**Advantage:**

“We have a definition in our heads of what an **advantage** is—and the definition isn’t right. And what happens as a result? It means that we make mistakes. It means that we misread battles between underdogs and giants. It means we underestimate how much freedom there can be in what looks like a disadvantage. It’s the Little Pond that maximizes your changes to do whatever you want” (93).

I.I Superior position.

1. a.I.1.a The position, state, or circumstance of being in advance or ahead of another, or having the better of him in any respect; superior or better position; precedence, superiority, esp. in contest or debate.

b.I.1.b To have, gain, get, give advantage of, advantage over (advantage on obs.): superiority over. Also technically to have the advantage of (a person): to have a personal knowledge that is not reciprocal.

†c.I.1.c To be at, upon, advantage: in a favorable position.

†4.I.4 A time of vantage, a favorable occasion, an opportunity, a ‘chance.’

5. a.I.5.a A favoring circumstance; anything which gives one the superiority or tends to improve one's position. (The opposite is disadvantage.)

b.I.5.b to take (the obs.) advantage of (by, at obs.), to make one's advantage of, a thing: To use any favorable condition which it yields; to avail oneself of. Often in a bad sense: To seize an accidental or unintended opportunity of profiting, to overreach (a person). Also to take advantage (without consent).

c.I.5.c To take any one at (upon, on obs.) advantage: when the circumstances favor the taker, as by surprise, stratagem, etc.; to surprise. to play upon advantage (obs.): to cheat.

II.II The result of a superior or better position.

6. a.II.6.a Benefit; enhancement, improvement; increased well-being or convenience; resulting benefit. to one's advantage: to one's benefit, beneficial to one.

b.II.6.b to advantage: So as to increase or augment the effect of anything; advantageously, favorably.

†7.II.7 Pecuniary profit, gain; interest on money lent

†8.II.8 Greater quantity or number, ‘more-ness’; amount or quantity over, additional amount, over-plus, excess. to advantage, of advantage

**Disadvantage:**

“What do we mean when we call something a ***dis*advantage**? Conventional wisdom holds that a disadvantage is something that ought to be avoided—that it is a setback or a difficulty that leaves you worse off than you would be otherwise. But that is not always the case. In the next few chapters, I want to explore the idea that there are such things as ‘*desirable* difficulties’” (102).

* 1. Absence or deprivation of advantage; an unfavourable condition or circumstance.

2.2 Detriment, loss, or injury to interest; diminution of or prejudice to credit or reputation.