THE ELEMENTS OF COMBAT

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“Every action is seen to fall into one of three main categories: guarding, hitting, or moving. Here, then, are the elements of combat, whether in war or pugilism.”

B.H. Liddell Hart

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VIOLENT ACTIVITIES

- Does the player do the violence himself?
- Does he use realistic weapons?
- How frequently does the player perform the violent act?
- Does the game reward the player for performing violent acts?
- Does the game show in any way that violence is “not appropriate?”
- How graphic is the violence?
- Is the violence against “bad guys”?

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RANGES OF COMBAT

- Close-range combat
- Medium-range combat
- Long-range combat
- Area effects

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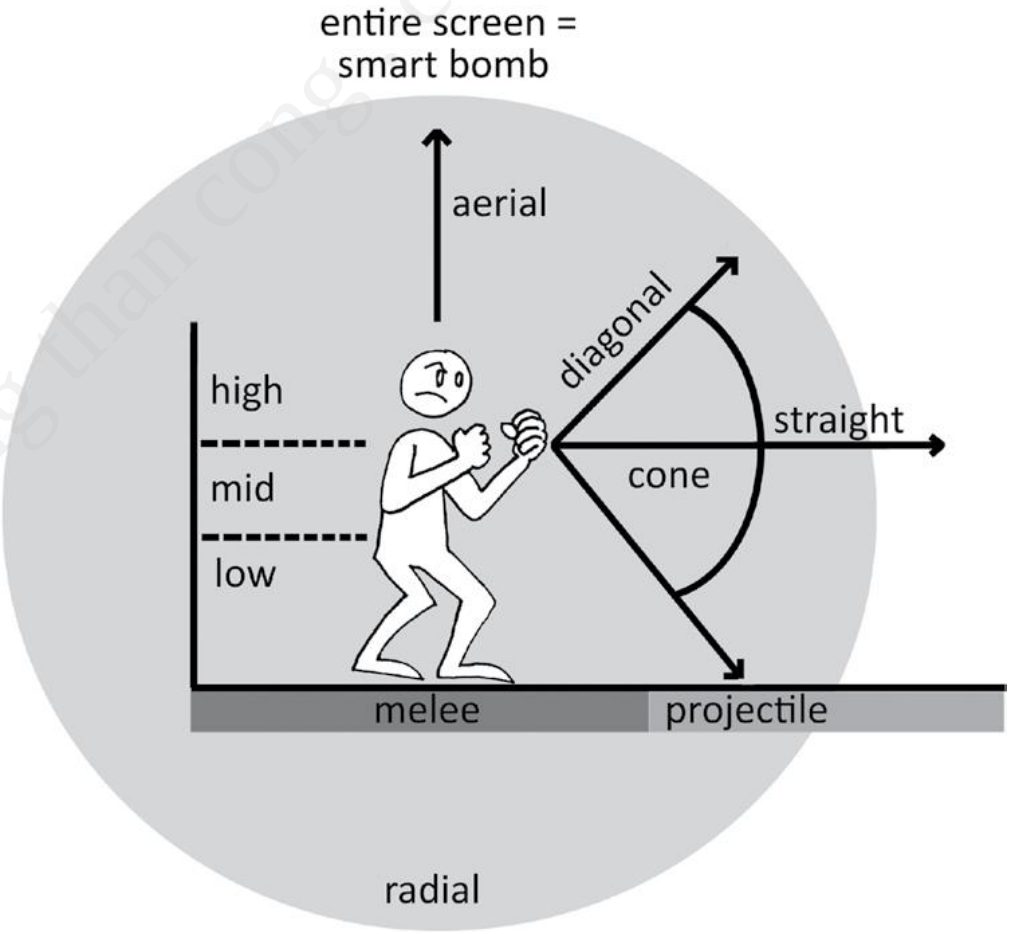
ATTACK ELEVATIONS

- Standing position
- Low position
- High position
- Aerial position



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ATTACK MATRIX

- Attack name
- Control scheme
- Range of attack
- Speed of attack
- Direction of attack
- Damage
- Special

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ATTACK MATRIX

Attack	Control	Range	Speed	Direction	Damage	Special
Slash	Square	Close	Med	Horizontal	Medium (10 hps)	Can be blocked by shield
Overhead strike	Triangle	Close	Med	Vertical	Medium (10 hps)	Can be thwarted by helmet
Thrust	Forward on stick, Triangle	Close	Fast	Forward	Strong (25 hps)	Knockback to target
Jump strike	X, down on stick, Triangle	Close, Medium	Slow	Downward	Strong (25 hps)	Stun to any target in two-unit Radius

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PUT ‘EM UP!

- Punch
- Kick
- Knock-up and juggling
- Stealth kill
- Grapple
- Throw
- Slap
- Block and Cancel
- Parry and Counter
- Focus attack
- Taunt

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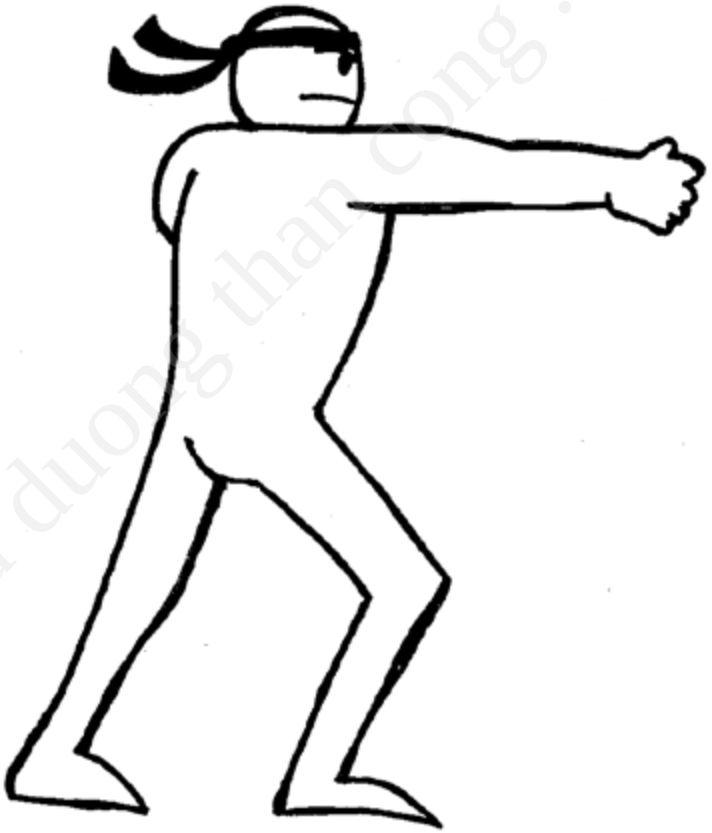
PUNCH



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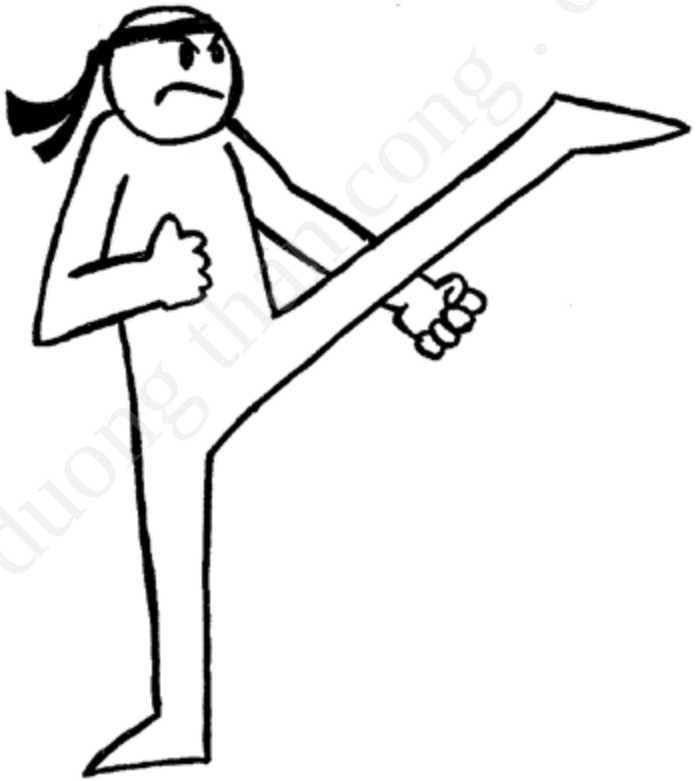
KICK



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KNOCK-UP AND JUGGLING

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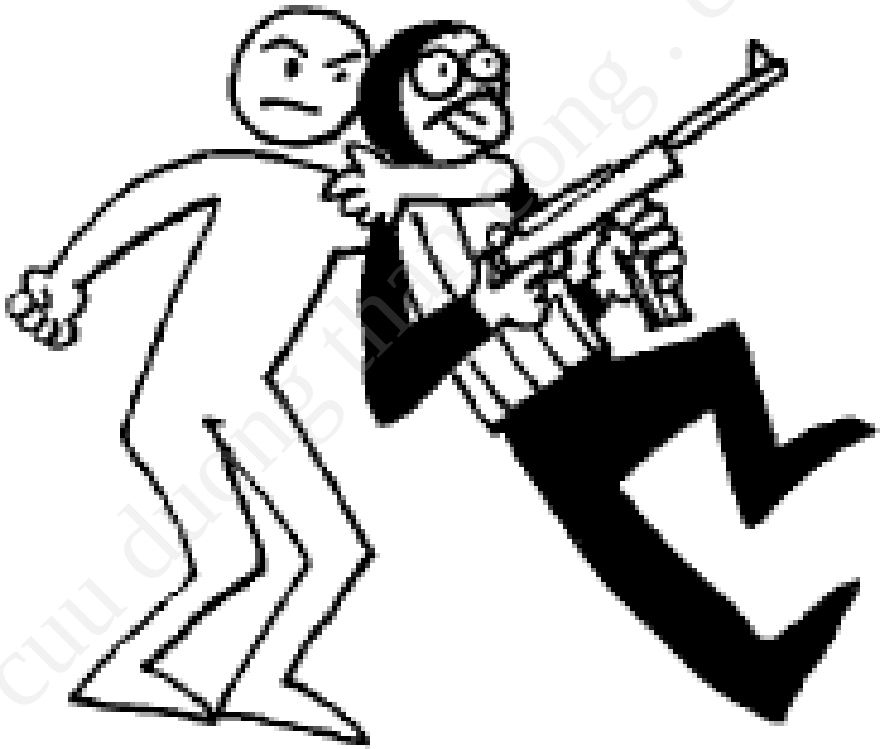
STEALTH KILL



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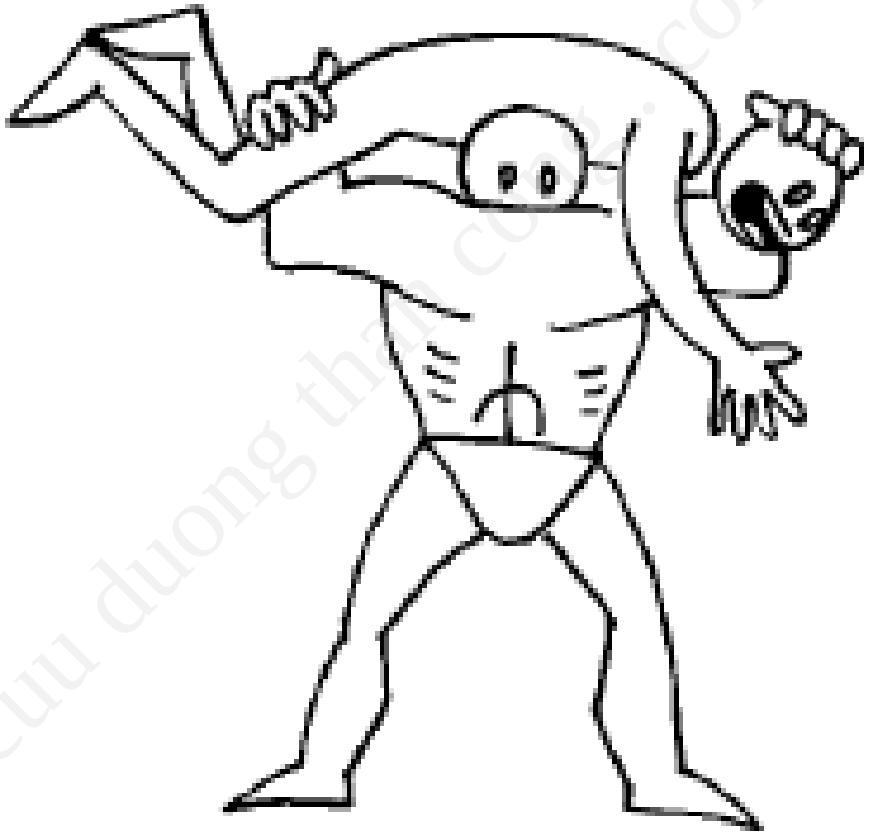
GRAPPLE



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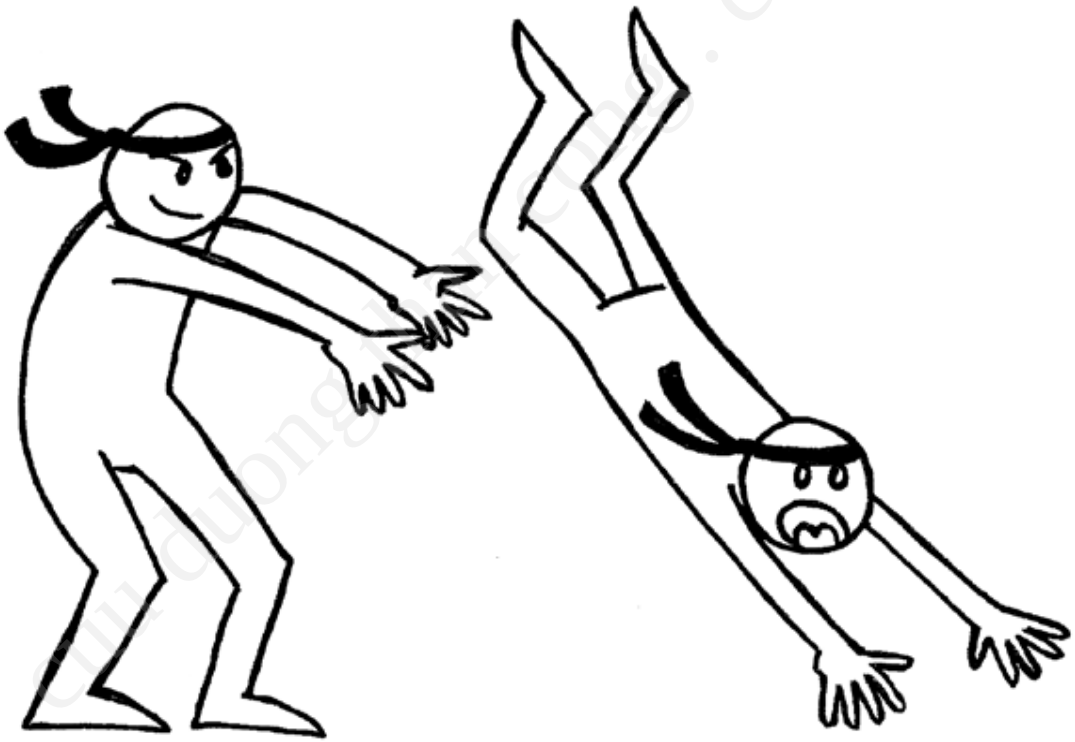
THROW



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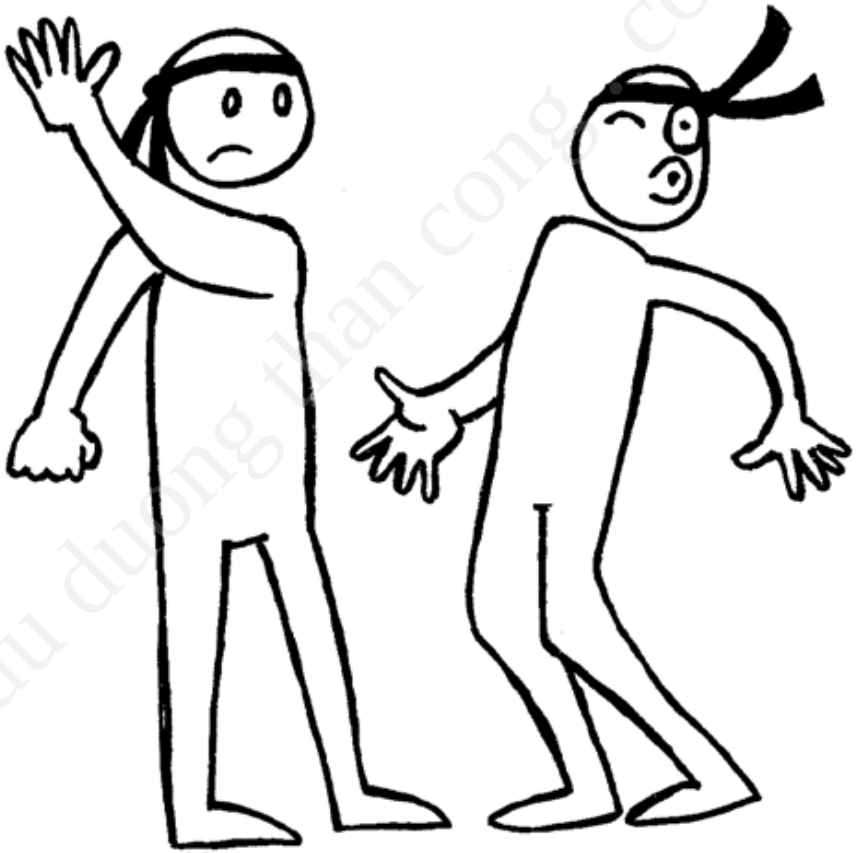
SLAP



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BLOCK AND CANCEL

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PARRY AND COUNTER

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FOCUS ATTACK

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TAUNT

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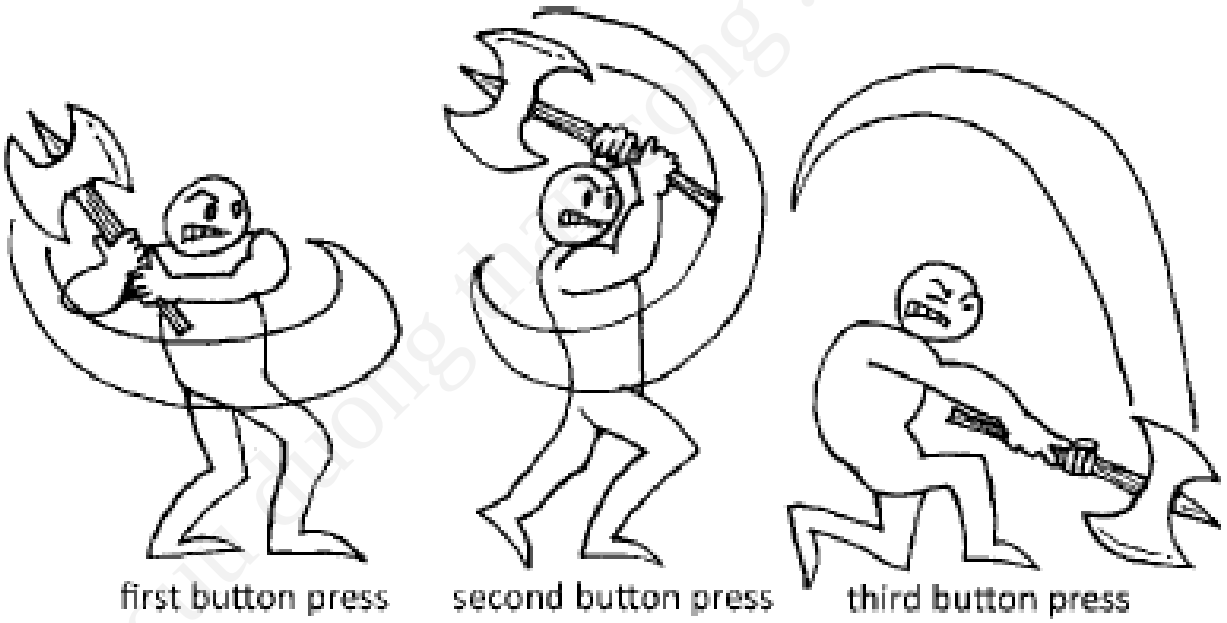
COMBAT CHAIN



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SUPER MOVE

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DEFENSIVE

- Dodges and rolls
- Dashes
- Jump

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DODGING THE BULLET

- Let the player know it's started
- Outnumber the player
- The player should still move faster than everyone else.
- Give opportunities for precision shooting
- Make the soundtrack match the action
- You can never have too many effects
- Make bullet time a "sometimes" mechanic or save it for special occasions
- Save it for "super dramatic" moments

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GUNS

- Pistols
- Rifles
- Shotguns
- Flamethrowers
- Automatic weapons
- Heavy weapons

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GUNS'S ATTACK MATRIX

Weapon	Short	Medium	Long
Dual pistols	Strong	Weak	N/A
Assault rifle	Strong but slow	Very Strong	Weak
Shotgun	Very Strong	N/A	N/A
Sniper rifte	N/A	Medium	Very Strong

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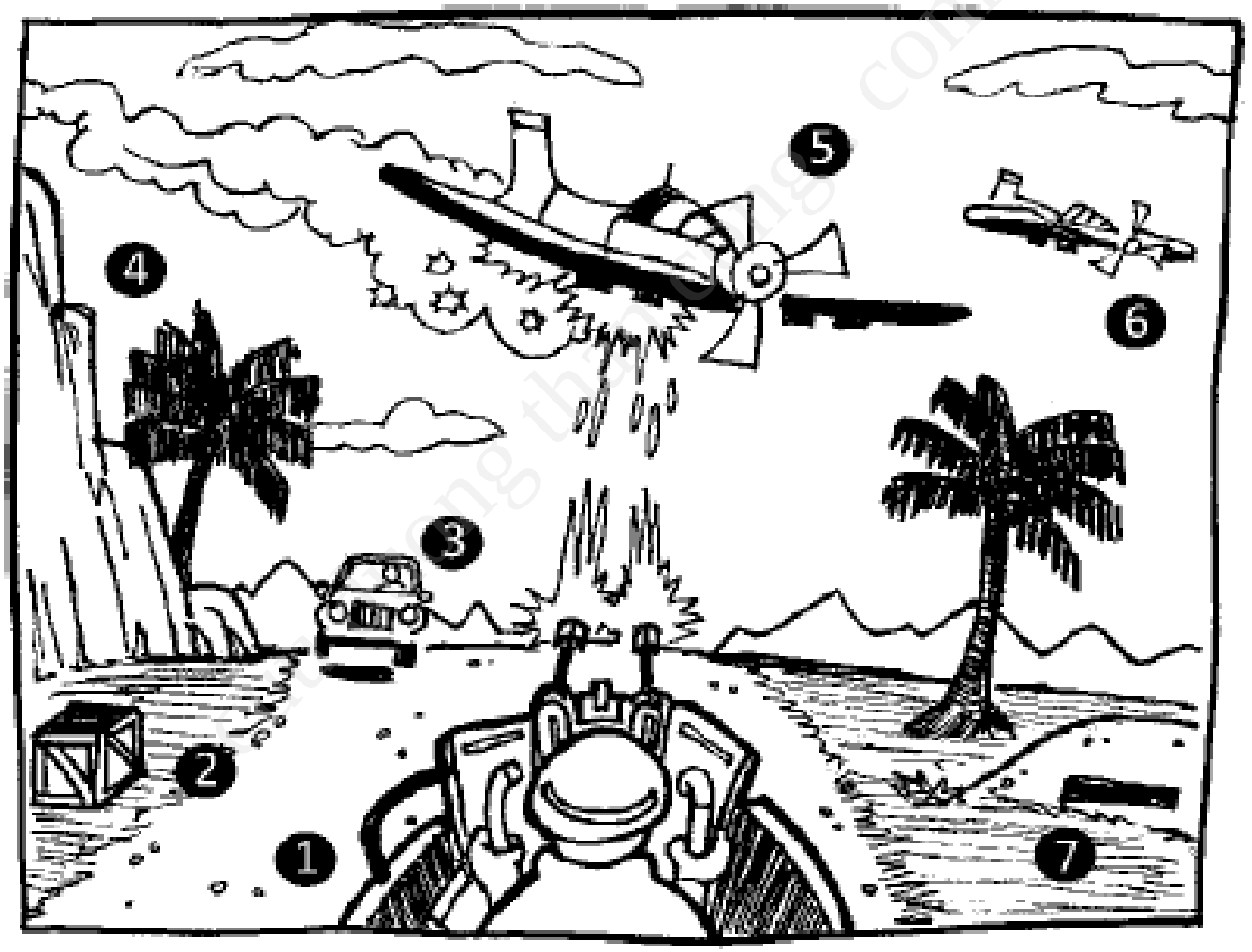
RUN AND GUN



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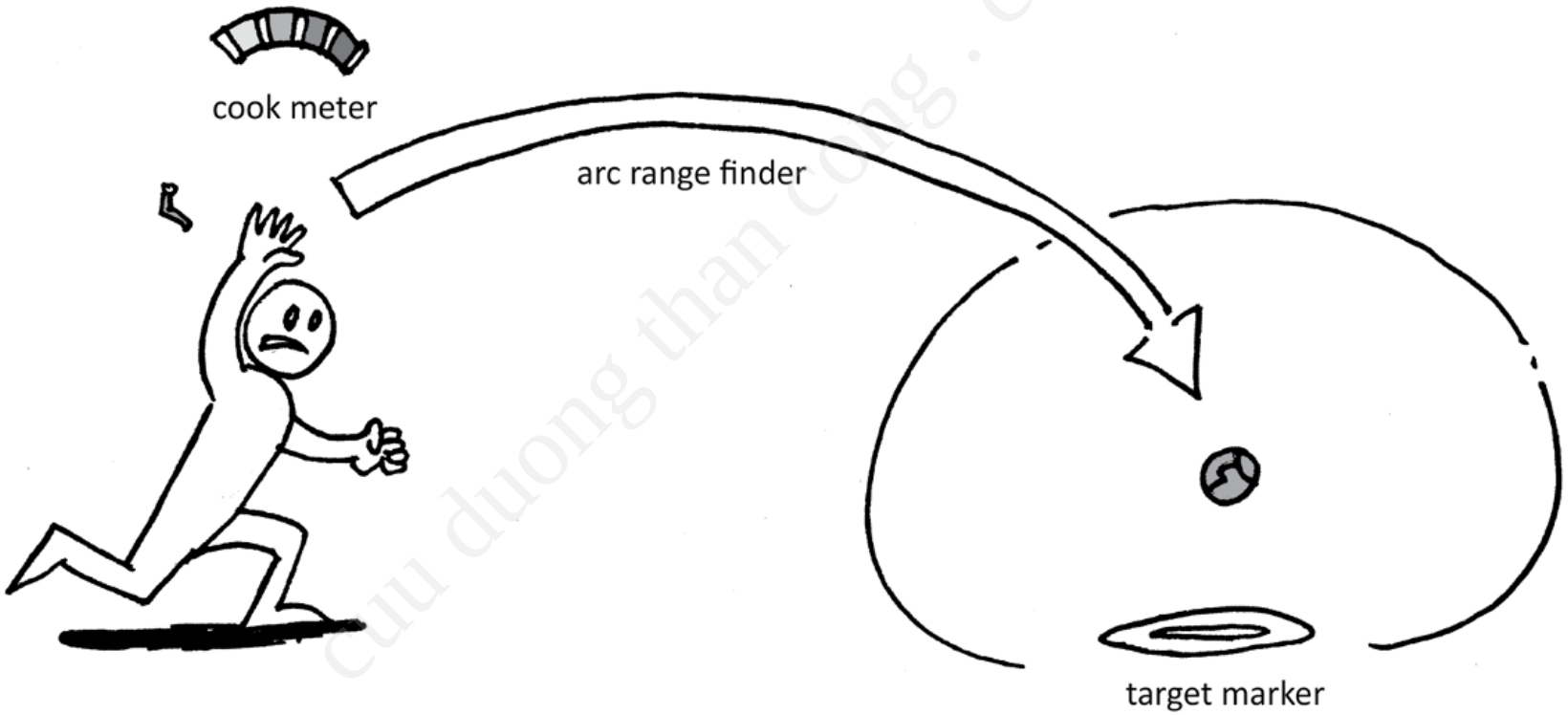

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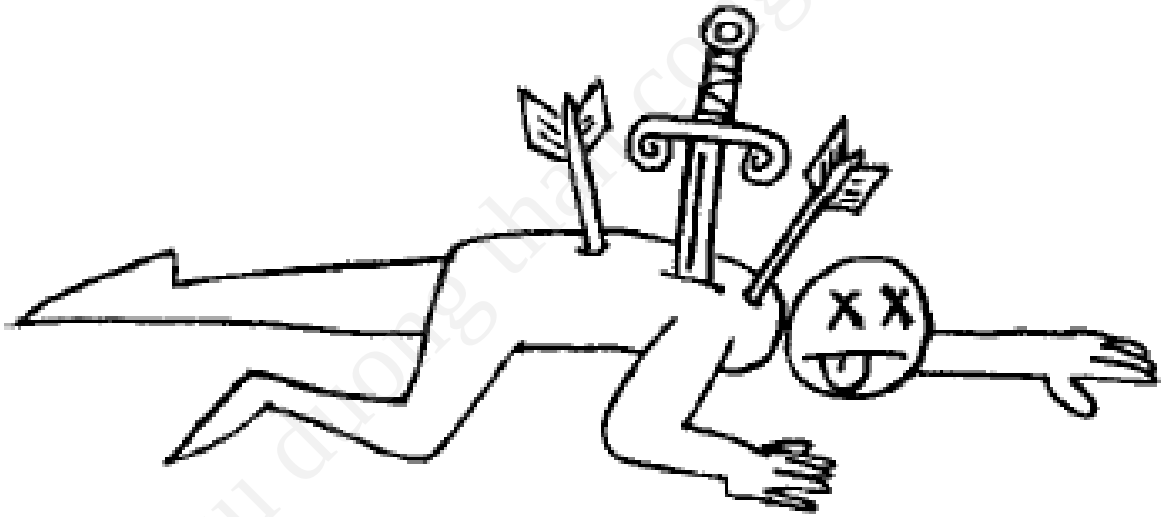
LIVES AND GAME OVER SCREENS



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