



CHAPTER ONE



**Law 8 - make other people
come to you—use bait if
necessary**



Chapter Summary

In Law 8, Greene emphasizes the importance of making others come to you, effectively placing you in control of the situation. This law highlights the strategic use of bait, enticing opponents with potential rewards which leads them to abandon their plans. Through historical anecdotes, particularly Napoleon's return to power, Greene illustrates how manipulation and psychological tactics can influence outcomes. By allowing others to exhaust their energy in pursuit of their desires, one can outmaneuver adversaries and maintain control. Ultimately, mastering emotions and playing on the weaknesses of others positions you as the powerful figure in the interaction.



The Power of Indirect Control

In the chess game of power, forcing others to act puts you in control. You can dictate the terms of interaction by appealing to their desires, rather than chasing after them.

Napoleon's Enticing Trap

Napoleon's return from Elba illustrates the effective use of bait. By stirring excitement among the masses, he drew support back to him, demonstrating the effectiveness of allure in reclaiming power.

Talleyrand's Mastery

Talleyrand exemplified strategic patience. Instead of pushing to eliminate Napoleon, he calmly orchestrated events that would lead to Napoleon's ultimate downfall, waiting for the right moment to capitalize.

"He has set the house ablaze in order to save it from the plague."

The Costs of Aggression

Aggressive moves may seem powerful at first but often lead to exhaustion and missteps. Instead of reacting impulsively, adopt a strategy that compels others to act on your terms.

"Most often the most effective action is to stay back and let others react."

Maintaining Emotional Mastery



To execute Law 8 successfully, control your emotions and understand the emotional tendencies of others. This paves the way for effective manipulation of power dynamics.

The Trap of Exhilarating Bait



The allure of 'sweet bait' can lead your opponents to their own demise. By highlighting their desires, you can create the illusion of control while they walk straight into your trap.

Strategic Warfare and Control



Transform your negotiation strategies by drawing opponents into your territory, where they feel vulnerable and unsure, while you maintain the upper hand.



The Art of Overt Manipulation



Sometimes, revealing the strings you pull can enhance your perceived power. This strategic move makes others feel in control even as they walk into your carefully laid plans.

The Cost of Immediate Action

While waiting and baiting is usually wise, there are moments when rapid action turns the tables on an opponent. Striking quickly can paralyze the enemy and prevent strategic thinking.



Balanced Strategies in Power



Recognize that both waiting and striking rapidly can wield power. Choose your approach based on the circumstances and leverage the situation for maximum control.



Recap

- "In the realm of power, let others exhaust themselves chasing after you."
- "Lure him with fabulous gains—then attack."
- "You must learn to master your emotions and play on others' reactions."
- "If your trap is attractive enough, their greed will blind them."
- "Always lure others into your territory to claim power."



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