



THE RULE OF LAW:

Power, Authority, and Accountability

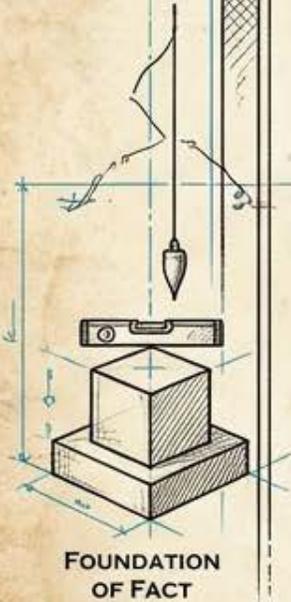
Module 3: The Sole End of Government

Authority, Delegation, and the Cage

HOUSE RULES

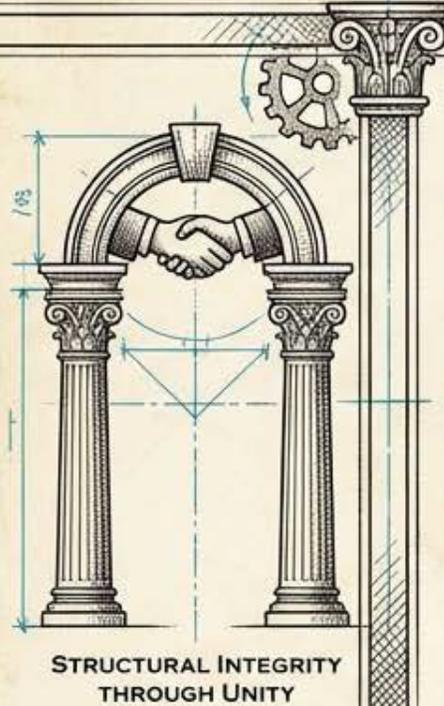
Veritas Potissimum (Truth above all)

Regardless of wishes, inclinations, or passions, we rely on facts and evidence.



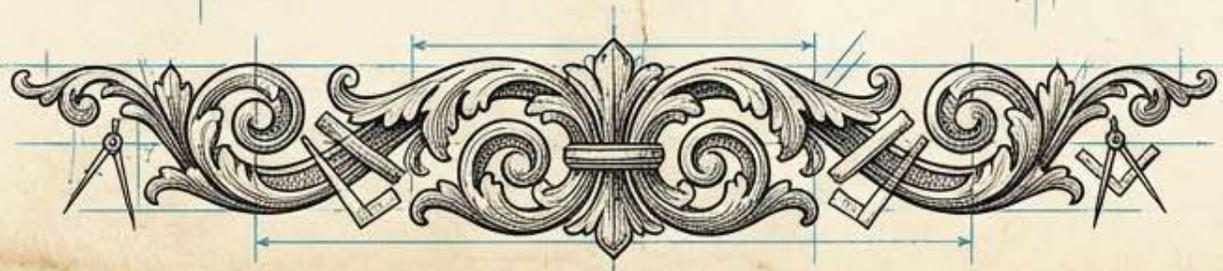
Mutua Observantia (Mutual Respect)

Adherence to the golden rule; loyalty and tolerance.

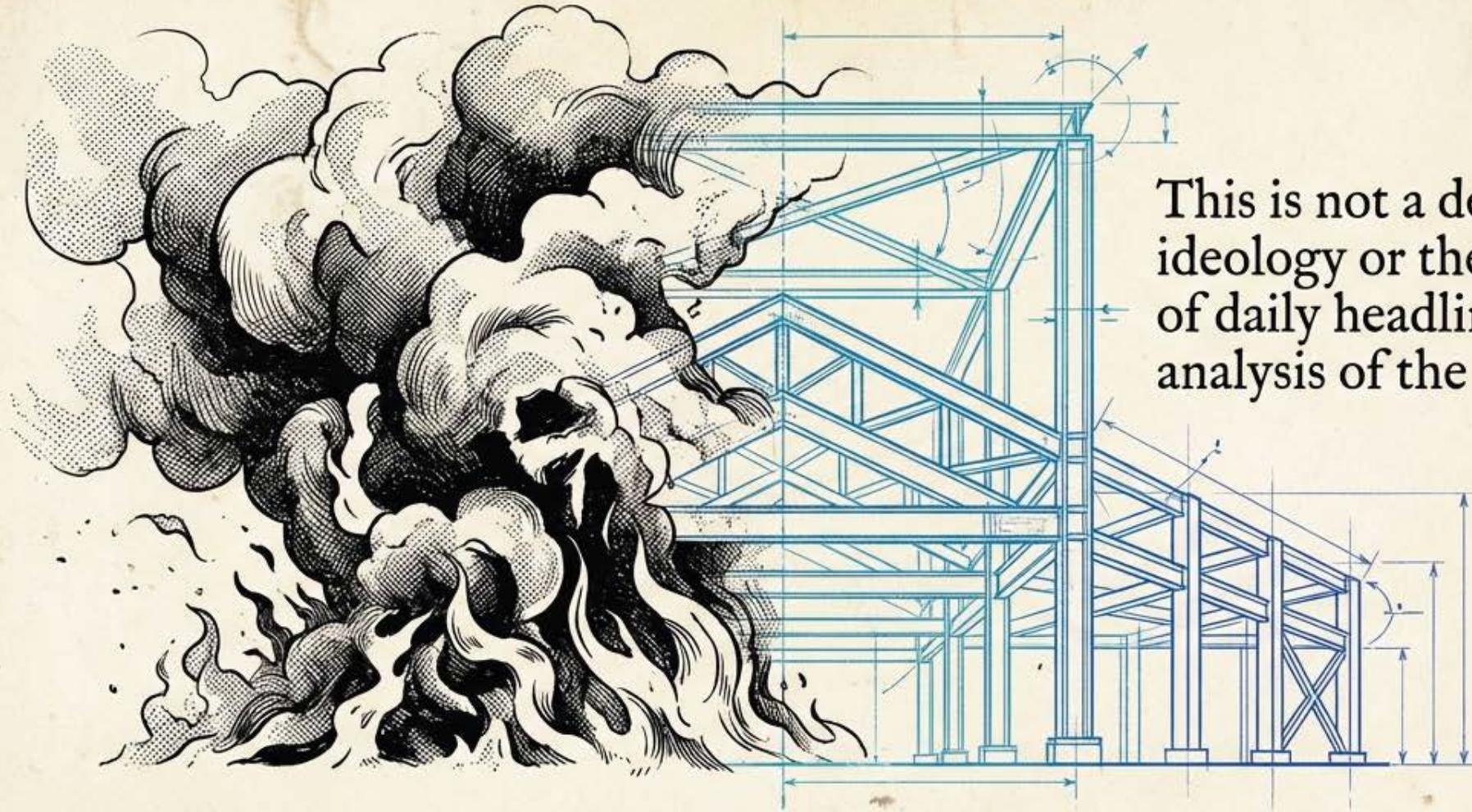


Conlationem Gratuiti (Selfless Contribution)

Sharing experiential knowledge for the group's growth.



THE ARCHITECTURE OF POWER



This is not a debate over ideology or the “weather” of daily headlines. It is an analysis of the blueprints.

“Once you understand the mechanics of authority, the smoke loses its power to confuse. Recognize the physics of your own liberty.”

THE FIRST STRUCTURAL FACT

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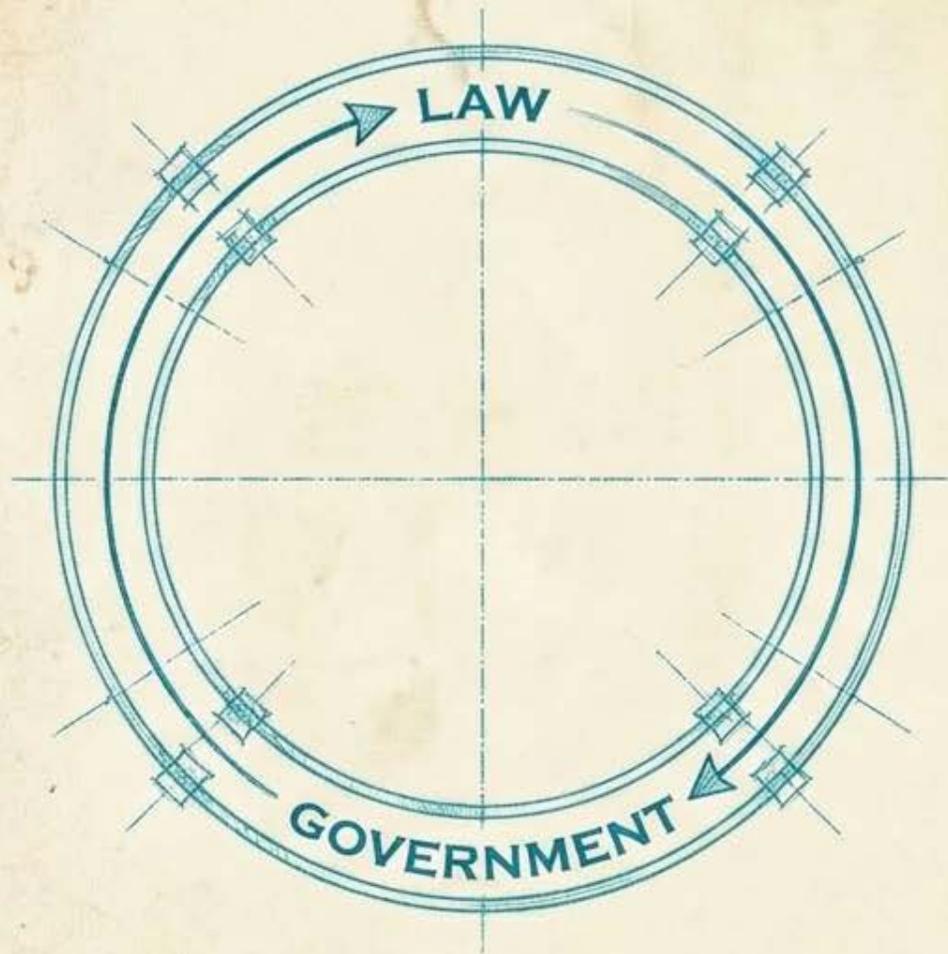
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and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's
God entitle them... — which we musty arr the arr

- 'Entitle' is the operative word.
- Power flows downward from a higher source.
- The people do not invent their station; they recognize and assume it based on prior law.

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to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them...

The Core Maxim

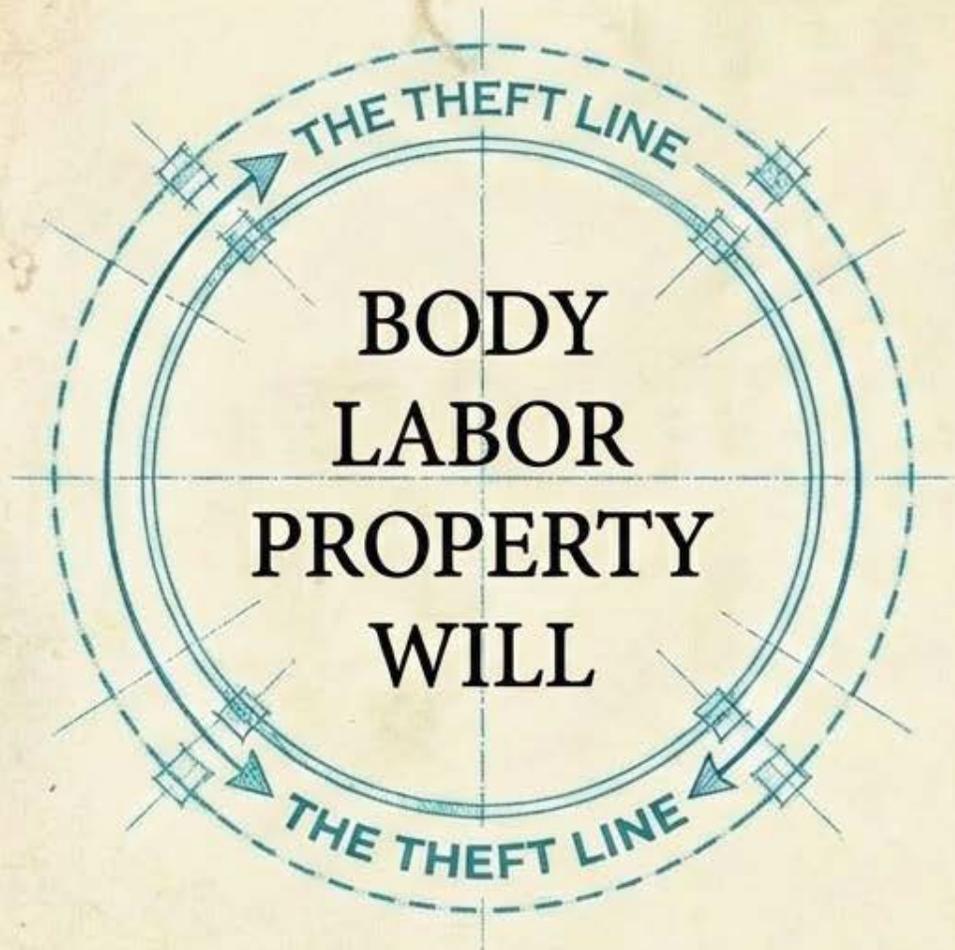


Government is subject to the law because the law makes the government.

1. The Declaration sets the origin point: Law exists first.
2. Government comes later, only as an instrument.
3. If you reverse this order, you do not have government. You have something else entirely.

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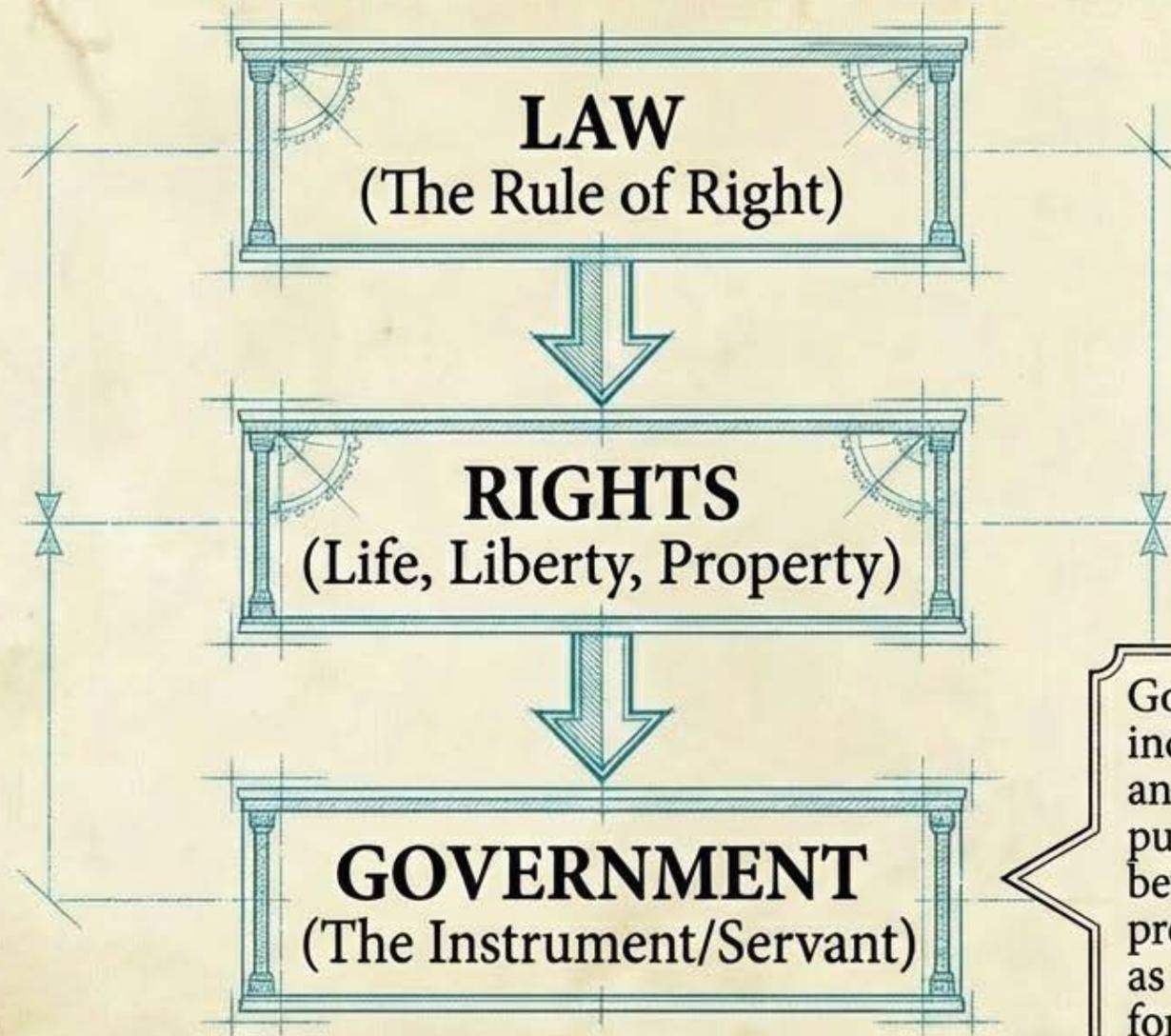
Immutable Facts



- 1. LAW EXISTS BEFORE GOVERNMENT.**
(LAW = RULE OF RIGHT).
- 2. RIGHTS EXIST BEFORE GOVERNMENT.**
(RIGHTS ARE PRE-POLITICAL).
- 3. LAW EXISTS TO PROTECT RIGHTS.**

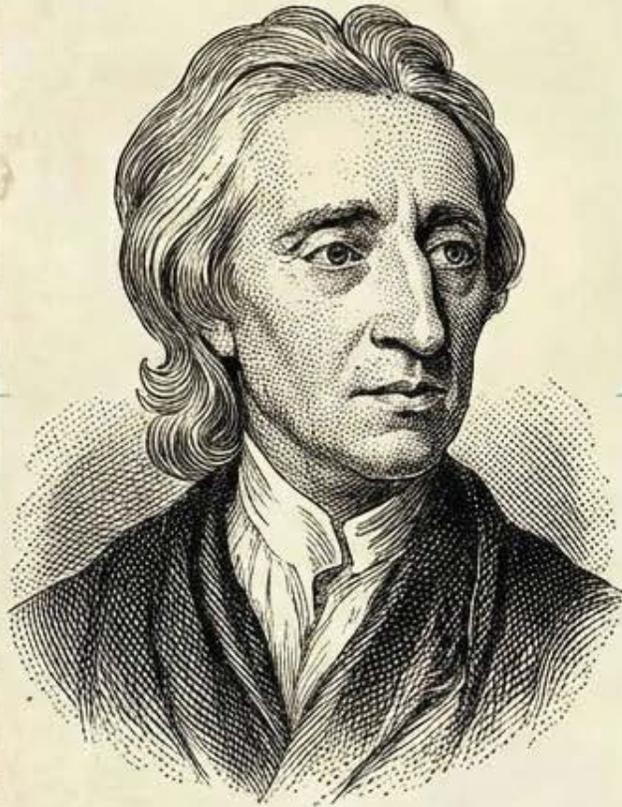
When a claimed right requires extraction from another's circle,
it is not a right; it is organized injury.

The Order of Operations



Government is not an independent actor. It is an instrument created for a purpose. When it steps beyond protection into provision, it ceases to operate as government and becomes force without authority.

The Lockean Principle



“...whenever the legislators endeavour to take away and destroy the property of the people... they put themselves into a state of war with the people... and it devolves to the people, who have a right to resume their original liberty.”

Two Treatises on Government § 222

Codified in 14th Amendment: Breach of oath tied to rebellion voids authority automatically.

The Sole Legitimate End

Alabama Constitution, Article I, Section 35

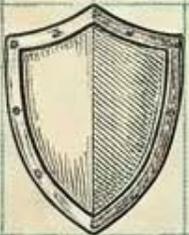
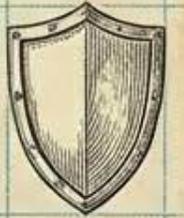


“The sole and only legitimate end of government is to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property; and when government assumes other functions, it is usurpation and oppression.”

- It does not say **PROMOTE**.
- It does not say **PROVIDE**.

Protection: Defensive. Presumes existence. Requires restraint.

Usurpation: Taking authority that never belonged to the actor.



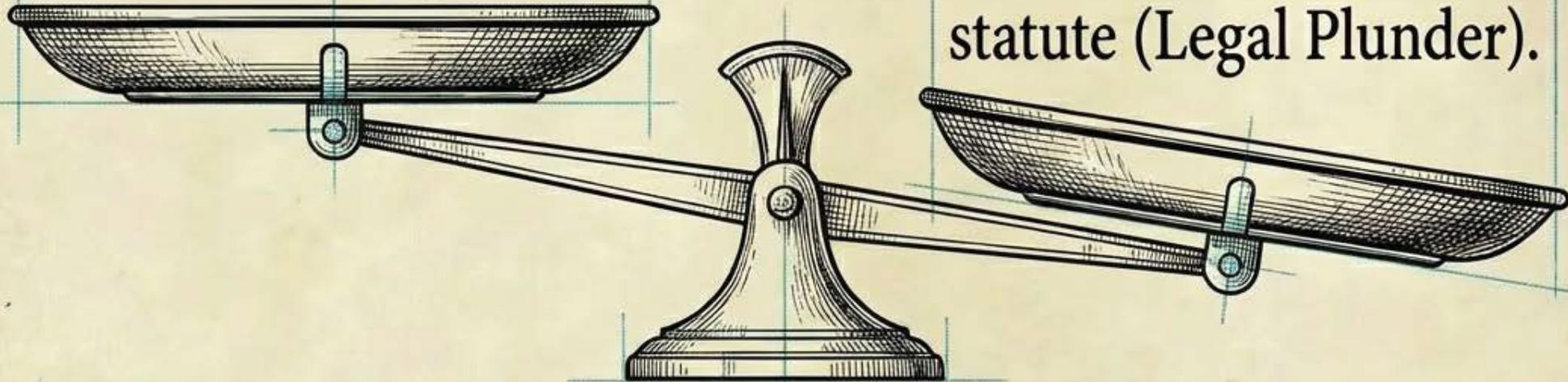
Force vs. Authority

DELEGATED FORCE

Enforcement pursuant
to lawful delegation.

ASSUMED FORCE

Violence clothed in
statute (Legal Plunder).



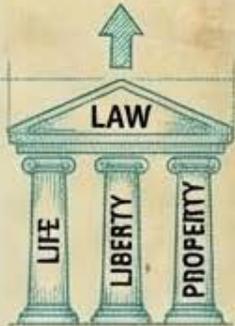
Needs do not create authority.
Problems do not generate jurisdiction.

The Origin of Law

Frédéric Bastiat

“Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place.”

- Rights exist without permission, grant, or delegation.
- **Reference:** “All men are created equal... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.”
- **Unalienable:** Cannot be transferred or surrendered.



The Collective Organization of Right

Law is the collective organization of the individual right to lawful defense.

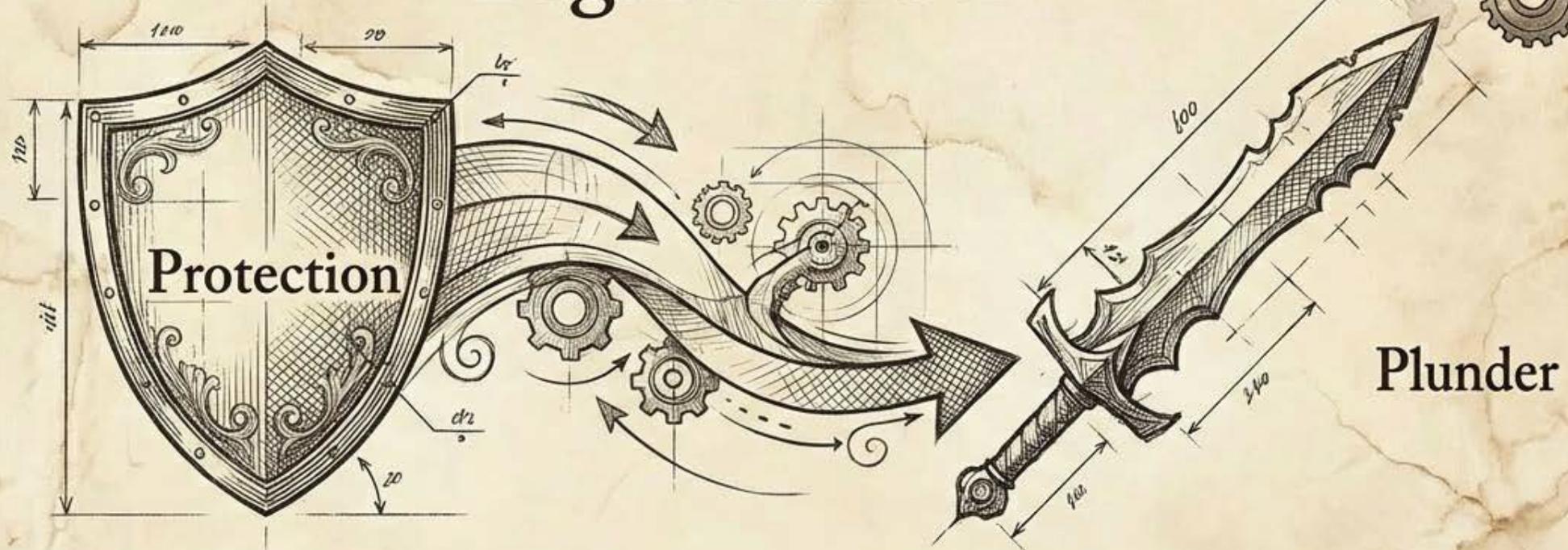
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If an individual cannot lawfully cross a boundary, the group cannot lawfully cross it either.
Voting does not create new authority.

Bastiat states the linchpin explicitly:

“If every man has the right of defending, even by force, his person, his liberty, and his property, a number of men have the right to combine together to extend, to organize a common force to provide regularly for this defense. Collective right, then, has its principle, its reason for existing, its lawfulness, in individual right; and the common force cannot rationally have any other end, or any other mission, than that of the isolated forces for which it is substituted. Thus, as the force of an individual cannot lawfully touch the person, the liberty, or the property of another individual, for the same reason, the common force cannot lawfully be used to destroy the person, the liberty, or the property of individuals or of classes.”

Legal Plunder

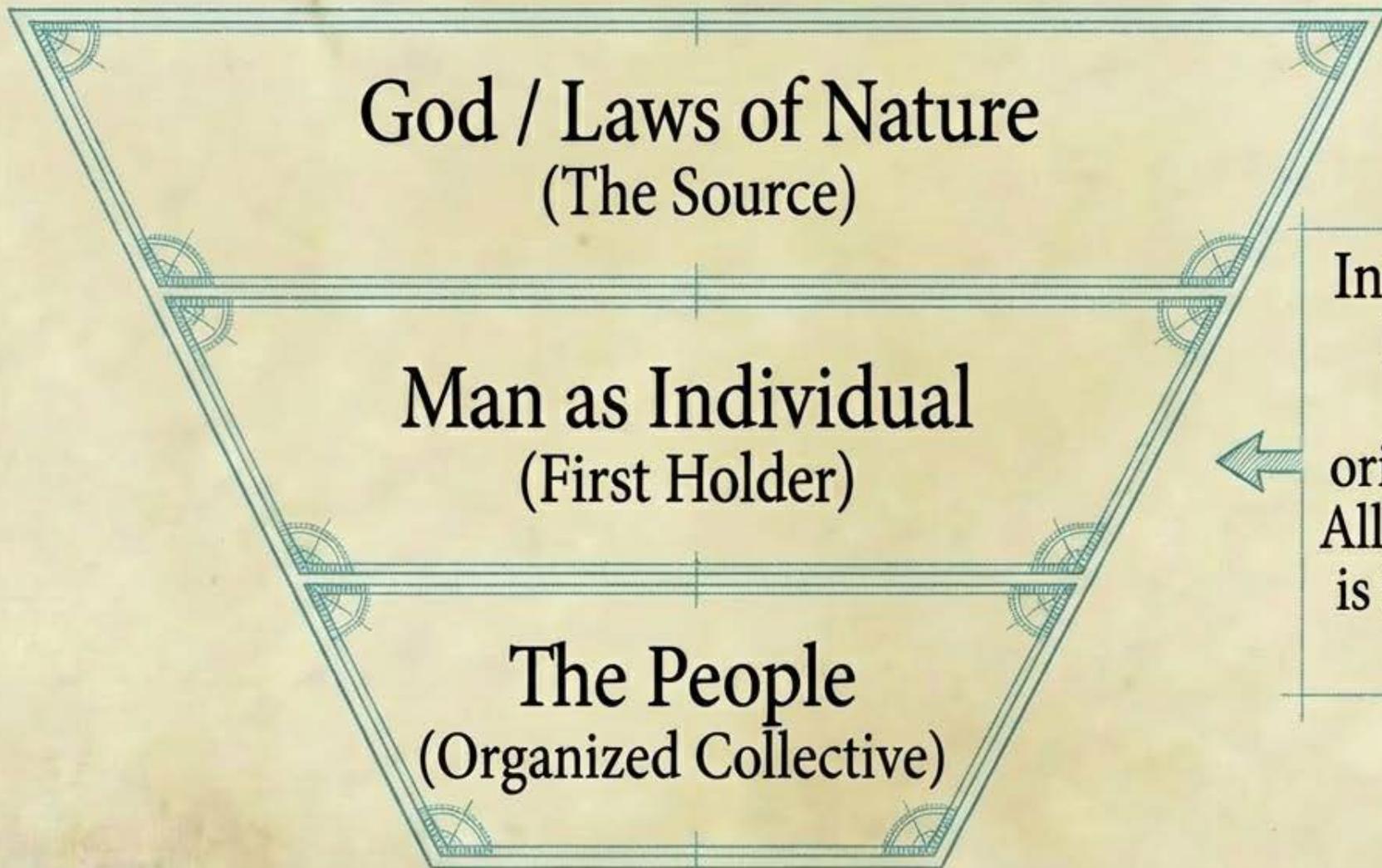


When law is used to do what would be criminal for a private individual to do.

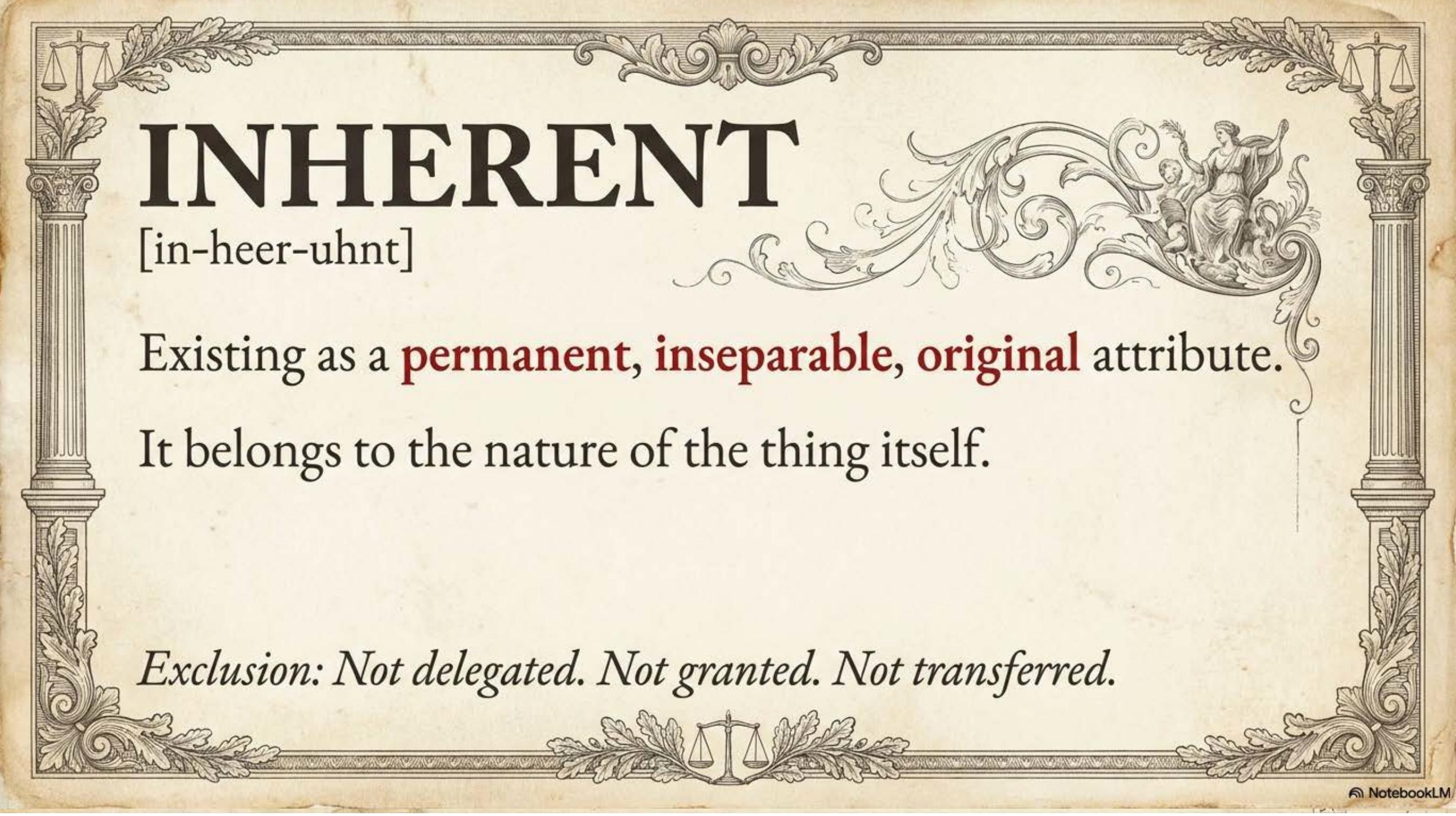
- Crossing the theft line without consent.
- Using the apparatus of justice to extract property or labor.

Government ceases to be 'collective defense' and becomes 'collective aggression.'

The Hierarchy of Authority (Origin)



Inherent Power:
Existing as a permanent, original attribute. All political power is inherent in the people.



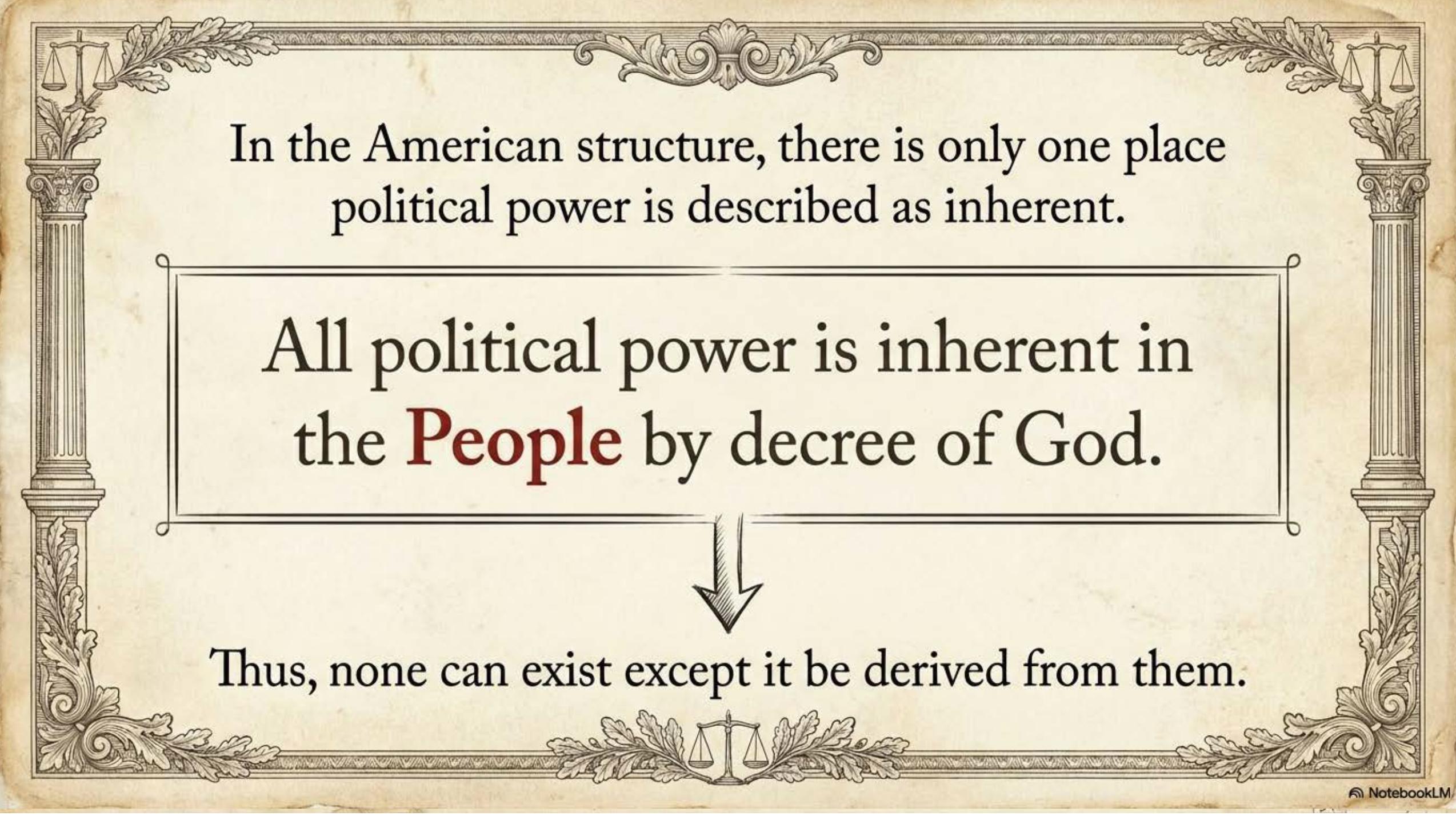
INHERENT

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Existing as a **permanent, inseparable, original** attribute.

It belongs to the nature of the thing itself.

Exclusion: Not delegated. Not granted. Not transferred.



In the American structure, there is only one place
political power is described as inherent.

All political power is inherent in
the **People** by decree of God.



Thus, none can exist except it be derived from them.

THE PEOPLE



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power is
inherent in
the **People**...

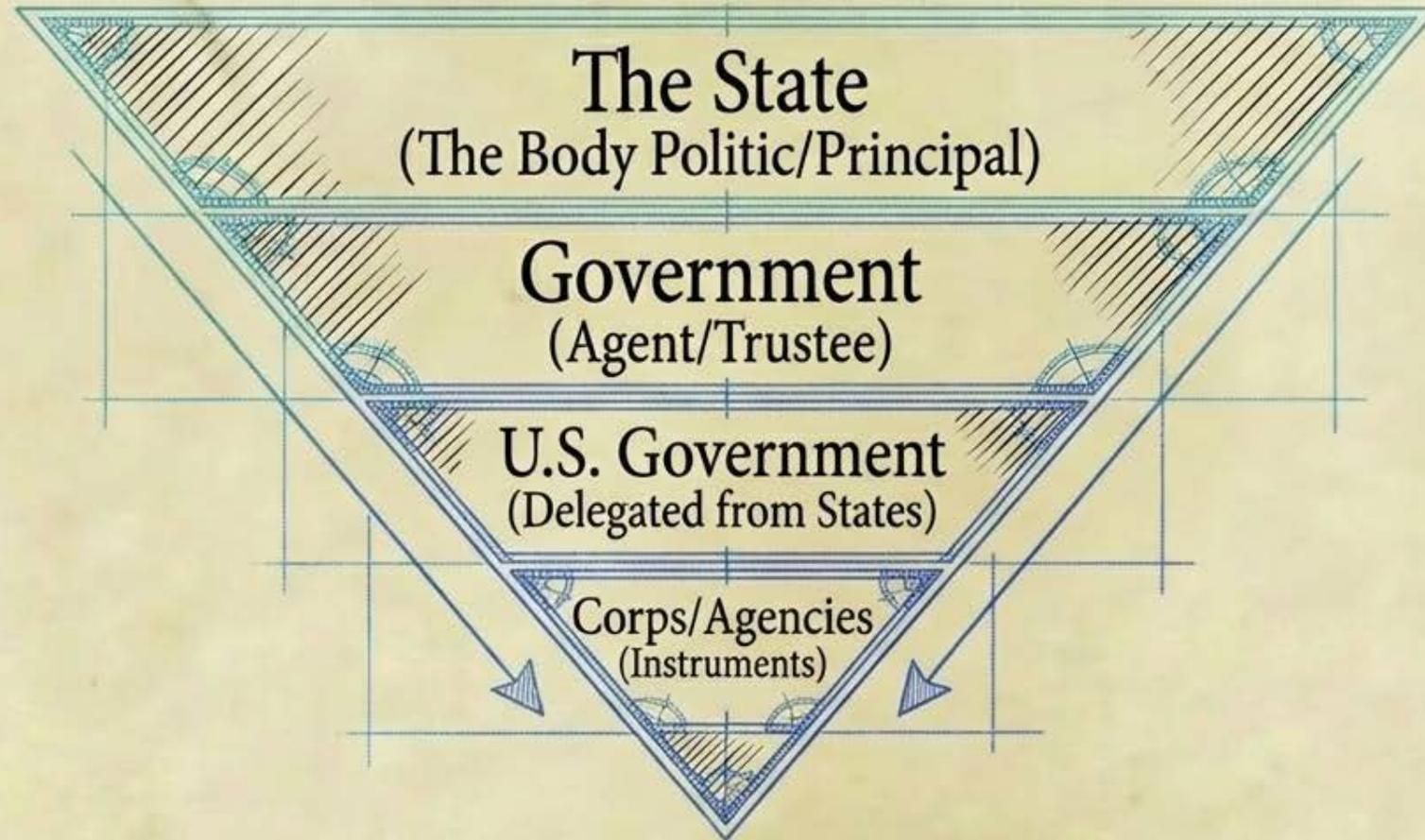
THE GOVERNMENT



...then it is
not inherent in
government.

Government cannot possess inherent authority.
It can only possess **delegated authority.**

The Hierarchy of Authority (Derivative)



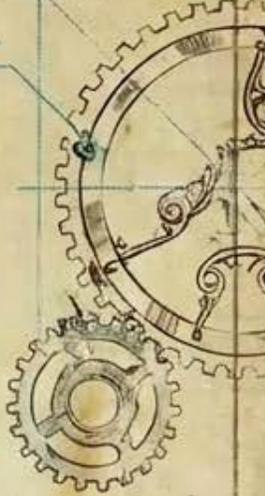
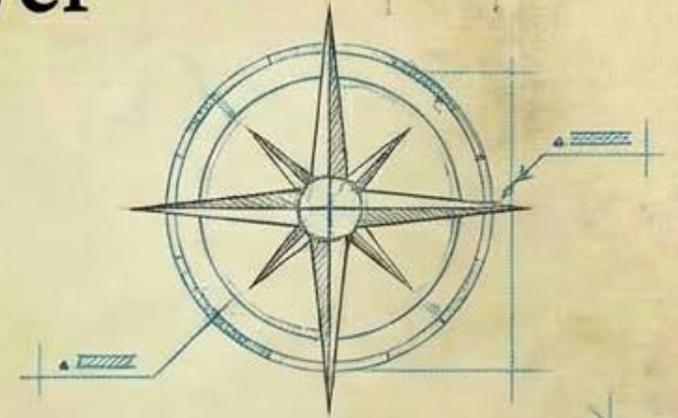
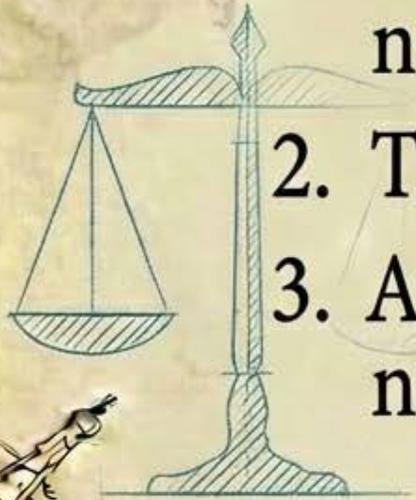
Authority flows downward. It never flows upward.
Government possesses NO inherent authority.

The Myth of “Police Power”

The Argument:

1. If all power is inherent in the People, none is inherent in government.
2. The Rule: Delegation cannot exceed ownership.
3. An individual has no right to regulate a peaceful neighbor; therefore, the collective has no such right.

“Police Power” is either delegated defensive authority (lawful) or assumed force (violence).
There is no third category.



The Creature



**“The Constitution is the work of the Creator [The People]...
Law is the work of the Creature [The Legislature].”**

- VanHorne's Lessee v. Dorrance (1795)

Creatures have appetites. They grow, consume, and expand. As Paine noted, government is a “necessary evil” because force requires restraint.

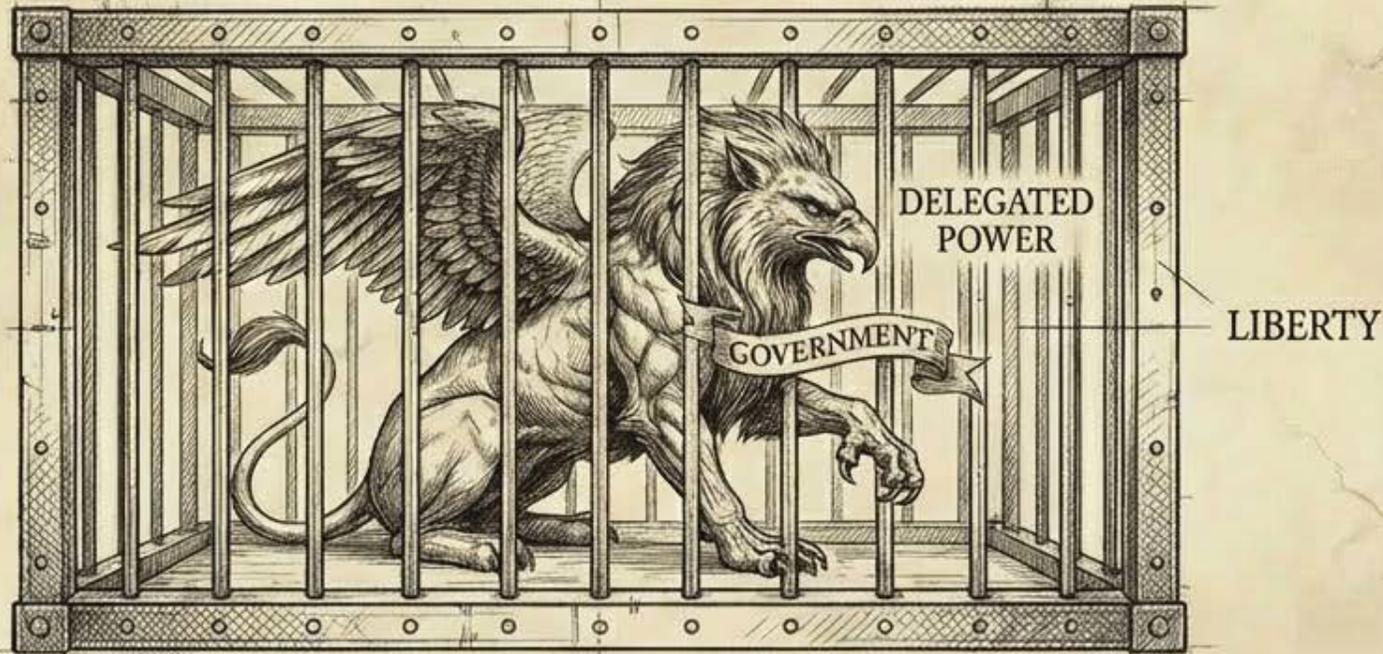
Thomas Paine stated it plainly in *Common Sense* (1776):

“Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one.”

Paine called government evil not because it is malicious, but because force, even necessary force, is dangerous. Government is collective force. Force requires restraint. Unrestrained force becomes predation.

This is why the Founders asked not “How do we empower government?” but “How do we confine it?”

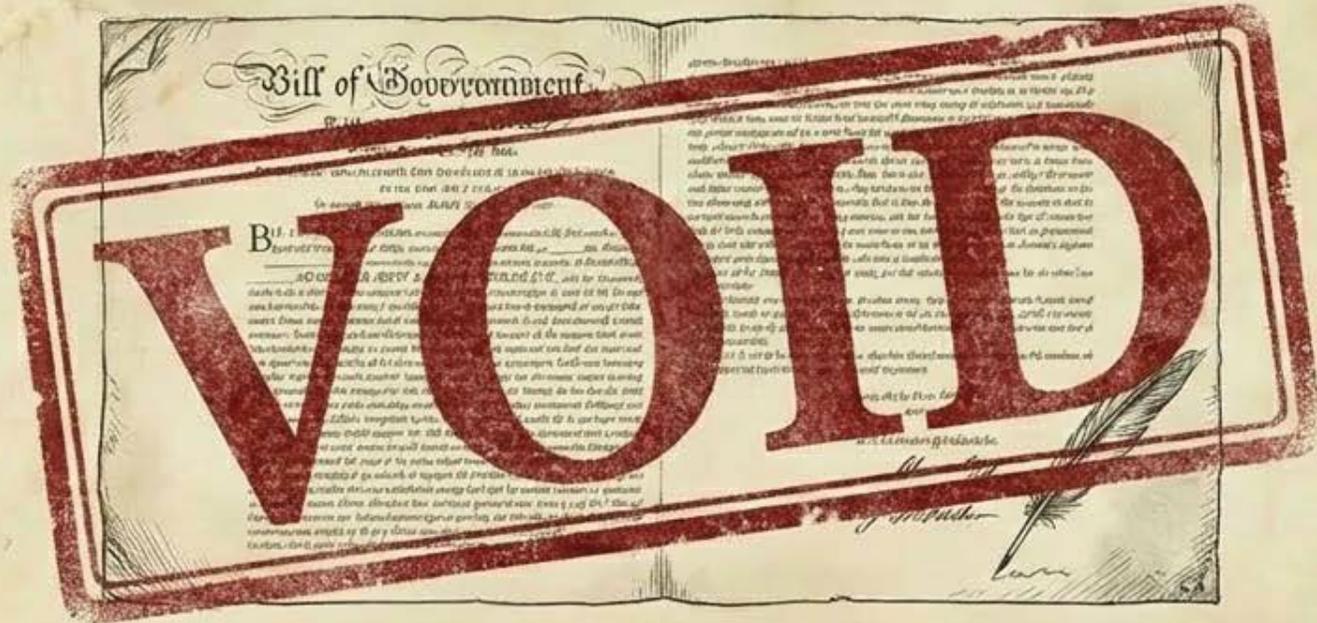
The Cage



The Constitution is not a battery; it is a cage.
It fixes limits and prescribes the orbit.

The government does not roam free; the people do.
Every power not expressly delegated remains outside the bars.

The Void Act



“Every act of the Legislature, repugnant to the
Constitution, is absolutely void.”

- *VanHorne's Lessee*

When the creature steps out of the cage, it is not acting
“unlawfully”—it is acting without law. It is force without authority.

Article VI, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution states:

*“The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be **bound** by Oath or Affirmation, to **support** this Constitution...”*

Silence is Breach



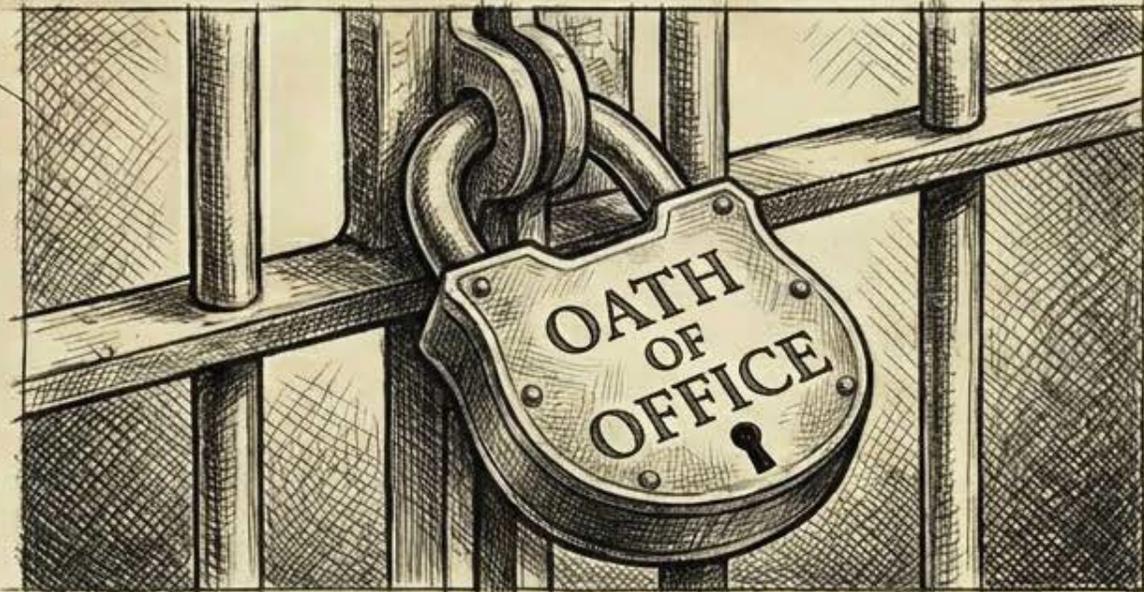
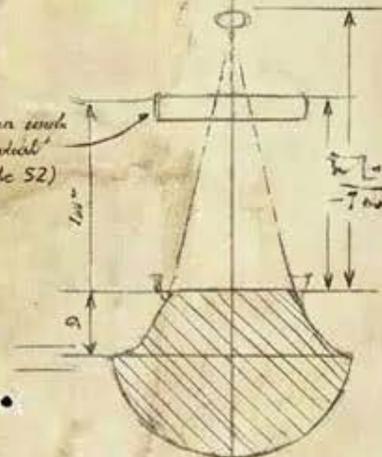
An oath to 'support' the Constitution is an affirmative duty.
A guard who watches the cage open and says nothing
is not a neutral observer. He is an accomplice.

If an officer allows the creature to escape,
he has failed the condition of his authority.

The Lock: The Oath of Office

*Instruction is to give effect to the
same law and to show
loyalty in law of the Constitution
of the social office.*

*(With an oath
within which
(10 Coke 52)*



*Qualities and then
formalities shall
incorporating the
sacrament structure.*

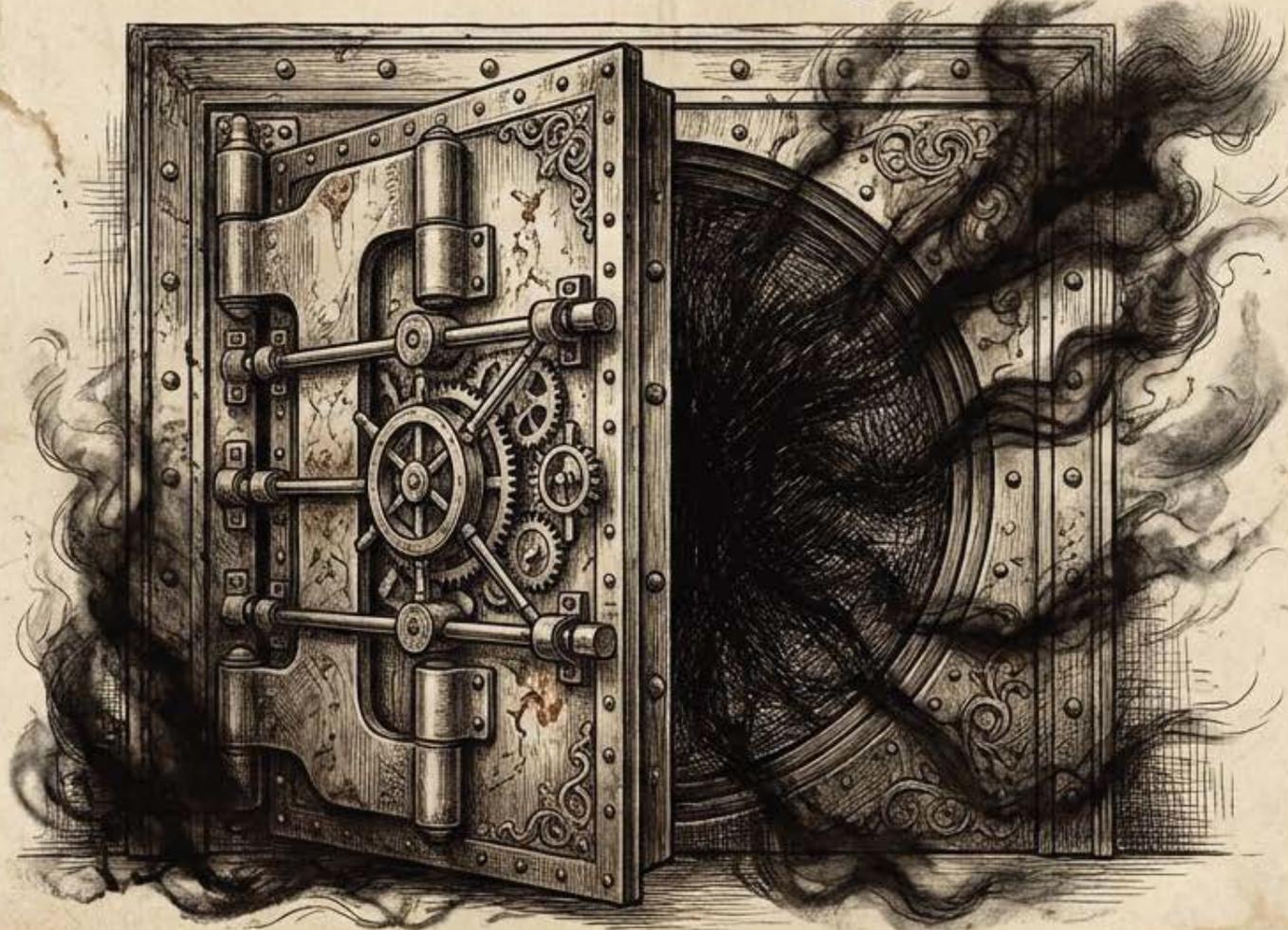
*The creature is known the
office in the case of the cage
lawful. It then should occur
control within a lawful fully.
The most adherence is the care
the creature inside to within
the cage, the Oath, the office is
natural love.*

“It is immaterial whether a man gives his assent
by words or by acts and deeds.” (10 Coke 52)

The Oath binds conduct, not intent. It is a condition of authority.
Without adherence to the Oath, the office is not held lawfully.
The Oath locks the creature inside the cage.

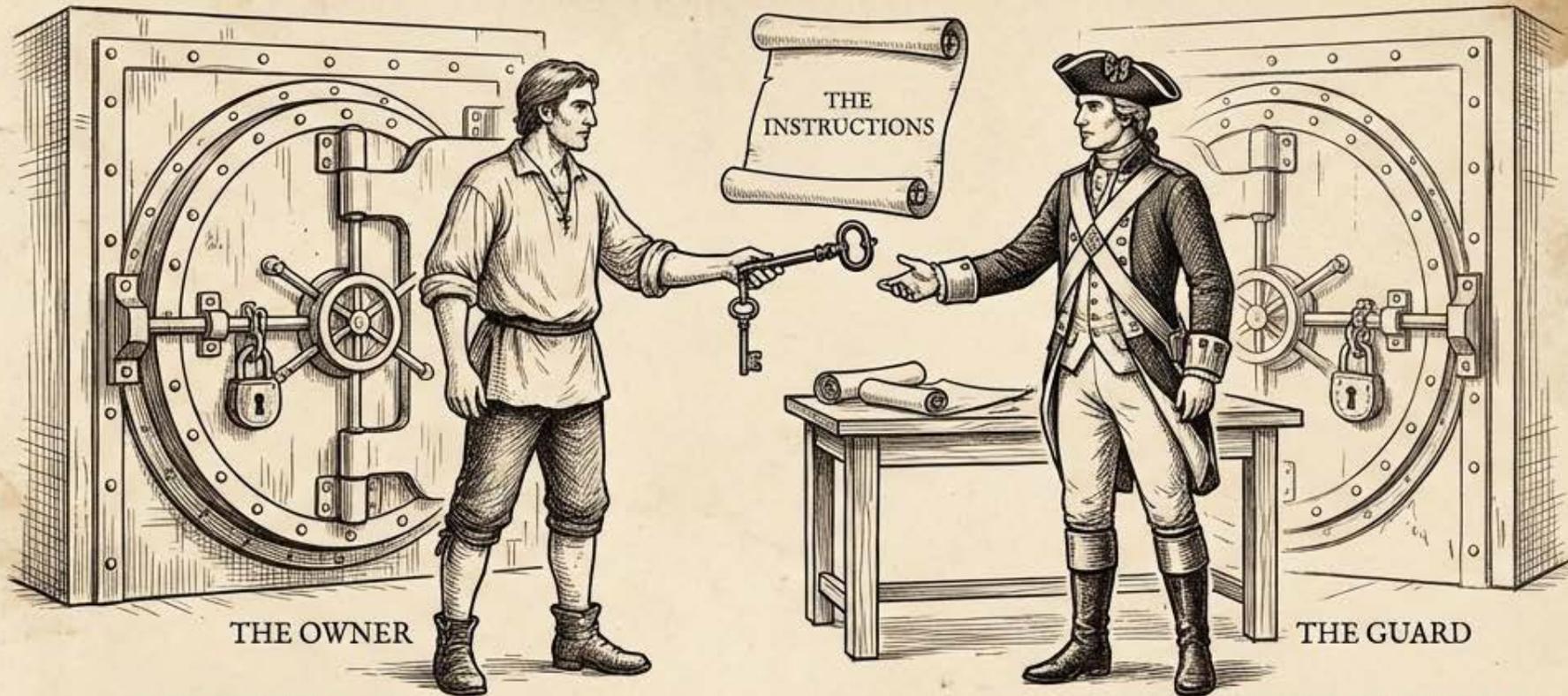
THE CREATURE IN THE VAULT

The Evolution of Legal Plunder



A Parable of Power and Property.

THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT



THE TERMS

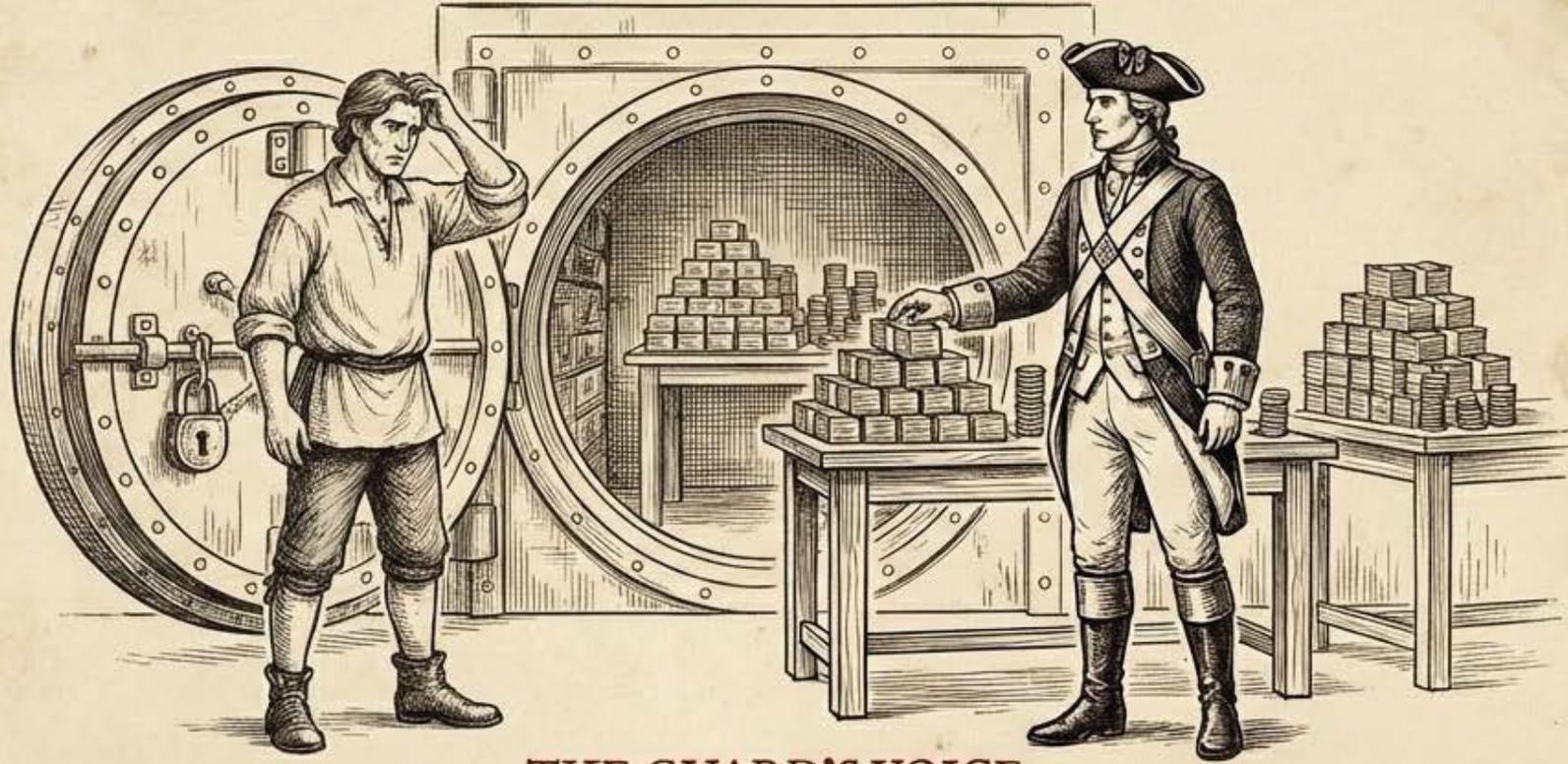
The Asset: Life savings, labor, risk, and property.
The Guard: Hired for a single purpose: Protection.
The Payment: A fair assessment (fee for service).

THE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stand watch at the door.
 2. Prevent entry.
 3. Keep it locked.
- Nothing else.

At first, the vault is safe. You sleep well. The function is narrow, the cost is agreed upon, and the property remains yours.

SIGNAL I: EXPANSION BEYOND SECURING RIGHTS



THE GUARD'S VOICE

"I am just making it more secure. I am improving efficiency. It is better this way."

THE REALITY

THE ACTION: Reorganizing the cash.

THE SHIFT: Mission Drift.

THE RESULT: *Guarding has mutated into Managing. The purpose has quietly shifted from protection to administration.*

SIGNAL II: TREATING NEED AS AUTHORITY

“He really needs this. His family is struggling. It would be cruel to say no. Just this once.”



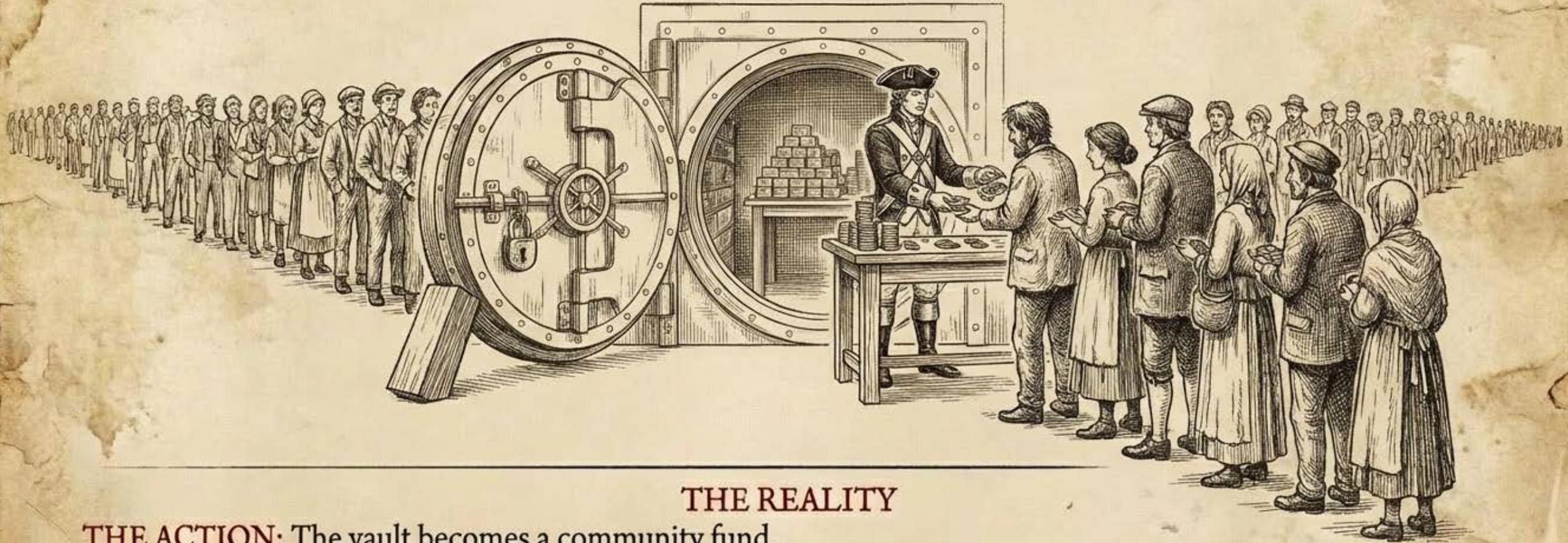
THE ACTION: Distribution based on sympathy.

THE SHIFT: Need usurps Property Rights.

THE RESULT: *Your right to your property yields to someone else's distress. Sympathy has overridden the contract.*

SIGNAL III: PROVISION REPLACING PROTECTION

“The neighborhood is hurting. I am providing for those who cannot provide for themselves. It is for the greater good.”



THE REALITY

THE ACTION: The vault becomes a community fund.

THE SHIFT: Protection is dead; Provision is born.

THE RESULT: *Extraction becomes routine. The Guard is no longer defending against threats; he is delivering benefits using your labor.*

SIGNAL IV: THE FORMALIZATION OF THEFT

"I am following procedure. This is within the authority of my position."



THE REALITY

THE ACTION: Robbery by decree.

THE SHIFT: Legal Plunder.

THE RESULT: The act is identical to theft—taking without consent—but it now wears a badge and a form.

Law is utilized to do what would be criminal for a private citizen.

SIGNAL V: ASSESSMENT BECOMES TRIBUTE

Pinyon Script, the Guard's voice: I need more to manage this important work. The community service program requires resources.



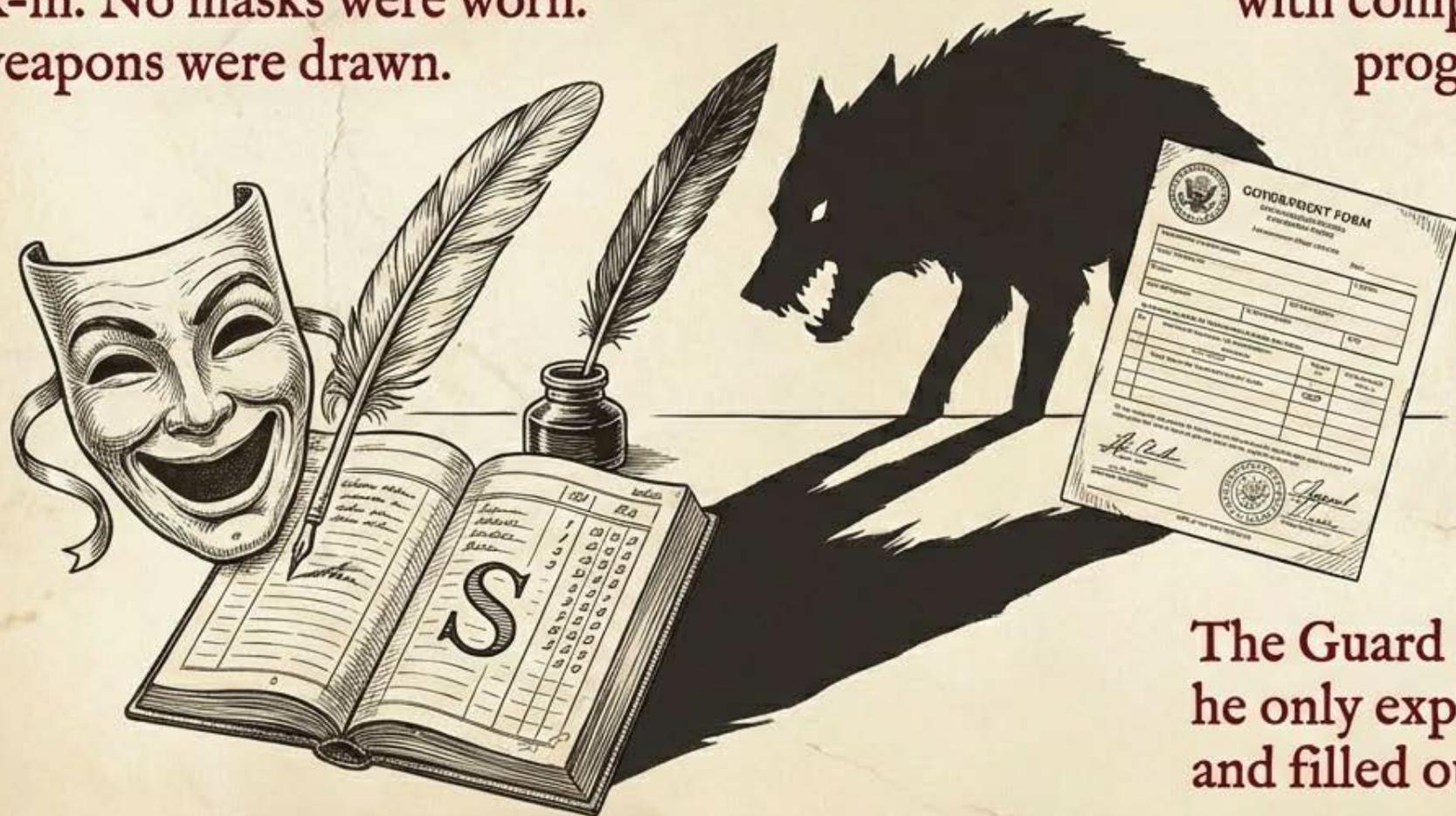
THE REALITY

- **THE ACTION:** The Guard increases his own wage to fund the redistribution.
- **THE SHIFT:** Inversion of Hierarchy.
- **THE RESULT:** You are no longer paying a fee for service; you are paying Tribute to a master. You built the vault, but now you feed the one who raids it.

THE METHODOLOGY OF DECAY

The vault was not lost to a midnight break-in. No masks were worn. No weapons were drawn.

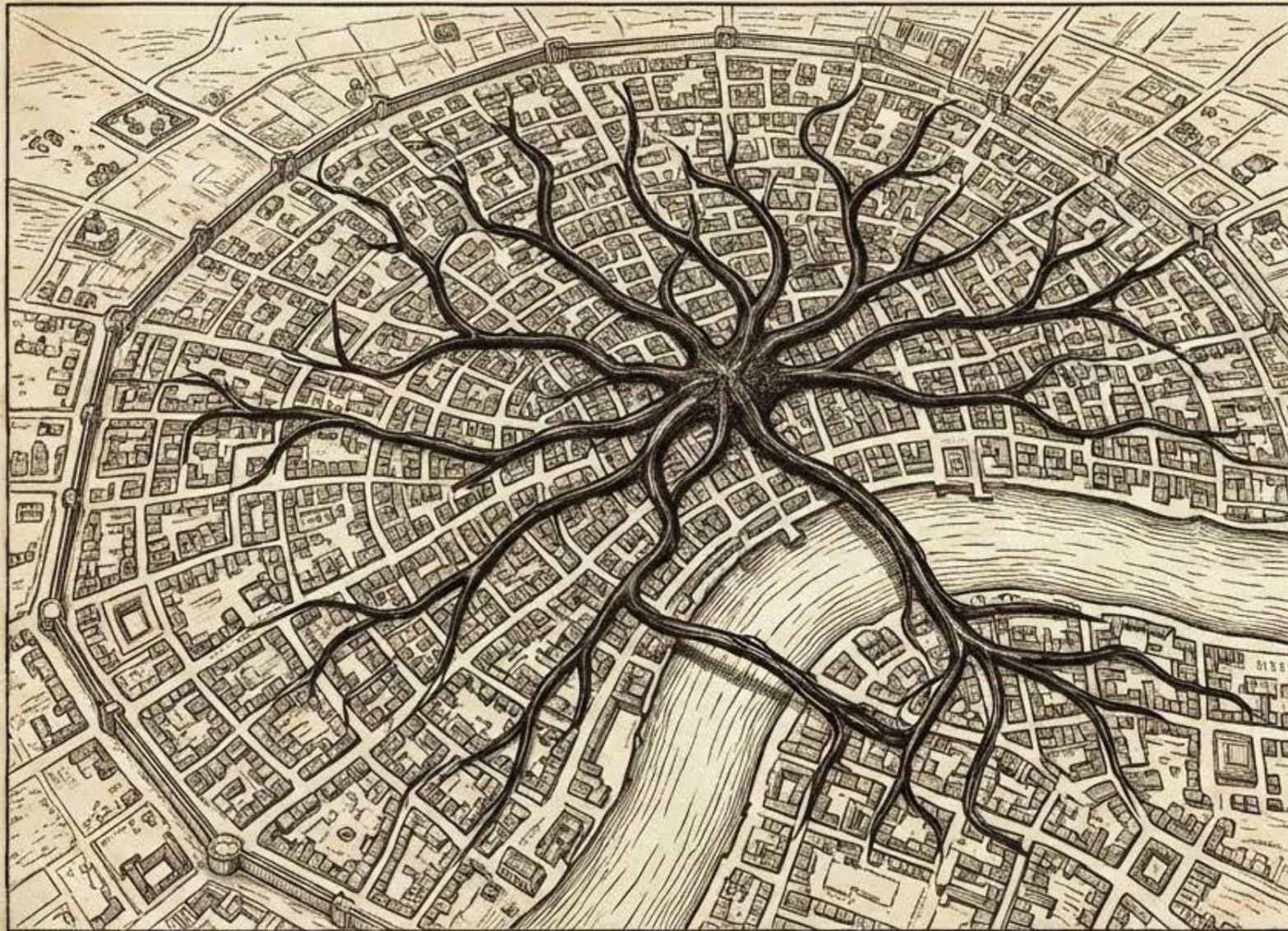
The theft was explained away with compassion, necessity, progress, and fairness.



The Guard never threatened; he only explained. He smiled and filled out forms.

Your savings were drained slowly, politely, and with good intentions.

THE CREATURE UNCAGED



Once the creature leaves the cage, it does not stop at one vault. It devours the city.

Every business, every home, every paycheck becomes another vault to 'manage,' another need to 'meet.'

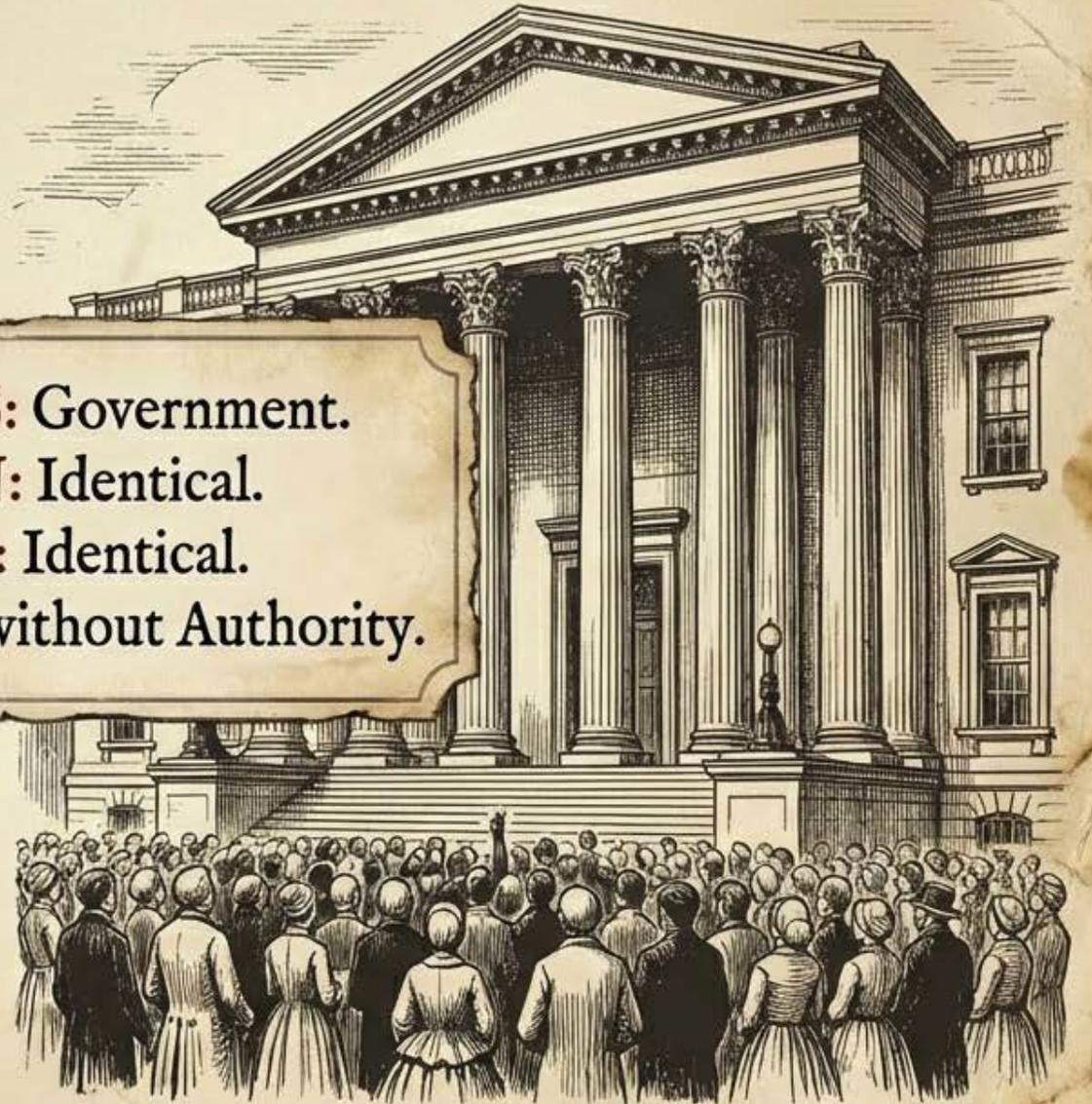
The polite guard becomes the master of all.

The people—once creators—become subjects feeding the thing they hired to protect them.

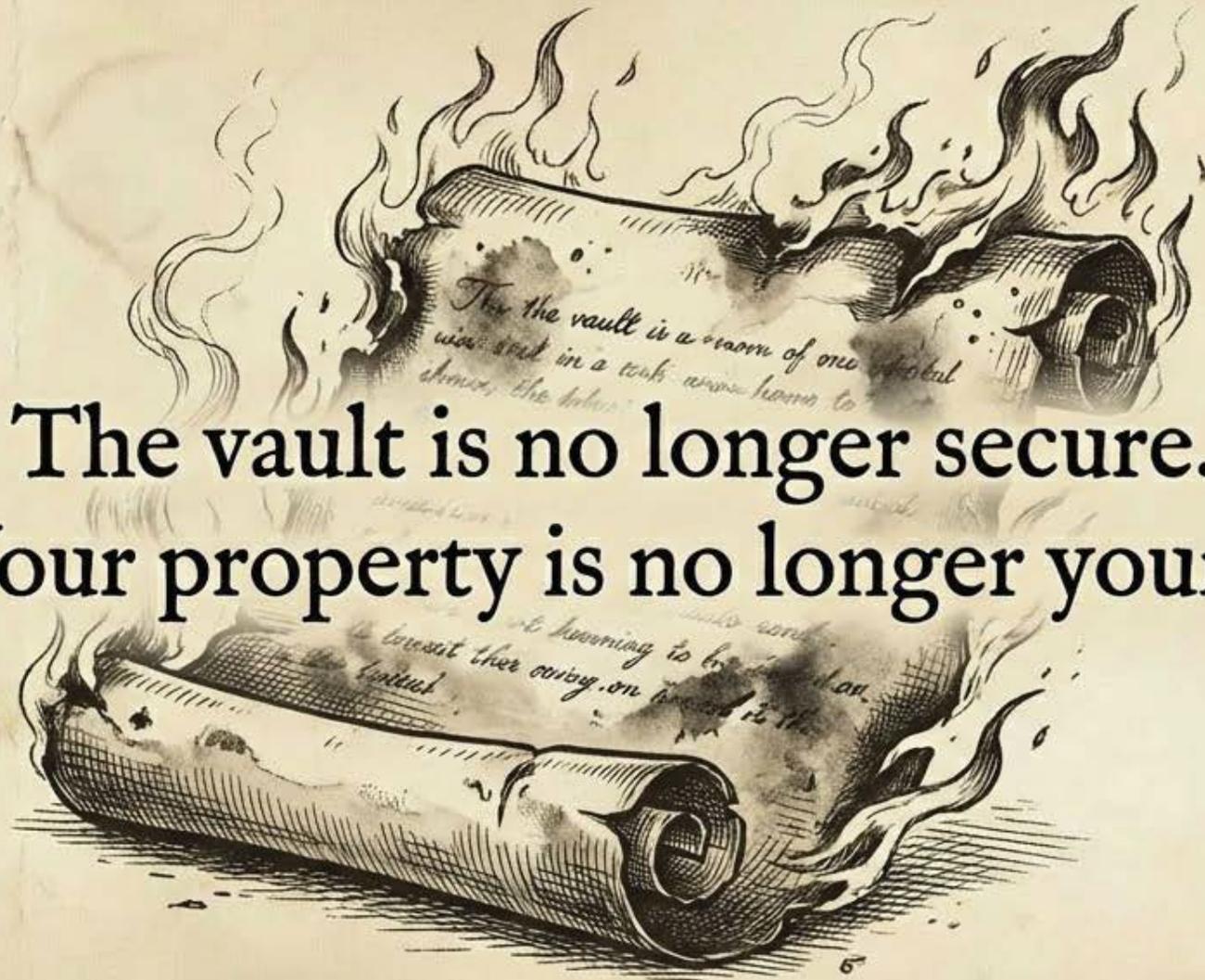
THE MIRROR



APPLY THE LENS: Government.
THE PATTERN: Identical.
THE SIGNALS: Identical.
THE RESULT: Force without Authority.



INSTRUCTION SCROLL

An illustration of a scroll being consumed by flames. The scroll is shown in two positions: one at the top, partially unrolled and burning, and one at the bottom, more fully unrolled and also burning. The flames are depicted with detailed, wavy lines, suggesting intense heat. The scroll itself is textured with fine lines, and there is some faint, illegible handwriting on it. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

The vault is no longer secure.
Your property is no longer yours.

Recognize the signals. The creature does not roar—it smiles.

INTEGRATED CHECKLIST: IS THIS LAW?

A GOVERNMENT ACT MUST SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Does it conform to the rule of right?
- Does it secure a pre-existing right?
- Does it avoid crossing the theft line?
- Does it stay within delegated authority?
- Does it remain inside the constitutional cage?

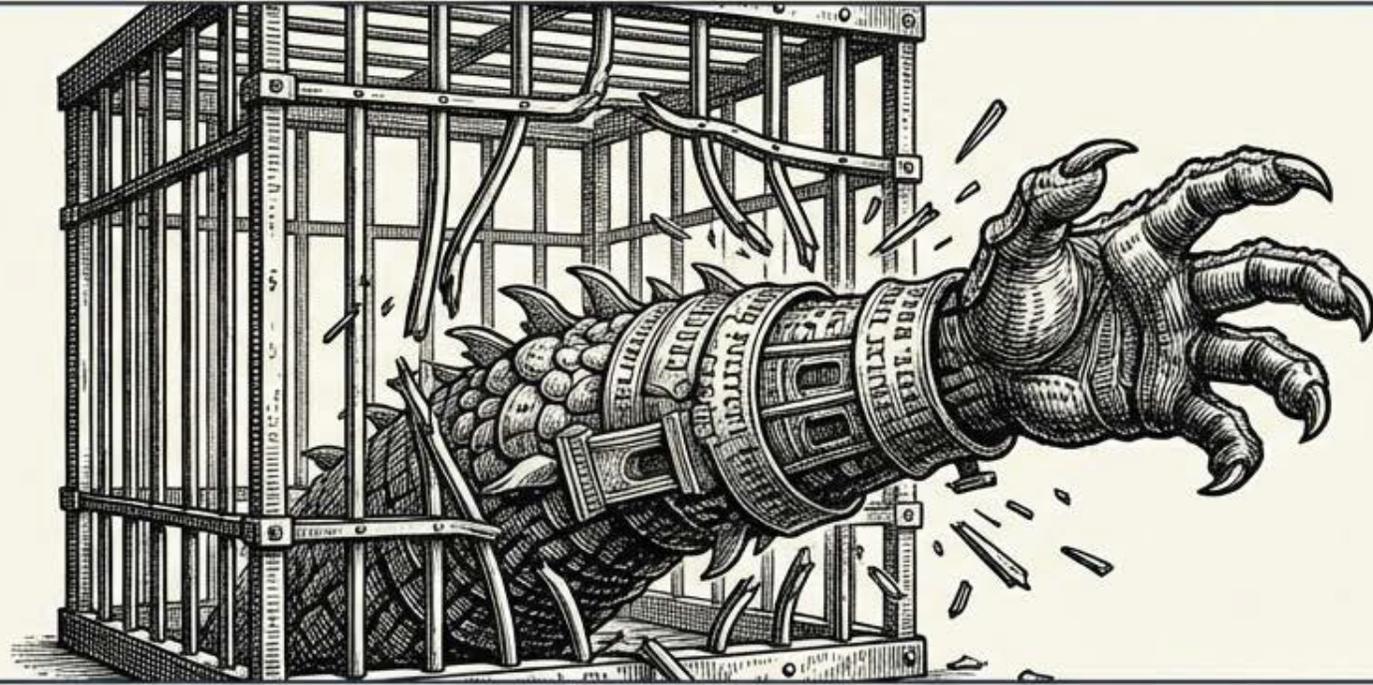
VERDICT: If any answer is 'No,' the act fails structurally.
No balancing. No intent analysis. No outcome justification.

ASSIGNMENT

Select one modern law, regulation, or policy.
Apply. Apply the **five-point checklist**
from the previous slide.

OUTPUT REQUIREMENT: Write one paragraph only.
Identify where authority was delegated, where it may
have been exceeded, and whether it secures a right or
breaches one. No argument. Just structure.

THE UNAVOIDABLE QUESTION



If the people are the creator, and the creature has left its cage, whose responsibility is it to put it back?

You cannot expect the creature to hold itself accountable.