Introduction

The name of the collection comes from the Book of Qi, in its seventh biographical volume, Biography of Wáng Jingzé (王敬德).[1] Wáng was a general who had served Southern Qi since the first Emperor Gao of the dynasty. When Emperor Ming came to power and executed many members of the court and royal family for fear that they would threaten his reign, Wáng believed that he would be targeted next and rebelled. As Wáng received news that Xiao Baoyuan, son and crown prince of Emperor Ming, had escaped in haste after learning of the rebellion, he commented that "of the thirty-six stratagems of Lord Tán, retreat was his best, you father and son should run for sure.”.

Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty-Six_Stratagems

Stratagems (cont)

4.1 Remove the firewood from under the pot
4.2 Disturb the water and catch a fish
4.3 Slough off the cicada’s golden shell
4.4 Shut the door to catch the thief
4.5 Befriend a distant state and strike a neighbouring one
4.6 Obtain safe passage to conquer the State of Guo

Chapter 5: Proximate Stratagems

5.1 Replace the beams with rotten timbers
5.2 Point at the mulberry tree while cursing the locust tree
5.3 Feign madness but keep your balance
5.4 Remove the ladder when the enemy has ascended to the roof
5.5 Deck the tree with false blossoms
5.6 Make the host and the guest exchange roles

Chapter 6: Desperate Stratagems

6.1 The beauty trap (Honeypot)
6.2 The empty fort strategy
6.3 Let the enemy’s own spy sow discord in the enemy camp
6.4 Inflict injury on oneself to win the enemy’s trust
6.5 Chain stratagems
6.6 If all else fails, retreat

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