concede to you a bloodless victory and there will be peace.

CHAPTER 12 The Divine Spark from Heaven

There are five vitals where fighting can be carried on with a decisive fire-like effect: 1 burn soldiers in their camp, 2 burn provisions, 3 burn supply trains, 4 burn areas of supply and T to launch an attack which results in total destruction the general must have the means available. The necessary means and materials for creating a decisive conflagration must be constantly ready in the mind of the general. The heavens dictate the seasons for making attacks with fire and the proper days for starting conflagrations. The best months are when the weather is very dry and the best days are when there is a rising wind. When fire complements the attack be prepared to encounter the following developments: 1 If there is an outbreak of fire within the enemy’s camp, with an attack. 2 But if the enemy’s soldiers don’t panic and face you at the ramparts, hold the attack and distract them from fighting the fire. 3 Wait until the flames have reached their limit, then attack, if it is practical. If not stay close alongside them and make them blunder. 4 If you can ignite a conflagration at your will don’t wait for it to break out spontaneously but