

Outcome of Home Depot HD Buyout of GMS (\$4.3 Billion)

6		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
5		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
4		H	H	H		3	3	3		9
3		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
2		H	H	T		3	3	2		8
1		H	T	T		3	2	2		7

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HEXAGRAM 21 - Shih Ho - Biting Through

Above LI THE CLINGING, FIRE
Below CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

This hexagram **represents** an open mouth (cf. hexagram 27) with an obstruction (in the fourth place) between the teeth.

As a **result** the lips cannot meet.

To bring them together one must **bite energetically through** the obstacle.

Since the hexagram is **made up** of the trigrams for thunder and for lightning, it **indicates** how obstacles are forcibly removed in nature.

- Energetic biting through **overcomes** the obstacle that prevents joining of the lips;
- the storm with its thunder and lightning **overcomes** the disturbing tension in nature.
- Recourse to law and penalties **overcomes** the disturbances of harmonious social life caused by
 - criminals and
 - slanderers.

The **theme** of this hexagram is a **criminal lawsuit**, in contradistinction to that of Sung, CONFLICT (6), which **refers** to **civil suits**.

THE JUDGMENT

BITING THROUGH has **success**.
It is favorable to let justice be administered.

When an obstacle to union arises,
energetic biting through brings success.

This is true in all situations.
Whenever unity cannot be established,

the obstruction is due to a talebearer and traitor who is interfering and blocking the way.
To prevent permanent injury,
vigorous measures must be taken at once.
Deliberate obstruction of this sort does not vanish of its own accord.
Judgment and punishment are required to deter or obviate it.

However,
it is important to proceed in the right way.

The hexagram combines

- Li, clarity, and
- Chen, excitement.

- Li is yielding,
- Chen is hard.

Unqualified hardness and excitement
would be too violent in meting out punishment;
unqualified clarity and gentleness
would be too weak.

The two together create the just measure.

It is of moment that

- the man who makes the decisions (represented by the fifth line) is gentle by nature,
while
- he commands respect by his conduct in his position.

THE IMAGE

Thunder and lightning: The image Of BITING THROUGH.

Thus

the kings of former times

made firm the laws

Through clearly defined penalties.

Penalties are the individual applications of the law.

The laws specify the penalties.

- Clarity prevails when mild and severe penalties are clearly differentiated,
- according to the nature of the crimes.
 - This is symbolized by the clarity of lightning.
- The law is strengthened by a just application of penalties.
 - This is symbolized by the terror of thunder.

This clarity and severity have the effect of instilling respect;

it is not that the penalties are ends in themselves.

- The obstructions in the social life of man increase when there is
 - lack of clarity in the penal codes and
 - slackness in executing them.
- The only way to strengthen the law is

- o to make it clear and
- o to make penalties certain and swift.

THE LINES:

Nine in the fourth place means:

- Bites on dried gristly meat.
- Receives metal arrows.

It furthers one

- to be mindful of difficulties And
- to be persevering.

Good fortune.

- There are great obstacles to be overcome,
- powerful opponents are to be punished.

Though this is arduous, the effort succeeds.

But it is necessary to be

- hard as metal and
 - straight as an arrow
- to surmount the difficulties.

If one

- knows these difficulties and
- remains persevering,

he attains good fortune.

The difficult task is achieved in the end.

MOVING HEXAGRAM

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HEXAGRAM 27 – I - The Corners of the Mouth (Providing Nourishment)

Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

Below CHEN THE AROUSING, THUNDER

This hexagram is a picture of an open mouth;

- above and below are the firm lines of the lips, and
- between them the opening.

Starting with the mouth,

through which we take food for nourishment,
the thought leads to nourishment itself.

Nourishment

- of oneself, specifically of the **body**, is represented in the three lower lines,
- while the three upper lines represent nourishment and care of others, in a higher, spiritual sense.

THE JUDGMENT

THE CORNERS OF THE MOUTH.

Perseverance brings good fortune.

Pay heed

- to the providing of nourishment And
- to what a man seeks To fill his own mouth with.

In bestowing care and nourishment, it is important

- that the right people should be taken care of and
- that we should attend to our own nourishment in the right way.

If

- we wish to know what anyone is like,
- we have only to observe
 - on whom he bestows his care and
 - what sides of his own nature he cultivates and nourishes.

Nature nourishes all creatures.

The great man fosters and takes care of superior men,
in order to take care of all men through them.

Mencius says about this:

If

- we wish to know whether anyone is superior or not,
- we need only observe what part of his being he regards as especially important.

The body has

- superior and inferior,
- important and unimportant parts.

We

- must not injure important parts for the sake of the unimportant,
- nor must we injure the superior parts for the sake of the inferior.
- He who cultivates the inferior parts of his nature is an inferior man.
- He who cultivates the superior parts of his nature is a superior man. 1

THE IMAGE

At the foot of the mountain, thunder:

The image of PROVIDING NOURISHMENT.

Thus the superior man is

- careful of his words And
- temperate in eating and drinking.

"God comes forth in the sign of the Arousing" 2:

when in the spring the life forces stir again,
all things come into being anew.

"He brings to perfection in the sign of Keeping Still":
thus
in the early spring, when the seeds fall to earth,
all things are made ready.

This is an **image** of providing nourishment through

- movement and
- tranquility.

The superior man takes it as a pattern for the

- nourishment and
- cultivation of

his character.

- Words are a movement going from within outward.
- Eating and drinking are movements from without inward.

Both kinds of movement can be modified by tranquility.

For

tranquility

- keeps the words that come out of the mouth from exceeding proper measure,
and
- keeps the food that goes into the mouth from exceeding its proper measure.

Thus character is cultivated.