

Dynamics of Abusive Systems

Available Roles in Abusive Systems

Victim

Abuser

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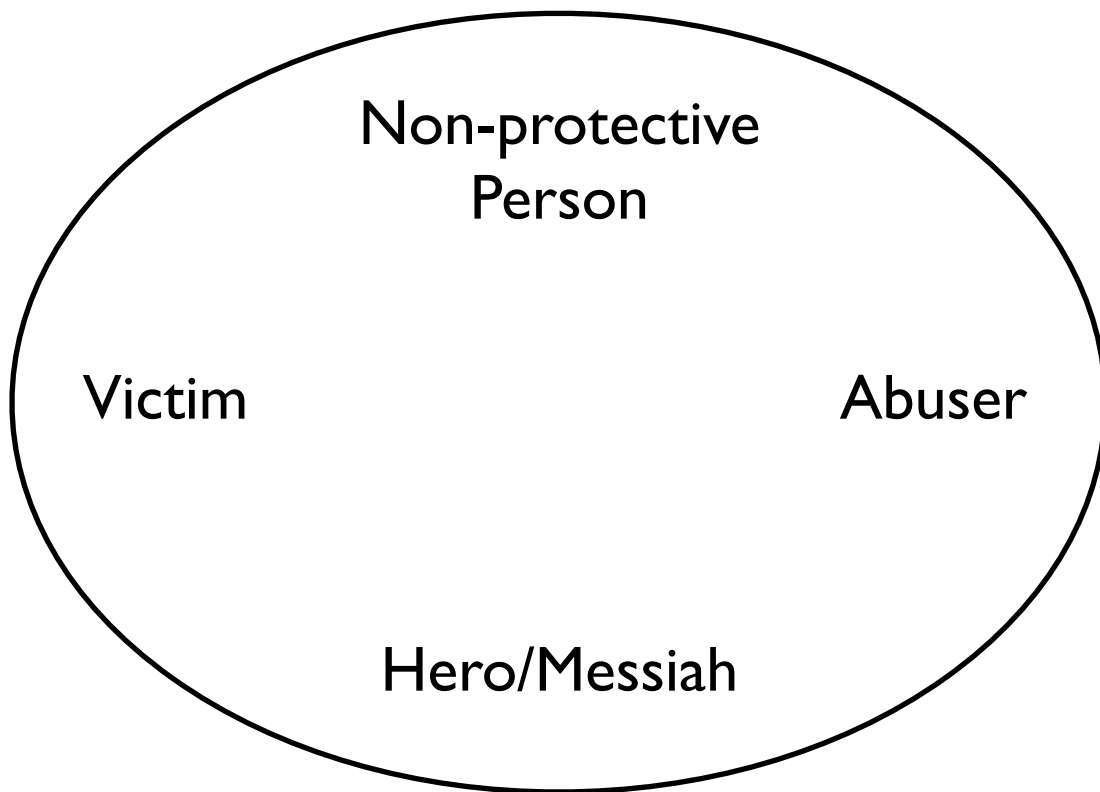
Non-protective
Person

Victim

Abuser

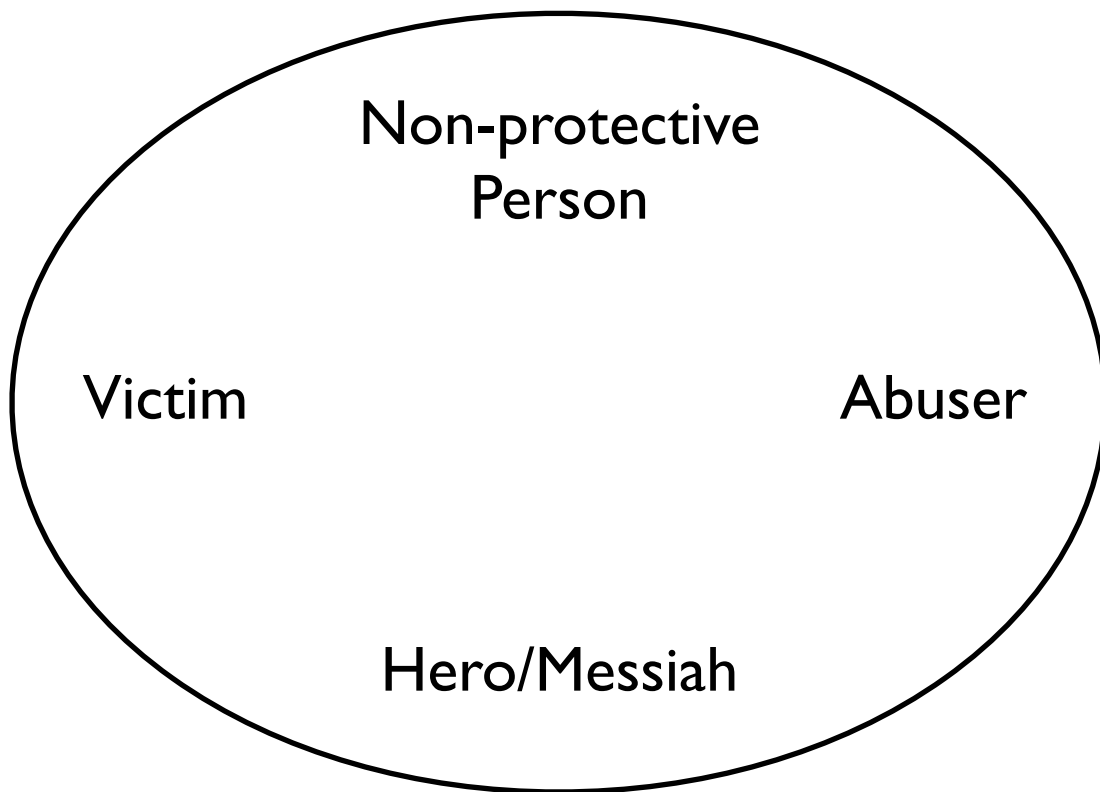
Hero/Messiah

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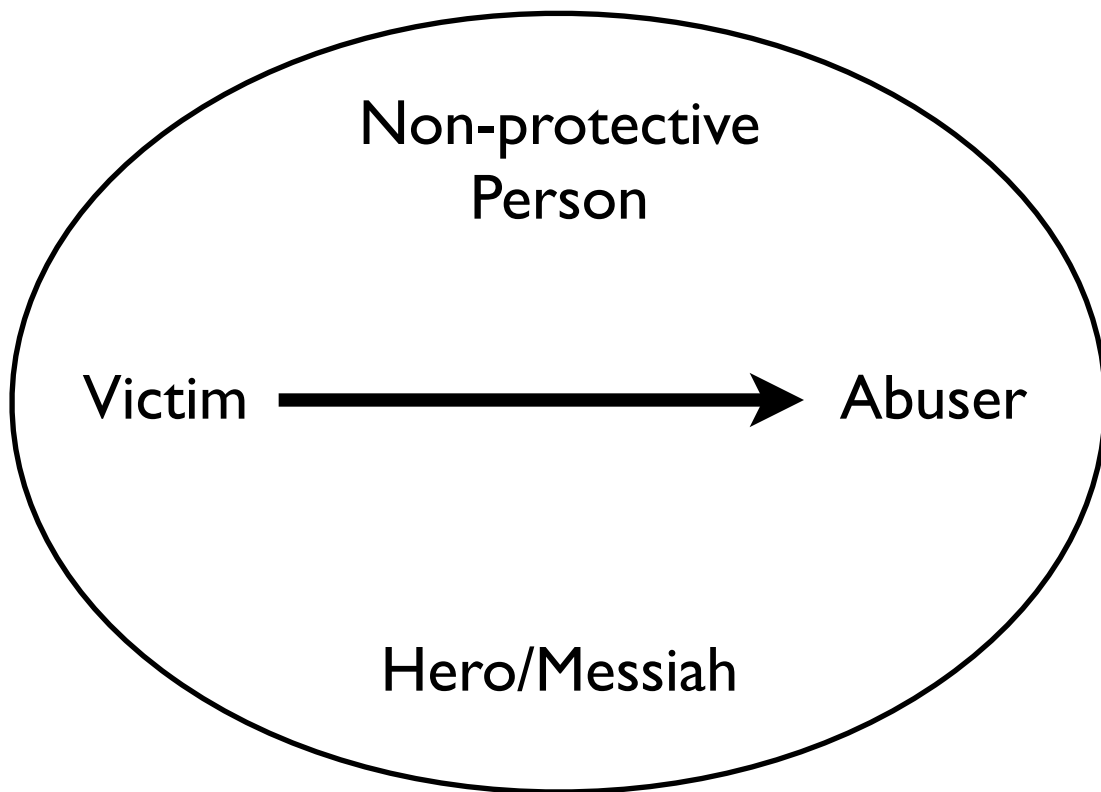
Roles are assigned
(You don't have to be an abuser to be in the abuser role.)
The system can exist in the absence of any current abuse.

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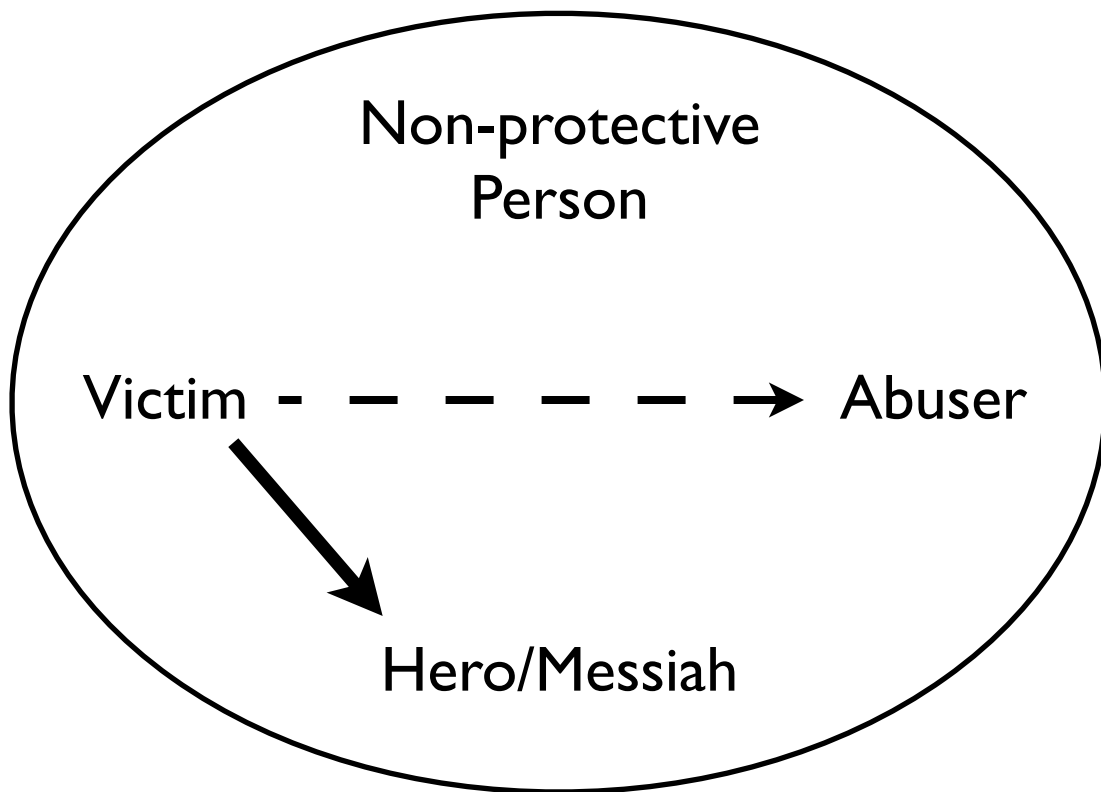
No good choices:
being vulnerable?
being bad?
being uncaring?
or
being grandiose?

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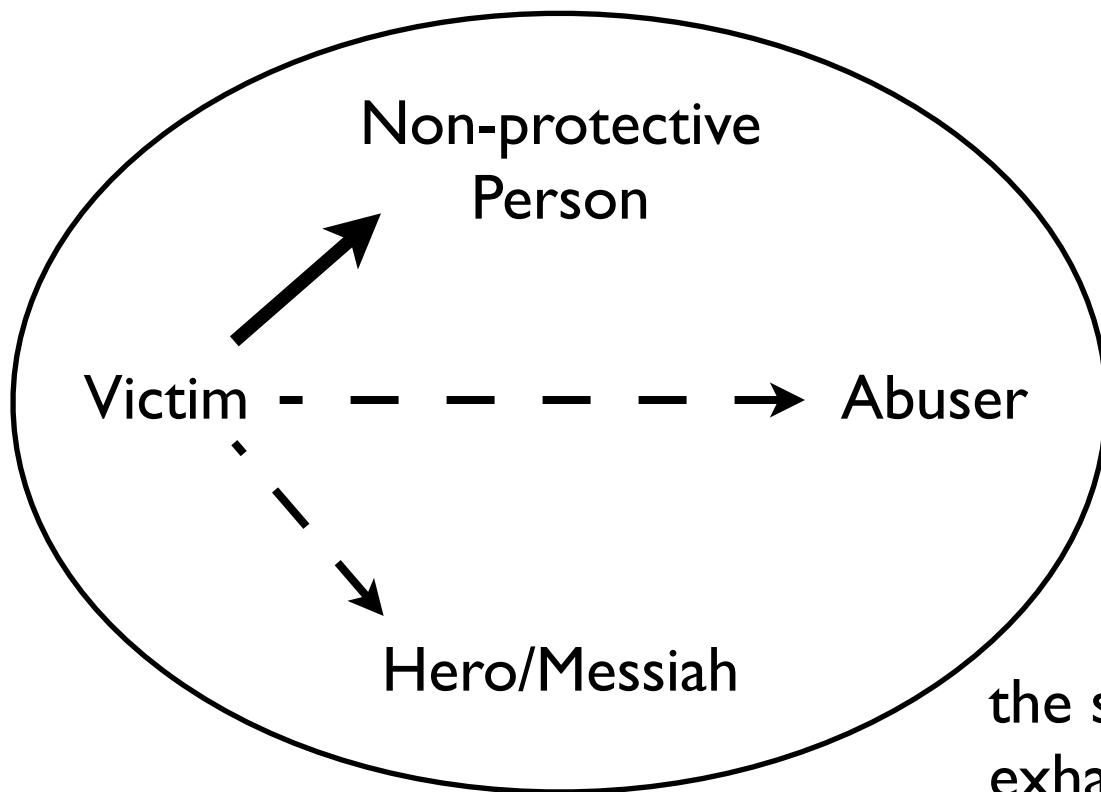
'hurt people hurt people'--
the search for
a more powerful
role

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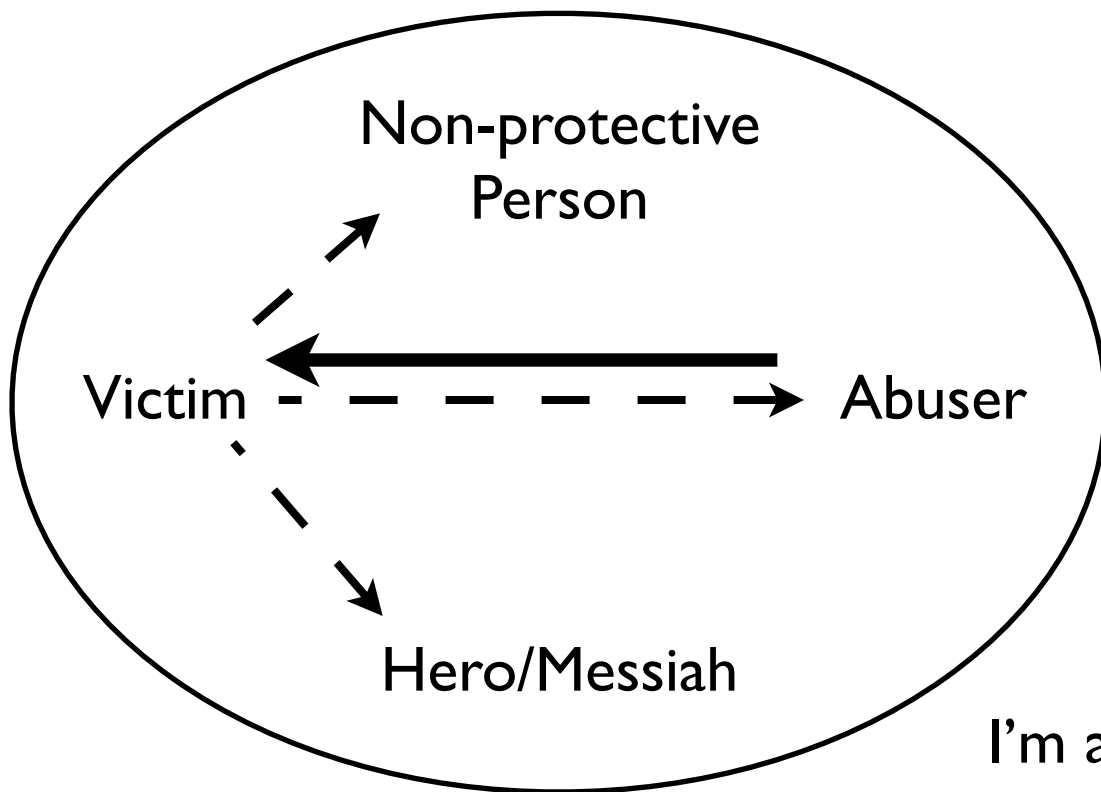
the search for a more meaningful role (turning suffering into ministry?)

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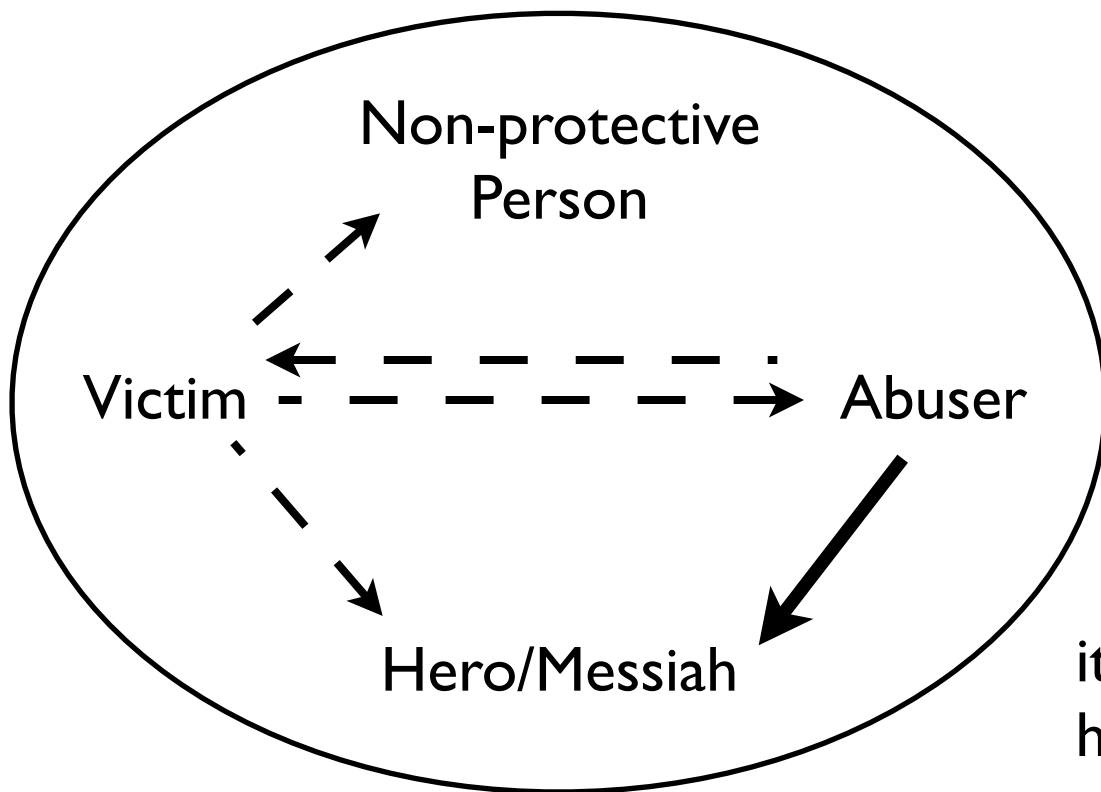
the search for a less
exhausting role

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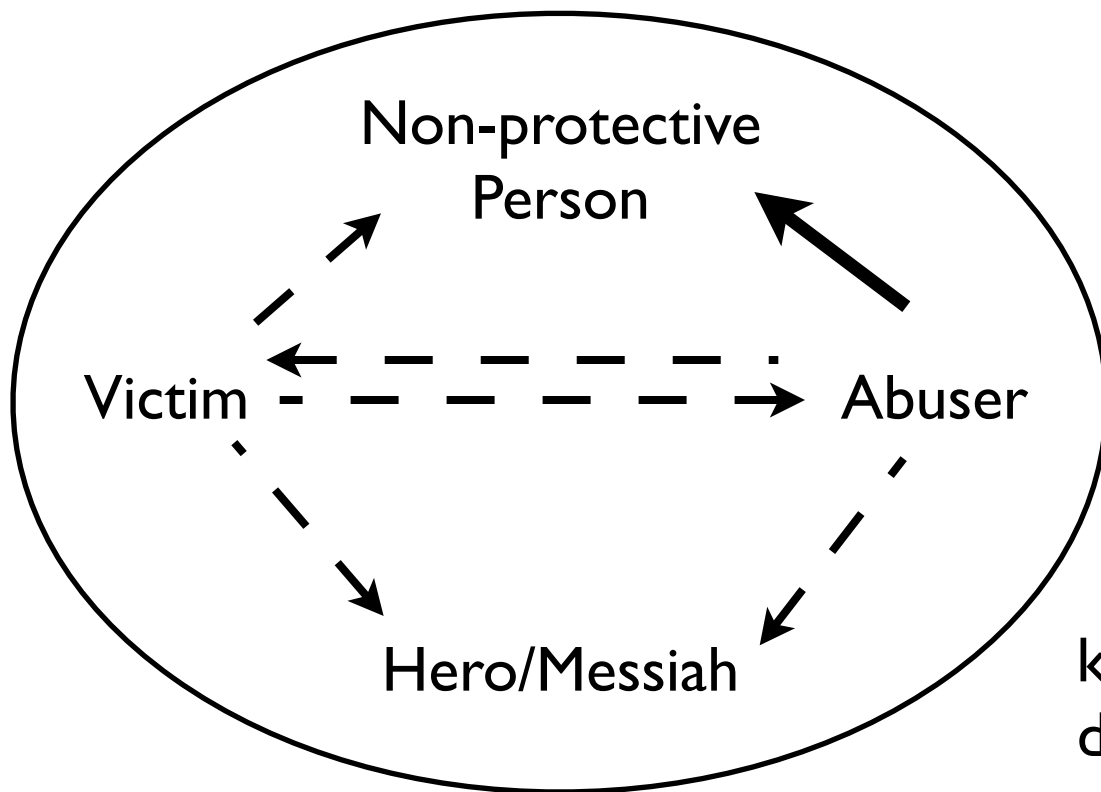
I'm a victim too

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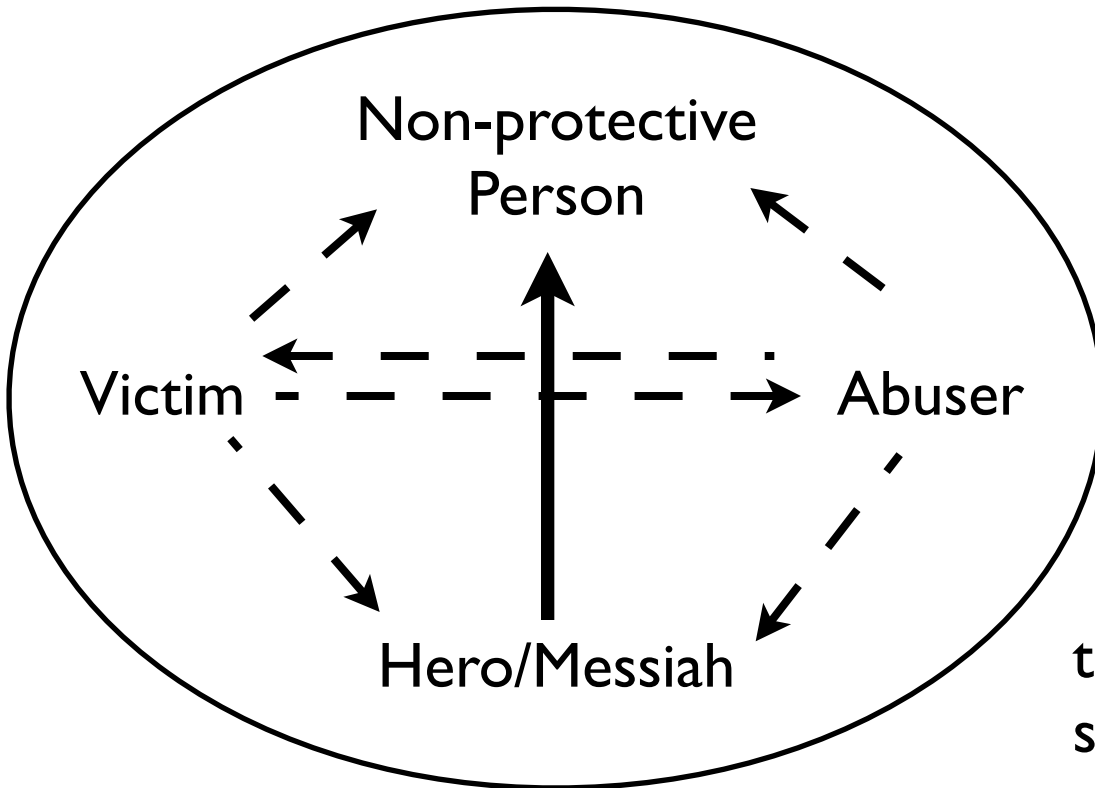
it will never
happen again

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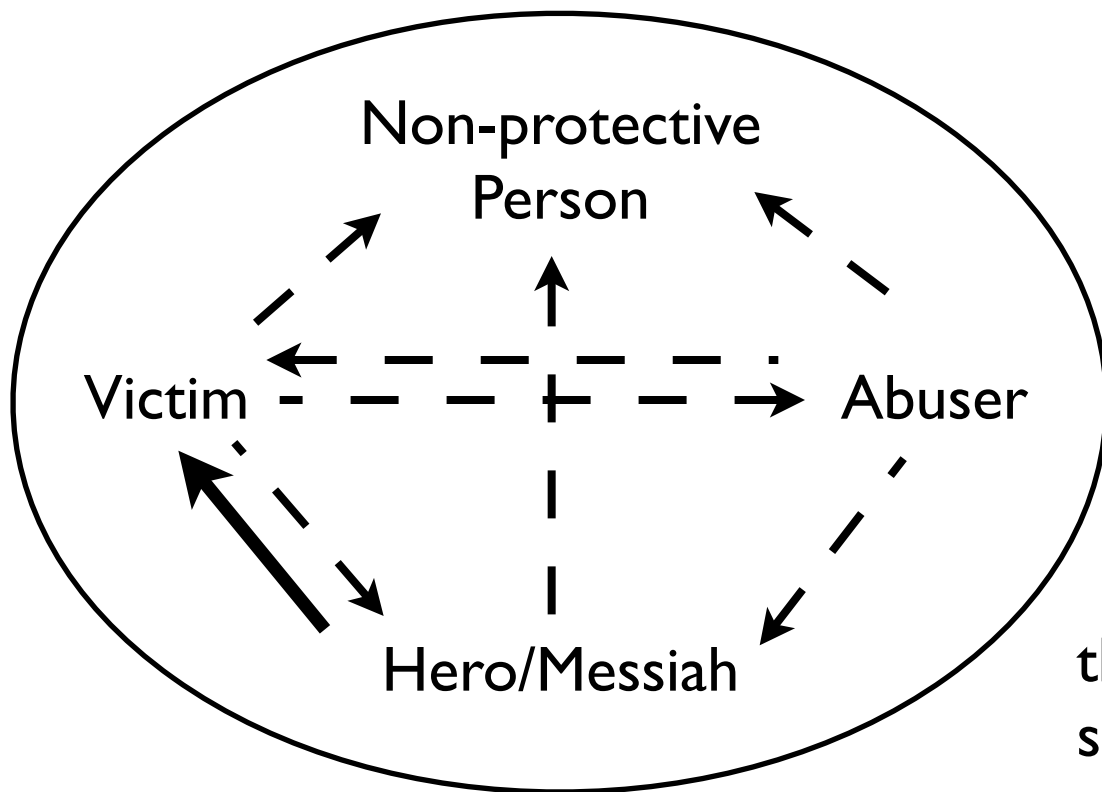
keeping a safe distance

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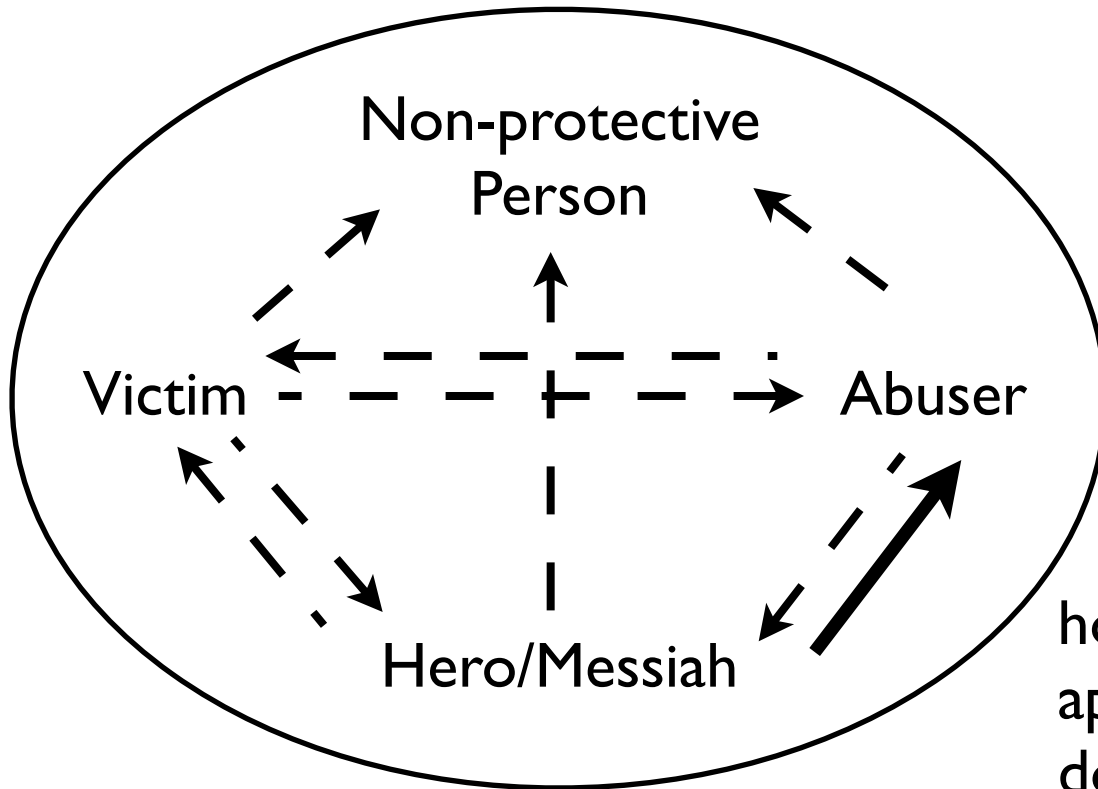
the burnt out
social worker

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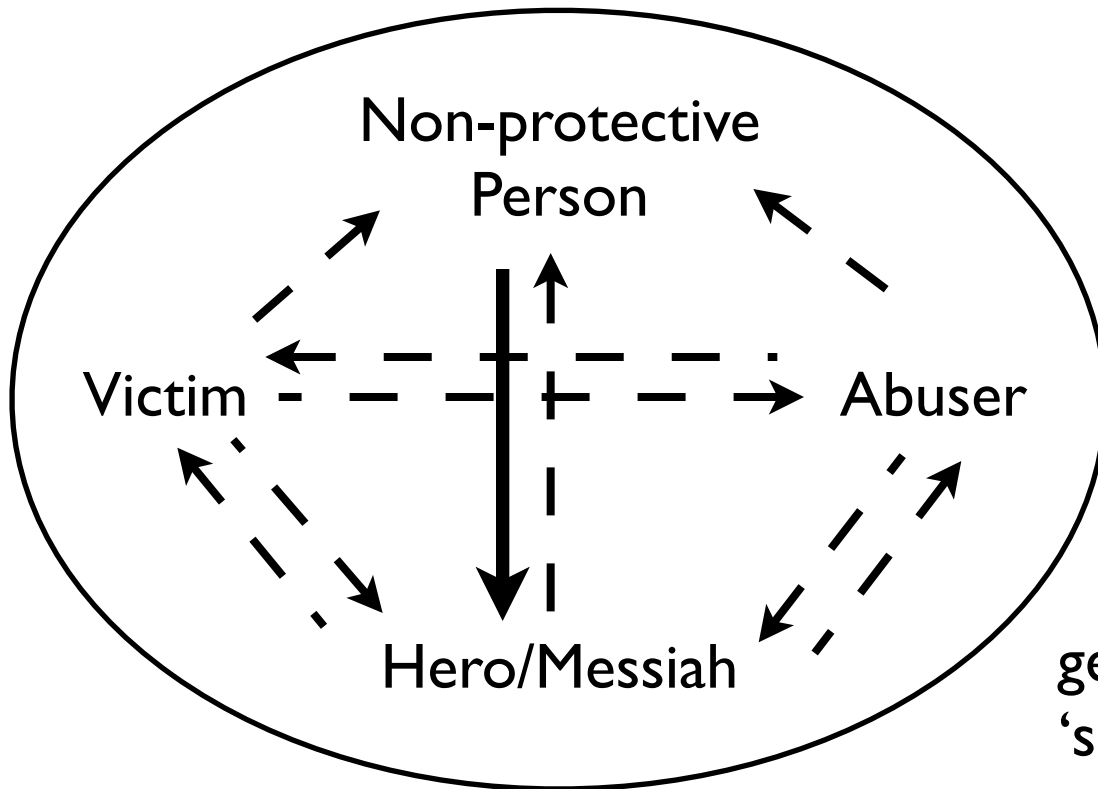
the suffering
servant

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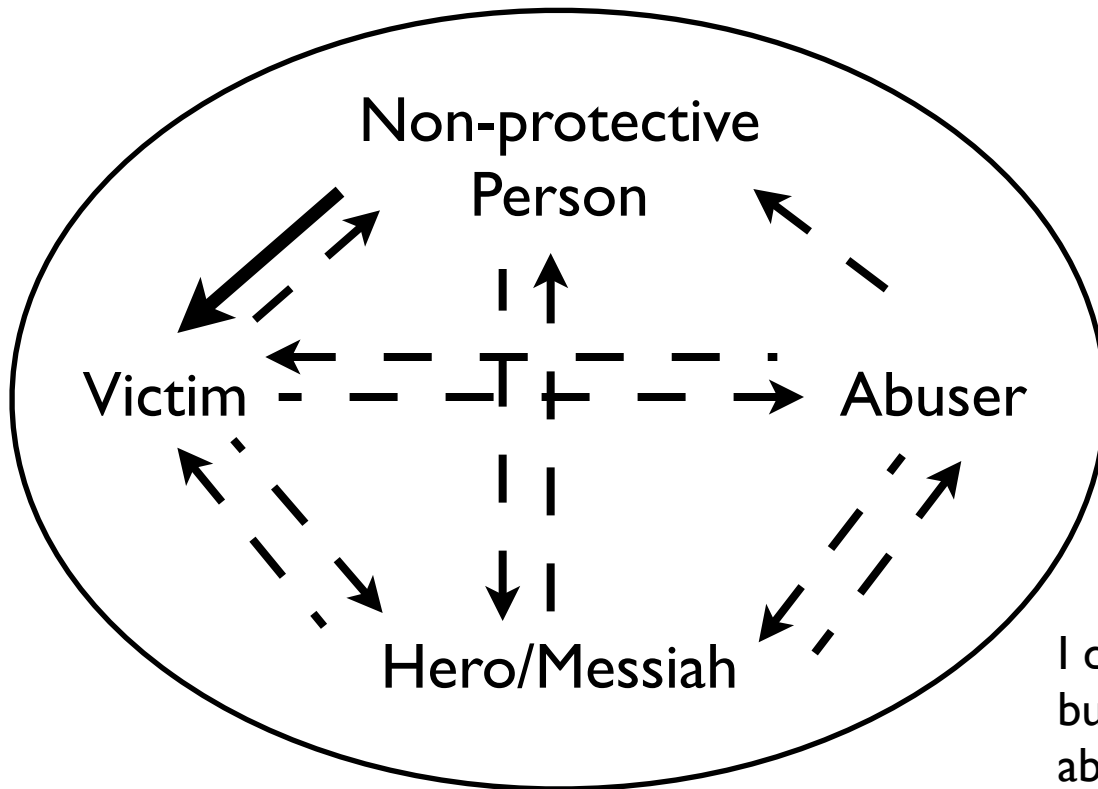
how dare you not appreciate all I have done for you!

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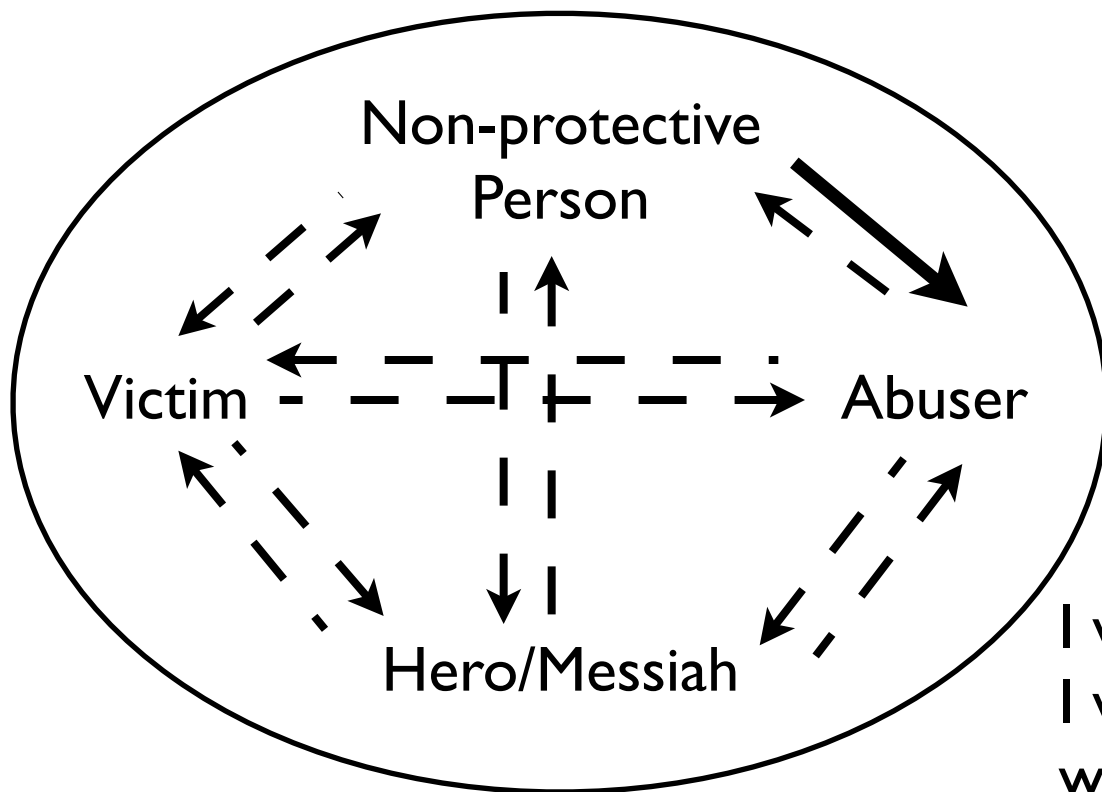
getting a
'second wind'

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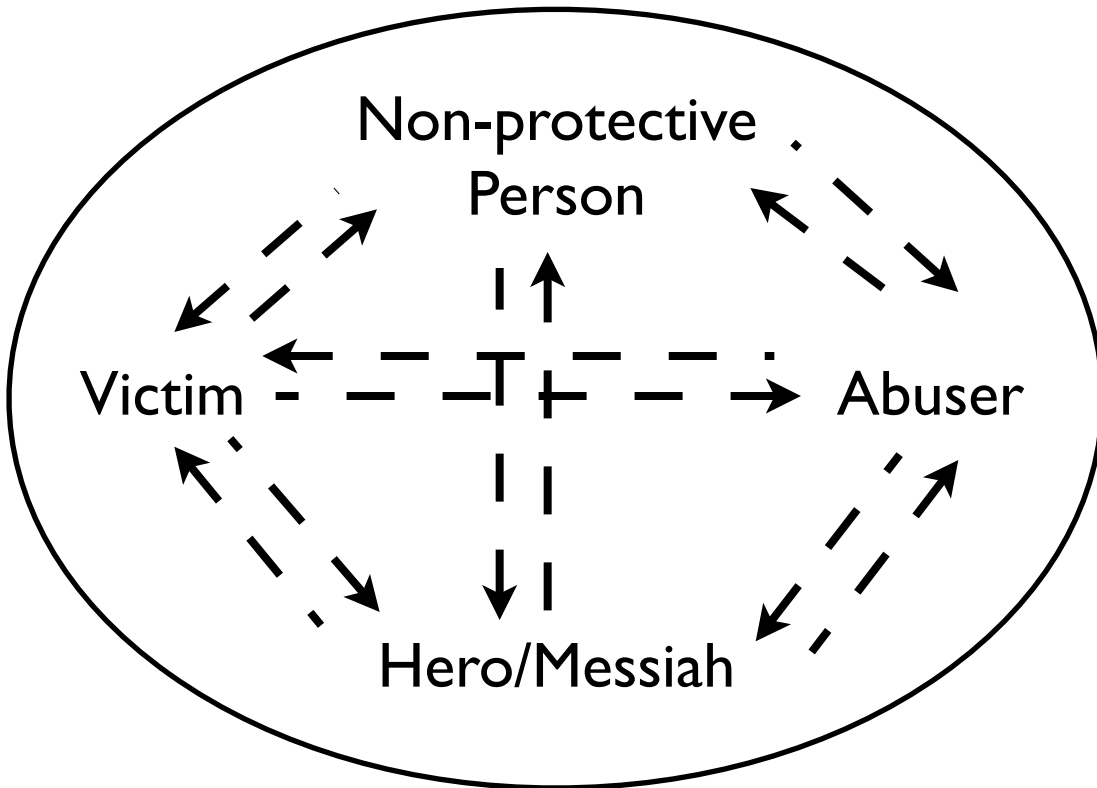
I didn't do anything.
but People accuse and
abuse me anyway.

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I won't be passive,
I will punish those
who deserve it.

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If you are not already a
member of an abusive system,
you will be invited to
participate.

Most of the time the invitation
will be to fill the Messiah role.

Switching roles is not progress.

If you carry this system within
you, you may find it
everywhere.