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There are, however, a few rays of hope, a few societies where men seem to find no pleasure in dominating over, hurting or killing the members of other societies, where all they ask is to be at peace and to be left in peace. These societies are, of course, small, weak technologically backward, and living in inaccessible country; only so could they survive the power-seeking of their uninhibited neighbors.

Among these gentle societies are the Arapesh of New Guinea, mentioned earlier; the Lepchas of Sikkim in the Himalayas (whom I studied); and, most impressive of all, the pygmies of the Ituri rain-forest in the Congo, studied by Colin Turnbull. These small societies (there are several others) living in the most inaccessible deserts and forests and mountains of four continents, have a number of traits in common,

besides the fact that they do not dominate over, hurt or kill one another or their neighbors, though they possess the weapons to do so. Many of them, including the pygmies and the Lepchas until a couple of generations ago, rely almost exclusively on hunting for their protein food.