

Lin Chong Knew



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Chapter 1

“The victorious warrior wins first and then goes to war, while the defeated warrior goes to war and then seeks to win.”

Sun Tzu, the Art of War

I am not a big fan of Sun Tzu. But this line he got right. I'll begin with this and then add something.

Consider this scene.

Water Margin – 2 Day Fight

You see it's all about the *knowing*. Understanding this is the key to understanding how Lin Chong won.

The battle is won before the first blow is struck. Win first in the mind. Then when you go into battle, victory is assured. But if one goes into battle *without* that knowing of victory then one will be defeated if one's opponent has a higher sense of knowing than you do.

In this duel neither man could get a sense of knowing of victory. Not for two days. This is why they waited. They were right to do so for if either of them had committed to battle without first getting that the knowing of victory, he would have been defeated. Each man knew this, for they were both very experienced warriors.

The battle was in the mind. For two days the battle was one of the mind. To see which one of them could get the sense of knowing.

After two days a swirl of dust blew into Lin Chong's eyes. His opponent did not have the knowing of victory but he figured that this was the best opportunity that he was going to get. So he committed to the attack. He committed to the attack *without* the knowing of victory.

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This is why he lost. Because he committed to the attack without knowing that he would win, hoping for the best. Hoping that the dust would give him the advantage that he needed.

Lin Chong however kept his composure. And Lin Chong knew. He knew. That is why he won.

If one understands this, then one understands that clip.

Lin Chong won *because he knew*.

Way of the Warrior

Chapter 1

Win First in the Mind

*Hero (2004) Jet Li vs. Donnie Yen – Chess Courtyard
fight*

Understand?

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Chapter 2

To know when to engage requires mastery. To know when to withdraw requires higher mastery again.

Let us come back to the 2-day fight.

Water Margin – 2 Day Fight

This time however, let us take it from the perspective of the man who fought Lin Chong

What would I have done in that scenario if I were this man?

I would have walked away

I would have recognised that my opponent, Lin Chong, was too strong. I would have recognised that I could not defeat him. In that realisation I would have known that if I tried to engage I would be defeated. And so I would have walked away.

This is the *Way of the Master*.

To know when to walk away.

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