

I know Japan. I lived there for 10 years. I know the Japanese intimately. They never break. You cannot break them morally, psychologically or economically, not even when they face imminent defeat. They just tighten their belts, they reduce their food rations from one bowl of rice to half a bowl of rice and they will fight until the bitter end. You can break them either by military defeat or by entire exhaustion of their manpower and material.

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