

PRIME MINISTER

On the Need for Boldness in Great Leaders
and the Rejection of foolish advice

The King of Persia, Darius, sent an embassy to Alexander the Great offering him half of the Persian Empire, if he would avoid a face to face confrontation.

Alexander's Generals (all reactionaries, of course, who fought every war by the rules of the last one) were unanimously in favour of acceptance.

Their spokesman, who was their most venerable old buffer, one Pormenio, spoke thus:-

"If I were Alexander, I would accept this offer".

Alexander replied:-

"If I were Pormenio, so would I".

Alexander refused the offer from Darius. And conquered the lot - face to face.

This message has come from Brian Walden.

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