File 20110218.1526: Strong sense of déjà vu when reading near the end of [1] [the 'fighter mafia'—where have I heard that before?]. That is a good indication that I have reached the bottom of the primary references on the topic.

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