



Art of War

*'In Dialogue between
Sun Tzu &
William Shakespeare'*

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Sun Tzu & William Shakespeare meet

Sun Tzu:

Good morrow, gentle William, I am Sun Tzu,
A warrior and strategist, of high virtue.
I come from ancient China, with my Art of War,
And seek thy company, to converse, to explore.

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Shakespeare:

Good morrow, noble Sun, I am William,
A poet, a playwright, of great skill and to some cunning.
From England, with my plays and sonnets,
I seek thy knowledge, to share, with no regrets.

Sun Tzu:

I have heard of thy works, and their great acclaim,
And wonder, how they relate, to my Art of War's game.

Shakespeare:

My works are of love, of war, of comedy and tragedy,
Of kings and queens, of noble deeds, of great majesty.
They relate, to the human condition, in every way,
And show, how we face, our struggles, every day.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, that is wise, for war, is not just about might,
But also, about understanding, and using, our sight.

My Art of War, teaches us, how to fight,
And win, with strategy, and cunning, in every plight.

Shakespeare:

Impressive sir, for my works, also teach,
How to win, with words, and actions, that reach.
My Henry V, shows how a king, must lead,
And inspire, his troops, to do great deeds.

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Sun Tzu:

Aye, that is true, for leadership, is key,
And must inspire, troops, to be free.
My Art of War, teaches, how to lead,
And make sure, troops, are not in greed.

Shakespeare:

Noble sir, for leadership, is an art,
That must inspire, troops, to do their part.
My Julius Caesar, shows how ambition, can be bad,
How betrayal, make us, sad.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, that is wise, for betrayal, is a threat,
That must be dealt with, in every set.
My Art of War, teaches us, how to be wise,
And make sure, our plans, are not just guise.

Shakespeare:

Profound sir. For wisdom, is gift,
That must be shared, to give us, lift.
My Hamlet, shows how revenge, be deadly,
And how honour, make us, very heady.

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Sun Tzu:

Aye, that is insightful, for revenge, is snare,
That must be avoided, with great care.
My Art of War, teaches us, how to be just,
And make sure, our goals, are not in lust.

Shakespeare:

Thou art wise sir, and thy Art of War, is great,
Thy teachings, must guide us, in our fate.
Thou art a warrior, and a teacher, of great might,
And thy knowledge, shall guide us, through every fight.

Sun Tzu:

Thou art a poet, and a playwright, of great fame,
And thy works, inspire us, to reach, our aim.
Thou art a master, of words, and actions, and sight,
And thy wisdom, shall guide us, through every plight.

Exeunt.

William Shakespeare asks Master Sun to help him translate the Art of War for his people as they sit on grass under a tree outside an old city alone:

Shakespeare: Hail to thee, sir! By thine writings, I am impressed. The wisdom thou hath imparted has reached mine ears.

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Sun: My lord, thy words do honour me. But pray, what venture dost thou propose?

Shakespeare: 'Tis a simple proposal, but a grand one, forsooth. I would like to take thy Art of War and render it into the language of our time, that is, the tongue of the Bard.

Sun: I see. Thou art proposing that we collaborate on the creation of a new work.

Shakespeare: Nay, good sir, not a new work, but a reimagining of thy work. Our blending of our respective talents, and the result shall be a work that will be easily comprehensible to those who appreciate the language of The Bard.

Sun: Thy words are persuasive, but I must ask thee - why me? Surely, thou couldst find another scribe to work with.

Shakespeare: Because, my master, thou art the master of the art of war, and I am the master of the art of words. Together, we shall create a work of art that will be treasured for generations to come. What sayest thou? Shall we embark on this grand endeavour?

Sun: 'Tis a noble endeavour, and I accept thy proposal. Let us begin, for the battle of the pen awaits us.

Verily, hear now the words of Master Sun (Sun Tzu), the Master of War, in the tongue of the Bard; William Shakespeare

CHAPTER ONE

Enter Sun Tzu, a sage of war, and his disciples.

Sun Tzu:

Hark! Attend to me, my students dear,
And I shall impart knowledge to thy ear.
The art of war, the craft of battle,
Requires skill and strategy, lest we rattle
Our foes with mere brute force alone,
And end in defeat, with our banners thrown.

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Disciple 1:

Master, we heed thy wise counsel,
Teach us the ways of war, lest we trample
Our enemies underfoot, with might alone,
And suffer a loss, without a throne.

Sun Tzu:

Nay, my pupil, war is not brute strength,
But a game of wits, where strategy extends
Beyond the battlefield, to the hearts and minds
Of the enemy, whose weaknesses we shall find.

Disciple 2:

Master, how do we gain the upper hand,
In the game of war, on this earthly land?

Sun Tzu:

By knowing thyself and thy foe as well,
And using the terrain to thy advantage, to quell
The enemy's advance, and strike at their rear,
And force them to retreat, with a mind full of fear.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are like a beacon of light,
Guiding us through the darkest night,
With knowledge that shall give us the edge,
To triumph in battle, and stand on the ledge
Of victory, with the spoils of war,
And glory that shall last forevermore.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, with the art of war in thy heart,
And the strategy of Sun Tzu, thou shalt depart,
To conquer thy foes, and achieve thy goal,
With cunning and wisdom, that shall make thee whole.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER TWO

Act II

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

Now, my pupils, listen well to me,
For the second chapter of my Art of War, I shall decree.
The essence of warfare, as I shall unveil,
Lies in the art of deception, as we shall prevail.

Disciple 1:

Master, how may we deceive our foes?
Shall we lie and cheat, and stoop so low?

Sun Tzu:

Nay, my pupil, for deception is not deceit,
But a means of concealment, to lure the enemy to defeat.
By appearing weak, when we are strong,
And strong, when we are weak, we shall prolong
The enemy's doubts, and lure them to our trap,
And strike them down, with a swift and deadly rap.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we apply this art of deception,
To our tactics, in the field of aggression?

Sun Tzu:

By using spies and scouts, to gather intelligence,
And sow the seeds of confusion, in the enemy's mind, hence
Diverting their attention, and luring them astray,
And attacking when they least expect, in a sudden fray.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are truly profound,
And shall keep us safe, on battlegrounds unbound,
But how may we deceive our own troops too?
For they too, may fall to doubt and misconstrue.

Sun Tzu:

By keeping them in the dark, and revealing only in part,
Our true intentions, and the plan of our art.
By keeping them on their toes, and their minds alert,
And giving them rewards, and punishments, as they exert
Themselves in battle, to ensure they obey,
And fight with valor, to carry the day.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER THREE

Act III

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, now we turn our attention,
To the third chapter, and its profound reflection.
For in war, we must consider the ground,
And choose our battles, where victory is sound.

Disciple 1:

Master, how may we choose the ground,
That shall give us victory, and make us renowned?

Sun Tzu:

By knowing the terrain, and its advantages,
And adapting our strategy, to its challenges.
By choosing the high ground, and the sunny side,
And avoiding the low ground, and the waterside.
By using the obstacles, to our advantage,
And the paths, to confound the enemy's savage.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we apply this knowledge,
To our tactics, and our battles, that we wage?

Sun Tzu:

By understanding the timing, and the season,
And the weather, that may be the reason,
For success, or failure, on the battlefield.

By using the elements, as a sword and shield,
And adapting our tactics, to the conditions,
And the enemy's movements, and positions.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are like a beacon of light,
Guiding us through the darkest night,
With knowledge that shall give us the edge,
To triumph in battle, and stand on the ledge
Of victory, with the spoils of war,
And glory that shall last forevermore.

Sun Tzu:

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And the strategy of Sun Tzu, thou shalt depart,
To conquer thy foes, and achieve thy goal,
With cunning and wisdom, that shall make thee whole.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER FOUR

Act IV

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

Now, my pupils, let us speak of discipline,
The fourth chapter of my Art of War, within.
For in battle, we must be steadfast and true,
And follow our commands, without ado.

Disciple 1:

Master, how may we instill discipline,
In our troops, and make them all fall in?

Sun Tzu:

By rewarding good conduct, and punishing the bad,
And enforcing our orders, to the letter, and ad.
By treating all soldiers, with fairness and respect,
And promoting the talented, without neglect.
By providing proper training, and equipment,
And motivating them, with pride and sentiment.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we maintain discipline,
In the face of fear, and uncertainty, within?

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Sun Tzu:

By instilling confidence, and trust,
In our troops, with words that are just.
By leading by example, and showing the way,
And inspiring them, with courage, day by day.
By keeping them informed, and in the loop,
And listening to their concerns, without rebuke.

Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are wise and true,
And shall help us lead, in all that we do.
With discipline, we shall conquer and prevail,
And never falter, or be tempted to fail.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, discipline is the key,
To victory, and success, in battle, ye see?
With discipline, we shall overcome any foe,
And triumph in war, with grace and a blow.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER FIVE

Act V

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the fifth chapter we shall learn,
Of the use of spies, to discern,
The enemy's plans, and his every move,
And gain an advantage, that we shall prove.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we use spies,
And gather intelligence, that is wise?

Sun Tzu:

By choosing the right men, for the task,
And keeping their identity, behind a mask.
By sending them out, to observe and report,
And gathering information, of every sort.
By using spies, to deceive and mislead,
And sowing doubt, in the enemy's head.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we know,
If the intelligence, we receive, is so?

Sun Tzu:

By checking and cross-checking, with care,
And verifying the information, that we share.
By using the knowledge, to our advantage,
And planning our tactics, with great leverage.
By deceiving the enemy, with false information,
And tricking him, with clever manipulation.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom,
And shall guide us through the treacherous kingdom,
With spies, we shall gain the upper hand,
And defeat the enemy, with a mighty brand.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, spies are a powerful tool,
To gain intelligence, and outmaneuver the fool.
With spies, we shall be invincible, and strong,
And emerge victorious, in the battle long.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER SIX

Act VI

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the sixth chapter we shall see,
The importance of strategy, in victory.
For in war, we must have a plan,
To defeat the enemy, and make our stand.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we devise a strategy,
To overcome the foe, with great majesty?

Sun Tzu:

By knowing our strengths, and the enemy's weakness,
And using our resources, with great finesse.
By choosing our battles, with great care,
And avoiding those, where we're not prepared.
By attacking the enemy, where he is weak,
And defending ourselves, where we're strong and meek.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we adapt our strategy,
To the changing conditions, that we see?

Sun Tzu:

By being flexible, and changing our approach,
And adapting our plans, to stay afloat.
By being aware, of the enemy's moves,
And adjusting our tactics, to improve.
By being prepared, for the unexpected,
And having a backup plan, that is unaffected.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and skill,
And shall guide us through, every battle and thrill.
With strategy, we shall triumph and win,
And defeat the enemy, with a mighty spin.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, strategy is the key,
To victory, and success, in battle, you see?
With strategy, we shall conquer and prevail,
And never falter, or be tempted to fail.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Act VII, Scene I

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the seventh chapter we shall know,
The art of maneuvering, and how to flow.
For in war, we must be swift and nimble,
To avoid defeat, and keep our foes humble.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we move our troops,
And keep them safe, from deadly loops?

Sun Tzu:

By choosing the terrain, with great care,
And using it, to our advantage, and dare.
By moving swiftly, and attacking with surprise,
And deceiving the enemy, with clever lies.
By using the element of surprise, to our gain,
And attacking the enemy, where he's not sane.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we create confusion,
And bring the enemy, to a state of delusion?

Sun Tzu:

By appearing where we're not expected,
And keeping our movements, undetected.
By making the enemy, think we're weak,
And hiding our strength, to make him speak.
By creating a diversion, to draw his attention,
And attacking from the rear, with great invention.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of art and guile,
And shall guide us through, every trial and mile.
With manoeuvring, we shall win the day,
And defeat the enemy, in every way.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, manoeuvring is a skill,
That we must use, with great will.
With manoeuvring, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, with every part.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Act VIII

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the eighth chapter we shall learn,
About the importance of variation, and the concern.
For in war, we must not be predictable,
And keep our enemy, in a state of befuddle.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we create variation,
And keep the enemy, in a state of confusion?

Sun Tzu:

By changing our tactics, with great care,
And keeping our enemy, unaware.
By varying our movements, and our style,
And changing our approach, after a while.
By adapting to the enemy's moves,
And never letting him, get in the grooves.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we use variation,
To gain advantage, and to win the elation?

Sun Tzu:

By deceiving the enemy, with false moves,
And keeping him, in a state of disapproves.
By using spies, to gather information,
And knowing the enemy's, every relation.
By adapting to the changing conditions,
And using variation, with great precision.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and wile,
And shall guide us through, every trial and file.
With variation, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, in every part.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, variation is the key,
To victory, and success, in every degree.
With variation, we shall win the day,
And never falter, or be led astray.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER NINE

Act IX

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the ninth chapter we shall know,
About the importance of the terrain, and how it can glow.
For in war, we must choose our ground,
And use it wisely, to make our victory profound.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we choose our terrain,
And use it to our advantage, without stain?

Sun Tzu:

By studying the terrain, with great care,
And knowing its strengths and weaknesses, fair.
By choosing high ground, with good views,
And keeping our enemy, in our queues.
By using natural barriers, to our gain,
And making the enemy, suffer in pain.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we use the terrain,
To gain advantage, and make our victory plain?

Sun Tzu:

By creating obstacles, to slow the foe,
And making it difficult, for him to go.
By using the terrain, to hide our troops,
And surprising the enemy, with great loops.
By choosing the battleground, with great thought,
And using it, to make our victory wrought.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and might,
And shall guide us through, every war and fight.
With terrain, we shall win the day,
And make our enemy, fall in disarray.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, the terrain is a tool,
That we must use, with every rule.
With terrain, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, in every part.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER TEN

Act X, Scene I

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the tenth chapter we shall hear,
About the importance of timing, and how to adhere.
For in war, we must strike at the right moment,
And make our move, with great sentiment.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we know the right time,
To strike our enemy, and make him climb?

Sun Tzu:

By knowing the enemy's moves and actions,
And using our own timing, with great reactions.
By waiting for the right moment to strike,
And taking advantage, without a dislike.
By using speed and agility, to our aid,
And making the enemy, feel afraid.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we use timing,
To gain advantage, and make our victory shining?

Sun Tzu:

By striking when the enemy is weak,
And making our victory, loud and sleek.
By using diversion, to mislead,
And making the enemy, pay for their deed.
By knowing the right moment to withdraw,
And saving our troops, from the enemy's claw.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and wit,
And shall guide us through, every war and hit.
With timing, we shall win the day,
And make our enemy, fall in dismay.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, timing is a skill,
That we must master, with every thrill.
With timing, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, in every part.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Act XI, Scene I

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the eleventh chapter we shall learn,
About the use of spies, and how they may earn.
For in war, we must know our enemy's ways,
And gather intelligence, in every phase.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we employ spies,
To gather information, and avoid lies?

Sun Tzu:

By choosing the right person, with great care,
And making sure, he is loyal and fair.
By giving him clear instructions, to follow,
And making sure, his cover is hollow.
By using rewards and punishments, to sway,
And making him, our enemy's bane.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we use spies,
To gain advantage, and make our victory rise?

Sun Tzu:

By gathering information, about the enemy's strength,
And using it, to make our victory long in length.

By gathering information, about the enemy's plans,
And using it, to thwart his every chance.

By using the spies, to create confusion and doubt,
And making the enemy, feel left out.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and grace,
And shall guide us through, every war and race.
With spies, we shall win the day,
And make our enemy, fall in dismay.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, spies are a tool,
That we must use, with every rule.
With spies, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, in every part.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Act XII, Scene I

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the twelfth chapter we shall see,
About the importance of being adaptable, and being free.
For in war, we must be able to change our plans,
And adapt to the situation, with great demands.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we become adaptable,
And change our plans, when the situation is unstable?

Sun Tzu:

By being aware of our own strengths and weaknesses,
And knowing when to hold back, and when to seek us.
By being aware of the enemy's strengths and weaknesses,
And knowing when to strike, and when to seek us.
By being aware of the terrain and weather,
And using them, to make our strategy better.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we be free,
And make our victory, a sight to see?

Sun Tzu:

By being able to change our plans, on the go,

And making sure, our movements are not slow.

By being able to adapt, to every situation,

And making sure, we are not in stagnation.

By being able to improvise, with great skill,

And making the enemy, feel ill-will.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and might,

And shall guide us through, every day and night.

With adaptability, we shall win the day,

And make our enemy, fall in dismay.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, adaptability is a key,

That we must use, with every degree.

With adaptability, we shall outsmart,

And defeat the enemy, with every part.

Exeunt.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Act XIII, Scene I

Enter Sun Tzu and his disciples.

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Sun Tzu:

My pupils, in the thirteenth chapter we shall know,
About the use of strategy, and how to make it grow.
For in war, we must have a plan,
And make sure, it's executed with a strong hand.

Disciple 1:

Master, how shall we create a strategy,
That will help us win, with great majesty?

Sun Tzu:

By understanding the enemy's strengths and weaknesses,
And making sure, our own are not in meekness.
By understanding the terrain and weather,
And using them, to make our strategy better.
By understanding the situation, in every part,
And making sure, we have a plan with heart.

Disciple 2:

Master, how may we execute our strategy,
And make sure, it's not done in lethargy?

Sun Tzu:

By making sure, our troops are well-trained,
And ready to fight, with every sinew strained.
By making sure, our supplies are plenty,
And ready to use, in case of emergency.
By making sure, our morale is high,
And ready to fight, with a battle-cry.

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Disciple 3:

Master, thy words are full of wisdom and might,
And shall guide us through, every day and night.
With strategy, we shall win the day,
And make our enemy, fall in dismay.

Sun Tzu:

Aye, my pupils, strategy is a key,
That we must use, with every degree.
With strategy, we shall outsmart,
And defeat the enemy, with every part.

Exeunt.

And Sun Tzu & William Shakespeare finish the book and recap

As this is how the two great minds sat down to pen the Art of War, they pondered the wisdom of Sun Tzu's teachings. William Shakespeare spoke up, saying, "Oh Master Sun, how great is thy work! Thy teachings on war are like a well-crafted play, filled with intrigue and strategy."

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Sun replied, "Indeed, William Shakespeare, war and theatre share much in common. Both require the ability to read the minds of others and to present a strong front. They both require the ability to manipulate people's emotions and to take advantage of their weaknesses."

Shakespeare nodded in agreement and then began to recite some of the key lessons from Sun Tzu's work in his own inimitable style.

"Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak.

If you know the enemy and know yourself,

you need not fear the result of a hundred battles."

Sun listened carefully, then added, "Indeed, William Shakespeare, these words are wise. For in war, as in theatre, the key to success lies in the ability to adapt and to be flexible. One must be able to read the minds of others, to understand their strengths and weaknesses, and to adapt one's tactics accordingly."

And so the two minds crafted this version of the Art of War in a way that would inspire those who seek wisdom of Master Sun and William Shakespeare. They knew that their work would be read by military strategists and theatre makers to students and many others, and they were proud to have played a part in shaping the minds of those who would shape the world. For in the end, whether in war or in theatre, it is the ability to adapt and to think creatively that truly separates the great from the mediocre.

Master Sun leaves William Shakespeare to embark on his next journey

As Sun Tzu rises to leave, grateful for the time spent with Shakespeare. "My thanks to thee, William, for thy hospitality and for sharing thy wit and wisdom with me. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to work with thee on this project."

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Shakespeare clasps Sun Tzu's arm in a firm grip. "The honour has been mine, my friend. Thy knowledge of warfare has taught me much about strategy and leadership, and I shall carry these lessons with me always."

Sun Tzu nods, a small smile playing across his lips. "And I shall carry thy words and works with me as well. I believe that together we have created something that will be of great benefit to those who seek to learn from our experience."

As they part, Sun Tzu turns to leave, but Shakespeare's voice stops him. "Where dost thou go now, Sun Tzu?"

Sun Tzu turns back to him. "I am on a quest to learn from the great poet of love, Rumi. I wish to combine my knowledge of war with his wisdom of the heart to create a work that will be of benefit to all."

Shakespeare nods, impressed. "Thou art truly a master of strategy, my friend. I have no doubt that thy collaboration with Rumi will be a great success."

Sun Tzu bows his head in acknowledgement. "Thank thee, William. I hope that our paths will cross again in the future, and that we may continue to learn from one another."

Shakespeare embraces him once more. "Farewell, Sun Tzu. May the journey ahead be fruitful, and may our works continue to inspire and teach for generations to come."

Sun Tzu smiles, his eyes shining with gratitude. "Indeed, my friend. Our words will live on, and we shall always be close to one another in the pages of our books." And with that, he turns and sets off on the path to Rumi, ready to embark on the next chapter of his journey.

As Sun Tzu journeyed on and he met a man riding a donkey

In a land far, far away, where the sand met the sea,
Sun Tzu, the great strategist, was travelling with glee.
He had met William Shakespeare and learned much from him,
Now he searched for Rumi, a poet whose light did not dim.

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On foot, on horse, on ship, and on camel he rode,
Through valleys and mountains, his journey did unfold.
And then he saw a man, riding a donkey with ease,
It was Mullah Nasiruddin, a sage, if you please.

Sun Tzu asked the Mullah of the great Rumi,
And the Mullah, with wit, replied so wittily:
"I have heard of him, a poet of great renown,
But let me tell you a tale, before we go to his town."

And so, the Mullah shared a joke of ancient lore,
And Sun Tzu, at first, did not quite see the wisdom in store.
But as the Mullah chuckled and the punchline hit,
Sun Tzu saw the meaning, and he too laughed a bit.

Then the Mullah, off his donkey, offered Sun Tzu a ride,
And promised to take him to Rumi, with great pride.
So Sun Tzu climbed aboard, and they set off with haste,
To meet the poet Rumi, whose words could not be replaced.

And soon they arrived, to a place filled with light,

Where Rumi awaited, with wisdom and insight.

And Sun Tzu, with gratitude, bowed down low,

To the poet whose words would forever glow.

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So let us talk of this tale, of Nasiruddin, Sun Tzu, and Rumi,

And the wisdom that they shared, so bright and so gloomy.

For even in a joke, there can be a lesson to learn,

And in the end, we shall see, that wisdom shall always burn.

The Book of Rumi and Sun Tzu will be complete soon!

*As streams flowed into majestic oceans,
words of wisdom nourished souls,
and carry you the shores unknown.*

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*In the pages of books, you have found,
Words that heal and words that hurt.
Like thorned roses that bloom in the desert sand,
The wisdom here will help you understand.*

*From Sun Tzu to Rumi, great minds have shared,
Their thoughts, their insights, for all who truly care.
May you take these words and let them be your guide,
As you embark on your journey far and wide.*

*For just as this light rises in the east on this speck of dust
around a speck of sand of a star our Sun.
New adventures wait for man and creatures unknown.
And like the moon which guides the restless seas,
The wisdom here will help you to be truly free.*

*May you let these pages be your spring to light,
That helps you to shine, and take new heights.
And as this book draws to a close,
May your thirst for wisdom grow and shine,
so you may ignite your fire into blaze for warmth,
light and
let others light their fires with yours.*

*For there is much yet to be discovered,
And in the next book, truths uncovered.
So go forth, my friend, with an open mind,
And see what beautiful treasures you shall find.*

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