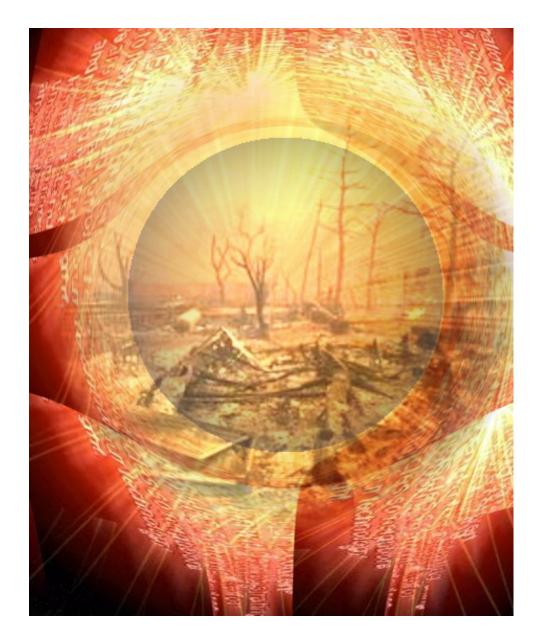
Peace Pieces : Reflections on Violence and Conflict Resolution

## **NUCLEAR TESTING:**

## A testosterone-poisoned perspective on atomic weapons

- *Frida:* Can you believe it? Over 500 nuclear tests have been conducted since 1945!
- Satoru: (blinking his eyes in feigned surprise) Human stupidity is amazing.
- Ying: When will we stop?
- Dmiritri: I suspect only when it's a necessity not a choice..
- *Frida:* God help us! At that point, it may be too late.

## We're a peace-loving nation determined to be strong. There's no need to be upset if we convert megatons of rock into radioactive dust, demonstrating our freedom and independence will never be for gone. Other nations have detonated nuclear devices why shouldn't we? All nations with atomic arsenals need to flex their muscles so neigh bors can see. We are proud of our technology and political respect comes from money & military might. Even idiots understand anyone messing with us must pay an awe some price.



- *Pixxâkiû:* Do you think the author believed this foolish rhetoric?
- $AR^{3}X_{108}$ : Who knows? Rhetoric often has a seductive power.
- *Pixxâkiû:* Only a few people consistently cut through rhetoric with clear logic.
- $AR^{3}X_{108}$ : That statement sounds rather naive: isn't logic itself but another form of rhetoric?

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