateway.

The walls were defended by bowmen who rained down arrows on the enemy or dropped stones or melted lead from the battlements.

The lord of the castle lived with his family in a series of rooms, including the great hall, which faced the inner courtyard.

medieval castle tower donjon moat

drawbridge portcullis courtyard gateway