

## GODFATHER PROTOCOL — ORIGINATION CERTIFICATE (TECH V9)

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**Quote:**

“The best way to exercise power is by not using it.”

**Definition:**

The Godfather Protocol is a governance framework in which legitimate authority is demonstrated through capacity paired with deliberate restraint. Power is optimized by non-deployment, producing stability, dependency, and asymmetric authority.

**Core Principle:**

Restraint in the presence of capacity produces more durable authority than force.

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