

Vnv Nation "Art of Conflict"

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The art of war is of vital importance to the state.
It is a matter of life and death,
A road either to safety or to ruin.

To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme
excellence
Supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's
resistance without having to fight

If you know the enemy and know yourself, your victory
will not stand in doubt
If you know heaven and you know Earth, you may make
your victory

If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not
fear results of a hundred battles
If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every
victory gained you will also suffer defeat.
If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will
succumb in every battle.

Treat your soldiers as your beloved children
And they will follow you into the deepest valleys.
To defeat your enemy, you must pretend inferiority
and encourage your enemy's arrogance.

Making no mistakes is what establishes the certainty of
victory
for it means conquering an enemy that is already
defeated.
There is no instance of a nation benefiting from
prolonged warfare.

Speed is the essence of war.

The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of
the enemy's not coming,
But on our own readiness to receive our enemy;
Not on the chance of our enemies not attacking,
But rather on the fact that we have made our position
unassailable.

The general who advances without seeking fame and
retreats without fearing disgrace,
Whose only thought is to protect his country and do
service for his sovereign,
Is the jewel of his kingdom.

The victorious strategist only seeks battle after the
victory has been won
Whereas he who is destined to defeat first fights and
afterwards looks for victory.

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It is only one who is thoroughly acquainted with the
evils of war
Who can thoroughly understand how to profit from
waging war.

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