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SPECIAL CHARACTERS

Chapter 3: An Obsession with Control

中国: “Middle Kingdom”

分久必合, 合久必分: “After a long split, a union will occur; after a long union, a split will occur”

天下: “All under heaven”

Chapter 4: Turning Weakness into Strength

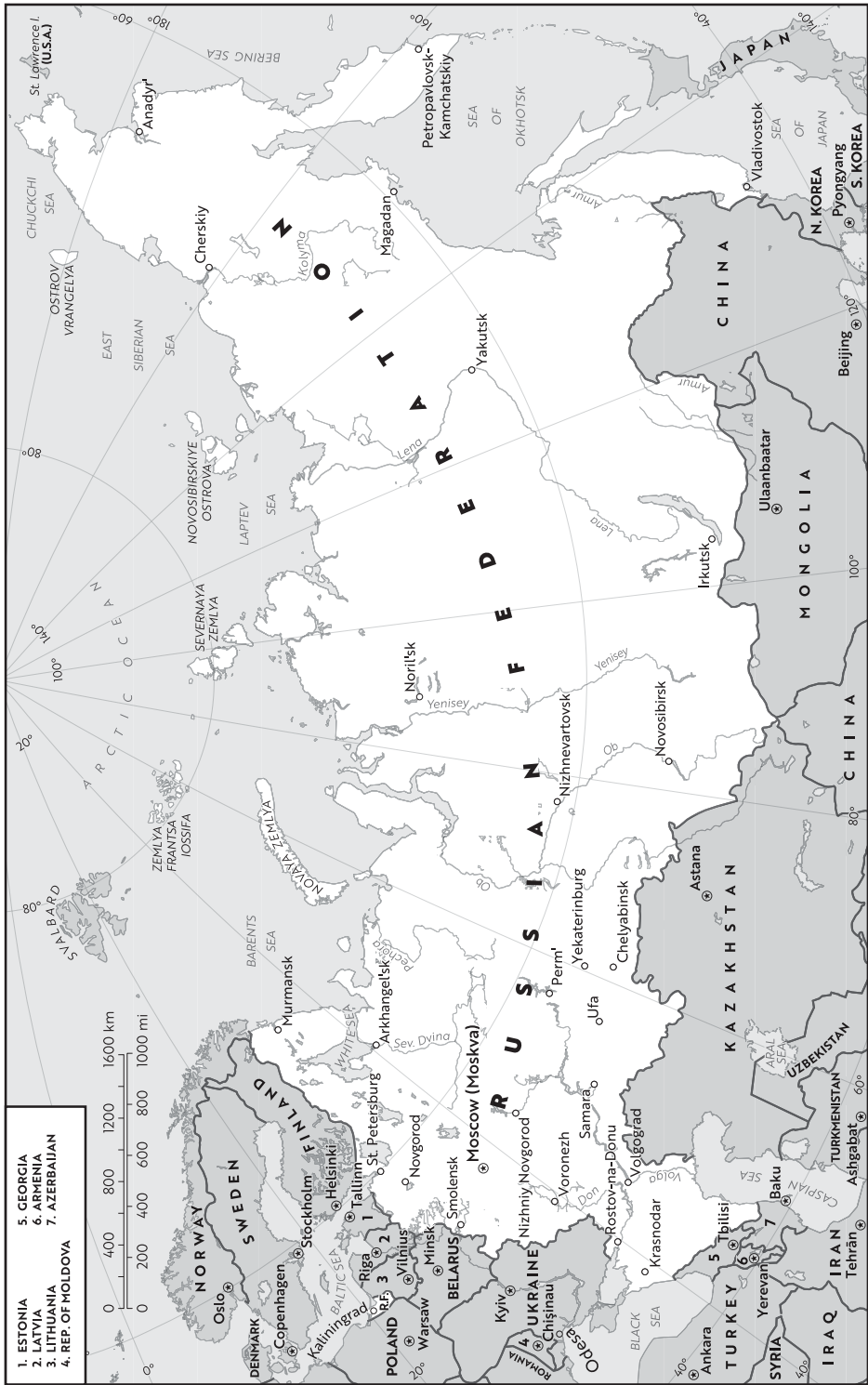
名不正, 则言不顺; 言不顺, 则事不成: “If names cannot be correct, then language is not in accordance with the truth of things; and if language is not in accordance with the truth of things, affairs cannot be carried on to success”

擦枪走火: “to shoot accidentally while polishing a gun”

Chapter 12: Making Him Safer Without Them

적화통일: “red-colored unification”

돈주: “masters of money”

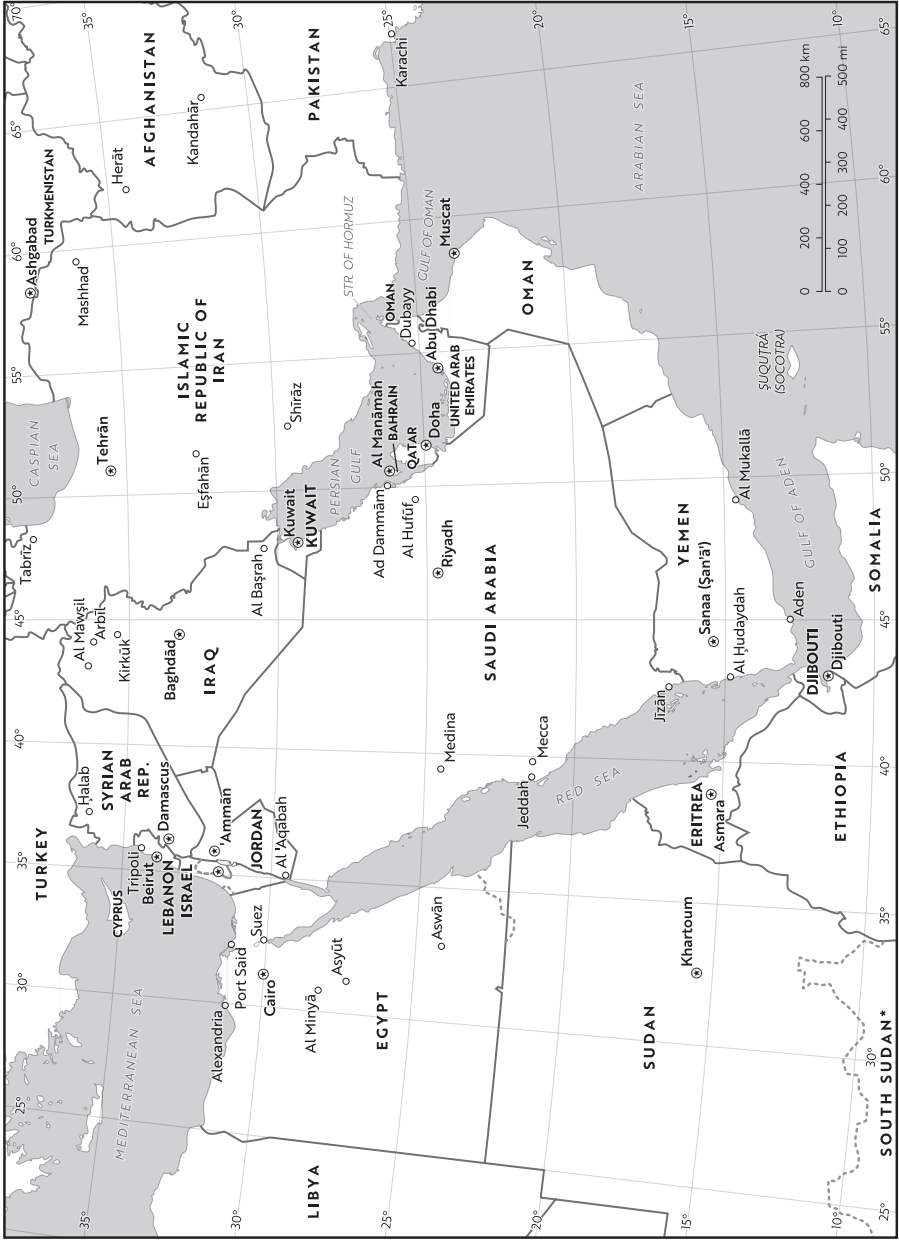




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RECOMMENDED READING

Russia

On defending against Russia new-generation warfare: *The Lands in Between: Russia vs. the West and the New Politics of Hybrid War*, by Mitchell Alexander Orenstein.

On Putin as an operator: *Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin*, by Clifford Gaddy and Fiona Hill.

On the Russian Siloviki: *All the Kremlin's Men: Inside the Court of Vladimir Putin*, by Mikhail Zygar.

On the failed Russian transition of the 1990s: *Sale of the Century: Russia's Wild Ride from Communism to Capitalism*, by Chrystia Freeland.

For a personal account of Russia's transition in the 1990s and beyond: *From Cold War to Hot Peace: An American Ambassador in Putin's Russia*, by Michael McFaul.

On Putin's rule and implications for the future: *Kremlin Winter: Russia and the Second Coming of Vladimir Putin*, by Robert Service.

China

On the U.S.-China relationship: *The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom: America and China, 1776 to the Present*, by John Pomfret.

On historical memory and the Chinese Communist Party's ambitions: *Everything Under the Heavens: How the Past Helps Shape China's Push for Global Power*, by Howard French.

On the Chinese Communist Party's obsession with control: *Haunted by Chaos: China's Grand Strategy from Mao Zedong to Xi Jinping*, by Sulmaan Wasif Khan.

On Xi Jinping's reversal of reform and the development of the authoritarian surveillance police state: *The Third Revolution: Xi Jinping and the New Chinese State*, by Elizabeth Economy.

On the future of the Indo-Pacific region: *The End of the Asian Century: War, Stagnation, and the Risks to the World's Most Dynamic Region*, by Michael R. Auslin.

On China's modern transformation, *Wealth and Power: China's Long March to the Twenty-First Century*, by Orville Schell and John Delury.

South Asia

On Afghanistan's wars: *The Wars of Afghanistan: Messianic Terrorism, Tribal Conflicts, and the Failures of Great Powers*, by Peter Tomsen.

On jihadist terrorist goals and strategy: *The Master Plan: ISIS, Al-Qaeda, and*

the Jihadi Strategy for Final Victory, by Brian Fishman.

On the Haqqani network as the nexus of jihad in South Asia: *The Fountain-head of Jihad: The Haqqani Nexus, 1973–2012*, by Vahid Brown and Don Rassler.

On the troubled U.S.-Pakistani relationship: *Magnificent Delusions: Pakistan, the United States, and an Epic History of Misunderstanding*, by Husain Haqqani.

On the essential elements of an effective counterterrorism strategy: *How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns*, by Audrey Kurth Cronin.

Middle East

On the U.S. experience in Iraq from 2003 to 2011: *The Endgame: The Inside Story of the Struggle for Iraq, from George W. Bush to Barack Obama*, by Michael R. Gordon and General Bernard E. Trainor.

On Iraq's internal political dynamics after Saddam Hussein: *Iraq After America: Strongmen, Sectarians, Resistance*, by Joel Rayburn.

On the United States' long struggle with terrorism in the Middle East: *Blood Year: The Unraveling of Western Counterterrorism*, by David Kilcullen.

On ISIS: *ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror*, by Michael Weiss and Hassan Hassan; and *Shatter the Nations: ISIS and the War for the Caliphate*, by Mike Giglio.

On the effect of the Arab Spring on the people of the region: *A Rage for Order: The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square to ISIS*, by Robert F. Worth.

On the Syrian Civil War: *Assad or We Burn the Country: How One Family's Lust for Power Destroyed Syria*, by Sam Dagher.

Iran

On the Iranian Revolution: *The Persian Sphinx: Amir Abbas Hoveyda and the Riddle of the Iranian Revolution*, by Abbas Milani.

On Iran's four-decade proxy war in the Middle East: *The Twilight War: The Secret History of America's Thirty-Year Conflict with Iran*, by David Crist; and *Confronting Iran*, by Ali M. Ansari.

On the role of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard's Corps in exporting Iran's revolution: *Vanguard of the Imam: Religion, Politics, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards*, by Afshon Ostovar.

On the Saudi-Iranian rivalry and the drives of sectarian violence in the Middle East: *Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the Forty-Year Rivalry that Unraveled Culture, Religion, and Collective Memory in the Middle East*, by Kim Ghattas.

North Korea

On the history of U.S.-North Korean interactions: *The Impossible State: North Korea, Past and Future*, by Victor Cha.

On the nature of the North Korean regime: *The Real North Korea: Life and Politics in the Failed Stalinist Utopia*, by Andrei Lankov.

On the miracle of South Korea: *Nation Building in South Korea*, by Gregg A. Brazinsky.

On the U.S. relationship with Japan in the postwar period: *Japan in the American Century*, by Kenneth B. Pyle.

On Kim Jong-un: *The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un*, by Anna Fifield.

Arenas

On defending against cyber-enabled information warfare and other threats to democracy: *Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition, and American Complacency*, by Larry Diamond.

On the interrelated problems of climate, energy, and food security: *Food Foolish: The Hidden Connection Between Food Waste, Hunger, and Climate*, by John M. Mandyck and Eric B. Schultz.

On technology and its effect on the environment and security: *Energy for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines*, by Richard A. Muller.

On social media's detrimental effect on society: *The Square and the Tower*, by Niall Ferguson; and *LikeWar: The Weaponization of Social Media*, by P. W. Singer and Emerson T. Brooking.

On offensive cyber attacks: *Bytes, Bombs, and Spies: The Strategic Dimensions of Offensive Cyber Operations*, edited by Herbert Lin and Amy Zegart.

On technology and security: *Power to the People: How Open Technological Innovation Is Arming Tomorrow's Terrorists*, by Audrey Kurth Cronin.

Conclusion/General

On great power competition and the importance of alliances: *The Unquiet Frontier: Rising Rivals, Vulnerable Allies, and the Crisis of American Power*, by Jakub J. Grygiel and A. Wess Mitchell.

For a historic perspective on how to defeat terrorist organizations: *Return of the Barbarians: Confronting Non-State Actors from Ancient Rome to the Present*, by Jakub Grygiel.

On strategy in war: *The Direction of War: Contemporary Strategy in Historical Perspective*, by Hew Strachan.

On the need to consolidate military gains into sustainable political outcomes: *War and the Art of Governance: Consolidating Combat Success into Political Victory*, by Nadia Schadlow.

On how to think about the adversary and the importance of strategic empathy: *A Sense of the Enemy: The High Stakes History of Reading Your Rival's Mind*, by Zachary Shore.

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