

Father and Son

A Discourse

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Father:

Son, to get ahead in this world you can do one of two things, take the easy route or the difficult route to power. The first route I despise because it is easy. It is simply this: kiss butts, be a sort of teacher's pet, follow leaders and become a bootlicker, basically.

Son:

Aren't you being a bit extreme?

Father:

Not in the least. Son, many a man has become another man's lackey. If you become one you are wrecked forever, little more than a slave. It is a route to power, though never the top.

Son:

It sounds rather degrading! What is the difficult route to power?

Father:

The more difficult route to power requires attributes that very few of us have that is excellence and cunning. Becoming the absolute best at what you do. It means you can never make a mistake – ever. You have to be so good, so perfect, that the others whoever they might be cannot ignore you, while making the authority sit up and take notice of you.

Son:

Being the best? Won't that make me an outcast?

Father:

Absolutely! But only for a short while. Once you rise to the top permanently, many will accept you as the best while the more ambitious one will attempt to control you or at the very least try to learn from you.

Son:

What about friends and peers?

Father:

You don't need friends. Your peers? If they cannot advance your status, disregard them. Instead, you need isolation. You must realize and truly believe that no one will ever help you in anyway except to tear you down. Solve your own problems and never ask for help. To do so is an act of weakness that the adversary can exploit. Parents are the worst thing you can have. They seem to think they are obligated to their children. We are not. We will never help you. Not me, your mother or anybody. Its simply you against the world.

Son:

Me against the world. A comforting thought. Its to make me rely on myself?

Father:

Yes! You also must learn to never trust anyone. Be suspicious o anything. Not to the point of being paranoid but ... you get the picture. Instead of friends, have acquaintances.

Son:

Acquaintances?

Father:

They are people who 'act' like friends but are just utilizing you talents as yo uare using theirs to achieve a limited goal. Try to realize what they are getting from you and use that knowledge as leverage against them.

Son:

So why can't I have friends?

Father:

Everyone is trying to get ahead. You will become a step in a very large ladder for someone else if you are not careful. You want to be the person going up the ladder, indiscriminately stepping on everybody else. Understand?

Son:

Its so cold, so cruel!

Father:

Yes, I admit it is. But it is necessary. You must learn to control your emotions. Having a lying face is crucial to your career. It will be very helpful in manipulating people. You can never reveal your inner feelings. Certainly not to a lover and definitely not to an acquaintance. Learn to ignore your conscience, it will only get in the way. The opposite sex: be wary. Do not become entrapped. Having a family is leverage against your goals for power.

Son:

What about those who are more 'powerful' than me now and in the future?

Father:

Respect them. Plan their downfall but be overly cautious. Do not become their pawn. Give them the honor they deserve. Strive to be like them.

Son:

Strive to be the best.

Father:

The mind. It is a wonderful tool. Hone it to recognize potential, to recognize a fellow manipulator. Your adversary takes on two forms. They are your conscious and your fellow manipulators. Only your adversary will show you where you are weak and unsure. Forget about morals, use them only when they benefit you. Nothing will ever serve you better than the ability to mold and shape others to your own goals. Do you understand all that I have said?

Son:

Yes. Yes, I believe so.

Father:

No, you don't. But you will learn. Take these words to heart. To become great and powerful in this world you can be a leech and never attain true power because you will always be second best or you can reach real power through excellence and cunning. Your mind is the best tool you have. Develop it. It will not be easy, I grant you. It will be a never ending quest. Remember develop your mind now, while you are still young.

Son:

Yes, Father.