

BÓ YÌ  
博 弈

yù qín

欲 擒

gù zòng

故 纵

Let him go, to catch him.

# CHARACTER CARD · 欲

yù to want

欲

yù  
*to want*

11 strokes

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# CHARACTER CARD · 擒

qín to catch

擒

qín  
to catch

15 strokes

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# CHARACTER CARD · 故

gù *on purpose*

故

gù  
*on purpose*

9 strokes

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# CHARACTER CARD · 纵

zòng *to let go*



zòng  
*to let go*

7 strokes

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# Practice · 欲擒故纵 yù qín gù zòng

Trace the first row, then write the whole phrase four times. Say it out loud each time.

| yù | qín | gù | zòng |
|----|-----|----|------|
| 欲  | 擒   | 故  | 纵    |
|    |     |    |      |
|    |     |    |      |
|    |     |    |      |
|    |     |    |      |

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## ① 字面意思 · LITERAL MEANING

## 第 16 计 · 欲擒故纵

*Let him go, to catch him*

## 《三十六计》原文

逼则反兵；走则减势。紧随勿迫。累其气力，消其斗志，散而后擒，兵不血刃。需，有孚，光。

First: push him, he pushes back. Second: let him go, his force drains.

## 古代那一行 · THEN

逼

逼他，他会反扑

push him, he pushes back



走

放他走，气势会掉

let him go, his force drains



随

跟着他，但别逼死他

follow him, do not press

② 背后道理 + ③ 今天怎么用

## 等，还是设套

*Wait, or set him up.*

**界线**

**设套，是你先动手，还不承认**

*Setting him up means you move first and hide it.*

今天怎么用 · NOW

**给空间**

**先把空间给足**

*Give space first.*



**跟着**

**跟在他后面，别替他扶方向盘**

*Stay behind them. Do not hold the wheel.*



**撞墙后**

**等他撞上墙，再谈规则**

*When they hit the wall, then talk rules.*

**中国人的解法**

**可以等，不能设套**

*You can wait. You cannot set him up.*

## 结论 · THE TAKEAWAY

## 等，还是设套

*Wait, or set him up.*

一个人越走越远，只有两种处理法

Two ways to handle someone going too far.

等 · WAIT

那一步是他自己走的

给空间／跟着／他自己撞墙

Wait: the step is his, and so is the bill.

↓ VS ↓

设套 · SET HIM UP

你先动手，你付账

先动手／编一条／账回自己

Set him up: you move first, and you pay.

可以等  
不能设套

可以等，不能设套。

You can wait. You cannot set him up.

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to catch him.

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