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What superhero power would you most like to possess? Super strength. Duh.

What is your idea of perfect happiness? Being with someone you love.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself? I try not to wallow in self-hate.

What is the trait you most deplore in others? Some are pretty bad, but I try not to dwell on them long enough to pick a "worst."

What is your greatest extravagance? My wife. I like being extravagant in my affection for her.

What is your current state of mind? I'm just happy to be here.

On what occasion do you lie? The same as anybody else, I suppose. Whenever I'm too much a coward for the truth.

What do you most dislike about your appearance? I'm pretty pale.

What do you most value in your friends? Friendship. It sounds obvious, but it's more profound than one might think. There's a lot that goes into being a good friend and it's a valuable thing.

What or who is the greatest love of your life? Honestly, my wife. She's pretty fantastic!

When and where were you happiest? I've been blessed enough that it's hard to pick one, but I guess I'd say my most recent vacation to the Dominican Republic.

What do you consider your greatest achievement? Graduating from the Air Force Academy in 2007.

What is your most marked characteristic? Probably that I'm a big guy. Now, I'm just barely big by powerlifting standards, but according to normal people, I'm Big Mike.

Who is your favorite hero of fiction? I don't know if I'd say "favorite," but Odd Thomas is a pretty cool character.

Who is your favorite lifter? Brian Siders. He's a friend and I admire his strength, work ethic and attitude. He's crazy strong, but also a good person.

What do you prefer: single-ply, multi-ply or raw? I have competed in raw and single-ply. I like the simplicity and pure strength required for raw, but I also like some of the competitive aspects of single-ply. It's a tough call, but I guess my personal preference is for raw. I'd like to do a multi-ply meet at some point just to see what it's all about.

Are you married? In a relationship? Happily married.

Who would you like to see on the next cover of Power? I'd like to make it myself. If you notice, the guys on the cover have done some amazing stuff in the sport. So if I were to make the next cover, that must mean I did something pretty amazing, too. **PM**

