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LEARNED FROM
CATASTROPHIC
FAILURES OF
LEADERSHIP



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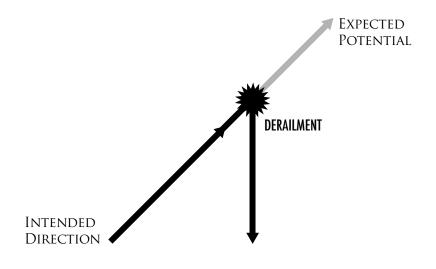


FIGURE 1



"Im like most people, I guess—a mixture of good and bad."

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"I believe, Merkin, that my action today frees you to unleash your God-given talents, and pursue your dreams, in some other venue."

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WHAT'S YOUR CHARACTER QUOTIENT?

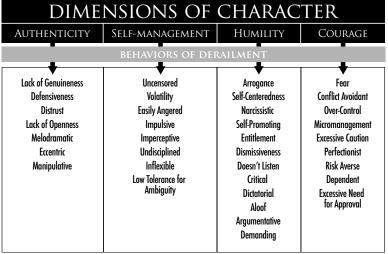


TABLE 1

GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF!

Self-/Other-Awareness Judgment Self-management

FIGURE 2

THE STAR OF YOUR OWN SHOW



"While you were out, sir, the company, rudderless and adrift, operated pretty much the same as always."

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HABITS OF THE HEART TO STAY ON TRACK

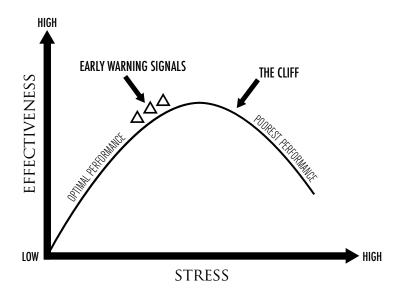


FIGURE 3