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## Standing Up To the Tyrant

In ancient times, those skilled in warfare make themselves invincible and then wait for the enemy to become vulnerable. Being invincible depends on oneself, but the enemy becoming vulnerable depends on himself.

—SUN TZU, *The Art of War*

**I**'M GOING TO FIX IT. I'm going to make everything come out right!"

That was my student Micah, or maybe it was Channey, or maybe it was Russell, or maybe it was Beverly. Over the years, I've seen many students who enter the World Peace Game with a kind of sanguine self-confidence that borders on arrogance, and I never know whether to applaud their goodhearted intentions or dread their inevitable disappointment when their wish to solve all the world's problems by themselves runs up against the reality that this simply cannot be done. Like our planet itself, the Game just isn't built that way. Peace is not a puzzle waiting for the right genius to discover the solution, nor is it a complex mechanism waiting for the right engineer to figure out how it works. Peace is a delicate ecosystem that requires a kind of organic harmony among all its many participants: from the richest nation to the poorest tribe, from the nomadic Kajazians to the deeply religious Nin, from the World Bank to the weather goddess, from the United Nations to the arms dealers.

As we saw in the last chapter and shall see even more clearly

in this one, individuals and individual leader—and individual leaders—can come up as Brennan did; or he group, as August and I while still holding firm, and the individual talent enormous influence on my classroom and outside must be learned for the able to contribute most out the ability to work within natural limit of what

I believe this principle it allows the full flowering ally all aspects of human community of scientists view is what pushes and also advancing the field response to work that has imagined audience, in community: that is how the work artist even while influence late benefits from years to train, reach peak performance or her individual ability the embodied wisdom of breaking athlete contribute humans can accomplish understood. Even a mystic community that created and that produces the material life. I celebrate inside or outside my class