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an end game. Sometimes pieces on the board are sacrificed for a greater good. The ultimate end, or aim, is to win the chess game, to reach the point where you can say, mate, the king is dead. The king is never taken off the board. You just create a set of circumstances where the king cannot move without placing himself in jeopardy, or is already jeopardized by a piece and nothing can intercede or intervene to save the king. Then you say, mate. But there is also stalemate, where nobody wins, nobody loses; it's a draw, a tie. And that can go on forever. I can move a piece, you can move a piece; I can move a piece, you can move a piece. It's like these pointless arguments that people get into where for a half an hour Mr. A says, yes, it is; Mr. B says, no, it isn't; yes, it is; no, it isn't, for a half-hour. Then, when the half-hour is over, Mr. A is continuing to say, yes, it is; Mr. B is continuing to say, no, it isn't. So a point will be reached when both of the chess players recognize that neither is going to make an error. Each is familiar enough with the nature of the game, the rules of the game, the strategies, the tactics to go ahead and throw in the towel and say that it's over. What some people are able to do is to look far enough ahead in a chess game to realize that there is no chance of winning, and the person will resign or retire, just give it up. And people watching, who do not have that insight, will say, why did you let it go at that point? Well, the one who lets it go...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is not interested in continuing to chew cud that is not going to result in anything of value, so he will let it go. Why do I say "he"? Because the chess masters so far have been males. I don't think women have been encouraged to take up the game; I don't think young girls, young female adolescents, have been encouraged to take up the game, so as a result it has fallen to men. But there might be an approach that a female might have to the game which could completely befuddle and discomfit the men. And I'll spell that word, it's a biblical word, d-i-s-c-o-m-f-i-t. Not "discomfort," but "discomfit." But things being the way they are, conditioning having taken place, females probably will not rise to the heights...