

36 STRATAGEMS The Chinese art of Deceit, Laying Plands and Effective Action by Piotr Plebaniak

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Stratagem Two: Feign marching at Wei to relieve Zhao

Stratagem Three: Kill with a borrowed sword

Stratagem Four: Exhaust the enemy, and gather your strength

Stratagem five: Rob a burning house

Stratagem Six: Make noise in the east, and attack in the west

Stratagem Seven: Create something out of nothing (literally, "out of Emptiness comes Fullness")

Stratagem Eight: Cross Chencang by stelath

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Stratagem Ten: Hide a dagger in your smile

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