the army are a great distance apart, but it is true even if they happen to be close together. The size of the enemy's army of itself
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can't bring him victory. Although their army may be larger in numbers, we may prevent them from being used. Spy out the general's
plan and reason through the likelihood of its success. Jostle him to learn the reasons for his activity or inactivity. Compelhim to
reveal himself, his plans and his weaknesses. Compare their force with ours so that we may know where each army's relative strengths
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lie and where each is weak. When making tactical preparations the most success may be had through hiding them. Hide our intentions
and we will be safe from the prying of their subtlest spies and from the calculations of their wisest men. How victory may
be procured for our people from the enemy's own tactics is what the masses must never learn. All who look can see the tactics
whereby we won but what only we must ever know is the secret strategy out of which the victory was evolved.
Never repeat the tactics which gained you a victory, but modify your tactics to fit the strategy of the situation.
A soldier's considerations of military tactics are simple and direct like water. Water's natural way is to leap from high places,

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