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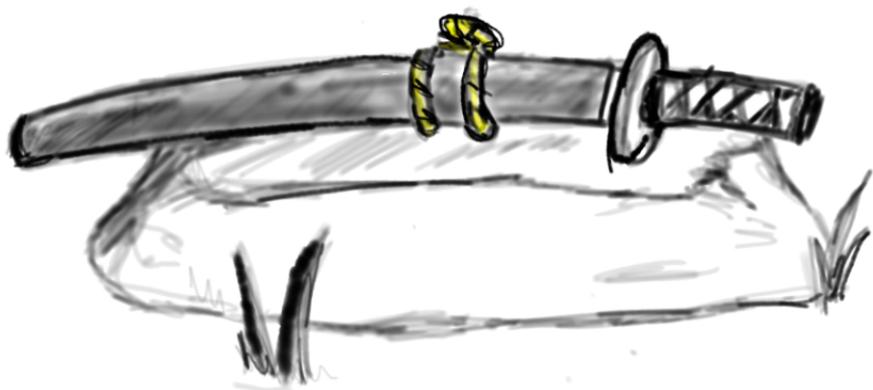
This simplistic story depicts a conversation between a monk and a warrior that questions the wisdom of following a well-intentioned and dutiful set path as well as any urge to diverge toward the way of peace.

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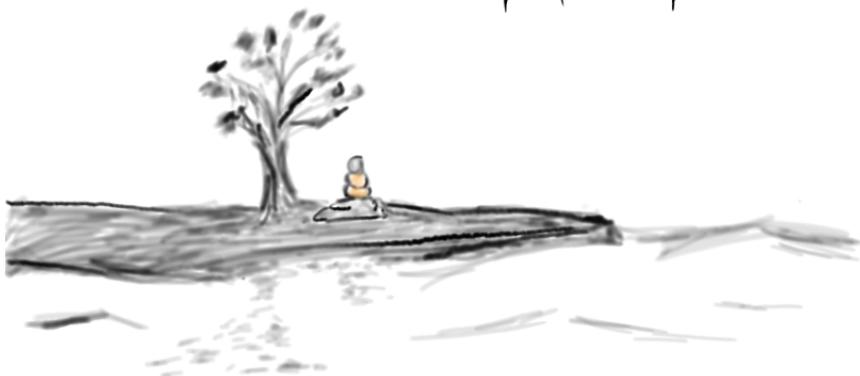
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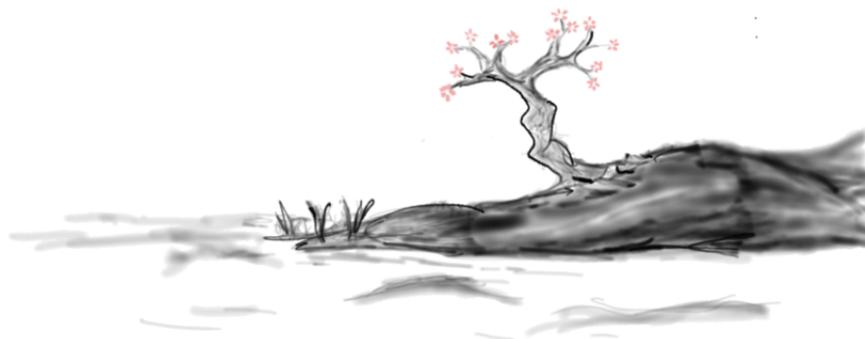
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NEAR SERENE WATERS
A MONK SITS ON A GREAT STONE
VIEWING LIFE'S BEAUTY



CALM HE MEDITATES
FOCUSING ON ALL EARTH'S SOUNDS
THE TREES THE RIVER.

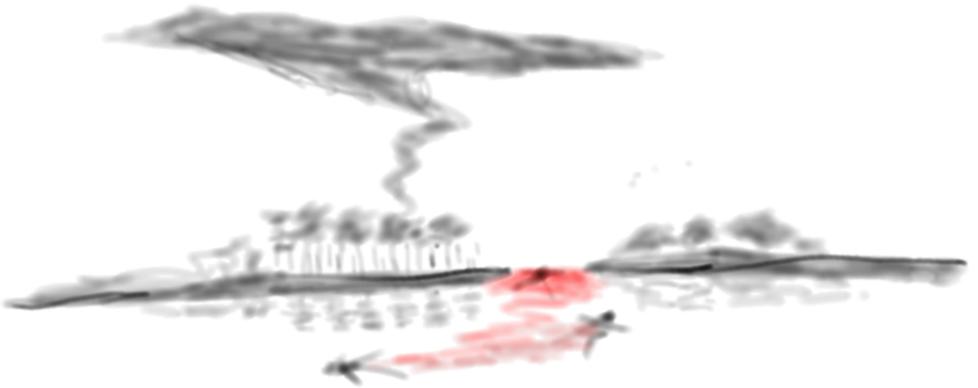


SOUNDS IN THE DISTANCE
ECHOES LOUD AND ENCRDACHING
SCREAMS AS STEEL CLASHES





A BATTLE RAGES
WAR THUNDERS THROUGH THE FOREST
SMOKE ABOVE THE TREES



BLOOD IN THE WATER
BODIES FLOAT DOWN THE RIVER
DEATH AMONG THE LIFE

LIFE AMONG THE DEATH
A WARRIOR AWAKENS
HIS FIGHT CONTINUES



THE MONK TO HIS AID
THE WARRIOR HEALS IN GRASS
REST BEFORE BATTLE



A BOW TO THE MONK
HE GATHERS SWORDS AND ARMOR
WARRIOR SETS FORTH



PROTEST THE RETURN
THE MONK OFFERS MUCH ADVICE
WITH WISDOM HE SHOUTS

If you wait long enough by the river,
the body of your enemy will float by.



WISDOM IN RESPONSE
THE WARRIOR CONTINUES
ONWARD HE MARCHES

The spoon does not taste the soup.



IN THE NAME OF PEACE
THE BRAVE MONK FOLLOWS CLOSELY
VOICING MUCH CONCERN

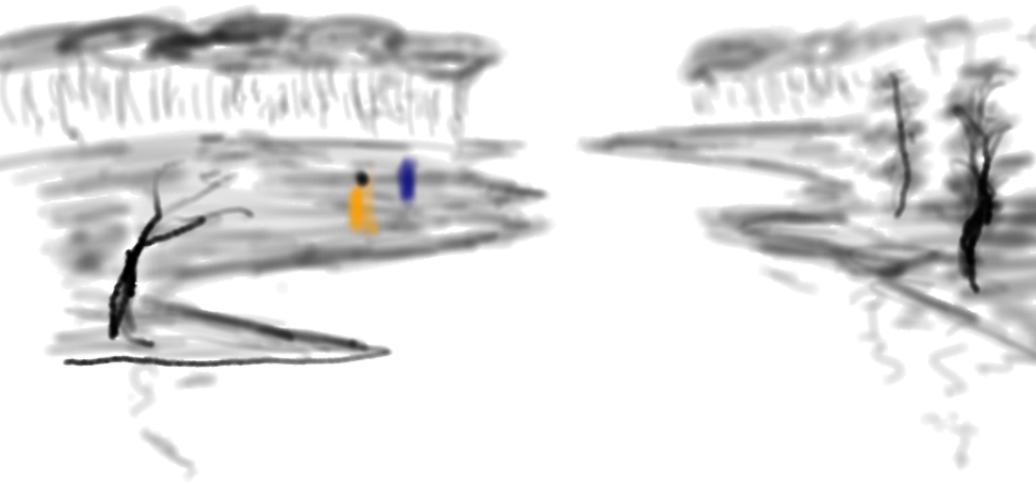
If the enemy is occupied before you, do not follow him, but retreat and try to entice him away.

Desire never crosses the path of the virtuous wakeful men. Their brightness sets them free.

Follow the awakened and from among the blind, the light of your wisdom will shine out purely.



WITH SENSE OF SAGES
POINTED BACK AT EACH OTHER
THEY STAR BACK AND FORTH



The good fighters of old first put themselves beyond the possibility of defeat and then waited for an opportunity of defeating the enemy.

The world always finds away. A way to praise and to blame. It always has and always will.

In all fighting, the direct method may be used for joining battle, but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory.

In every trial, let understanding fight for you. To defend what you have won.

TO SHOUT OR WHISPER
HAS LITTLE AFFECT ON TRUTH
YET SILENCE WILL CUT

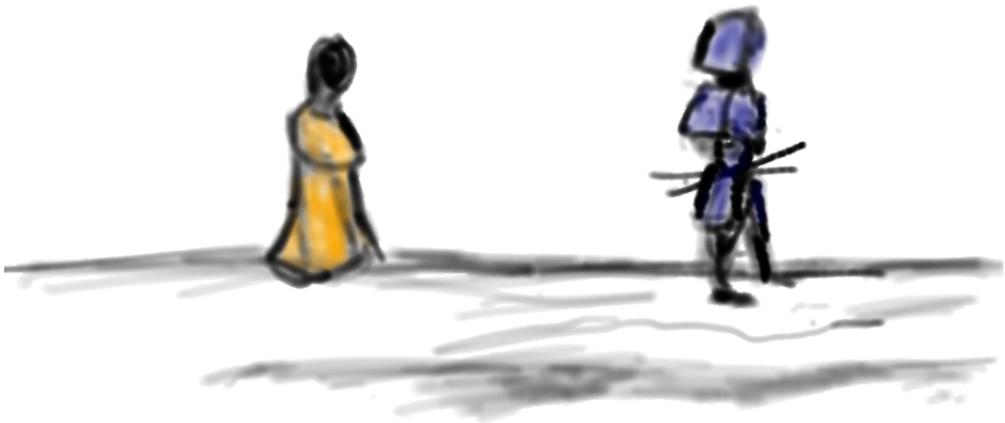


WIT AS SHARP AS SWORDS
THE MONK AND THE WARRIOR
SLASHES OF KNOWLEDGE

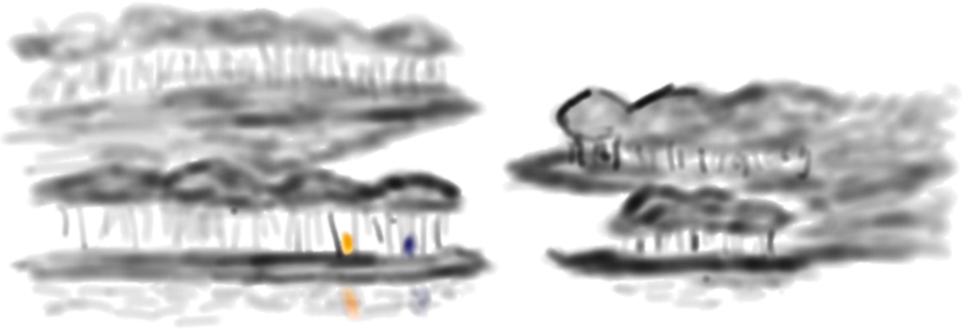
For soon the body is discarded. You too shall pass away. Knowing this, how can you quarrel?

Such are the disastrous effects of a siege. As circumstances are favorable, one should modify one's plans.

How easy it is to see your brother's faults.



THE LONG WALK FORWARD
STEPS TOWARD A VISOUS STORM
HOWLING CRIES RING OUT



Ponder and deliberate before you make a move.
Do not swallow bait offered by the enemy.

How easily the wind overturns a frail tree.
The wind cannot overturn a mountain.

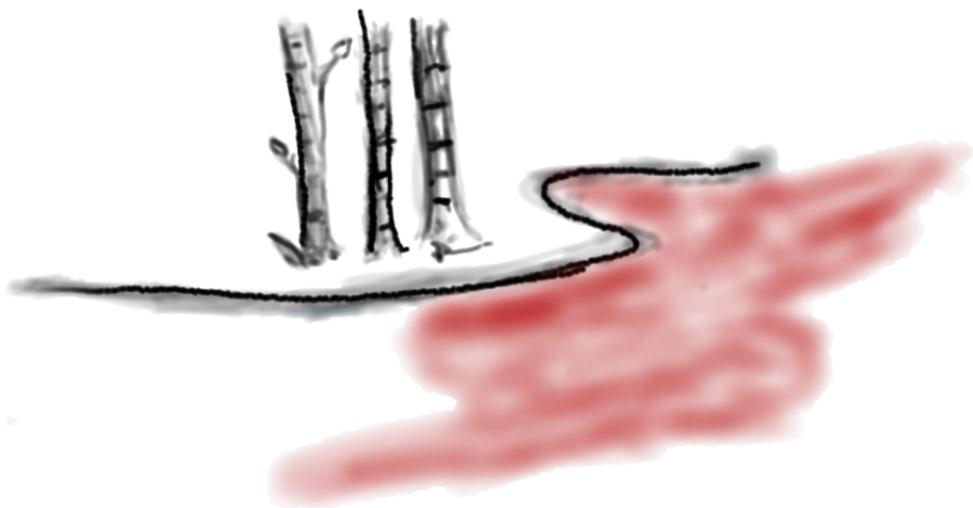
Temptation cannot touch the man
who is awake, strong, and humble.



WAR TORN ARMOR STEAKS
SIMPLE ROBES RESPOND SWIFTLY
WITH WORDS THEY FARRY

To secure ourselves against defeat lies in our own hands, but the opportunity of defeating the enemy is provided by the enemy himself.

ECHOS OF WAR
PRESSIST ALONG THE RIVER
VICTORY OR DEATH



When an invading force crosses a river in its onward march, do not advance to meet it in mid-stream. When you surround an army, leave an outlet free. Do not press a desperate foe too hard. After crossing a river, you should get far away from it.

Nowhere. Not in the sky, nor in the midst of the ocean, nor in the depth of the mountain, nowhere can you hide from your own death.

IS SEEKING OUT PEACE
THE SAME AS AVOIDING WAR
PATIENCE OR PASSION

In Refrain from intercepting an enemy whose banners are in perfect order, to refrain from attacking an army drawn up in calm and confident array.

Though the enemy be stronger in numbers, we may prevent him from fighting.



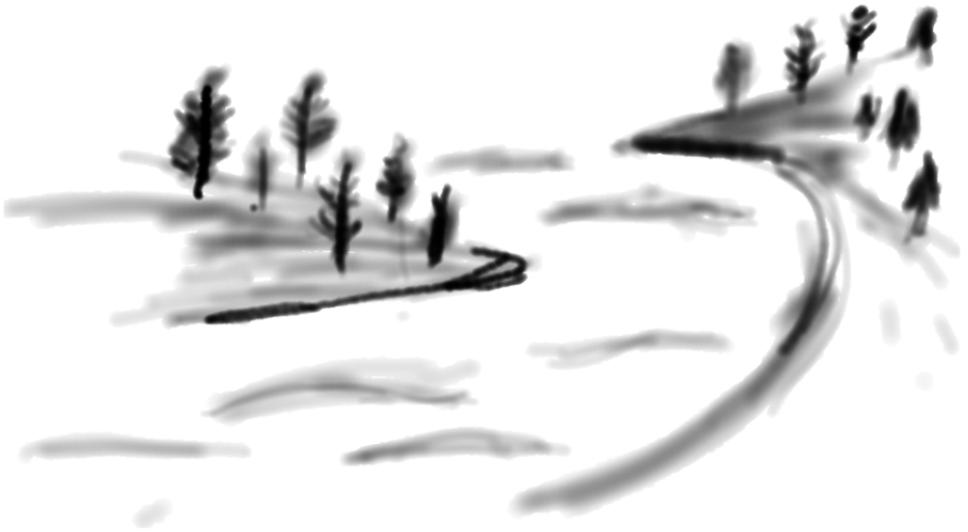
To see victory only when it is within the ken of the common herd is not the acme of excellence.

RIVERS SHALL RAGE BUT
STONES ARE SELDOM PERSUADED
WATER YIELDS TO EARTH



Do not live in the world in distraction and false
dreams. Abandon yesterday, and tomorrow, and
today. Cross over to the farther shore, beyond.

ON THE RIVERBANK
MANY SOULS FOREVER LOST
SHADOWS IN THE FOG



In war, then, let your great object
be victory, not lengthy campaigns.

The skillful leader subdues the enemy's troops
without any fighting; he captures their cities without
laying siege to them; he overthrows their kingdom
without lengthy operations in the field.

YET THE WARRIOR
UNCONVINCED MOVES FORWARD ON
HIS BATTLE AHEAD

How long the night to the watchmen,
how long the road to the weary traveler.



If the traveler cannot find a master or
friend to go with him, let him go alone.

INTO SMOKE AND FLAME
THE WARRIOR DRAWS HIS SWORDS
FARWELL TO THE MONK



THE MONK ACCEPTS TRUTH
BOWING TO THE CERTAINTY
FARWELL WARRIOR



OUR TRUE REFLECTIONS
ARE LOST WHEN LOOKING INTO
A RAGING RIVER



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