



What's that? You're too scared to make an OC because you're afraid it'll turn out to be too overpowered?



Well, fear not! Let me introduce you to a good old friend of mine...

# LIMITS

Limits are really helpful in not getting your OC landed in a cringe post or subreddit called r/fandomcringe. Limits keep your OC from being too overpowered, especially OCs like hybrid species or a species that is generally very powerful in the show/game/book, or whatever the media is.

Let me give you examples with some of my personal OCs.



This is Icefire. He is my WoF OC. He is a hybrid between a sky wing and an ice wing!

Now, because he is a hybrid, most of you will assume he is extremely powerful. But this is untrue! The first step of giving limits to your OCs is **THINKING REALISTICALLY**. Hybrid animals actually have lots of physical issues that LIMIT their abilities and their bodies.

Icefire cannot spit ice because his body temps are too warm. However, his body is not warm enough to be able to spit fire. The mix in scale types does make a nice pattern, but it also creates some sort of disease that causes his scales to ooze pus and fall out if not treated with an hour long mud bath each day.



But just because he has deformities doesn't mean he can't also have cool powers! The next step to making a cool, yet limited OC is giving them **ADVANTAGES**. You shouldn't limit an OC so much that they aren't cool at all! For example, while Icefire has lots of disabilities, he has also developed extremely deadly poison, sharp claws and spikes, and large wings!



Another example would be Atom, my MLP OC! I have recently posted a note regarding all of his lore, so check that out when you can! Anyways, the final step to limiting your OCs is **CHALLENGES**. For example, Atom wants to be part of ponyville and enjoy a happy life. But because he cannot change, he is LIMITED by that. That is a challenge for him. Challenges are not just good for OC lore, they are the backbone of every single story out there. A story or character without challenges is extremely boring and gives off "cringe OP OC" vibes.

I hope this helped! I will be posting a lot more parts after this, so sit back and wait for more OC guides!