



CHAPTER ONE



Law is - crush your enemy totally



Chapter Summary

In the fierce struggle for power, allowing your enemies to survive can lead to disastrous consequences. Great leaders, from Moses to modern strategists, understand that total annihilation is essential for true victory. Half-measures only risk allowing a foe to recover and seek revenge. This chapter illustrates historical examples, emphasizing that mercy can create more powerful adversaries. The essence of power lies in total dominion over enemies, leaving no hope for resurgence.



The Importance of Total Annihilation

Real and lasting power can only be secured by completely eliminating threats. History teaches that a feared enemy must be crushed entirely to prevent future revenge. Leaving even a small remnant of an adversary is akin to allowing a fire to smolder; it will ignite again.

"To achieve true victory, you must be ruthless."

The Lesson from Hsiang Yu and Liu Pang

The story of Hsiang Yu and Liu Pang exemplifies the consequences of mercy. Hsiang Yu hesitated to eliminate Liu Pang when he had the chance, leading to his own downfall. This tale illustrates that sympathy for foes can lead to tragic outcomes.

"Weakness in handling rivals often invites their revenge."

The Trap of Hesitation

Hsiang Yu's missed opportunities to crush Liu Pang were a fatal error. Each moment of leniency strengthened Liu's resolve and ultimately led to Hsiang's demise. Remember, mercy can turn into a fatal flaw.

Strategic Execution: Cesare Borgia

Cesare Borgia's tactics highlight the effectiveness of trapping and destroying enemies completely. His cunning led to the demise of multiple rivals in a single sweep, demonstrating that decisive action is imperative.

Lessons from Empress Wu

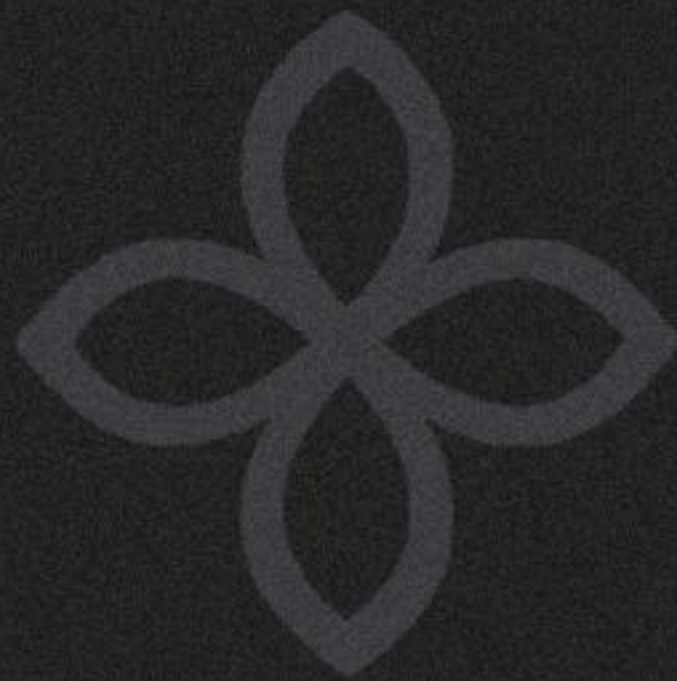
Empress Wu's ruthless rise to power illustrates that the elimination of rivals is crucial for maintaining authority. Her story shows that hesitation can lead to vulnerability in positions of power.

Takeaways from History

Chinese history is replete with examples of leaders who failed to destroy their foes. Leaving enemies alive only allows them time to recover and plot revenge, a cycle of violence that ensures instability.

Crushing vs. Leniency

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Mao's Strategic Wisdom



Mao Tse-tung exemplified the principle of total annihilation during his battles against Chiang Kai-shek. His understanding of history and strategy led to the Communist victory in China.


The Final Reflection



When faced with adversaries, recognize that your only path to security is to eliminate them entirely. History's lessons warn against the dangers of mercy; the struggle for power demands ruthlessness.



Recap

- "To achieve true victory, you must be ruthless."
 - "Weakness in handling rivals often invites their revenge."
 - "Power is often retained through ruthless actions."
 - "Never go halfway with your adversaries."
 - "To let them go is to risk your own downfall."
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