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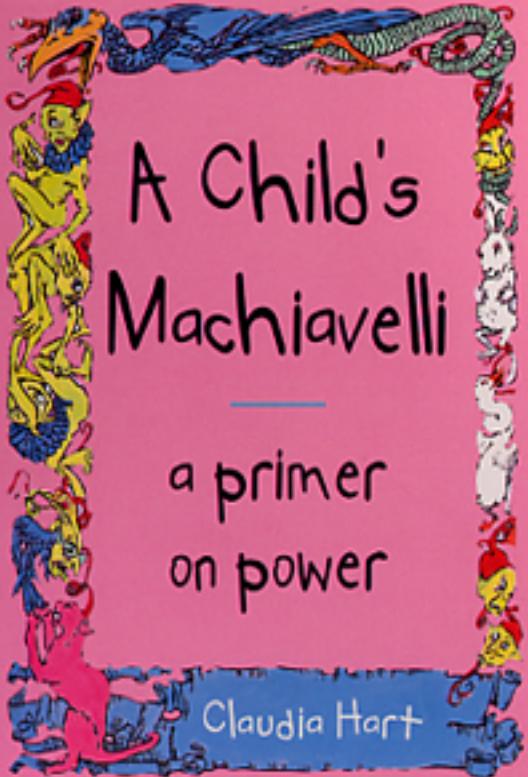


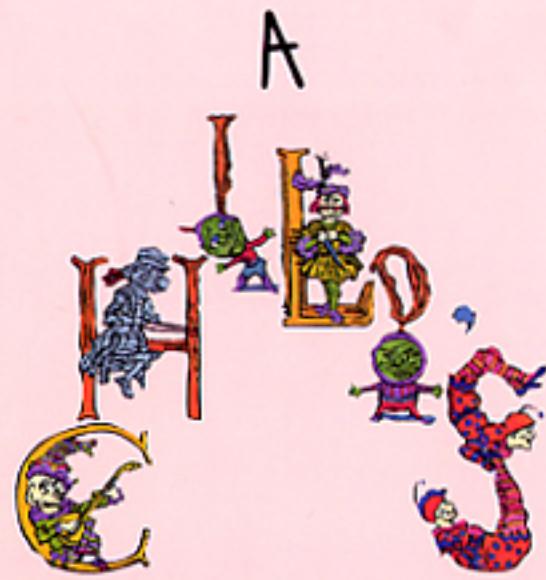
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A Child's Machiavelli





Machiavelli



*It's best to have a family  
with a famous name 'cos then  
you'll automatically impress  
people and become really popular.*



If you want to take over some place,  
don't forget to kill not just the boss,  
but also all his kids!



Either be really nice to people or kill 'em.  
If you don't kill 'em and you're not so  
nice, then they're gonna come after you.



If you wanna take over some place  
where the people could decide for themselves,  
you have to destroy everything.



'specially anyone who remembers, 'cos no one's  
ever gonna listen to you as long as they can.

Never be afraid to beat  
someone up if you have to.  
First, try to talk 'em into  
listening, but just in case,  
you know what to do!





There are two kinds of people  
the Guys on the Top and the Guys  
on the Bottom. The only thing the Big  
Guys want is to get over on the  
Little Guys and the only thing they  
want is protection from the Big Guys.

The hardest job you can ever do is try  
to make things better for the Little Guys.

The Big Guys are gonna hate  
your guts. And the Little Guys will  
be afraid to open their mouths.

Also, people never think that something  
new can be good. It's like trying to get  
your little brother to eat frog's legs...ugh!





Sometimes the Guys on the Top  
go too far. Then the Guys on the  
Bottom get together to turn one  
of their own people into a Boss.

When this happens, watch out!  
It'll be really hard to get rid of him  
'cos all the Little Guys are gonna  
love him so much.

If a bunch of the Guys on the Top pull you up so now you're Boss, stay friends with your old pals on the Bottom. People always think Bosses are bad news, so when you surprise 'em with your niceness, they'll be so happy, they'll totally turn into your slaves!



Try to make everyone you know totally dependent on you, then you don't have to worry so much that they're gonna try to get rid of you.



When you take over some place,  
kill off everyone who's  
against you, pronto, then  
act really nice to everyone left.

If people're scared of you at first,  
you can boss 'em around easier later.  
But if you're nice at first, they'll try  
to get away with stuff and you're  
gonna have to punish 'em all the  
time. Then bad feelings about you  
will stay in the air.



If you're already on the top, remember:  
It's better to be popular with the Guys on  
the Bottom than the Guys on the Top.

Be nice to the people who are really  
dependent on you 'cos you don't have  
to worry about them turning on you.



First, 'cos there's so much more of 'em.  
Also, the Big Guys are so tricky that  
you can never really trust 'em—  
how do you think they got so Big?

But watch out for everyone else —  
'cept for the chickenshits. If people go  
against you, the chickenshits will be  
too scared to join in anyway.

*A gun is a man's best friend.*





Only give things away  
when people are watching.



If you wanna give presents to people,  
make sure it's other people's stuff.

Even if people think you're cheap,  
don't throw your money around.  
'Cos if you lose your money and  
start borrowing off them all the time,  
then they're really gonna hate you.



If you're not a Boss but you  
wanna be one, make sure  
you trick everyone into thinking  
you're a really generous guy.



Everyone says you should be nice  
but no one really is, so if you do what  
you should and be nice all the time,  
you're probably gonna get screwed.

You can do anything to people.  
As long as you don't steal  
their girlfriends, they're never  
really gonna hate you.





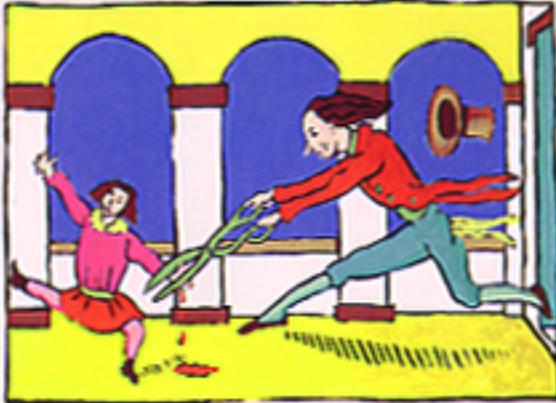
People who cheat  
are always more successful  
than people who  
are honest.

When you cheat,  
just don't let  
anybody notice.





Make sure you only let people  
see you doing stuff where you  
come off looking really good.



Give the guys underneath you  
all the dirty work to do.

Sometimes it's good to get people  
pissed off at you just to show 'em  
how little you care.

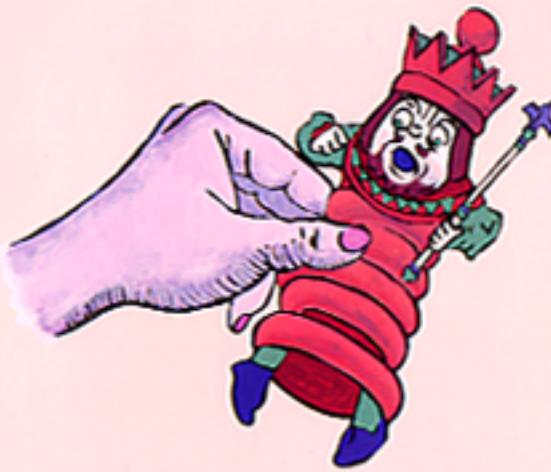


Never be wishy-washy.  
You gotta say what you love  
an' what you hate.





You're better off  
having people scared of you  
than liking you.



Now, it's okay if people are  
scared of you. Just make sure  
they don't hate you.

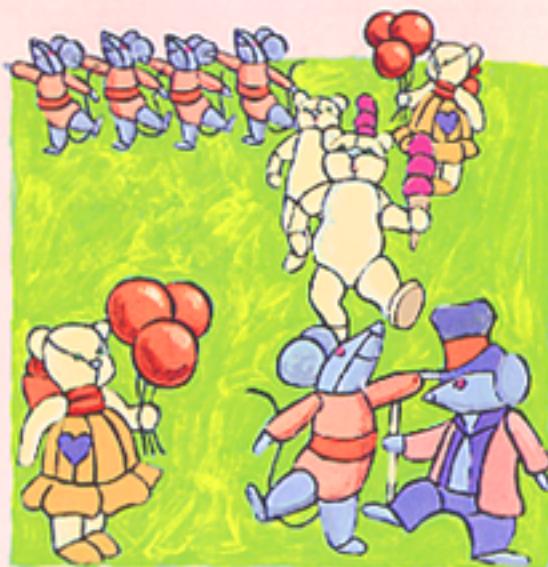


You gotta be tough.  
People won't really like you then,  
but they're probably only  
your friends 'cos they think they  
can get something off you



Besides, most people  
never really appreciate it  
when you're being nice.

Every once in a while,  
throw a big party and  
invite all the Little People.



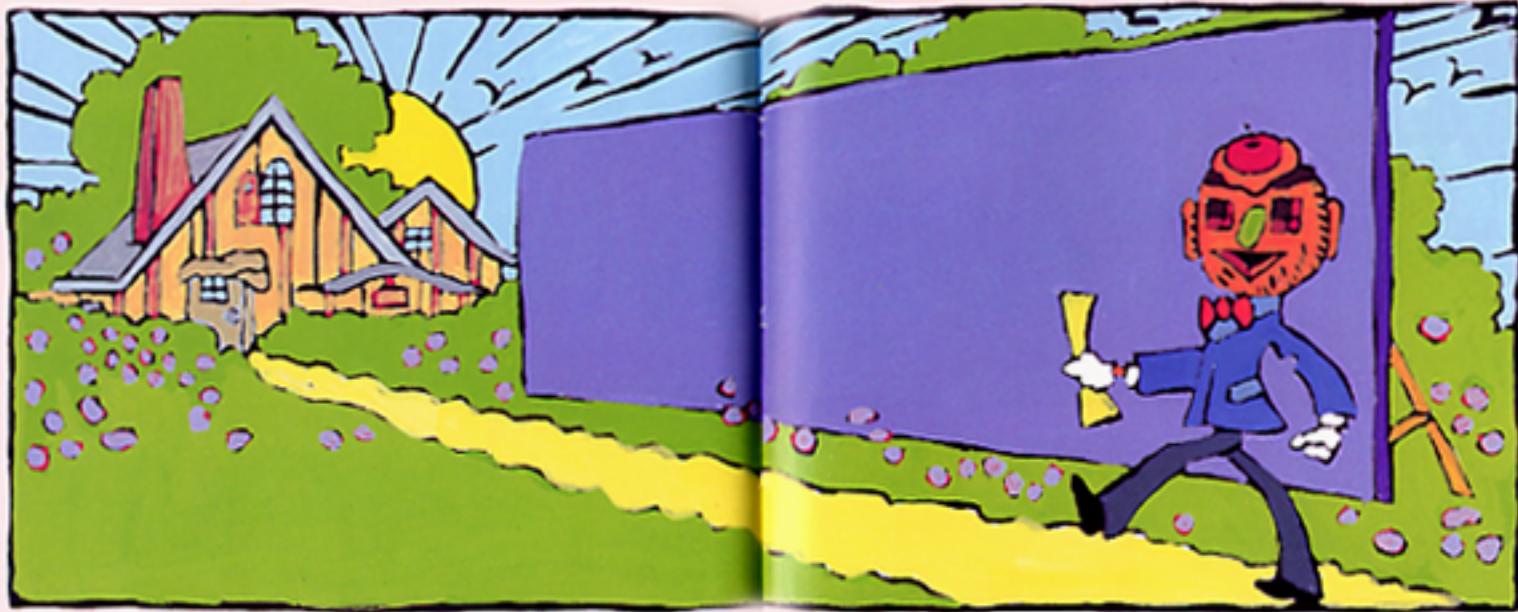
Be really nice  
to your closest underlings.  
Make them love you by  
giving them lots of presents.



Don't give too many presents  
to people, 'cos you're gonna  
end up making yourself poor.



Then anyone who liked you  
'cos of the presents is not  
gonna like you anymore.



Support the arts and anything else  
that improves the neighborhood.

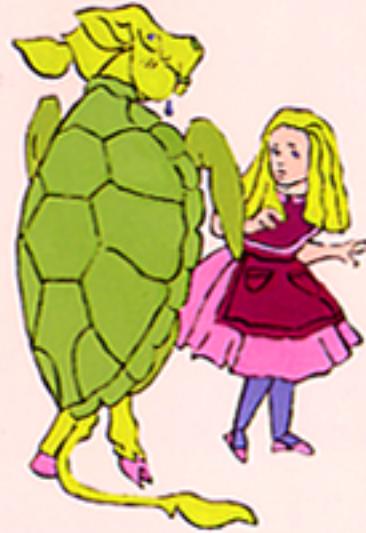


It's best if the people in your gang  
come from your same neighborhood.

Then you can make 'em feel good  
together by ganging up against  
everyone coming from somewhere else.

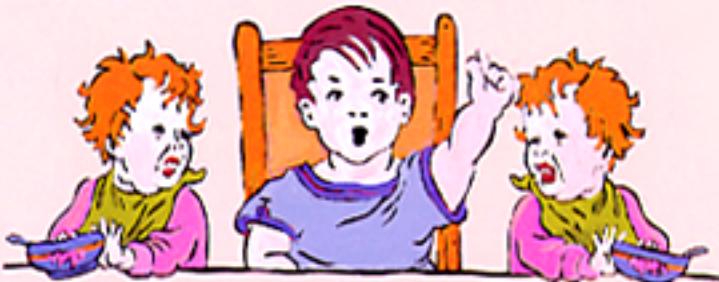


If somebody's got to hate you,  
make sure it's a bunch of  
weaklings with no money.



Don't keep your promises  
if there's no reason to anymore —  
nobody else does.

Don't worry if everyone says  
you're no good,  
as long as they know  
who's boss!

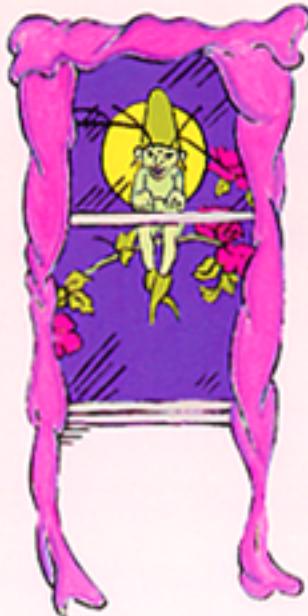


Try not to hang around with people  
stronger than you, 'cos if you  
get stuck with 'em somewhere  
an' they decide to turn on you,  
then you're really in trouble.



Have five best friends  
who you let tell what  
they really think,  
but only when you ask.

Stand up for your friends.  
'cos if they get whipped,  
they're gonna come after you.





GO WHERE THE WIND BLOWS