



So you've read in Ciri's scaling section that we could only scale Geralt to base Ciri's feats, right? Well, there is a reason for that.

First things first is the nature of Ciri. Cirilla was born as the princess of Cintra, from Pavetta and Emhyr var Emreis, the emperor of Nilfgaard. Little did the emperor know that Pavetta, and by proxy, Ciri, is a descendant of Lara Dorren, the first known carrier of the Elder Blood, which grants magical power far greater than any seen before, being able to control time and space itself, though it is very difficult to control.

"Moreover, not every Source attributes their magical skills to the presence of Lara's genes. A few, in whom the mutation has occurred, are marked by extraordinary abilities. They are able to travel through time and space and possess certain magical abilities. These talents are, however, wild and uncontrolled, manifesting themselves in times of stress or strong emotions, surprising even their possessors."

- *Elder Blood* by Vilgefortz of Roggeveen

We've already discussed how Vilgefortz stomps Geralt out like a bug, so if a powerful mage like Vilgefortz is impressed with the magic of the Elder Blood, then Ciri's full power absolutely eclipses Geralt. Hell, this was made apparent in the battle of Kaer Morhen, where [her power was overwhelming everyone and sucking everything into a deadly vortex.](#)

Needless to say, Elder Blood Carriers are on another level in the Witcherverse. Speaking of which, time to talk about the White Frost.

Now, like numerous things in *The Witcher*, the White Frost differs from novels to games. In the novels, the White Frost is described as a natural process that will come to pass in thousands of years, sort of like global warming in reverse. There's a bunch of science stuff involved, so skip if you want.

Quotes start here:

"The earth," she finally began in a slightly sermonizing tone, 'has a spherical shape and orbits the sun. Do you agree with that? Or perhaps you belong to one of those fashionable sects that try to prove something utterly different.'

"You are sure, then, to agree with the fact that the vertical axis of the globe is tilted at an angle, and the path of the earth around the sun doesn't have the shape of a regular circle, but is elliptical?"

'You don't have to be an astronomer, it's enough to think logically. The earth circles the sun in an elliptical-shaped orbit, and so during its revolution sometimes it's closer and sometimes further away. The further the earth is from the sun, the colder it is on it; that must be logical. And the less the world's axis deviates from the perpendicular the less light reaches the northern hemisphere.'

"Extreme conditions, as far as climate is concerned, are caused by a simultaneous occurrence of the two phenomena: the maximum elongation of the ellipse and only an insignificant deviation of the axis from the vertical. The earth orbiting the sun receives very little light and heat at the aphelium, and the polar regions are additionally harmed by the disadvantageous angle of tilt of the axis."

"Less light in the northern hemisphere means the snow lies longer. White and shining snow reflects sunlight, the temperature falls even more. The snow lies even longer because of that, it doesn't melt at all in greater and greater stretches or only melts for a short time. The more snow and the longer it lies, the greater the white and shining reflective surface ..."

"The snow's falling, it's falling and falling and there's more and more of it. So observe that masses of warm air drift with the sea currents from the south, which condense over the frozen northern land. The warm air condenses and falls as snow. The greater the temperature differences, the heavier the falls. The heavier the falls, the more white snow that doesn't melt for a long time. And the colder it is. The greater the temperature difference and the more abundant the condensation of the masses of air ..."

'The snow cover becomes heavy enough to become compacted ice. A glacier. On which, as we

now know, snow continues to fall, pressing it down even more. The glacier grows, it's not only thicker and thicker, but it spreads outwards, covering greater and greater expanses. White expanses ...'

'Reflecting the sun's rays,' Condwiramurs nodded. 'Becoming colder, colder and even colder. The White Frost prophesied by Ithlinne.'"

From: *The Lady of the Lake* by Andrzej Sapkowski

Quotes end here

Now in the games, the White Frost is portrayed more as a cataclysmic event that will coat the entire world in ice, like a force of destruction rather than a natural process.

"One can hear Ithlinne's Prophecy whispered at every market, garbled and reused by every village witch, delved into in any treatise touching on sooths and diviners and in general saturating our common culture. We all know that "the time of the Wolf's Blizzard approaches, the Time of the White Frost" and that "the world will perish amidst ice." But few truly understand the meaning of these words.

The self-proclaimed prophets who shout out Ithlinne's words mistake stars reflected in a still pond for the sky. For the White Frost is no legend or mythical apocalypse. It is a natural phenomenon that can be described in the dry yet precise language of scholarship.

The renowned scholar of Thorn's studies has clearly shown that our world is not the center of the universe, but one of a thousand such globes spinning in the endless darkness of space. This space is usually described as a vacuum - yet to do so is grossly misleading, for through this "vacuum" swims, invisible to the naked eye, the White Frost.

We do not know exactly what the White Frost is - perhaps a microscopic dust that blocks the incoming light of the sun? Perhaps infinitesimal particles of the sort postulated by Democritus of Ban Ard, with the unusual property of sucking up warmth as a sponge does water?

We know for a certainty however, that, thanks to the telescopic observations of elven astronomers, the White Frost, whatever it is, has already destroyed a great many worlds."

From: *The White Frost* (book) in *The Witcher 3*

The sheer destructive power of the White Frost has also been elaborated on in this same book.

*"We know for a certainty however, that, thanks to the telescopic observations of elven astronomers, the White Frost, whatever it is, has already destroyed a great many worlds. **The star systems in which it appears perish into lifeless hunks of ice over the course of a few decades.** Furthermore, each scholar agrees that the White Frost will one day come to our*

world. Ithlinne's Prophecy, though based on magic intuition and not scientific observation, thus appears to foretell the truth."

With this much cosmic power, the only one that can even attempt to stop this is the carrier of the Elder Blood.

"The prophecies are true. I have seen worlds bound in ice. I know what awaits you.

Only the Elder Blood can stop the White Frost. Only I can stop it."

Ciri then travels to where the White Frost itself is located so that she can face it once and for all. While it is unclear as to how she defeats it, we can use [this lovely lady](#) as our answer.

This is the Winter Queen. She is known as the predecessor to Eredin as the queen of the Wild Hunt. She faced the White Frost herself, and though she had failed, she survived and became a different person, one of a cold heart and unmatched power.

Scroll 1: *Even the early generals of the Wild Hunt had no idea how many centuries their Queen had already lived. But the elves joked that she was as old as the world—the very one which the Aen Elle had abandoned when the White Frost came.*

Scroll 2: *Only a few remembered that she once bore only an elven name. Before becoming the Queen of Winter, she was a widely respected sage. **Brave, ambitious, and stubborn. She did not even bow to the imminent destruction of the world. Instead of escaping with her people through Ard Gaeth, she decided to face the White Frost by herself.***

Scroll 3: *Considering the fate of the Alder Folk, it's not difficult to guess the outcome of this clash. **Neither the Aen Saevherne's magic nor her knowledge stopped the inevitable. The gene of the Elder Blood, however, was strong enough to moderate the effects of the White Frost and save the elf's life.***

Scroll 4: *The sage finally returned to the Aen Elle, but she was... changed. There was a perceptible aura of iciness around her, and she was cold to the touch. It took just one look of her to freeze a man to the bone. And everything that was not white snow seemed to be ugly, disgusting, and dull to her.*

Among elves, some argued that the White Frost had not so much changed her as became a part of her.

From: *Gwent: The Witcher Card Game*

This all implies that the Winter Queen had directly fought the White Frost, and can survive absorbing its power, which means the same can be said for Ciri, only Ciri had not only faced it, but stopped it for good.

So what does this mean for scaling? It depends on what you prefer for sources. If you want to stick mainly to the books, then it means nothing, as the White Frost is merely just a natural process. If you're like us and use both novels and games, and other supplementary material, then the White Frost, and Elder Blood carriers, can scale to possible star level power.

What does this mean for Geralt specifically? Simple. Nothing. Not only is it apparent that Elder Blood carriers are far and away more powerful than anything the Witcher has ever seen, let alone fought, it is also made blatant that the White Frost is only able to be stopped by those with the Elder Blood. A Witcher isn't about to go near something that powerful. While yes, Geralt has defeated Caranthir in combat, that was after Ciri had already broken the staff... which is tied to the White Frost... Caranthir's main source of magic. You see where we're going with this?

This could be big for Ciri specifically, but this isn't a Ciri blog now, is it? We could go into further detail, but for now, you're all on your own.

Overall, Geralt scaling to Ciri and the White Frost is a big NO. But if you're ever interested in doing research on Ciri, now you have some time saved.