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A Field Guide to Your Inner Team & Psychology of Performance
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WELCOME TO YOUR NEXT DIMENSION OF CREATIVE PLAY

What if there were an executive team inside you, ready to turn creative chaos into flow, anxiety into activation, and "work" into play? That's what this Quick Start guide is all about.

I'm Vision—Integral Consultant, Transformation Architect, and creator of the Power Activation system. If you're reading this, odds are you're ready to break through old resistance, activate new habits, and play the game of your own performance on a whole new level. Let's get you introduced to your own personal "C-suite".

1 THE PROBLEM OF PERFORMANCE: WHY AREN'T WE HITTING OUR PEAK?

If you're like most ambitious creators, leaders, or builders, you've hit the wall at some point in your career or creative process:

- Projects left half-done
- Overwhelm spiraling out
- Drowning in to-dos, but never touching your real dream

You're not alone. Most people trip over the same patterns any time they're called to self-lead, self-manage, or self-create—especially when launching their own project, company, or mission.

Procrastination. Anxiety. Overwhelm. Analysis Paralysis. Resistance.

They're more than "bad habits." They're diagnostic signals—evidence of what's happening (or not happening) inside your internal team.

Let's be honest—when you hit a wall (procrastination, confusion, paralysis) the story we've all internalized is, "Something's wrong with me." Maybe you've told yourself you're lazy, undisciplined, or just not cut out for certain kinds of "work" (or as I prefer: *creative play*). After weeks (or years) of half-finished projects or mounting to-do lists, most of us start self-labeling: "I have a bad habit problem." "My willpower's weak." "I guess I'm just not that kind of person." Sound familiar?

The truth is, most people end up judging themselves—sometimes ruthlessly—for experiencing these patterns. Procrastination starts to feel like personal laziness, anxiety gets labeled as weakness, and overwhelm can seem like evidence you're just "not cut out" for your dreams. The self-talk spirals: "What's wrong with me? Why do I keep getting in my own way? Why can't I just do it?" Every time you hit an invisible wall, it feels like further proof that you're somehow fundamentally broken.

But here's the liberating truth: these reactions aren't signs of personal failure or a defective will. They are deeply human responses—natural side effects of being placed in a situation, especially in the modern world, where you're asked to self-lead, self-manage, and self-create without ever having been taught how. Most of us were trained from day one to look outside ourselves for guidance—follow the teacher, report to the boss, find your role and stick to it. When we suddenly step into a space where it's all on us, it makes perfect sense that we struggle to embody positions we were never taught to play—or given the tools to empower.

Think about it: we're well-schooled in fitting into an organization—taking direction, executing someone else's playbook, and being "part" of an external team. But nobody ever sits us down and says, "Here are the tools to understand your own psychology. Here's how you internally organize, strategize, and flow, even when there's no one telling you what to do next." We're never given the manual for running our own show. So when those unproductive patterns show up, it's not a sign that you're defective—it means you're using an outdated map for a new kind of territory.

This realization changes everything. There's nothing fundamentally wrong with us—there is simply a set of skills we haven't learned yet. Self-creation, self-leadership, and on-demand flow aren't mystical secrets or genetic gifts. They're learnable practices—new patterns we can pick up at any stage of our journey to unlock untapped potential.

2.1 TOO MANY CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN: WHY PERFORMANCE BREAKS DOWN

Let's take this conversation into the kitchen—a place where magic and masterpieces are possible, but only if the team knows how to cook together.

Imagine a crew of highly skilled chefs gathered to create a five-star meal. Every chef trained at the best schools, each one an expert with their own signature dish. But instead of working in harmony, the kitchen slowly descends into chaos.

No one remembers who's supposed to chop, sauté, or plate. Three chefs all try to grab the same pot, one insists on making a salad with a carving knife, and another is on break just as the sauce boils over. The pastry chef, desperate to help, starts stirring the soup—only to realize too late they've never been told how the recipe works. Tempers flare, mistakes multiply, and it's not long before even the most talented stars are second-guessing themselves.

This isn't just a restaurant nightmare—it's the perfect metaphor for how most of us run our inner world. Even if you have all the raw talent, intelligence, and drive in the world, you can't expect a masterpiece when your team is disorganized, confused on roles, stepping on each other, or missing in action. When one "chef" tries to do a job they're not trained for—whether it's prepping ingredients, timing the oven, or casting the grand vision—the results are almost always frustration, wasted energy, and disappointment.

The "Chefs" Metaphor In Action

- **Roles unclear:** Who's in charge of momentum, vision, logistics, execution?
- **Mismatched assignments:** The Line Cook is being asked to set restaurant strategy and design the menu; the Executive Chef is getting pulled in to chop onions; the Sous Chef is trying to set the schedule and put everyone in their places but instead is running for the extinguisher because something is (literally) on fire!
- **Internal collisions:** Two chefs see a task to be done and simultaneously jump to action it. Hilarity ensues as they roll around on the floor fighting over a cream-laden spoon.

Reflection:
When you notice resistance, pause and ask: who am I trying to be at this moment? Am I trying to be creative? Productive? A problem-solver? A visionary? Is there *more* than *one of me* here right now?

So, if you feel like you're constantly scrambling, repeating the same mistakes, or never quite getting your best ideas "cooked"—it's not your fault, and it's not about your innate capabilities. It's simply an awareness issue. When the inner team operates without purpose, coordination, and communication, chaos is what's on the menu.

But what if you could reshape that dynamic—giving each of your inner "chefs" clarity, timing, and space to bring their magic? What would flow and focus taste like, if everyone on your inner team was playing their role, just at the right moment? That's what we're about to discover.

2.2 RECLAIMING THE "EXECUTIVE": POWER, PRESENCE, AND PLANS IN ACTION

Before we dive into your inner team, let's pause to consider a word that trips people up—**Executive**.

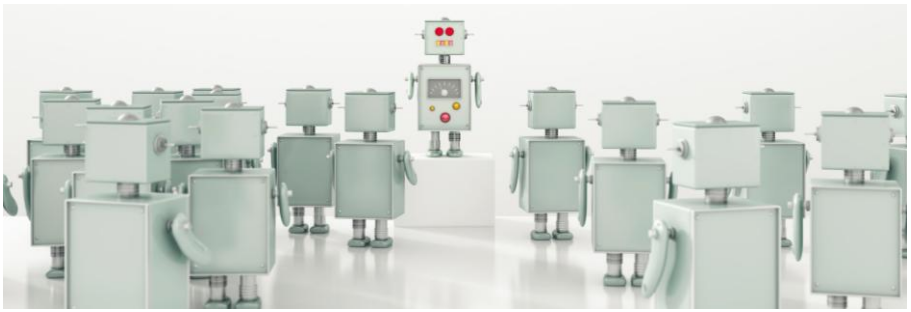
For many, "executive" immediately brings up images of corner offices, closed-door meetings, corporate detachment, or maybe even authority figures who felt distant, demanding, or out of touch. You might resist thinking of yourself as "an executive." Maybe it sounds stuffy, cold, or arrogant. Maybe it feels like a title that belongs to someone else—someone older, richer, "more official."

Or let's take another spin—"executive function" (in the mental sense). I've actually heard clients share with me that they feel they "have no executive function". Or that they struggle to activate it.

What do we mean when we say the process outlined in this document is an "Executive Self-Activation"? Let's break it down, both in the dictionary and in lived reality:

- **Executive (adjective): having the power to put plans or actions into effect.** *(The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition)*
- **Executive (noun): a powerful person who is responsible for making things run smoothly.** *(vocabulary.com)*
- **Executive function (neuroscience): a set of cognitive processes and mental skills that help you plan, monitor, and successfully execute your goals—directing thoughts and actions with intention.** *(Wikipedia)*

In other words, to be "executive" (one who "executes") is simply to **move intentions from vision into reality.** True executive presence is about the power to get things done, to steward energy and plans all the way to the finish line. There's nothing corporate or "other" about it—this is about your capacity to actualize what matters, in your life, right where you are.



The resistance to "being an executive" often comes from inherited baggage: the belief that executives are removed, uncaring, or the cause of bottlenecks. But when you're disconnected from your inner executive power, what you actually lose is the ability to make your dreams come true and your life run smoothly. Embracing your inner executive is **claiming the seat of agency in your own process**—not waiting for permission, not outsourcing direction, not hoping or expecting some authority figure will magically make it all work. Real executive presence is creative, dynamic, and deeply human.

Consider this reframe:

- *You* are the one empowered to put ideas into effect.
- *You* are the one who can coordinate, monitor, prioritize, and carry through.
- *Your* "executive function" is not about being the CEO of a literal corporation (although it could be)—it's about being the *chief orchestrator and activator of your own reality*.

Reflection:

- What comes up for you when you hear the word "executive"?
- Where do you resist—why?
- Where have you been powerful and self-directing in your own experience (even in small ways)?
- Can you remember a time when you moved an idea all the way from inspiration to real-world result? That's your executive in action.

3 MEET YOUR INNER TEAM: THE EXECUTIVE TRIO

Most of us have spent years learning how to function on a team—whether that's on the soccer field, in a classroom, the workplace, or through family dynamics. We learn how to fill specific positions, receive direction, and sometimes even manage others. But what almost nobody teaches us is how to identify, cultivate, and coordinate the team within—those fundamental roles that live inside every high-performing, creatively-alive person.

Here's the big secret: all the gifts you've admired in great leaders, organizers, and creators are present inside you—but unless you've been shown how to recognize and activate these roles, it's easy to keep running your internal organization with confusion and false starts. Imagine what could shift if, instead of shaming yourself for not "just doing it," you saw procrastination, paralysis, or burnout as signals that your inner team has never been properly introduced?

So if you've ever wondered why certain projects feel heavy, or why you sometimes race ahead with incredible vision but stall out on the details (or vice versa), you're not missing some magic willpower gene. You simply haven't met—and learned to trust—the full, innate "cast of characters" inside you. These aren't random fragments or abstract archetypes; these are essential modes of mind that everyone is born with, and that can be recovered, trained, and unified.

What follows isn't a personality test or a set of rigid labels. Think of it as uncovering the operating system that high-flow, high-output people run intuitively—a system you are absolutely capable of plugging into, with choice and intention.

3.1 CHARACTER #1: THE LEADER

Meet Your Inner Leader Every project, creative burst, and bold new journey starts with a whisper from your Inner Leader—the part of you that asks "**Where** are we going?" and "**Why?**" This is your inner character that gives the rest of your team their *purpose,* casts the grand vision of a beautiful dream, mission, or goal, and points the direction with a clear and confident rallying call—*"We can get there!"*

Qualities of Your Leader:

- **Visionary and Luminary**: Expands the scope of possibilities, dreams freely and uninhibited, lights the path and paints the picture of what can be achieved and what it means if we do.
- **Imaginative, Passionate, Inspiring**: Draws energy from creative inspiration and shares it with your whole inner team.
- **Orients Toward the Goal**: Is always asking "Where to next?" and "Why does this matter?"
- **Defines the Mission & Grand Strategy**: Doesn't fiddle with details; instead, sets North Star goals and frames your journey.

When your Leader is truly online, you feel a sense of excitement and clarity. You know where you want to go—even if you have no idea how you'll get there. And the best part is, *your Leader doesn't have to know How we get there, or What are the specific details of the plan.*

That's the best part about embodying the Leader character—working out the details and actually creating, producing, or executing the vision is *somebody else's problem.* True… technically that "somebody" is also "you" in the future in a different role. But for **now** your job is explicitly **to not** worry about those details. Your job as the Leader is to *dream* and sketch out the *general direction* and *high-level strategy* of how that dream *could* be achieved.

And that is an *essential job!* Your team can't function without a dream. Without a reason, a purpose, and inspiring mission, the rest of

your team will be lost, confused, and demoralized. They might have things to do, but they won't have any motivation to do them, or even a clear direction to orient around for decision what's next or most important.

Preferred Tools for Your Leader:

- Free-flow writing in journals and notes
- Whiteboards for mapping grand visions
- Slide presentations and diagrams to communicate possibilities
- Powerful mission statements that anchor intention

Your Leader in Action:

Remember, when this part is humming, "dreaming big" isn't idle—it's essential. Take a conscious pause before big cycles of play and let your Leader ask: If nothing stood in my way, what mountain would I climb and why? What changes when I reach that peak, for me, my loved ones, and maybe the entire world?

Reflection:

- When was the last time you allowed yourself to dream without holding back—no matter how "unrealistic" it seemed?
- How easily do you give airtime to your big-picture ideas, or do you tend to stifle vision with doubts or practicality?
- Can you recall moments when inspiration led the way and you felt a natural sense of momentum? What triggered that?
- Does your Leader feel trusted and valued, or do old stories make you nervous to give it more authority?

3.2 CHARACTER #2: THE MANAGER

Meet Your Inner Manager Where the Leader dreams and points, the Manager charts the course. This is your master of logistics, your internal system-designer—the part capable of turning vague ambition into concrete, trackable steps.

Qualities of Your Manager:

- **Facilitator and Protector**: Keeps the system running and everyone's needs protected.
- **Logical, Analytical, Systematic**: Loves breaking things down, creating order out of creative chaos.
- **Translates why into What and Who**: Turns big vision into actionable steps and assigns the right "team member" (internal or external).
- **Plans the Routes, Solves the Puzzles**: Sees problems as puzzles and view projects as a series of manageable moves.

When your inner Manager is online, you feel less anxious, more clear, and protected from over-work and overwhelm. The Manager's role is to take the Leader's *huge* vision and break it down into manageable bite-sized pieces—each of which feels totally accomplishable and has a clear action plan. By looking at each piece individually, and also seeing the connections and interrelationships between the pieces, then Manager successfully "compartmentalizes" the complexity of the

overall mission so that the rest of the team can relax into their specific role—the Leader trusting that the vision is in good hands, and the Producer (downstream of the Manager) can also relax knowing that the plan has already been solved and the individual tasks are reasonable and ready to be tackled.

The beauty of embodying the Manager character is two-fold: first, the grand vision isn't the Manager's problem. That's already been solved. The Manager gets to walk into the "office" (so to speak), receive an inspiring speech from the Leader about the mountain we'll climb and why (or review some whiteboards, notes, and slides) and start solving the practical problems. The Manager *loves to solve problems*.

And the second great thing about being the Manager, is the actual *work to do* is somebody else's problem! True… technically that "somebody" is also "you" in the future in a different role. But for **now** your job is explicitly **to not** worry about doing the work. The Manager's focus is ***What*** specific work there is to be done, *How* to

organize that work, and ***Who*** is the best person to accomplish that task (including *you*, after setting yourself up for success).

Preferred Tools for Your Manager:

- Spreadsheets to lay out concrete steps and timelines
- Calendars to book real time for real results
- Project task lists, trackers, and organizational systems
- Structures and hierarchies—making sure nothing slips through the cracks

Your Manager in Action:

If the Leader says, "Let's build a castle on that hill," the Manager breaks that epic quest into missions: Gather resources, plan the route, assign the build, create the timeline. The Manager makes magic possible by making it practical.

Reflection:

- How do you typically respond to planning and organizing? Does structure feel supportive or constricting?
- Are there times when you wished you had clearer steps, but got lost in endless reorganizing or never started at all?
- When projects stall or go sideways, do you blame yourself—or consider where your Inner Manager might be unsupported or running solo?
- Is there a rhythm or tool your Manager loves that you haven't given enough room lately?

3.3 CHARACTER #3: THE PRODUCER

Meet Your Inner Producer This is the part of you built for action—the craftsman, creator, and diligent finisher. The Producer doesn't worry about the mountain's meaning or puzzle's pieces. They show up, drop in, and get it done. ***How*** and ***When*** are the Producer's Q's.

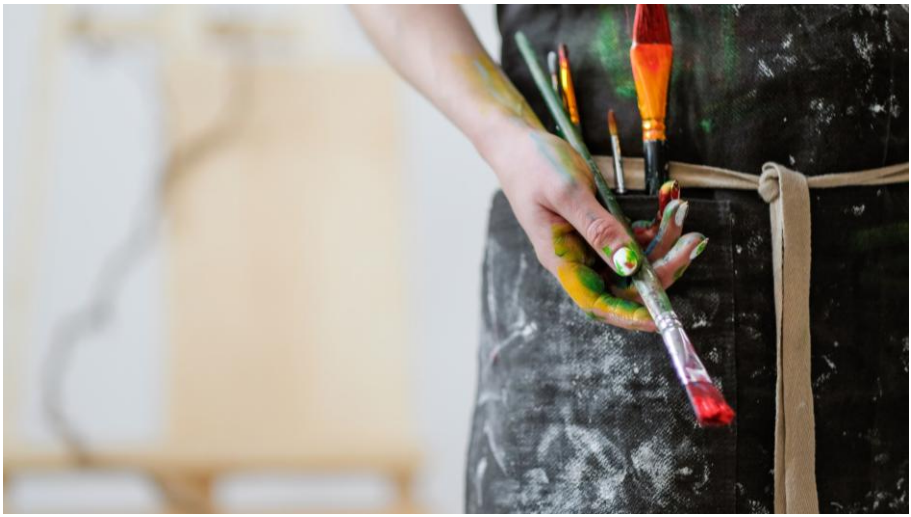
Qualities of Your Producer:

- **Creator and Contributor**: Loves seeing ideas become reality, one do-able action at a time.
- **Focused, Diligent, Task-Oriented**: Finds satisfaction in "flow" and the micro-accomplishments of daily play.
- **Manifests the Vision into Form**: Turns concepts and outlines into completed pieces.
- **Owns the How and When**: Decides the exact approach and timing, staying in their zone of mastery.

Producers live in the present moment. When they're trusted to run, distraction vanishes, the world narrows, and action becomes almost effortless.

When your inner Producer is online, you experience a feeling of momentum and deep satisfaction. You're not worrying about strategy or the thousand-foot view—those pieces have already been handled. Instead, your Producer gets to enter the "workshop" with a clear playbook, ready to focus on the What and the How of the present

moment. This is the magic of being the Producer: you don't have to question the vision or manage the logistics—you get to fully immerse yourself in the creative act, hands-on, seeing and feeling progress in real time.



Your Producer's job is to move ideas into reality, step by step, task by task. The plan is already there—your only concern is execution. What's beautiful about embodying this character is the ability to drop into flow—to become so absorbed in the process of building, making, shipping, or producing that distractions and second-guessing drop away. You get the satisfaction of progress and completion.

The best part? You don't have to concern yourself with whether the plan is the "right" plan, or whether there should be a different vision—that's already handled by your other roles. Your Producer's

power comes from narrowing its focus to what's in front of you right now, confidently making micro-decisions and adapting on the fly—choosing the best tool for the job, setting your own work rhythm, and taking pride in the finished product.

And here's the real win: when you allow your Producer to just produce—and only produce—you lift a huge mental weight. There's no need to toggle back and forth between organizing, planning, or rethinking. You are free to do, to move, to create. That sense of completion isn't just a nice dopamine reward (though it is that!)—that's the energy that feeds the entire team. That's Power Activation.

As the Producer shapes the dream into literal physical form, the Manager sees tasks getting done as planned, and the Leader gets to witness the vision becoming real. This cycle of manifestation doesn't just bring projects to life—it creates a self-reinforcing feedback loop of validation and reward that makes the experience of *real* accomplishment into a better natural "high" than substances or distractions ever could be.

The Producer's role is not to worry about "why" the project matters, or "what" the next mountain will be. The big picture stuff and the organizational drudgery is somebody else's problem! True… technically that "somebody" has been "you" in the past and will be again in the future in a different role. But for **now** your job is explicitly **to not** worry about Leading or Managing. For now, your only task is

to play and produce, trusting that the rest of your internal team is doing their job so you can do yours with confidence and flow.

Preferred Tools for Your Producer:

- Highly variable—whatever the job calls for (paintbrush or Python, power drill or digital production suite)
- Task checklists and short game plans for focus
- Rituals and environments that cue flow, not friction

Your Producer in Action:

The Producer is the one putting bricks in the castle wall, crafting the song, shipping the code, running the session—the engine of progress and results.

Reflection:

- What does "getting things done" mean to you—relief, excitement, resentment, or something else?
- Do you wait for perfect clarity before taking action, or do you find yourself jumping into tasks without much of a map?
- When you're really "in the zone," what patterns or supports make that possible? What disrupts it?
- If your Producer had its ideal day, how would it be set up? What tools, rituals, or freedoms would it request?

4 EXECUTIVE SELF-ACTIVATION: THE VARIABLE SPEED SHIFT

If you're racing a car, you don't try to go faster by using every gear at once and pressing every pedal at the same time. Getting up to high speed requires using all the gears with very specific *sequence and timing*. Low speed gears have higher torque for getting off the line and getting into motion, but they can't take the car beyond low speeds. The middle gears have high acceleration to a certain point but are only useful as a transition from very slow to very fast. The highest gears are most efficient and protect the engine from damage, but they can't be used until the car is approaching top speed.

Translate this analogy to the three Character model of psychology.

Each Character is like a gear in the car. It has a very specific and essential purpose, and the car can't run at full speed without each gear playing its part. Also, you can't *skip* any gears in the sequence, or shift them at random. Try shifting from 1st gear into 5th and see what happens. The car will stall. Or suppose you tried to shift from 5th to 1st at 70mph? Very bad things would happen.

Finally, what would happen if you tried to force the car into more than one gear at the same time? Mechanically, the concept doesn't even make sense—but psychologically, this is exactly what we're doing many times when we experience *Analysis Paralysis*. Two or more of our characters are all trying to be the active gear.

GEAR JAM

Should I be working? Planning? What's the next thing to do? Is there a better way to do this? Why am I doing this?

Here's the real secret to unlocking lasting flow and high-performance: it's not about doing more, trying harder, or juggling every role at the same time. It's about shifting gears—the conscious art of letting one character fully take the wheel, then handing it off in sequence, just like a master driver running through the gears in a high-performance car. Every function—visioning, mapping, building—works best when it's given the right moment, the right tools, and the full attention of your system.

You know the feeling: you're mid-task, but your mind is leaping ahead to the next ten action items (Manager mode), or drifting back to whether this project even matters in the big picture (Leader mode), all while trying to force your body to just "get it done" (Producer mode). The result? Jerky starts, anxiety, churn—never truly finishing what you begin, or finishing but feeling drained and disconnected. This is the "grinding gears" syndrome, and it's everywhere in overwhelmed modern creative life.

1. **Use the RIGHT gear for the situation** (don't plan in Producer mode, or create in Manager mode)
2. **Fully embody one character at a time**—protect the container, don't let the others barge in
3. **Sequence matters:** Dream/vision first ➔ Plan/structure next ➔ Execute/create last

The solution is simple, but profound: honor the sequencing and let one character be the star at a time. When it's time to vision, give your Leader the full stage—let imagination run, let dreams breathe, don't bog down in logistics or how-to's. When the vision's cast, invite your Manager to break it down; focus on clarity, order, puzzle-solving. And when the plan is clear, it's your Producer's time to shine: tune out the shoulds and coulds, drop into movement, use your chosen tools, and let completion fuel forward momentum. When you get good at shifting consciously—Leader to Manager to Producer and back again—you'll notice less friction, more flow, and far less fatigue.

Just like a high-performance car, you only reach top speed when you move efficiently through the gears—no grinding, no stalling out, no confusion about who's driving.

Reflection:

- When do you skip a gear?
- Which speed do you tend to "default" to, and which speeds feel more like a stretch?
- Where do you most often stall, or when does it feel most like your gears are grinding?
- When was a time in your life that you remember when you glided through the gears with ease from 0-100?

5 KNOW YOUR PARTS: INNER NEEDS, FEELINGS, & SUPERPOWERS

Your internal characters aren't robots. Each has feelings, needs, core strengths—and can also hold tension, history, or even pain. Your characters are truly *parts* of you, and they have a personality of their own. Yes—they are all "you", and there is a bit of role-play involved in getting to know them. But truly once you do, you'll find that they really are "characters" of you, different aspects of your core self.

Why Some Parts Dominate—And Some Hide

- **Dominance:** One character (often the Manager or Producer) may take over to "save the day" and keep order, but this can lead to burnout, tunnel vision, or creative stagnation.

Let's get one thing clear: there's absolutely nothing wrong with having a "home position" on your inner team. In fact, most of us have a dominant character or preferred mode that feels like "easy mode" for how we approach challenges, creativity, or leadership. Maybe you're a natural Manager—you instinctively organize, solve problems, and bring order to chaos. Or perhaps Producer comes effortlessly: you bring things to completion and thrive in hands-on execution. Or your natural habitat is that of the Leader, always seeing the big picture and sparking others to dream bigger. This dominance isn't a flaw, it's a feature! The way you play at your best will always have a certain flavor.

Where things get interesting—and where the path to greater performance and fulfillment opens up—is recognizing that your dominant mode doesn't have to define your entire self. Even if you're a world-class Manager, approaching every single life situation as a management puzzle can get stale, or even yield diminishing returns. If your Leader and Producer get sidelined for too long, you might lose touch with fresh vision, or miss the joy of simply building and creating. Rather than seeing this as a threat, consider it an invitation: celebrate your strength, and then go in search of your resident "introverts" (the less-used characters), welcoming them back into the game. "Hey Producer, Leader—it's time to let you play, too."

- **Avoidance:** Sometimes a part goes MIA; your Leader goes quiet (no vision), your Manager freezes up, or your Producer vanishes when the going gets tough.

It's also perfectly typical—completely human—for certain characters to go MIA in specific circumstances, or even entire seasons of life. Sometimes this is just patterns of habit or circumstance; other times, a role goes quiet because of past overwhelm, burnout, criticism, or not getting the support it once needed. If your Producer disappears when projects feel "too big," or your Leader hides after a creative letdown, this isn't a sign of laziness or brokenness. It's evidence that your inner team has its history, its stories, and sometimes just needs a little warmth, encouragement, or even retraining to feel safe enough to return to active play.

- **Unmet Needs:** Each character has its own wish-list—a need for appreciation, clarity, or freedom—that if unaddressed, shows up as sabotage or shutdown.

Unmet needs are a universal part of this internal system. Every part of your team brings gifts, and with those gifts, real requests: the Leader wants space to dream, the Manager craves clarity and respect, the Producer needs trust and the right tools. When those needs aren't present, a character can quietly step back, waiting for the right conditions to emerge. Again, this isn't a shortcoming—it's information. Your evolving job as "Team Captain" is to notice what's missing, without judgment, and gently open up the invitation so each character gets the care, airtime, and support they deserve.

When you see your own preferences and missing roles through this lens—not as problems, but as features of your unique internal ecosystem—you unlock a tremendous new source of possibility and play. The most successful creators and leaders aren't perfect; they're

simply better at inviting every part to the table, honoring their gifts, and helping each learn how to shine, in their season, and on their terms.

Parts Work: Internal Team Meeting

Step 1: Higher Self Dialogue

At the end of the day (or anytime energy gets weird), pause. Imagine yourself as your own "Higher Self"—wise, neutral, curious.

- Ask inwardly, "Which part of me is most present right now?"
- Let one character step forward—Leader, Manager, or Producer.
- "Hey [Leader/Manager/Producer], what's your experience right now? What do you need? What's working well for you, and what's a struggle?"

Observe the answers with curiosity. Sometimes you'll get surprising honesty: "I, your Manager, feel overwhelmed and on my own. No one's giving me big-picture direction." Or, "Producer here—I need clarity! What am I supposed to do?!" Just listen.

Step 2: Let The Characters Talk

Now, pick two parts. Have them "talk to each other"—out loud, in your journal, or in your mind.

- "Manager, what do you need from Producer right now?"

- "Producer, how does it feel when Manager dumps a giant, unsorted pile and says 'get to work'?"
- "Leader, where do you most want to give your energy? Do you feel welcomed by the team?"

Let each respond. Try swapping roles—become the "voice" of each. Externalize the conflict—see what insights pop up about where the jams and unmet needs actually are.

Step 3: Integration

Wrap up with your Higher Self affirming each part: Thank them. Invite their wisdom. If something's stuck, commit to giving that character some focused "play" time tomorrow. Remember, the purpose of this exercise is for *you* to help each of your characters get their needs met so that *they* (yes… you) can have fun, be productive, and ultimately be successful. So "your" role (as the Higher Self) is to do your best to facilitate and foster a productive conversation. If you notice a part going into judgment, criticism, or blame of another character (or even you)—let that character have its full voice but always return to curiosity. What do you feel? What do you need? How can I (or another character) help you? What would help you to be happy?

PRACTICE:

This week, make it a mini-game to "call a team huddle" whenever things get sticky or you notice yourself spinning. Pause for a minute. Imagine gathering your internal crew—Leader, Manager, Producer—around a table (or a magic whiteboard, if that's your style).

Ask out loud or in writing:

- "Who's most present right now?"
- "Who's in the wings, waiting for a turn?"
- "Is anyone feeling left out or in over their head?"

Give each character the talking stick, even just for a minute to share. See what comes up, what they need, or what would help their play go smoother.

Try doing this not just during tension, but after a small win, when you're about to shift gears, or when you simply sense some creative restlessness. You might be surprised which part of your team shows up with unexpected wisdom or untapped energy.

6 GETTING STARTED: PRACTICAL ROUTINE FOR SELF-ACTIVATION

Let's turn these ideas into action. Here's your entry-level protocol—easy enough for a Monday, powerful enough to create new habits for life.

The Weekly Play Pattern

1. Schedule Three Distinct Focus Blocks

- Block out time each week for "Leader," "Manager," and "Producer" sessions. Even 30 minutes apiece will do.
- For Leader, do visioning, journaling, or big-picture mapping.

- For Manager, plan, organize, break things down, and make checklists.
- For Producer, pick ONE action item and implement without thinking about the plan or the big picture.

2. Prep Your Transitions

- Before each block, announce (to yourself or on paper): "Now stepping into [Leader/Manager/Producer] mode."
- Use a physical ritual—clear your desk, set a timer, get some air. Give your brain permission to fully shift roles.

3. Run the Daily Parts Check-In

- At the end of each day, ask: Who led? Who struggled? Jot a few notes.
- If something jammed, go back to the "Parts Work" conversation—what's the real story?

4. Handle Collisions Consciously

- If you catch yourself overwhelmed—multiple to-dos, distractions, emotional whiplash—pause.
- Ask: Who's really in charge right now? Is someone trying to do a job they're not designed for?
- Take one deep breath, reset, and re-enter the right gear for the moment.

5. Play With Adjustments and Rituals

- What tools and environments help each character thrive? Is your Leader best at dawn, your Producer after a walk? Build in support and experiment.

6. Anchor With Accountability

- Share your challenge with a friend, coach, mastermind connection or accountabili-buddy.
- Keep a record of your play dates with yourself. This can be super helpful to look back on to be become aware of your own natural patterns and cycles—and progress over time.

7 NEXT STEPS: WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR THE FULL GAME

Congratulations—you've just met your executive team and started a new game. If you found some freedom, new insight, or even a little extra juice for your productive play, imagine what could happen with the full Power Activation program:

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- Weekly structure & accountability to power-up your inner team
- Playful, hands-on upgrades to activate easeful focus and flow
- Many more revolutionary frameworks like this one
- A partnership committed to Intentional Evolution—and creating your dream reality, not just "getting things done"

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