

## **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 techno-  
logy 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?

*AR³X<sub>108</sub>:* Who knows? Rhetoric often has a seductive power.

*Pixxâkiû:* Only a few people consistently cut through rhetoric with clear logic.

*AR³X<sub>108</sub>:* That statement sounds rather naive: isn't logic itself but another form of rhetoric?

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