

**"Nova" Name:** Ptesan-Wi

**Birth Name:** Unknown (Melinda Harris)

AKA: Ptehehincalasanwin; White Buffalo Calf Woman; Whope; Falling Star; Thoughtwave

Player: Jessica Orsini

Nature: Caregiver

Sex: Female

Series: Middle Children of History

Allegiance: Lakota, Teragen

Ht/Wt: 5'2"/102#

Triggering: Family stress

Archtype: "Marvel"

Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown

<b>PHYSICAL</b>	Standard
<b>STR</b>	●●○○○
Brawl	○○○○○
<b>Might</b>	●●○○○
Throwing	○○○○○
<b>DEX</b>	●●●○○
Archery	●●●○○
Athletics	●●●○○
Drive	○○○○○
Firearms	○○○○○
Gunnery	○○○○○
Heavy Weapons	○○○○○
Legerdemain	○○○○○
Martial Arts	○○○○○
Melee	○○○○○
Pilot	○○○○○
Ride	●●●○○
Stealth	●●○○○
<b>STA</b>	●●●○○
Endurance	●●●○○
Resistance	●●●○○

<b>MENTAL</b>	Standard	Mega
<b>PER</b> Intuitive	●●●●○	●○○
Artillery	○○○○○	
<b>Awareness</b>	●●●●○	
Investigation	○○○○○	
Navigation	●●●○○	
<i>Psychic Awareness</i>		●○○
<b>INT</b> Discerning	●●●●○	●○○
Academics	○○○○○	
Analysis	○○○○○	
Bureaucracy	●○○○○	
Computer	●○○○○	
Demolitions	○○○○○	
Engineering	○○○○○	
Gambling	○○○○○	
Intrusion	○○○○○	
Linguistics	●●○○○	
English (Native), Siouan, Caddoan		
Medicine	●●●○○	
Science	○○○○○	
Survival	●●●●○	
Tradecraft	○○○○○	
<i>Compartmentalized Mind</i>		●○○
<i>Discerning Mind</i>		●○○

<b>SOCIAL</b>	Standard	Mega
<b>APP</b> Exotic	●●●●○	●○○
Disguise	○○○○○	
Intimidation	●●●●○	
Style (Lakota)	●●●●○	
<i>Awe-Inspiring</i>		●○○
<b>MAN</b>	●●●○○	●○○
Diplomacy	●●●●○	
Hypnosis	●●○○○	
Interrogation	●●○○○	
Seduction	●○○○○	
Streetwise	○○○○○	
Subterfuge	●●○○○	
<i>Persuader</i>		●○○
<b>CHA</b> Quiet Confidence	●●●●○	●○○
Animal Training	●●●○○	
Carousing	○○○○○	
Command	●●●○○	
Etiquette (Lakota)	●●●●○	
Instruction	●●○○○	
Perform	●●●○○	
<i>Center of Attention</i>		●○○
<i>Soothe</i>		●○○



<b>MOVEMENT</b>	
Walk	7 m
Run	DEX + 12 m
Sprint	(DEXx3) + 20 m
Fly (via TK object)	30 m
Other	

<b>WIT</b> Level-headed	●●●●○	●○○
Arts	●●●○○	
Biz	○○○○○	
Meditation	●●●○○	
Rapport	●●●●○	
Shadowing	○○○○○	
Tactics	●●○○○	
<i>Group Awareness</i>		●○○
<i>Lie Detector</i>		●○○
<i>Multitasking</i>		●○○
<i>Natural Empath</i>		●○○
<b>SPECIAL</b>		
Thought Discipline	○○○○○	

<b>PSI POWERS</b>			
<i>Power</i>	<i>Extras</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Points</i>
<i>Animal Mastery</i>		2	●●○○
<i>Bioluminescence</i>	<i>Reduced Psi Cost</i>	1	●○○○
<i>Disrupt</i>		2	●●○○
<i>Empathic Manipulation</i>		2	●○○○
<i>Healing</i>		3	●○○○
<i>Mental Blast</i>		2	●●●○
<i>Psychic Link</i>	<i>Extra Link</i>	1	●●●○
<i>Psychic Shield</i>	<i>Reinforced</i>	1	●●●○
<i>Telekinesis (W - Duration Concentration; S - Range)</i>		2	●●●○
<i>Telekinesis (W - Inanimate objects &lt;5kg, non-combat only)</i>			
	<i>Reduced Psi Cost x 2</i>	3	●○○○
<i>Telepathy</i>	<i>Surreptitious, Mastery</i>	3	●●●○

**PSI POOL:** 32 [Progress bar]

<b>Backgrounds</b>	
Cipher	●●●●○
Contacts	●●○○○
Fame: Sioux Tribes	●●●○○
Fame: Teragen	●●●○○
Resources	●○○○○
<b>Influence</b>	
Politics: B.I.A.	●○○○○○○○○○
Politics: Sioux Tribes	●●●●○○○○○
Teragen	●○○○○○○○○○

<b>Merits &amp; Flaws</b>	
Iron Will	●●●●○
Megalomania (Goddess)	○○○○○
Secret (Psiad)	○○○○○
<b>Soak</b>	Bashing Lethal
Base:	2 1
Armor:	
Other:	
TOTAL:	2 1
<b>Initiative:</b>	4

<b>Willpower</b>	●●●●○ ●○○○
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<b>Psi</b>	●●●●○ ●○○○

<b>Health</b>	
B L Level Mod	
□ Bruised	--
Extra B	○○○○○ ○○○○
Extra L	□□□□ □□□□
□ Hurt	-1
□ Injured	-1
□ Wounded	-2
□ Maimed	-3
Extra B	○○○○○ ○○○○
Extra L	□□□□ □□□□
□ Crippled	-4
□ Incapacitated	
□ Dead	

<b>Attack</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Damage</b>	<b>Special</b>
Bow & Arrow	standard	DEX+Archery	4d10 Lethal	
Mental Blast	opposed Willpower check	INT+Mental Blast	net successes Bashing	
Telekinesis Bash	standard	DEX+Telekinesis	net successes Bashing	

**Merit: Iron Will:** Ptesan-Wi has an iron core of determination and willpower. She can spend a Willpower point to shake off any attempt to control her through the use of Social Abilities or powers such as Domination or Hypnosis.

**Flaw: Megalomania (Goddess):** Ptesan-Wi fully believes herself to be *the* Ptesan-Wi, returned as foretold in prophesy to lead the People into the Fifth World. She believes herself to be, in effect, a goddess. She cannot tolerate being in any role for the Lakota other than one of leadership, and must make a Willpower roll to see any flaw in her complete correctness and perfect abilities.

**Flaw: Secret (Psiad):** Ptesan-Wi is not a nova, though she pretends to be one to almost everyone. She is in fact a psiad, though she isn't aware of that term. If she were to be found out, she would be an immediate target of any of a half-dozen organizations (the Teragen, Project Utopia, Project Proteus, the Directive, etc.).

## CREATION LOG

### Attributes (7/5/3):

Primary Mental: 3 Perception, 2 Intelligence, 2 Wits  
 Secondary Social: 2 Appearance, 1 Manipulation, 2 Charisma  
 Tertiary Physical: 1 Strength, 2 Dexterity

**Abilities (23):** 1 Archery, 1 Athletics, 1 Ride, 3 Awareness, 1 Navigation, 1 Computer, 1 Medicine, 1 Survival, 2 Arts, 1 Meditation, 2 Rapport, 1 Style, 2 Diplomacy, 1 Subterfuge, 1 Animal Training, 1 Etiquette, 2 Perform

**Backgrounds (7):** 5 Cipher, 2 Contacts

**Willpower** 3

**Psi** 1

**Merits:** Merit: Iron Will (6)

**Flaws:** Flaw: Secret (Psiad) (5), Flaw: Megalomania (Goddess) (5)

**Bonus Points (15 + 4):** Psi 2&3 14, Willpower 4&5 4, Resources 1

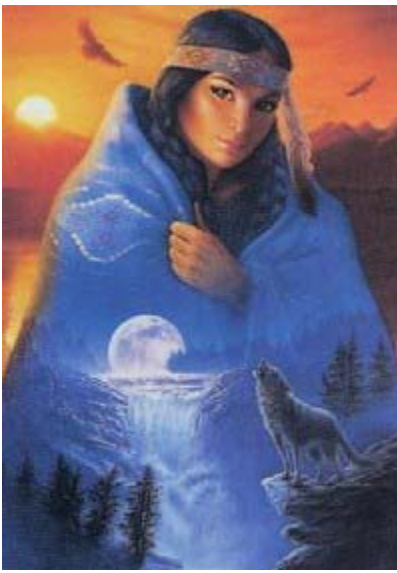
**Influence (MET) Points (5):** Politics: Bureau of Indian Affairs 1, Politics: Sioux Tribes 3, Teragen 1

## NOVA (PSIAD) POINTS

Date	Item	Rank	Gained/Spent	Balance
4 Jun 08	Starting Points	-	-	90
4 Jun 08	Psi	4,5,6	-15	75
4 Jun 08	Attribute dots (2 Stamina, 1 Intelligence, 1 Wits, 1 Appearance, 1 Charisma)	6	-2	73
4 Jun 08	Ability dots (2 Might, 2 Archery, 2 Athletics, 2 Ride, 2 Stealth, 1 Awareness, 2 Navigation, 1 Bureaucracy, 2 Linguistics (Siouan, Caddoan), 2 Medicine, 4 Survival, 2 Arts, 2 Meditation, 3 Rapport, 2 Tactics, 4 Intimidation, 3 Style (Lakota), 3 Diplomacy, 2 Hypnosis, 2 Interrogation, 1 Seduction, 1 Subterfuge, 2 Animal Training, 3 Command, 4 Etiquette (Lakota), 2 Instruction, 2 Perform)	60	-10	63
4 Jun 08	Mega-Perception	1	-3	60
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Psychic Awareness	1	-	60
4 Jun 08	Mega-Intelligence	1	-3	57
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Compartmentalized Mind	1	-	57
4 Jun 08	Mega-Wits	1	-3	54
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Natural Empath	1	-	54
4 Jun 08	Mega-Appearance	1	-3	51
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Awe-Inspiring	1	-	51
4 Jun 08	Mega-Manipulation	1	-3	48
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Persuader	1	-	48
4 Jun 08	Mega-Charisma	1	-3	45
4 Jun 08	Enhancement: Soothe	1	-	45
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Animal Mastery (L2)	1	-3	42
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Bioluminescence (L1)	1	-1	41
4 Jun 08	Extra: Reduced Cost (Level+0)	-	-1	40
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Disrupt (L2)	1	-3	37
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Healing (L3)	1	-5	32
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Mental Blast (L2)	1	-3	29
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Psychic Link (L1)	1,2,3	-3	26
4 Jun 08	Extra: Extra Link (L+0)	-	-1	25
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Psychic Shield (L1)	1,2,3	-3	22
4 Jun 08	Extra: Reinforced (L+0)	-	-1	21
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Telekinesis (L2)	1	-3	18
	Weakness: Duration Concentration; Strength: Range			
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Telekinesis (L2+1)	1	-5	13
4 Jun 08	Extra: Reduced Psi Cost (L+0)	-	-3	10
4 Jun 08	Extra: Reduced Psi Cost (L+1)	-	-	10
	Weakness: Inanimate Objects less than 5kg, Non-combat only			
4 Jun 08	Psi Power: Telepathy (L2)	1,2,3	-9	1
4 Jun 08	Background dots (Fame (Sioux Tribes) 3, Fame (Teragen) 2)	5	-1	0

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Date	Item	Rank	Gained/Spent	Balance
1 Jul 08	XP Earned for June	-	20	20
2 Jul 08	Enhancement: Group Awareness	1	-5	15
2 Jul 08	Psi-Power: Telekinesis (L2)	2	-5	10
2 Jul 08	Background: Fame (Sioux Tribes)	4	-6	4
2 Jul 08	Background: Fame (Teragen)	3	-4	0
1 Aug 08	XP Earned for July	-	20	20
1 Aug 08	Psi-Power: Telekinesis (L2)	3	-10	10
1 Aug 08	Psi-Power: Mental Blast (L2)	2	-5	5
1 Aug 08	Enhancement: Multitasking	1	-5	0
1 Sep 08	XP Earned for August	-	20	20
1 Oct 08	XP Earned for September	-	20	40
1 Jan 08	XP Earned for December	-	20	60
7 Jan 08	Extra for Telepathy: Surreptitious (L+0)	-	-5	55
7 Jan 08	Extra for Telepathy: Mastery 1	-	-9	46
7 Jan 08	Psi-Power: Empathic Manipulation (L2)	1	-6	40
7 Jan 08	Willpower	6	-5	35
7 Jan 08	Enhancement: Lie Detector	1	-5	30
7 Jan 08	Psi-Power: Mental Blast (L2)	3	-10	20
7 Jan 08	Psi-Power: Disrupt (L2)	2	-5	15
7 Jan 08	Psi-Power: Animal Mastery (L2)	2	-5	10
7 Jan 08	Enhancement: Discerning Mind	1	-5	5
7 Jan 08	Enhancement: Center of Attention	1	-5	0



## BACKGROUND

**Name:** Ptesan-Wi, aka Thoughtwave

**Gender:** Female

**Height:** 5'2"

**Weight:** 102 lbs.

**Age:** Seemingly in her 20s, but no birthdate on record

**Appearance:** Ptesan-Wi is a lightly-built Lakota woman, with long and straight black hair (usually done in twin braids) and brown eyes. She tends toward native-design buckskin tunics and leggings, often with moccasins. She occasionally has the habit of looking past people when talking to them...or even just observing them.

**Known powers:** Ptesan-Wi is known to have a variety of mental powers. Direct mental communication appears to be second nature for her, as does telekinesis - even to the point of lifting herself on a leather-and-bentwood disk (that, for reasons of her own, she refers to as a 'snowshoe'). It is known that she possesses a direct mental attack of some sort, and she has evidenced cognitive abilities far above the human norm. Ptesan-Wi has exhibited extensive abilities to communicate with the local fauna, and refers to several specific animals as her friends. The girl has proven exceedingly resistant to attacks of the mind, and

extremely perceptive of the intentions of others. She has exhibited the ability to subtly alter her appearance, most often in taking on the softly-glowing eyes and slight radiant aura of the mythical White Buffalo Calf Woman. Since late December 2016, she has taken to wearing this altered appearance constantly, and has exhibited telepathic powers of truly global scale; reports of hearing "the voice of Ptesan-Wi" have come from native populations around the world.

**History:** Ptesan-Wi became noticed under a previous name, Thoughtwave, in the autumn of 2015, when she appeared as the declared mate of the Lakota nova Wakinyan. Her origins are something of a mystery. Rumors circulate that she once possessed much paler skin, but many of these rumors have since been attributed to the legends of the White Buffalo Calf Woman; it is possible that they are based in early attempts to take on the appearance of such.

In relatively short order, Thoughtwave became near and dear to the Lakota tribes - first as Wakinyan's wife, and then in her own right for the assistance that she would lend to the tribe with her mental gifts.

Eventually, Thoughtwave changed her name to Ptesan-Wi - Ptehehincalasanwin, the White Buffalo Calf Woman - in reference to an ancient Lakota legend of a woman who first brought the traditions to the tribe. At the 2016 Pow Wow, she formally assumed the role of Ptesan-Wi, presenting what she purported to be the mythical White Buffalo Pipe to the Lakota tribal elders and declaring that she had returned as once promised to walk the world with the People once more, as a herald of a new age.

In 2017, Wakinyan was killed by agent unknown in a devastating attack from space that laid waste to Wounded Knee, SD. The result of this death was an uprising by the Lakota Nation. Ptesan-Wi worked to mitigate the worst of the uprising, forging a cease-fire that was eventually broadened into a full peace treaty by former President Carter. As a result of the new treaty, native law enforcement received a jurisdictional shot in the arm and the Pine Ridge Reservation was enlarged to encompass all of the Black Hills - including Ptesan-Wi's home on Inyan Kara. By 2019, Ptesan-Wi had largely withdrawn from external matters, focusing on the well-being of the Lakota people.

Ptesan-Wi is a declared Terat, known to have been at one time under the tutelage of the luminary known as Procyon. Ptesan-Wi has also the subject of concern by both the U.S. government and Project Utopia; these agencies have been concerned for some time that she is exhibiting "India Syndrome". At this time, however, the legal options for these agencies is limited, as Ptesan-Wi has not violated the law (as far as they know).

**The Big Secret (OOC knowledge for most):** What only a tiny of handful of trusted friends know is that Ptesan-Wi is not, in truth, a nova. Until September of 2016, she believed, based on what she has been told by Alchemist when she first manifested her powers and was known as Mystic, that she was an "anti-nova", making use of "anti-quantum" for her powers. In the wake of receiving a massive "brain dump" of Aeon archival information from Samhra, Ptesan-Wi now believes that she is a "mesmerist". In truth, Ptesan-Wi is a psiad. Her powers often cause a slight "static" to be felt by novas, and viceversa.

To explain the lack of a quantum signature, Ptesan-Wi has put forth the Terat-friendly theory that her particular "unique evolution" has resulted in complete concealment of her quantum signature, at the cost of being able to detect that of others; so far, the fiction has held, though her mentor Procyon knew the truth, as did her mate Wakinyan and friends Neil Preston and Sean McCline.

Ptesan-Wi has gone to great lengths to divorce herself from her old Mystic moniker - even to the point, way back in early 2016, of letting Neil Preston use his Bio-Manipulation powers to "re-write" her body to be Lakota right down to the DNA - and has enjoyed great success in doing so.

## MODERATOR APPROVAL REQUESTS

### Psi 6

This character would be a very powerful psiad, and I believe that Psi 6 is appropriate for such. The following are the guidelines that the moderators for 2018 developed to represent Psi 6:

Ptesan-Wi's Psi 6 is approved. But to be clear, she's going to get less use than a nova. Specifically....

- No level 4 powers.
- No stats at 6 or above.
- The usual rules about not being able to have any power involving taint (including Q5+ min powers) still applies.

On the other hand:

- Instead of a 2 dot max for powers Ptesan-Wi gets a 3 dot max.
- As you pointed out, many or most powers will increase in range or effect (or whatever) with a Psi of 6.

### Custom Extra for Psychic Shield: Reinforced

The following custom Extra had previously been approved for Psychic Shield in the 2018 setting. I request that it be considered for this new setting as well.

Reinforced (nova can spend three quantum points to reinforce his Psychic Shield for a scene; while so reinforced, the nova's Psychic Shield provides one additional success per dot to any roll to resist mental powers [total of three extra successes per dot], and one additional soak per dot against damaging mental powers [total of three extra soak per dot]; however, he loses three from Initiative [minimum 1] and one die from all Perception-based dice pools [minimum 1])