## 1.Dependence and Loneliness

#### a deep bond born of shared loneliness

Both Piano and Forte are treated as "imperfect beings" by Dr. Wily, but this creates a strong empathy between them. Forte was born as the evil Rockman by accidental "fortenium" and continues to defy Wily, while Piano is completely ignored and discarded. Both are lonely and can only be saved by sharing their loneliness with each other.

One of the reasons Forte visits Piano is because they can share this loneliness. They are superficially opposites, yet internally share a similar suffering. It is as if they are drawn to each other like a single star shining in the night sky. By sharing their loneliness, they silently form a deep bond. She seeks his attention by turning her mind to him, the only one who cares about her, and by wishing for him to "destroy her". On the other hand, he also feels his "strength" through her presence and feels the need to prove it.

While Piano is "the one who makes Forte admit his weakness," Forte may be trying to find his "one to protect" through Piano. This codependent relationship sometimes hurts each other, but at the same time it is an element that deepens their connection.

Between them, there is a mixture of "strength" and "weakness" to overcome loneliness. Forte expresses his loneliness as "strength" and tries to prove his existence value by continuing to fight. Piano, on the contrary, however, holds that loneliness inwardly as "weakness" and has self-destructive desires.

He's attracted to Piano's "weakness" perhaps because he's unconsciously projecting his own inner weakness onto her, and she's attracted to Forte's "strength" perhaps because she's trying to find her own salvation. They complement each other in the other's deficiencies. Thus, Piano is not just a "failure," but an important presence that shakes up his very existence, and what he loses by destroying it has a profound effect on himself.

#### "Redemption" to be found in solitude

Finally, they find partial redemption by filling each other's loneliness. Piano confirms through Forte that he is not completely ignored, and Forte has the opportunity to prove his strength through Piano. This redemption is not perfect, and their relationship is always strained, but still essential to each other.

It is as if they are two stray cats huddled against each other in the wilderness, enduring the cold, and it is perhaps their own expression of affection that she has a desire to ruin and he refuses to do so.

## 2.Self-worth and self-sacrifice

One of Piano's most striking characteristics is her lack of value for herself. She has been discarded by Dr.Wily and left as a "failure" with no role to play. Because of this, she is unable to feel a sense of meaning to her existence and accepts that her essence is "the one who had nothing to give". This is also deeply connected to her motivation for wanting self-sacrifice.

The lack of self-worth comes from her denial of her very identity and her seeing herself as a "failure". Therefore, she desires to be "destroyed" and feels that she can only be saved by erasing her own existence, and hidden deep within her is a deep sadness that she should not exist.

Forte, on the other hand, is always in pursuit of "strength" and seeks to establish the value of his existence by proving his strength. He is rebellious against Dr.Wily, who gave birth to his existence, and forms his identity by continuing to fight. For him, "strength" is the only way to prove his self-worth, which is why he is obsessed with fighting Rockman and other enemies. This quest for Forte's self-worth is also an important element in his relationship with Piano. While Piano wishes for him to "destroy" her, fulfilling her wish would completely negate her existence and affect his own significance. For while destroying her may prove his strength, it would also hurt the self-worth he is trying to protect.

Piano's desire for "self-sacrifice" is an extremely difficult demand for Forte. Her ultimate desire is for him to prove his strength by destroying her, and to become material for that purpose. But to destroy her is to fulfill her desire, but it also means that he will deny his "existence" to her in person altogether.

Forte has mixed feelings about Piano, and even though destroying her is her desire, he feels that by doing so he is betraying what he "wants to protect."

Her self-sacrificing attitude is also an act that casts her own raison d'etre upon him. Since Piano is trying to find salvation by making himself useful in some way, he will readily accept it if it supports his power.

Forte, however, has an internal conflict with this sacrificial attitude. For him, Piano is not merely "an entity to be destroyed," but a mirror of himself. While he proves his strength by destroying her, it is also an act that exposes his inner weakness.

They have contrasting approaches to self-worth. Piano tries to find value through self-sacrifice, while Forte tries to prove his worth through strength.

Piano's presence confirms his strength, but at the same time her self-sacrificing desires shake him internally. He may be continually searching for a way to find her value while acknowledging her existence. Their relationship is built on their mutual search for self-worth, which is the factor that binds them together while tearing them apart.

Between Piano's "sacrificial love" and Forte's "obsession with strength," both struggle for self-worth, and the theme of self-worth and self-sacrifice continues to flow between them.

ピアノの最も顕著な特徴の一つは、彼女が自分に対する価値を見いだせないことです。彼女は、ワイリーから捨てられ、何の役割も持たない「失敗作」として放置されています。そのため、自分

の存在意義を感じることができず、「何も与えられなかった自分」こそが自分の本質だと受け入れています。これは、彼女が自己犠牲を望む動機とも深く結びついています。

自己価値の欠如は、彼女のアイデンティティそのものを否定し、彼女が自分自身を「失敗作」として見ていることから来ています。そのため、彼女は「滅ぼされること」を望み、自らの存在を消すことで初めて救われると感じていてその心の奥底には「自分は存在すべきではない」という深い悲しみが隠されています。

一方、フォルテは常に「強さ」を追求し、その強さを証明することで自分の存在価値を確立しようとしています。彼は、自分の存在がワイリーによって作り出されたことに対して反抗的であり、戦い続けることで自分のアイデンティティを形成しています。彼にとって「強さ」こそが自己価値を証明する唯一の手段であり、だからこそロックマンや他の敵との戦いに執着しています。

このフォルテの自己価値探求は、ピアノとの関係においても重要な要素です。ピアノに「滅ぼしてほしい」と願われる一方で、その願いを叶えれば彼女の存在を完全に否定することになり彼自身の存在意義にも影響を及ぼします。彼女を滅ぼすことで彼の強さを証明することはできるかもしれませんが、それは同時に彼が守ろうとしている自己価値をも傷つけることになるからだ。

ピアノが望む「自己犠牲」は、フォルテにとって極めて困難な要求です。彼女の最終的な願望は彼が自分を破壊することで彼の強さを証明しそのための材料になることです。しかし彼女を破壊することは、彼女の願望を叶えることですが、それは彼が彼女に直々に「存在」を完全に否定することを意味する。

フォルテはピアノに対して複雑な感情を持っており、彼女を滅ぼすことが彼女の望みであっても、 それを実行することで自分の「守りたいもの」を裏切ることになると感じています。

彼女の自己犠牲的な態度は、彼女自身の存在意義を彼に投げかける行為でもあります。ピアノ は自分が何かの役に立つことで救いを見出そうとしているため、それが彼の力を支えることであ れば、それを甘んじて受け入れるでしょう。

しかし、フォルテはこの犠牲的な姿勢に対して内面的な葛藤を抱いています。彼にとってピアノは、単なる「破壊すべき存在」ではなく、彼自身を映し出す鏡のような存在です。彼女を滅ぼすことで強さを証明する一方で、それは彼の内面的な弱さをも暴露する行為でもあります。

彼らは自己価値に対するアプローチが対照的だ。ピアノは自己犠牲を通じて価値を見出そうとし、フォルテは強さを通じて価値を証明しようとします。

ピアノの存在は彼の強さを確認させる存在でありながら、同時に彼女の自己犠牲的な願望が彼を内面的に揺さぶらせます。彼は彼女の存在を認めつつ彼女の価値を見出す方法を探し続けているのかもしれません。彼らの関係は、互いに自己価値を探し求める中で成り立っており、それが二人を引き裂きつつも結びつける要因となっています。

ピアノの「犠牲的な愛」とフォルテの「強さへの執着」の間には、どちらも自己価値を求める葛藤があり、彼らの間には、自己価値と自己犠牲というテーマが流れ続けています。

# 3.Bass's Cycle of Destruction and Creation

**Forte's desire for destruction, to prove his strength:** Forte is one of the most powerful fighting robots ever developed by Dr.Wily. His reason for existence is to prove his strength through "destruction. His continued fight against Megaman is also an act of proving his strength, which is the core of Forte's raison d'etre. For him, "destruction" is the only way to establish himself, and it also leads to "creation," in which he gains new strength and confidence in the process.

For Forte, destruction is not just an act of violence, but a process of rebuilding oneself and finding strength. By destroying his enemies, he continues to "create" a new self, and this cycle exists within him. This repetition of "destruction and creation" shapes his personal growth and raison d'etre.

The key question here, however, is whether, while Forte pursues destruction, it is really his "free will" or whether he is simply bound by the role assigned to him by Wily. He repeatedly destroys because seeks strength, but this does not necessarily lead to creative growth. This is what makes him conflicted and tragic. (However, it is not possible to say for sure in general...We can glimpse aspects of his emotional growth signs in "Rockman and Forte" King Stage dialogue and in Forte ending of "Rockman Battle and Chase.")

**Piano's desire for self-destruction:** creating something new by erasing existence On the other hand, Piano's "destruction" implies the erasure of the self. She feels that she is a "failure" and that her existence is meaningless, so she wishes Forte to destroy her. For her, self-destruction is the only "liberation," and believes that being destroyed will prove that her existence was not meaningless.

Piano's desire for self-destruction is a kind of "rebirth" for her; she feels that by being destroyed, something new meaning will be created. She hopes that by being destroyed by Forte, she will "create" his power and be part of proving his strength. Her destruction also leads to a "creative process of gaining new strength" for Forte.

The question here, however, is whether Piano's desire for self-destruction is really of her own free will or the result of self-denial programmed by the fact that she has been abandoned by Wily. The idea that she "finds new meaning by being destroyed" is a very dangerous one, and it is uncertain whether this is truly a "creative rebirth" for her!

**Interdependence of Destruction and Creation:** In the relationship between Forte and Piano, "destruction and creation" are very closely linked. Forte seeks "destruction" to prove his strength, and Piano wants to "be destroyed" to support his strength. Between two, a cycle of destruction and creation is constantly repeating itself.

Forte "creates" his strength by destroying Piano, and she "creates" her own meaning of existence through that destruction. However, this cycle is not a one-way act of destruction, but is established in a mutually dependent manner. Piano desires to be destroyed in order to strengthen Forte's power, and Forte seeks to prove her power by destroying Piano. This relationship is a process of mutual reaffirmation of each other's "reason for being," and at the same time it is "creative destruction.

However, this cycle of interdependence leaves some questions unanswered. Should Forte really destroy Piano? And does the destruction of Piano lead to the eventual "creation" for Forte? There is some concern that as long as this cycle continues, the two will forever be unable to establish themselves, and will continue to destroy and create.

**Destruction as "rebirth":** For him, destroying Piano is not only an act of destruction, but also a means of "regenerating himself. He may reaffirm his "strength" and create a new self that transcends the mission given to him by Wily. However, the conflict he feels about destroying her raises the question of whether this "rebirth" is really what he wants. Forte also feels a desire to protect her, which conflicts with his destructive desire. While he believes that destroying her will "regenerate" her, it is unclear whether the "creation" that comes from destroying her is really what he desires, as he feels that Piano's presence is a test of his strength. In this respect, Forte is torn between "destruction" and "creation."

**Piano's Creative Role:** Piano's "creative role" is in that her very existence supports Forte's "creativity," despite her desire for destruction. She is a self-negating being, but her very existence is the catalyst that allows him to create a new "strength". Her embodiment of "weakness" for Forte allows him to recognize that "strength" more clearly. Piano is trying to "create" Forte's strength by being destroyed itself, but in fact her very presence creates a new strength within him. This represents the mechanism of "creative destruction" between them.

1. フォルテの破壊への欲求、強さを証明するための破壊:フォルテは、ワイリーが開発したこれまでのロボットの中でも強大な戦闘力を持った存在と言える。彼の存在理由は、「破壊」を通じてその強さを証明することにあります。彼がロックマンと戦い続けるのも、彼の強さを証明するための行動であり、それがフォルテの存在意義の核となっています。彼にとって、「破壊」は自己を確立する唯一の方法であり、その過程で新たな力や自信を得るという「創造」にもつながっています。

フォルテにとっての破壊とは、単なる暴力行為ではなく、自分自身を再構築し、強さを見つけるためのプロセスです。敵を破壊することで、新たな自分を「創造」し続けるというサイクルが彼の中に存在しています。この「破壊と創造」の繰り返しが、彼の自己成長と存在意義を形作っているのです。

しかし、ここで重要なのは、フォルテが破壊を追い求める一方で、それが本当に彼の「自由意志」なのか、それともワイリーに与えられた役割に縛られているだけなのかという疑問です。彼は強さを求めるがゆえに破壊を繰り返しますが、それが創造的な成長に結びつくとは限らない。この点が、彼の葛藤と悲劇性を生んでいます。

そしてピアノの自己破壊への願望は、彼女にとって一種の「再生」であり、破壊されることによって何か新しい意味が生まれると感じています。彼女は、フォルテに滅ぼされることによって、彼の力を「創造」し、彼の強さを証明するための一部となることを望んでいます。彼女の破壊は、フォルテにとっては「新たな力を得るための創造的プロセス」にもつながるのです。

ここでの疑問は、ピアノの自己破壊願望が本当に彼女自身の自由意志によるものなのか、それともワイリーに捨てられたという事実によってプログラムされた自己否定の結果なのかということです。彼女が「破壊されることによって新しい意味を見いだす」という考え方は、非常に危ういものであり、それが本当に彼女にとっての「創造的な再生」となるのかは不確かです。

破壊と創造の相互依存:フォルテとピアノの関係において、「破壊と創造」は非常に密接に結びついています。ピアノはフォルテの力を強化するために破壊されることを望み、フォルテはピアノを滅ぼすことで自分の力を証明しようとする。フォルテは強さを証明するために「破壊」を求め、ピアノはその強さを支えるために「破壊されること」を望んでいます。この二人の間には、破壊と創造が絶えず繰り返されるサイクルが存在しているのです。一方的な破壊行為ではなく、互いに依存する形で成立しています。この関係性は、互いが互いの「存在理由」を再確認するためのプロセスであり、同時にそれが「創造的な破壊」となっています。

しかし、この相互依存のサイクルには、いくつかの疑問が残ります。フォルテは本当にピアノを滅ぼすべきなのか?そして、ピアノの破壊がフォルテにとっての最終的な「創造」に結びつくのか? このサイクルが続く限り、二人は永遠に自己を確立できないまま、破壊と創造を繰り返すことになるのではないかという懸念もあります。

「再生」としての破壊:しかしながら彼にとって、ピアノを滅ぼすことは単なる破壊行為にとどまらず、「自分自身の再生」の手段でもあります。「強さ」を再確認し、ワイリーから与えられた使命を超越する新しい自分を創造できるかもしれません。しかし、彼が彼女を破壊することに対して感じる葛藤は、その「再生」が本当に彼の望むものなのかという疑問を生じさせます。

フォルテは、彼女を守りたいという気持ちも抱いており、それが彼の破壊的な欲求と対立しています。彼が彼女を破壊することで「再生」を果たすと信じている一方で、ピアノの存在が彼の強さを試すものであると感じているため、彼女を破壊することで得られる「創造」が本当に彼の望むものかどうかは不明です。この点で、フォルテは「破壊」と「創造」の間で引き裂かれていると言えます。

ピアノの創造的な役割:ピアノの「創造的な役割」は、彼女が破壊を望むにもかかわらず、その存在そのものがフォルテの「創造力」を支える点にあります。彼女は、自己否定的な存在ですが、そ

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の存在が彼に新しい「強さ」を創造させるための触媒となっているのです。彼女がフォルテにとっての「弱さ」を体現することで、フォルテはその「強さ」をより明確に認識することができます。 ピアノは、自ら破壊されることでフォルテの力を「創造」しようとしていますが、実際には彼女が存在すること自体が、彼の中に新しい力を生み出しているのです。彼らの間における「創造的な破壊」のメカニズムを表しています。

## 4.Between love and hate

#### the desire to be understood

The relationship between they superficially cold and even confrontational at times, but behind it hides a deep affection. For Piano, Forte is only one who takes an interest in him. The fact that he visits her is the only proof that he has not been "abandoned," and is the cause of the affection that grows inside her.

Forte, on the other hand, also has special feelings for Piano. For him, Piano is an object of sympathy as someone who rebels againstWily as he does. They show their affection for each other in clumsy ways, but it is not a simple "friendship," "romance," or "family love," but rather a thorny "wound" that has grown ugly and crooked. The desire that Piano has to "destroy" while the conflict that Forte has is seemingly a conflicting emotion, but the common desire to "be understood" is behind both of them.

Piano's desire is the only form of approval she has, as she is not loved by anyone else, and her expressions of affection are highly distorted. Nevertheless, very existence of Forte represents for her the possibility of being loved.

#### denial of existence and sympathy

But there is also a deep feeling of hatred between them. This hatred stems primarily from their "denial of existence. Piano despairs of the reality that she is a failure and has been discarded, and she harbors feelings of self-denial. She is trying to prove to herself that she is "worthless" by asking Forte to destroy her. However, when Forte does not comply with her request, she further feels that she is being denied her existence, which leads to frustration and hatred toward him.

also Forte harbors feelings of great hatred toward Piano. Forte constantly pursues "strength" and hates weakness. Piano's existence is like a mirror for him, reflecting his own weakness, and this causes him internal conflict. That weakness, which she wants him to "destroy," is a challenge to his strength, which causes feelings of hatred. Forte is in a dilemma: he hates her weakness, but he cannot destroy her.

#### contradictory desires

One moment in which love and hate intersect is when Piano "desires to be destroyed" while Forte "wants to protect" her. It symbolizes the deep contradiction between them. For Piano, to be destroyed is synonymous with being loved, and for Forte, to show his love by protecting her is to deny her wishes.

It is very easy for him to destroy Piano in terms of his ability, but to do so means to deny her existence completely, and this is his greatest conflict. He is torn between his love to protect her and his hatred that her very existence is a burden to him.

Dependence and rejection: the perils of coexistence of two emotions.

Interdependence is a major factor in this relationship. Her presence gives him something to "protect," which provides an opportunity to test his "strength." However, this dependence also causes their relationship to become distorted, and sometimes feelings of mutual rejection surface. This relationship of dependence and rejection is what draws them to each other and pulls them apart at the same time. Between love and hate, they are constantly hurting each other, yet unable to separate.

In sum: love and hate coexist. Intense love and hatred are constantly intermingling between them. Piano wishes him to destroy her, but his presence confirms that she has not been abandoned. Forte is torn between his love to protect her and his hatred of her weakness. Their relationship is highly complex, creating a unique dynamic of mutual need yet rejection.

#### 理解されたい願望

ピアノとフォルテの関係は、表面的には冷たく、時には対立さえも感じさせるものですが、その背後には深い愛情が隠れています。ピアノにとって、フォルテは唯一自分に関心を持ってくれる存在です。彼女の元へ訪れるという事実は「見捨てられていない」という唯一の証であり、彼女の中に愛情が芽生える原因となっています。

一方、フォルテもまた、ピアノに対して特別な感情を抱いています。彼にとってピアノは、自分と同じくワイリーに反抗する者として共感を覚える対象です。彼らはお互いに不器用な形で愛情を示し合っていますが、それは単純な「友情」や「恋愛」、「家族愛」とは異なり、醜く曲がり切って成長した茨のような「傷」であると言っても差し支えない。彼らの願望と葛藤は一見して相反する感情のように見えますが「理解されたい」という共通した願望がお互いの背後にあります。

ピアノの願望は、他の誰からも愛されない彼女にとって、唯一の承認の形であり、彼女の愛情表現は非常に歪んでいます。それでもなお、フォルテの存在そのものが、彼女にとって「愛される可能性」を示しているのです。

#### 存在の否定と共感

しかし、彼らの間には深い憎しみの感情も存在します。この憎しみは主に、彼らの「存在の否定」に由来しています。フォルテが要求に応じないことで、彼女はさらに自分の存在が否定されていると感じ、彼に対する苛立ちや憎しみが生まれます。

一方、フォルテもまた、ピアノに対して大きな憎しみの感情を抱いている。フォルテは常に「強さ」を追求し続け弱さを嫌います。ピアノの存在は、彼にとって自分の弱さを映し出す鏡のようなものであり、そのことが彼に内的な葛藤を引き起こしています。彼女が「滅ぼしてほしい」と願うその弱さが、彼の強さに対する挑戦となっており、それが憎しみの感情を引き起こすのです。フォルテは、ピアノの弱さを憎みながらも、彼女を滅ぼすことができないというジレンマに陥っています。

#### 矛盾した願望

愛と憎しみは彼らの間にある深い矛盾を象徴しています。ピアノにとって、破壊されることは愛されることと同義であり、フォルテにとって、彼女を守ることで愛を示す事は彼女の望みを否定する ことです。

彼の実力的にピアノを滅ぼすことはいとも簡単だが、そうすることは彼女の存在を完全に否定することを意味しこれが彼にとって最大の葛藤でもある。彼は、彼女を守りたいという愛情と、彼女の存在そのものが自分にとっての重荷であるという憎しみの間で引き裂かれています。

#### 依存と拒絶

この関係には、相互依存が大きく影響しています。彼女の存在が、彼に「守るべきもの」を与え、それが彼の「強さ」を試す機会を提供しています。しかし、この依存は彼らの関係を歪ませる原因にもなっており、時にはお互いを拒絶する感情が表面化します。この依存と拒絶の関係が、彼らをお互いに引き寄せ、同時に引き離しているのです。愛情と憎しみの狭間で、彼らは常にお互いを傷つけ合いながらも、離れられない存在となっています。

#### 総括:愛と憎しみの共存

彼らの間には、強烈な愛と憎しみが常に交錯しています。ピアノは彼に自分を滅ぼしてほしいと願いながらも、彼の存在によって自分が見捨てられていないことを確認しています。フォルテは、彼女を守りたいという愛情と、彼女の弱さを憎む感情の間で引き裂かれています。彼らの関係は非常に複雑であり、互いを必要としながらも拒絶し合うという独特のダイナミクスが生まれています。

## 5.Balance of hope and despair

#### **Destruction is the only salvation**

Piano's existence has "despair" at its core. For her, to continue living means to be left forever as a "worthless being," and this despair dominates her. Her wish is, on the surface, despair itself; she sees being destroyed as "salvation. It is an acceptance that she has been given nothing, and symbolizes her despair. She believes that in her despair of having no reason to exist, the only release is to end her existence.

The question that arises here, however, is whether Piano really lives only in despair? This is the point. The reason she desires to be "destroyed" is because she feels worthless, but there is a faint glimmer of hope regarding the fact that she seeks it from Forte. In other words, her desire for Forte to destroy her is a sign that Forte is interested in her, and she may not be in complete despair.

Forte refuses to follow Wily's orders and seeks to prove his "strength" on his own. This pursuit of strength is his way of finding meaning in his existence, and for Forte it is a symbol of "hope.

Forte rarely finds himself in a hopeless situation; he is always moving on to the next battle, and in the process, he tries to increase his self-worth. He continues to question his existence, yet tries to be strong enough to break through it. In this respect, Forte is a hopeful being, willing to move forward into his future.

The question here is: \*\*Is the strength of the forte really "hope"? \*\* is that it is. His obsession with strength is a means of proving himself, and self-doubt may lie behind it. Since Forte's "hope" depends on actions that continually confirm his own strength, could it be that his hope is not complete, but rather fragile, on the verge of continually crumbling?

#### The Intersection of Hope and Despair

The relationship between Piano and Forte lies at the intersection of despair and hope. Piano is a hopeless being, yet he finds a glimmer of hope in his relationship with Forte. Her desire to "destroy herself" is also a manifestation of her hope to maintain her relationship with Forte. Because Forte has not completely abandoned her, she entrusts him with her own end. And hope is manifested in the fact that he refuses to grant Piano's wish. The reason for this is also to confirm the "strength" and "value" within himself. As long as he does not destroy Piano, her despair may continue, but at the same time, the paradox arises that this despair continues to give hope to Forte's existence.

Piano's existence is an aspect of "proof of strength" for Forte, but more than that, her continued existence symbolizes hope for him. While she desires destruction, the act of protecting her is Forte's means of overcoming despair. In this respect, their relationship is a "balance of hope and despair.

#### Aesthetics of the relationship where hope and despair coexist

In the relationship between,hope and despair are not completely opposed, but rather coexist. Piano's hopeless aspirations find a glimmer of hope in its relationship with Forte, and Forte's hope for strength is sustained by the hopelessness of Piano. The hope and despair between the two are in perfect balance, mutually influencing each other. Piano feels a faint glimmer of hope in the midst of despair, while the forte feels a shadow of despair in the midst of hope. If this delicate balance were to break down, their relationship would also fall apart. However, by maintaining this delicate balance, they are able to support each other and continue to exist.

#### 破壊されることが唯一の救い

ピアノの存在は、根底に「絶望」を抱えています。彼女にとって、自分が生き続けることは「無価値な存在」として永遠に放置されることを意味し、その絶望感は彼女を支配しています。彼女の願いは、表面的には絶望そのものであり、彼女は破壊されることを「救い」と見なしています。自分が何も与えられなかったことへの受け入れであり、彼女の絶望を象徴するものです。彼女は、存在意義がないという絶望の中で、唯一の解放は自分の存在を終わらせることだと信じているのです。

しかし、ここで生じる疑問は、ピアノが本当に絶望の中にのみ生きているのか? という点です。彼女が「破壊されること」を望む理由は、自分が無価値だと感じているからですが、彼女がフォルテにそれを求めているという点に関しては微かな希望が見え隠れしています。つまり、フォルテに自分を破壊してほしいと願うのは、フォルテが彼女に関心を持っているという証であり、彼女は完全に絶望の中にいるわけではないのかもしれません。

フォルテはワイリーの命令に従うことを拒否し、自分自身の力で「強さ」を証明しようとします。この強さの追求は、彼が自分の存在意義を見いだすための行動であり、フォルテにとってそれは「希望」の象徴です。

フォルテは絶望的な状況に陥ることは少なく、常に次の戦いへと向かい、その中で自分の価値を高めようとしています。彼は、自分の存在に疑問を持ちつつも、それを打破するために強くあろうとし続けています。この点で、フォルテは希望を持っている存在であり、自分の未来に向かって前進する意志を持っています。

ここでの疑問は、\*\*フォルテの強さが本当に「希望」と言えるのか?\*\*という点です。彼の強さへの執着は、自己を証明するための手段であり、その背景には自己不信が潜んでいる可能性があります。フォルテの「希望」は、自らの強さを確認し続ける行動に依存しているため、彼の希望は完全なものではなく、絶えず崩れそうなもろさを抱えているのではないか?

#### 希望と絶望の交差点

ピアノとフォルテの関係は、絶望と希望が交差する場所にあります。ピアノは絶望的な存在でありながら、フォルテとの関わりの中で微かな希望を見いだしています。「自分を破壊してほしい」と願うのは、フォルテとの関係性を維持したいという希望の現れでもあります。フォルテが彼女を完全に見捨てていないからこそ、彼女は彼に自らの終わりを託すのです。

そしてピアノの願いを彼がそれを拒むという点には、希望が現れています。その理由は彼自身の中にある「強さ」や「価値」を確認するためでもあります。彼がピアノを破壊しない限り、彼女の絶望は続くかもしれませんが、同時にその絶望がフォルテの存在に希望を与え続けるというパラドックスが生じています。

ピアノの存在は、フォルテにとって「強さの証明」という側面を持ちますが、それ以上に彼女が生き続けていることが、彼にとっての希望を象徴しています。彼女が滅びを望む一方で、彼女を守るという行為が、フォルテにとって絶望を乗り越える手段となっているのです。この点で、彼らの関係は「希望と絶望のバランス」を取りながら成り立っていると言えます。

#### 希望と絶望が共存する関係の美学

ピアノとフォルテの関係性において、希望と絶望は完全に対立するものではなく、むしろ共存しています。ピアノが持つ絶望的な願望は、フォルテとの関係の中で希望の光を見いだしており、フォルテの強さへの希望は、ピアノという絶望的な存在によって支えられています。二人の間にある希望と絶望は、互いに影響し合いながら絶妙なバランスを保っています。ピアノは絶望の中で微かな希望を感じ、フォルテは希望の中で絶望の影を感じています。この繊細なバランスが崩れれば、彼らの関係もまた崩壊してしまうでしょう。しかし、この絶妙なバランスを保つことで、彼らは互いに支え合い存在し続けることができているのです

6. What happened to them at mm8?

The original game Rockman 8 was also fought by incorporating evil energy into his body in the Wily Stage Forte battle. In this episode, Forte then becomes unable to contain his growing energy.

(Read from right to left!)









In his fading consciousness, he wanders and arrives at the laboratory where Piano is sleeping. Recognizing this, Forte finally collapses. She became aware of Forte's presence, and she realized what he had gotten himself into. Piano pried open his own chest, exposing his central core, and he did the same, opening the core section and connecting it with a tube. She transferred all of his uncontrollable energy into her own body. The two are then discovered by Rockman and taken back to Dr. Light's laboratory to be repaired. After this, Forte became very conscious of Piano's existence, and their relationship became what it is today.

Forte has always fought to prove his strength, but here that strength has reached a point where it threatens to destroy him. Losing control of himself through the "energy of evil," Forte is acutely aware of the limits of the power he seeks and the weight of the price he pays for relying on that power. His obsession with power has caused him to collapse. He took on evil energy to defeat Rockman because he believed that power was his raison d'etre, but that power, in turn, destroys him, reminding him that the strength he believed in was a hollow thing.

#### **Self-Sacrifice and Deepening Love**

The action that Piano showed there was his determination to "take on Forte's suffering. At the same time, it symbolizes "the rebirth of their relationship. Piano's action of sacrificing himself to save Forte is not only a physical relief, but also an emotional "rebirth. The core in their chests is the source of life force, and by connecting them share each other's presence, power and suffering. As Piano attempts to transfer Forte's suffering to her own core, she is accepting not only Forte's strength but also his pain and weakness. The two complement each other's existence and are connected as individuals with feelings and bonds, not just robots.

#### Confirmation of love through self-sacrifice

Piano's line, "I never allow you to leave me," shows his determination to do everything in his power to protect his future. For Piano, Forte is not just an existence, but the very "future" that is important to protect, and she is willing to sacrifice herself to protect that future. Piano understands his pain, finds her raison d'etre in protecting him, and strengthens her bond with him through self-sacrifice. Piano is not just a "failure," but a support for Forte, and she herself reaffirms her own value by supporting him.

This core connection symbolizes a spiritual bond that goes beyond physical relief. Piano took Forte's suffering upon herself and tried to save him, but it is also an expression of her strong desire to be the one and only for Forte. By connecting their cores, they shared each other's lives and their relationship was renewed on a deeper level.

What this connection shows is that "disintegration" and "rebirth" are at the core of their relationship. Just as Piano brought rebirth at the moment Forte was about to collapse, their relationship is always sustained by each other's presence

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...And the strange thing is that she extends a helping hand to him but brushes away the hand extended to her by others. Her desperate situation is unconsciously her own creation.



原作ゲームロックマン8もワイリーステージフォルテ戦にて、悪のエネルギーを身体に取り入れ戦った。このエピソードではその後、フォルテは増大するエネルギーが抑えきれなくなります。

薄れゆく意識の中でさまよい、たまたま訪れたのはピアノの眠る研究室でした。それを認識しフォルテはとうとう倒れてしまいます。フォルテの存在に気づき、彼女は彼が何を手にしてしまってたのかを察しました。抑えきれなくなったエネルギーをピアノは自身胸部をこじ開け、中枢となるコアを露わにして彼も同じようにコアの部分を開けてチューブで繋げます。彼女は彼を蝕むエネルギーを全て、自身の身体に移し替えました。その後2人はロックマンによって発見されロックマンの生みの親のライト博士の研究室に連れて帰って貰い修理をして貰います。これ以降フォルテはピアノの存在を強く意識し、現在のような関係になりました。

フォルテは、常に自らの強さを証明するために戦ってきましたが、ここではその強さが彼自身を壊しかねない状態にまでなっています。「悪のエネルギー」によって自分を制御できなくなったフォルテは、自分が求める力の限界と、その力に頼ることで得られる代償の重さを痛感します。彼の力への執着が彼を崩壊させる原因となったのです。彼がロックマンに勝つために悪のエネルギーを手にしたのは、力こそが自分の存在意義だと信じていたからですが、その力が彼を逆に破壊するものとなり、彼が信じていた強さが虚ろなものであったことを思い知らされます

#### 自己犠牲と深まる愛情

そこでピアノが見せた行動は、「フォルテの苦しみを自分が引き受ける」という決意でした。同時にそれは「二人の関係の再生」を象徴しています。ピアノがフォルテを救うために自らを犠牲にするという行動は単なる物理的な救済だけでなく、感情的な「再生」でもあります。胸部にあるコアは、彼らの生命力の源であり、それを繋げることでお互いの存在を共有し、力や苦しみを分かち合います。ピアノがフォルテの苦しみを自らのコアに移し替えようとすることで、彼女はフォルテの強さだけでなく、彼の痛みや弱さも受け入れようとしています。二人が互いの存在を補完し合い、単なるロボットではなく感情や絆を持った個として繋がっているということです。

#### 自己犠牲を通じての愛の確認

ピアノが「あなたは壊れない…私を遺すなんて絶対に許さない」というセリフは彼の未来を守るために全力を尽くす決意を示しています。ピアノにとって、フォルテはただの存在ではなく、守るべき大切な「未来」そのものであり、彼女はその未来を守るために自己犠牲を厭わないのです。ピアノが彼の痛みを理解し自分の存在意義を彼を守ることに見いだし自己犠牲を通じて彼との絆を強化している。ピアノは、ただの「失敗作」ではなく、フォルテにとっての支えであり、彼女自身も彼を支えることで自分の価値を再確認しています。

このコアの繋がりは、物理的な救済を超えて、精神的な結びつきを象徴しています。ピアノはフォルテの苦しみを自ら引き受け、彼を救おうとしましたが、それは彼女がフォルテにとって唯一無二の存在でありたいという強い願望の現れでもあります。コアを繋ぐことで、彼らは互いの命を分かち合い、二人の関係はより深いレベルで再生されました。

この繋がりが示すのは、「崩壊」と「再生」が彼らの関係の中核をなしているということです。フォルテが崩壊しかけた瞬間にピアノが再生をもたらしたように、二人の関係は常にお互いの存在に支えられているのです。

# 7. Contrast with Megaman Between Morality and Power

#### Forte's obsession with power

Forte is portrayed as a pursuer of "strength" throughout the Classic Rockman series. He is not bound by wily's mission, but rather follows his own path to continue proving his own power. His rivalry with Rockman is not mere hostility, but is based on the purpose of "proving his power" to confirm the meaning of his existence.

Rockman is a character who symbolizes "justice," and he has compassion for his opponents in battle and values moral judgment in the use of his power. Forte, in contrast, relies strongly on the idea that force itself is justice and that winning is the goal. For him, "becoming stronger" is the only way to prove the value of his existence, and this motivates him to confront Rockman. While Rockman's idea of justice is to use his power for the benefit of others, Forte pursues power for his own sake and ignores concepts such as morality and justice. (e.g., Bruce's dialogue in the Bruce + Bass ending of "The Power Battle Fighters") This conflict is what makes them fundamentally different.

#### **Contrast with Rockman**

There is a clear contrast between the "justice" that Rockman symbolizes and the "power" that Forte seeks, but through his relationship with Piano, the balance begins to swing in Forte's mind. Until now, "strength is everything" for Forte, and he has been trying to prove his strength by winning against Rockman. However, through his encounter with Piano, he begins to realize that the mere pursuit of power is not enough to satisfy his emotions. Seeing Piano's self-sacrifice, Forte realizes that there are problems that cannot be solved by "strength" alone. Piano's acceptance of Forte's pain and his willingness to protect him instills in him concepts Forte had not previously considered. Here, Forte begins to realize the chasm between Rockman's element of "justice" and his own obsession with "power. The conflict Forte feels becomes even clearer through his confrontation with Rockman. Rockman does not bend his conviction to "fight for justice" in battle, and he has mercy on Forte. Forte, on the other hand, tries to win by force, but through the presence of Piano, he begins to feel that he is not satisfied with just "strength. This confrontation is a catalyst for great inner growth for Forte, underscoring his vacillation between "morality" and "power.

#### **Fusion of Power and Morality**

The choice of Piano has a profound effect on Forte, causing him to reconsider what it means to have power. Her vow to never let anyone destroy him and her willingness to sacrifice herself to protect his future are different from the "strength" Forte has been pursuing. Influenced by Piano, Forte has come to seek not only "strength," but also a new path of "fighting for the existence he wants to protect.

#### Growth brought about by the contrast between Rockman and Forte

Ultimately, through the contrast between Rockman and Forte, the presence of Piano is a major influence on Forte's vacillation between "strength" and "morality. Forte's encounter with Piano has led him to reconsider not only "strength" but also fighting for others and the meaning of power. The conflict between Forte and Rockman is the contrast between "justice" and "power," but the balance begins to break down within him. Piano functions as a presence that forces Forte to rethink the meaning of power and gives him a new sense of values. Her self-sacrificing behavior signifies the emergence of a being for Forte to protect, and a new direction for him to use his power for the benefit of others, beyond the attachment to "strength" he has always had. But that may not be the future she desires.

#### フォルテの「カ」への執着:

フォルテは、クラシックロックマンシリーズ全体において「強さ」を追い求める存在として描かれています。彼はワイリーの使命に縛られることなく、自分自身の力を証明し続けるために独自の道を歩んでいます。彼がロックマンに対して持つ対抗心は単なる敵対意識ではなく、自らの存在意義を確認するための「力の証明」という目的に基づいています。

ロックマンは「正義」を象徴するキャラクターであり、彼は戦いの中でも相手に対して慈悲を持ち、力を行使する際も道徳的な判断を重視します。これに対してフォルテは、力そのものが正義であり、勝つことが目的であるという考えに強く依存しています。彼にとって、「強くなること」が自分の存在価値を証明する唯一の手段であり、それが彼の動機となってロックマンと対立するのです。ロックマンが守るべき正義とは、他者のために力を使うことですが、フォルテは自分自身のために力を追求し、道徳や正義といった概念を無視しています。(例:「ザ・パワーバトルファイターズ」のブルース+ベースのエンディングにてブルースの台詞)

この対立が、二人の根本的な違いを生み出しているのです。

#### ロックマンとの対比

ロックマンが象徴する「正義」と、フォルテが求める「カ」の間には明確な対比が存在しますが、ピアノとの関係を通じて、フォルテの中でそのバランスが揺れ始めます。これまでは、フォルテにとって「強さこそが全て」であり、ロックマンに勝利することでその強さを証明しようとしていました。しかし、ピアノとの出会いを通じて、彼は力をただ追求するだけでは満たされない感情に気づき始めます。

ピアノの自己犠牲を見たフォルテは、「カ」だけでは解決できない問題が存在することを悟ります。ピアノがフォルテの痛みを受け入れ、彼を守ろうとする姿勢は、フォルテがこれまで考えてこなかった概念を彼に植えつけた。ここでフォルテは、ロックマンが持つ「正義」の要素と、自らの「カ」への執着の狭間に気付き始める。

フォルテが感じる葛藤は、ロックマンとの対決を通じてさらに明確になります。ロックマンは戦いの中で「正義のために戦う」という信念を曲げず、フォルテに対しても慈悲を持っています。これに対してフォルテは、力で勝利しようとしますが、ピアノの存在を通じて、自分がただ「強さ」だけで満たされるわけではないことを感じ始めます。この対立は、フォルテにとって大きな内面的成長のきっかけとなり、彼が「道徳」と「力」の狭間で揺れる姿を強調しています。

#### 力と道徳の融合

ピアノの選択は、フォルテにとって大きな影響を与え、彼の中で「力を持つことの意味」を再考させるきっかけとなっています。彼女が彼を誰にも壊させないと誓い、彼の未来を守るために自らを犠牲にする姿勢は、フォルテがこれまで追い求めてきた「強さ」とは異なるものでした。フォルテは、ピアノの影響を受けて「強さ」だけでなく、「守りたい存在のために戦う」という新しい道を模索するようになっています。

#### ロックマンとの対比がもたらす成長

最終的に、ロックマンとフォルテの対比を通じて、フォルテが「カ」と「道徳」の狭間で揺れ動くのはピアノの存在が大きな影響を与えています。フォルテは、ピアノとの出会いによって「強さ」だけではなく、他者のために戦うことや、力の意味を再考するようになりました。フォルテとロックマンの対立は、「正義」と「カ」の対比ですが、彼の中でそのバランスが崩れ始めます。ピアノは、力の意味を問い直させ、フォルテに新しい価値観を与える存在として機能しています。彼女の自己犠牲的な行動は、フォルテにとって守るべき存在の出現を意味し、彼がこれまで持っていた「強さ」への執着を超えて、他者のために力を使うという新たな方向性を示しています。だがそれは彼女が望んだ未来ではないかもしれない。

### 8.Piano Ruthlessness

#### Brutality as a being without power

Although Piano is not a character who possesses no strength or fighting ability and wields no physical, ferocious power, it is nonetheless important to note that she does have a ruthless and brutal side to her. Her ruthlessness manifests itself in her mentality, expressed through her words and actions that drive her opponents away and her relentlessness in her emotions. The fact that she shows devotion and deep affection for Forte, while at the same time she is cold-hearted toward all beings other than him, is an element that underscores her dual nature.



This ruthlessness may stem from her past and the sense of despair she carries. By directing this pain and loneliness toward others, she may be trying to reflect her own inner suffering to others. For Piano, who has no power, ruthlessness and brutality may be a means of self-preservation or self-protection.

#### **Moral and Emotional Differences**

Considering how Piano's ruthlessness might be in contrast to that of Rockman, it is more likely that she would portray him as a calm and cool-headed being who shows little emotion toward anyone other than Forte. While Rockman is a character who is always moral and has compassion for others and tries to interact and understand even his enemies to the end, Piano has no such "sense of justice" and shows no interest in others or rather ignores them. Piano stands in a completely different position from his "justice," and the only justice for her is "to protect Forte. Therefore, Rockman's moral values will be contrasted with Piano's emotionless ruthlessness. Piano feels no obligation to anyone but Forte, and his indifference and cold-heartedness are the opposite of his kindness.

#### Learning more from devotion than ruthlessness

Piano's ruthlessness may have little direct impact on Forte, but it is that "attitude of devotion" that he is learning from her. What he learns from Piano is not ruthlessness, but the importance of sacrifice for those he loves. Forte is realizing that the "power" he has been

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pursuing can be used to protect others like Piano, and how he grows and how he uses his power in the future is key to Piano's devotion and their relationship.

#### 力を持たない存在としての残忍さ

ピアノは力や戦闘能力を持たず、物理的な猛威的なパワーを振るうキャラクターではありませんが、それでも彼女が冷酷で残忍な一面を持っていることは重要です。彼女の冷酷さは、精神的な面で現れるものであり、相手を追い詰める言動や、感情において容赦のない態度を取ることによって表現されます。フォルテに対しては献身的で深い愛情を示す一方で、彼女が彼以外の存在に対して冷徹な態度を取ることは、彼女の二面性を強調する要素です。

この冷酷さは、彼女の過去や抱えている絶望感に由来していると考えられます。その痛みや孤独を他者に対して向けることで、自分の中の苦しみを他者に反映させようとしているのかもしれません。力を持たないピアノにとって、冷酷で残忍な態度は自己防衛や自分を守るための手段とも言えるでしょう。

#### 道徳と感情の違い

ロックマンとの対比において、ピアノの冷酷さがどう影響するかを考えると、彼女はフォルテ以外の人物に対してはほとんど感情を示さず、冷静で冷徹な存在として描く可能性が高いです。ロックマンは常に道徳的で他者への慈悲を持ち、敵であっても最後まで対話や理解を試みるキャラクターですが、ピアノはそのような「正義感」を持ち合わせておらず、他者に対しては興味を示さないか、むしろ無視する。

ピアノは彼の「正義」とは全く異なる立場に立ち、彼女にとっての正義は「フォルテを守ること」だけです。そのため、ロックマンの道徳的な価値観と、ピアノの無感情な冷酷さが対照的に映るでしょう。ピアノはフォルテ以外に対しては何の義務も感じておらず、その無関心さや冷徹さは、彼の優しさとは正反対です

#### 冷酷さよりも献身に学ぶ姿勢

ピアノの冷酷さがフォルテに与える直接的な影響は少ないかもしれませんが、彼が彼女から学んでいるのはその「献身的な姿勢」です。彼がピアノから学んだのは、冷酷さではなく、愛する者のために犠牲を払うことの大切さです。フォルテは、自分が追い求めていた「カ」がピアノのように他者を守るために使えることに気づきつつあり、彼がこれからどう成長し、力をどのように使っていくのかは、ピアノの献身とその関係性がカギを握っているのです。