

Self-edits, hides vulnerabilities, inauthentic.

Fears scrutiny & judgement,
or being revealed as flawed or a fraud.

I don't dare let
them down.

I can't show
any flaws.

"Don't look down, it's a long, long way to fall..."
High Flying, Adored – Evita.

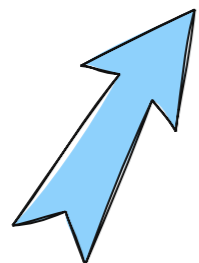
may intentionally or
unintentionally
recruit adorners

may try to silence,
control or discredit
their critics

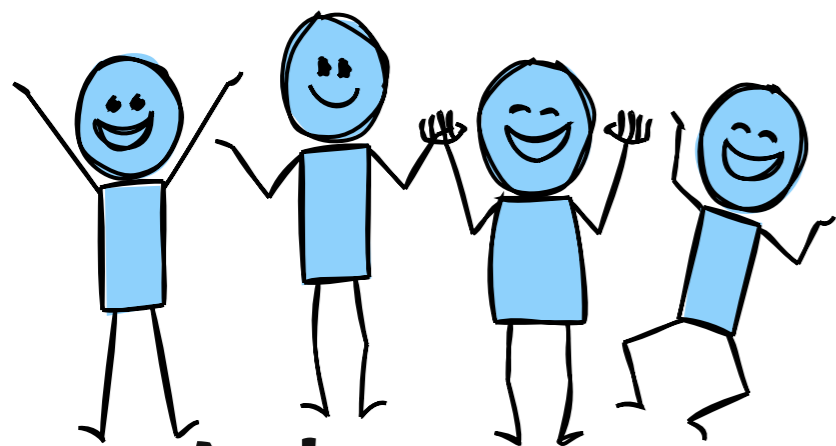
"Adorers came in hordes to lay down in her wake
Gave it all she had but treasures slowly fade
Now she's falling hard, she feels the fall of dark
How did this fall apart?"
The Dreaming Tree – Dave Matthews Band

Exalted

authoritarian leaders, elected,
famous, powerful, wealthy,
visible, uplifted,
enlightened, self-appointed, etc.



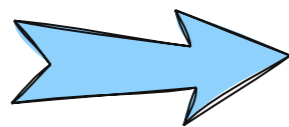
looks up to, tries to emulate,
pins hopes on exalted's success,
live vicariously through or offload
responsibility & their potential to...



Adorers

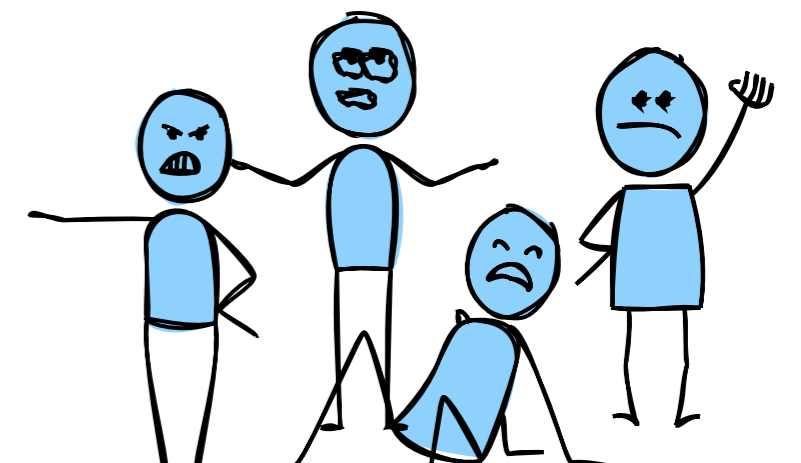
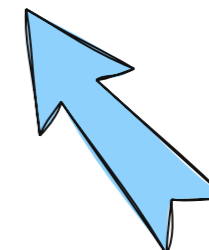
compliant, followers, fans,
acolytes, congregants, etc.

may try to convince or educate critics,
or silence them, other & exclude them.



The Fame-Shame Pedestal

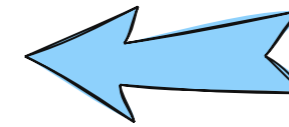
uses mistakes and flaws of exalted
to try to pull them down to earth
or level the "playing field"



Critics

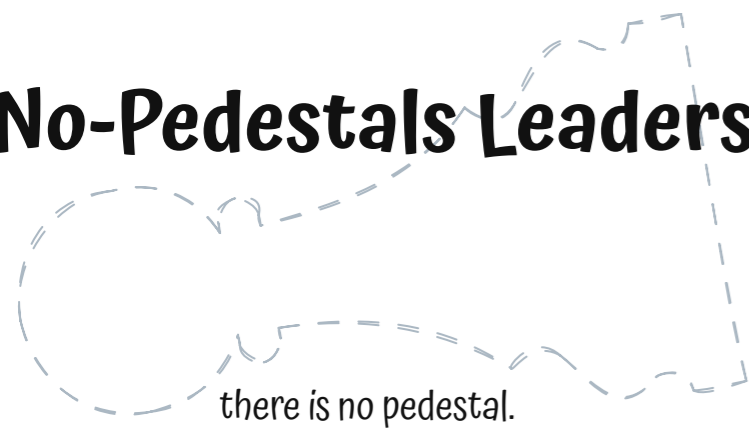
oppressed, rebels, detractors,
envious, whistleblowers, questioning,
disobedient, opponents, etc.

tries to "wake up" the adorers
or treats them like sheeple



Note: shame monitors threats to
belongingness, inclusion, rank & status.

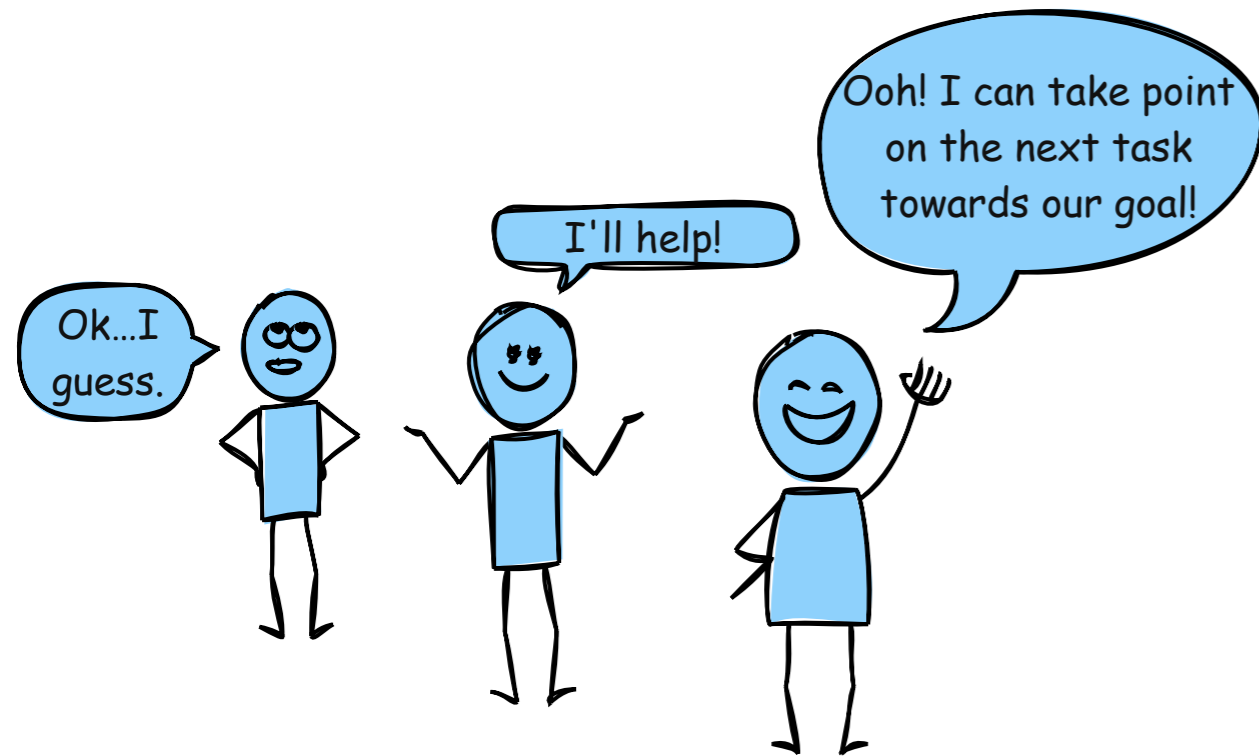
No-Pedestals Leadership Methods



Note: respect, inclusion, equity, compassion, trust, listening, and allowing are all less shame-producing.

One Example:

A more distributed, temporary, volunteer-based leadership situation, where peers take point on specific projects & goals, rather than being elevated over everyone else.



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Concept

Consider a flock of geese style of trailblazing, a strengths-based peer leadership approach. The geese have a common goal or destination, and one group member takes point for a while, and falls back when they get tired. Someone else takes point for a while.

Another form of peer leadership is "first in, last out" where someone takes responsibility for a specific task or project and oversees it to completion.

Peer leadership, or anarchy, has been given a bad rap. It's a good idea to look into various forms of leadership and taking responsibility to prevent elevating leaders and mass disenfranchising others.

Since it's not a competition, those who lack interest or skills for this task can do something else.

