



The 36 Chinese Stratagems

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1.	Deceive the emperor (heaven) and cross the sea.
2.	Wei besieges Zhao to save it.
3.	Kill with someone else's knife.
4.	Await the exhausted enemy, well rested.
5.	Taking advantage of a conflagration for robbery.
6.	Make noise in the east, attack in the west.
7.	Creating something out of nothing.
8.	Visibly repair the wooden walkways, secretly march to Chencang.
9.	Watch the fire on the opposite bank.
10.	Hide the dagger behind the smile.
11.	The plum tree withers instead of the peach tree.
12.	Lead the sheep away with a light touch.
13.	Hit the grass to scare the snake away.
14.	Borrow a corpse for the return of the soul.
15.	Luring the tiger from the mountain to the plain.
16.	If you want to catch something, you must first let it go.
17.	Throw a brick to get a jade stone.
18.	If you want to neutralize a band of robbers, you must first capture their leader.
19.	Secretly taking firewood from under someone else's boiler.
20.	Muddying the waters to catch the fish.
21.	The cicada sheds its shiny golden shell.
22.	Close the door and catch the thief.
23.	Allying with a distant enemy in order to (initially) attack a nearby enemy.
24.	Borrow a path (through Yu) for an attack against Guo.
25.	Steal the beams and replace them with rotten supports.
26.	Scold the acacia tree, but point to the mulberry tree.
27.	Pretending to be crazy without losing your balance.
28.	Luring them onto the roof, then pulling away the ladder.
29.	Decorate (dry) trees with artificial flowers.
30.	Reverse the roles of guest and host.
31.	The stratagem of the beautiful woman.
32.	The stratagem of the open city gates.
33.	The stratagem of sowing discord, also with agents.
34.	The stratagem of self-mutilation.
35.	The chain of stratagems.
36.	Running away is the best option (when there is no hope at all).

	Main benefit per stratagem according to color
	concealment
	Coinage, take advantage of
	pretense
	escape
	unveiling, revelation
	Chaining, linking together
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