The Five Pillars of Everything

Part 1. Power

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“Power is neither good nor bad. Power is simply power, and those that fear it merely fear what they do not understand.”

Whether word for word, or something similar, many B tier villains tend to spout similar verbatim while trying to excuse their actions and goals on such premise. That they were unjustly accused of crimes in their search of greater heights and knowledge to improve themselves. They speak as though they are enlightened savants. Sages that have perspectives that vastly surpass the capability of the masses…

To the average Presence user, these idiots are retarded spoiled children that speak as though they have a PHD in thermodynamics because they found out that “fire is hot”.

In other words, they’re a joke that are rarely ever taken seriously by experienced reality travelers.

It should be noted that these idiots are not wrong in the fundamental and inherently ambiguous nature of *Power* in itself. *Power* is indiscriminate at its core. Neither good nor evil. It is the heat of the sun. It is the weight behind a political body. It is what spurns plants to grow. It is the strength behind a fist. It is the divine might behind a holy sword. It is unparalleled pull of a black hole. It is the flash, bang, and destructive impact of a lightning bolt.

It is so many things. And yet, so few ever manage to ever pick apart one simple, dare anyone say blatantly obvious fact.

Raw *Power*. True *Power* in its purest refined form NEVER exists by itself. EVER.

In other words, if the mystic ritual some schmuck is doing, or the ancient artifact a psycho bitch is looking for is known to do some twisted shit, then yeah, it IS probably fundamentally evil and or dangerous…

… So long as the story behind it wasn’t twisted by hypocritical panicking idiots that don’t know any better and believed the first thing that came to their minds. People do tend to be stupid like that.

In the realm of existence, of reality, *Power* can be considered a composite immaterial fuel that enables every and all things to move and function in the first place, to act such that reality does not equate to Zero. It is the miracle one size fits all battery that enables all things physical and not to remain in motion.

The more power one has, the more it can move against the established status quo of reality, for better or for worse. Be it moving a ball, changing a person’s mind, forcing chemicals to react to make a new compound, using brute force to change the rules of reality, or blowing up a planet. It is as simple as that.

That said, much like Lightning and other volatile wells of energy, *Power* is always searching for equilibrium once unleashed or given room to let loose, and will take the fastest, easiest, and sometimes most vicious way to reach it.

For example, it is a common sight for big bads, power hunger idiots, or individuals in general, to turn into Cronenberg-esque like monsters when infused with absurd levels of *Power* in their attempts to become all powerful or god or whatever.

Most assume this happens because the experiment or ritual to do so went wrong. They are incorrect.

The real reason why this reaction happens is that huge amounts of ambient energy is incredibly unstable, and while contained in a physical unconditioned container, *Power* will start to attach itself to various aspects of its host, be it physical or metaphysical.

And like it or not, humanity as a whole are a fundamentally unstable, hypocritical, irrational, and chaotic race. During these wild boosts of pure energy, *Power* latches onto these fundamental uncertainties of their hosts and goes wild, magnifying the things that should not have been touched. Thus, resulting in the unstable amalgamations that are far from the conventional standard that is a normal *human*.

Which are then often subsequently killed with liberal amounts of fire.

While a general high school physics class covers the standards of Kinetic and Potential energy, true Power is a bit more versatile and difficult to measure than that, often depending on which of the other Fundamentals of Reality it is bound to at that time.

Most sentient life forms are familiar with the influence Power takes when primarily bound to *Time* and *Space*. Physical power. Power that is expressed and utilized visibly every day in some form or another. Picking up a smaller rock vs a bigger one. Large animals taking down smaller ones. Contests of strength during mating season.

However Power can be applied in more ways than that.

When mixed with *Rule,* the aspect of reality that governs functionality, Power can amplify or expand the impact of that fundamental aspect. The color Red could be more vibrant. The intensity of Gravity could change. Sounds vary more. An individual’s special ability could be more potent or expand its range several dozen times what they are used to.

*Will* is a curious combination. At face value, *Will* and *Power* have little directly in common that could directly affect one another. Most of the time, beginner Presence users would skip over this match as too ambiguous to be immediately useful.

They predictably and quickly change their tunes when informed that the fusion of *Power* and *Will* mastery usually leads to longevity and vastly enhanced healing, not to mention overhauling every other bodily function. It’s not surprising since at its core, *Life* fundamentally and conceptually is a fusion of these two principles.

Immortality on the other hand, as always, is another subject matter entirely.

Of course, there are a myriad of other combinations that employ *Power* once one jumps down the rabbit hole, but those are for more advanced practitioners. Due to its ambiguous nature, few Presence users ever manage to practice it specifically and extensively. And live, at least. That said, mastery of its fundamentals is a must for any Presence user. The more one is familiar with *Power*, the more efficient they are utilizing their personal reserves, both in application with their own abilities, and refining what they have to increase their natural output.

The current foremost expert in the Omniverse when it comes to *Power* theory and application is Scabbard of the Family. It is said that he utilizes a unique combination of *Power* and *Time* available only to himself that not only enhances his abilities far beyond what is publically known, but that he is one of the few entities in the Omniverse that has interacted with, and can control *Power* in is purest form.

It should be noted that while Scabbard and those close to him refrain from ever make comments on the topic in detail, most have at one point or another verified that these rumors are indeed the truth before showing varying signs of trauma and declining to discuss the topic any further.