

opening/shattering/dissolving

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Kianspo, *Don't stop believing*, part 4 and interlude.

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Given the social and educational feedback he received since childhood, Spock is convinced that he is not and never will be good enough, but that he is not allowed to quit trying either.

He is therefore mercilessly pushing himself; he is equally merciless in pushing others, especially considering that --if pushed hard-- **they** can be good enough.

For the same reason, he doesn't allow them to run any risks: he puts himself forward, so that what he feels are more valuable persons than he is will be spared.

Ref. C.S.Lewis' *That hideous strenght*, when God sends Merlin to do his dirty work for him, as

"A tool (...) good enough to be so used and not too good"

to be soiled by contact with pure evil.

In so doing, Spock alienates his human companions at the same time as he alienates himself.

He considers this an equitable price to pay and doesn't allow himself to feel the pain of isolation.

He doesn't want to be understood because he doesn't want his pain to be known, even to himself, and much less he wants that pain to be shared by anyone.

He explodes by chance; only Kirk's intervention before he can put himself back together makes him admit that his attitude can't be sustained any longer, for the good of others as well as his own.

His problem now is how to allow himself to accept love as a gratuitous gift. Something others give him arbitrarily, not as an acknowledgement of his worth, but of **their** wish to do so.

Kirk finds him reading Kundera's *The insufferable lightness of being*.

The choice is as significant as it is serendipitous.

It really doesn't matter if I choose this or that, and why. It really doesn't make a straw of a difference.

Who cares?

Only I.

I care and never quit caring, because the fact that I care is what makes me exist.

Not "I doubt, therefore I am", but "I care, therefore I am".

Freedom is in irrelevance.

It is there, not in duty, that responsibility begins and ends.

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Note to self: "I care, therefore I am". God doesn't seem to care a damn, so S/He/It must not exist.

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