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Offering. Favourable augury.

Base (9): Satisfaction in peacemaking. AUSPICIOUS.

(9) 2: Satisfaction in taking captives. AUSPICIOUS.

Troubles disappear.

(6) 3: Satisfaction to come.

DISASTROUS.

(9) 4: Satisfaction in rewards.

No peace yet.

Disease confined, the outcome will be happy.

(9) 5: Captives go for flaying.

It will be DANGEROUS.

Top (6): Lasting satisfaction.

(58) satisfaction

This is the shortest set of statements for any hexagram; 30 characters.

(Tag) Dui 'weigh' is a common loan for yue 'pleasure' (K3240), here rendered as 'satisfaction'. Dui has become the name of the trigram reduplicated to form this hexagram. Gao Heng (G332) understands it as 'talk', which carries less conviction.

(4) Shang (name of the state) is taken as a loan for shang 'rewards'. See also note to 35:2. Jie 'bordered' implies that the illness is contained or isolated.

(5) Fu (see page 220), normally translated 'captives', can also mean 'booty', including animals and material objects. It is not known that captives were flayed. Sacrificed animals sometimes were. For a further note on flaying, see Hexagram 23:Tag.