

“The Ladder of Inference”

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Opening Narration

Witness Mr. Sampson, a man climbing the ladder of success; each rung constructed from the dregs of humanity, a forlorned lot whose only offense was to encounter a man with unbridled ambition. His flawed strategy is to try to validate himself by invalidating others. As he makes his ascent, he may find that the last step will terminate at the summit of the Twilight Zone.

Closing Narration

A fundamental social axiom: when resources are scarce, or perceived to be scarce, there will be violence. Another one being that those you step on ascending the ladder of success will be there to receive you as you stumble on the way down.

The Earth orbits near a black hole of antagonism: one wrong step along the event horizon and men like Mr. Sampson will see their humanity spiral into oblivion, its remnants relegated to the ash heap of the Twilight Zone.