

Sufficiently Advanced

“What you call ‘science’ is merely magic by another name,” said the physiurge. He had an annoying drone for a voice, but I’ve heard worse from professors. “It is Power, just like any other. It can be learned, understood, used.”

“Then why isn’t the basis of our society?” I asked. “Nevin’s Fifth Law, right? If science really worked, everybody could use it.”

“Ah,” said the physiurge, “but it does. Science is all about you. It fills every aspect of our world. You could not live without it. But to consciously *use* it? That is something not learned in a day.”

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