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## Problems with the story

## Themes

* Corruption of mind
* Insecurities
  + Inferiority complex
* Delusion
  + NPD
* Social network’s influence
  + Echo chamber effect
  + Detaching from reality
* Anti-social behavior
* Internet anonymity and its consequences
* Bullied becomes bully
* Meaning to life

## Inspirations for story

* Shrek
* Another round
* House M.D.
* Find some stories from 4chan, where they raided anything

## Characters and entities

### Main\_hero

#### Description

* + - Main hero of a story, a guy, who can’t really forge real life connections, so he dwells on The Forum, where he has his subforum and online friends. Mentally, he is somewhere in between n1h1l and fidus.

#### Traits

* + - Anti-social
    - Been friends with fidus and n1h1l for 5+ years
    - Cynical
    - For him it’s easier to communicate through text rather than speech
    - Silent
    - Insecure
    - Tend to overthink before acting
    - Knows hacking, won a CTF in his uni in a past, but gave it up, cybersec jobs are boring and it’s not exactly what he wants to do
    - Social anxiety traits
    - Kind (-ish?)
    - Wants socialization
    - Values honesty and thinks that society lacks it, despises them for it
    - Player will come up with his nickname
    - Pfp from cyberpunk maybe?
    - Gamer
    - Self-aware
    - Knows internet culture
    - Spends a lot of time online

#### Arc

* + - Main\_hero starts of as someone who is closer to n1h1l in terms of world view. He despises “normal” people, because he thinks all they do . He holds a grudge against society deep inside of him, because it doesn’t accept him in real life. He is also dissatisfied with life, because his lifestyle starts to tire him.
    - When n1h1l brings up a phishing attack he just learned from some hacker subforum and suggests that they could use it against yourlifemoments, main\_hero tells him it’s too much, but changes his mind, because he hates fake sincerity, that he thinks mostly going on there.
    - When he programs the fake page, he rediscovers his passion for creating things. He is proud of his work and wants to execute it as soon as possible to see it in action.
    - When they start executing the whole thing, fidus tells him, that they are doing all that not to deprive world of fakeness but because they are just envy other people normal lives. Fidus asks main\_hero, if that what he wanted to do with his creations, just cause trouble for people out of spite. Main\_hero feels conflicted. On one hand he sees his plan working and destroying what he despised the most and proud of it, on the other hand, he thinks that fidus is right and he doesn’t want to create just to destroy. He locks the posting, saying to n1h1l that this subforum got the message
    - In the end main\_hero decides to start over, he is no longer interested in raiding subforums with n1h1l. Fidus tells him that maybe “normal” life is not all that bad, but main\_hero disagrees. He found what he wants to do in life, to create for good, to leave a mark. Story ends with main\_hero sending ownership back to admin with an apology.

#### Inspirations

* + - Elliot (Mr. Robot)
    - Jesse (Breaking Bad)
    - Jinx (Arcane)

#### Plan

* + - First main\_hero develops an exact copy of the The Forum login page, post page and server side. During phishing attack, main\_hero will ask an admin of the yourlifemoments to check out the post, saying it’s should be taken down for inappropriate content.
    - Admin will see the fake post, will try to delete it, but delete action will redirect him to the fake login page. Admin will login, and proceed to remove non-existent post on the fake page. His creds will be send to the server.
    - After main\_hero obtains the creds, he waits till the night and he logins into the admin’s account. After that, he will have limited time to act, because The Forum sends u a notification when someone logins into ur account. Main\_hero first has to demote all the modes on this subforum. Then he will transfer the ownership of this subforum to the burner account. After that, he’ll let n1h1l know that he can flood the subforum with spam.
    - N1h1l and his subforum followers will raid the yourlifemoments and post hundreds of hate posts and comments. After some time main\_hero will lock the posting.
    - After the raid, follower count of yourlifemoments will drop in half and it will be filled to the brim with hate posts.

### N1h1l

#### Description

* + - Admin of the n0\_0n3\_car3s and a friend of fidus and main\_hero. The most chronically online person of the bunch and sees nothing wrong with that, thinks that any other way of living is wrong.

#### Traits

* + - Master at rationalizing
    - Been friends with fidus and main\_hero for 5+ years
    - Chronically online
    - Often jokes, mostly satirical
    - Deeply in denial about his own life, thinks he is successful
    - Narcissistic
    - Thinks he is a cool hacker, but in reality he is a script kiddie at best
    - Thinks that being an admin is a big accomplishment
    - Despises people that are not like him
    - Thinks that whoever allows themselves to be tricked is weak
    - Never admits to being wrong

#### Arc

* + - N1h1l acts like he is satisfied with his life, but because deep inside he knows that he might be wrong about that, he tries to prove he is right to everybody around him, so he could convince himself too.
    - He frequents at hacker subforums, because he fancies himself as hacker (he is more like a script kiddie). He finds someone post about phishing attacks and shares the finding with main\_hero. Main\_hero ridicules him a bit for not knowing basic attacks, and n1h1l gets offended, but then he realize they could use it.
    - N1h1l suggests they use it against yourlifemoments. He says it’s all for fun and to mock all these “fake” people. In reality it’s more because he envies deep inside that these people live happy lives
    - N1h1l asks his followers to help with spamming. He hypes himself up as some kind of leader of resistance or smth and wants to add his name to spam messages, so everybody would know it’s him, but main\_hero refuses
    - After attack been carried out, n1h1l is happy because he thinks he won by destroying yourlifemoments. He takes it as a victory, because in his mind, whoever is not ready for something bad, he is not ready to exist. But seeing mixed feelings from his friends sours his happiness a bit. He reacts negatively on main\_hero blocking posting, says that they could do so much more.
    - N1h1l feels betrayed when fidus says that what they did was stupid and chooses “normal life” and when main\_hero says he is going to return ownership to the admin. He calls them hypocrites because they hated all this “fakeness” but ended up becoming “fake” too and because they actively participated in all that, but now they are taking the high road. He leaves the gc and blocks them.

#### Plan

#### Inspirations

* + - Gregory House (House M.D.)
    - Walter White (Breaking Bad)
    - Roman (Succession)
    - Any discord mod ever

### Fidus

#### Description

* + - Voice of reason and the most normal of all three in this company. For him subforum is just source of harmless jokes and fun. He enjoys his friends but tries to stop them from committing dumb actions.

#### Traits

* + - Loyal
    - Been friends with n1h1l and main\_hero for 5+ years
    - Compassionate
    - Works in IT support, but not really happy on this job, because it’s boring ash
    - Often reprimands main\_hero and n1h1l for their lifestyles
    - Had a lot of girlfriends in the past, but couldn’t commit to them, because he doesn’t know, if it’s his honest desire or society pressure. Currently is dating another girl for a month.
    - Reasonable
    - Feels like his life is scripted, that he is not in control of his actions.
    - Wilson on pfp

#### Arc

* + - He talks about that girl he met a week ago to his friends, how he doesn’t know if he wants anything with her, or just getting pressured by society to not be single. N1h1l tries to convince him that he doesn’t need girls to be happy, but fidus is still on the fence
    - When n1h1l comes up with his idea, he gets terrified, because he never had problem with “normal” people, he just likes to live his own life. He tries to talk his friends out of using it, but n1h1l counters him, saying that burying yourlifemoments subforum is their chance to let people choose their lifes. That resonates with fidus, but he still doesn’t want to participate in that.
    - When attack is in process, at first, fidus enjoys it a bit, but quickly realizes it’s wrong. Fidus tries to convince main\_hero and n1h1l to stop it, says that they doing it only because they are jealous. Main\_hero and n1h1l argue with him, countering that they are doing this only because people there trying to tell other people how happy life looks like and how they should live. Fidus manages to plant seed of doubt in main\_hero.
    - After attack fidus realizes, that he doesn’t wanna live his life like that, being jealous of other people happiness, because ur life is depressing. He decides to give a “normal” life a go and tells his girl he wants her to move in. Main\_hero apologizes to him, saying that he was right back then. Fidus tries to convince him to change like he did, but he is a bit surprised that main\_hero chose another way. He didn’t think there were other options, but encourages him anyways.

#### Inspirations

* + - Wilson (House. M.D.)
    - MM (The Boys)
    - Biorn (Vinland’s Saga)

### The Forum as a place

#### Description

* + - Forum-like platform for people to talk to each other and share content. Harmless at first, but the deeper you go, the more you will find.

#### Traits

* + - Friendly at first, ugly inside
    - Communities are echo chambers basically, people live in their own bubbles

#### Arc

* + - None, It’s just a platform

#### Inspirations

* + - Reddit
    - 4chan

### N1h1l\_ta1k1n6 subforum

#### Description

* + - Subforum with 200ish people. Mostly nerdy, gaming, low level programming memes with n1h1l sometimes posting his ramblings about games, technologies, society or whatever comes into his head.

#### Traits

* + - Average quality memes, sometimes cringe or old reposts
    - Not too much activity (0 to 2 comments per post, 5-7 likes)
    - Pretty much a place for n1h1l to express himself
    - Some people there mocking n1h1l for his narcissism, some are ok with him

#### Arc

* + - After attack, n1h1l will brag about it on this subforum, but the post won’t get much attention.

#### Inspirations

* + - Any subreddit with average popularity ever lmao

### Player as imaginary friend

#### Description

* + - Player acts as an imaginary friend of main\_hero, with whom he talks in internal monologues that he writes in the notepad (fake one). Breaks 4th wall.

#### Traits

* + - Silent
    - Not responsive
    - Nonexistent

#### Arc

* + - None, we’re here to watch

#### Inspirations

* + - Viewers (Mr. Robot)

### Yourlifemoments

#### Description

* + - Subforum dedicated to success stories of the people, whether it’s marriage or promotion or smth small like “I found a cool flower” kind of posts.

#### Traits

* + - Full of positive stories and vibes
    - Some people are posting here definitely to brag, but majority of the people just want to share their happy moments.
    - Posts are usually text with some images

#### Arc

* + - Before the attack, there are posts about people lifes, like someone adopted a dog, got promotion etc. At least one post is braggadocious, which ticks main\_hero off and he uses this post to discredit every other post
    - During the attack, subforum gets filled with hate posts.
    - After the attack, admin gets his ownership back and tries to restore it.

#### Inspirations

### Sillygoose228

#### Description

* + - Admin of yourlifemoments, a bit silly and goofy person. Always ready to help.

#### Traits

* + - Kind
    - Ready to help
    - Gullible
    - Not tech savy
    - Silly

#### Arc

* + - He loses his account for the time of the attack, and gets it back in the end

#### Inspirations

## Events outline

### Intro

* Main\_hero introduces himself. He talks about him being anti-social, but not really seeing any problem with it, because people are fake and insincere. He also mentions his friends, how they spending time together (gaming, memeing, etc).
* Fidus messages in their gc, how he met another girl. Main\_hero talks about fidus, describes him as rationale and kind man, but at the same time not really decisive and having commitment issues, he mentions that he had at least 4 relationships in the past year.
* N1h1l mocks fidus for starting another relationship and suggests that he should stop altogether. Main\_hero also describes n1h1l, he says he is not the smartest and maybe thinking a bit too much about himself, but he is a fun guy to spend time with. He also is an admin of n1h1l\_ta1k1n6 subforum.
* Fidus retorts that it’s better than being bitchless. They go in little joking argument, but main\_hero interrupts it by asking why he started dating someone if he knows it’s gonna lead nowhere. Fidus replies that he wants a relationship, but at the same time he is not sure, if it’s his desire, or peer pressure. He doesn’t want a fake relationship and because he is always not sure, relationships always eventually crumble.
* Main\_hero relates to that and tells us that he doesn’t trust people. He thinks that people don’t even deserve his trust. He telling us about how people hide their real emotions behind smiles, hiding their real lives behind insta posts. He doesn’t understand tho, if this life is so fake, than what are the other options?

### Target acquired

* N1h1l interrupts their dialog with post he just read from some hacker subforum. Post explains what’s phishing is and how it was used to get into corporate networks, steal networks and all that. N1h1l legit didn’t know about it and wants to try to use it on someone.
* Main\_hero tells us that n1h1l is interested in whole cybersec thing and thinks he is some kind of hacker, but in reality more like script kiddie. Main\_hero however has background and even won CTF in uni in the past, but he gave it up, because real cybersec jobs are rather boring for him.
* Main\_hero mocks n1h1l for not knowing basic attacks. Tells him that phishing attacks are most popular in the internet, and ain’t no one with brains will fall for that. N1h1l takes slight offense and calls him a nerd, but still want to use it and says that some people are still stupid to fall for that. For example, admin of yourlifemoments subforum. N1h1l suggests, they could try to take over the sub this way, by stealing his account.
* Main\_hero and fidus says that this is way too much. Main\_hero says it’s probably a felony and fidus insisting on letting people just live if they not touching them. N1h1l counters, says this sub is filled with people showcasing or just making shit up their lives just to brag, in reality they are all different. Also, these posts make real people feel bad about themselves because they are not as good, so eliminating this sub is net positive for humanity.
* Main\_hero says that’s sounds fucked up, but he kinda agrees with that. He shows us the yourlifemoments, and tries to convince us and himself, that they are in fact all fake here. On one post that is actually braggadocios he proves to himself that all they do here is trying to make life of people not like them look bad in comparison. Fidus is not so convinced, but he stopped arguing. He still wants no part in it. Main\_hero however, ready to do it now.

### Plan and preparation

* Main\_hero and n1h1l start thinking on the plan. N1h1l starts suggesting some dumbass tools to copy TheForum website and phish the admin. Main\_hero shoots them down and says they need to develop and launch their own server.
* To get n1h1l busy on something, main\_hero asks him to ask his followers at n1h1l\_ta1k1n6 to spam posts in yourlifemoments, when main\_hero will take over the account. N1h1l starts acting like he is a resistance leader or some shit and wants to put his name in spam posts, but main\_hero tells him no, because it will attract too much attention to him and he might end up in trouble.
* Main\_hero proceeds to work on the plan solo. First, he looks up sillygoose228 profile to get an idea of what kind of man he is and what is his time zone. From the post activity he gathers that admin is in the same time zone as him and most likely studies art, which makes him a good target.
* Main\_hero then proceeds to code up fake pages and server side. As per [plan](#_Plan), he codes up fake pages and server. During coding he realizes how much he enjoy it, says he is living for this shit. After he is done, he starts a server on his machine and tests it. Also sends a link to n1h1l to show him how does it work. N1h1l says it looks awesome and he is ready with his followers to spam on command. Fidus says that they all gonna end up busted. Main\_hero and n1h1l agree to start execution tmrw.

### Execution

* On the next day, main\_hero starts to execute the phishing. He creates a burner account. He is nervous but gets himself together and sends a link to the fake post to the sillygoose228 and ask him to remove post with inappropriate content. Then main\_hero just waits, praying his ruse will work. He almost convinces himself that admin caught it and nothing is gonna happen, but suddenly main hero receives admin’s creds in console. Minute later admin thanks him for reporting the post and says it was removed. Main\_hero thanks him and tells n1h1l that phishing went successfully. Now they wait till 1:00am.
* At 1:00am main\_hero logs into the admin account. As per [plan](#_Plan), he strips mods of their roles and transfers the ownership of the sub to his burner account. As soon as it done, he lets n1h1l know, and his followers start to flood the yourlifemoments subforum. Main\_hero proudly watches the result of his work, saying that they just eliminated an entire subforum.
* Fidus texts in gc, saying that they should stop that. He tells them that they are not doing for valiantly protect society, they are doing it because they envy people who live normal, happy lives. N1h1l says that fidus is just scared, and says that these hate posts are the realest thing this sub seen. After all, if they can’t handle it, they shouldn’t be existing. Main\_hero says he can’t be jealous of people who don’t even show the real them. Fidus questions that and asks main\_hero, if that what he wants, create just to hurt people, who done him nothing.
* Main\_hero is conflicted. On one hand he is proud that his plan worked and that these fake people get what they deserve. On the another hand, he realizes that maybe fidus is right, and he is just jealous of people, who have their lives figured out and they genuinely happy to live like they do. He also realizes that the best part of this whole attack wasn’t the result but the process of creating those pages. He decides to lock the sub to prevent spam posting.

### Aftermath

* N1h1l asks main\_hero why he stopped the party. Main\_hero tells him, that he thinks they received the message and he doesn’t feel right continuing that. N1h1l who smells the blood in the water, demands that main\_hero unlocks the subforum, but then fidus standing up for main\_hero, saying that that’s enough. N1h1l backs off.
* N1h1l says that he has another subforum in mind to raid, but main\_hero says no. He wants to start over, and acknowledges that fidus was right, they are just jealous, because they can’t figure out their own lives. Fidus agrees, and tells them that his gf agreed to move in with him.
* N1h1l is mad, he is calling them hypocrites, because they all went along with raid but now trying to take the high road. Fidus explains himself, that for the brief moment it was fun for him to watch yourlifemoments subforum burn, but he quickly realized that he is jealous of them, because most of them have wives, careers and generally living successful lives. Fidus realized that “normal” life ain’t some fake play-pretend unless u make it to be one, u genuinely can be happy to live like that and fidus wants it now
* N1h1 doesn’t understand it, says that caved to social norms and wants to be goody two shoes and asks what the deal with main\_hero. He tells him that he enjoyed conceiving this raid with n1h1l, but he doesn’t want to hate people when the real problem is in him. He can’t continue living like anti-social recluse forever and something needs to change.
* N1h1l tells them all that they are idiots, that these people are pretending, they wanna look happy but in fact they are not. He says, it’s theirs responsibility to show them real world. Fidus says that he doesn’t make sense and n1h1l quits the gc. Fidus and main\_hero sure he’ll be back in the next few days, it wasn’t a first time he quit
* Fidus tells main\_hero that he probably should find a gf too, but main\_hero refuses. He says he can’t and don’t really want to, doesn’t see the point. He shares that he did really enjoy creating the scam, but now he wants to use his talent on more positive creations, to leave a mark. Story ends with main hero transferring the ownership of the sub back to sillygoose228 and apologizes.

## Story (as detailed as possible)

### Intro

(Dark screen, only notebook is opened.)

Hi. Hello. How are u doing?

Bever been good at that shit. Like how do people start the conversation? What’s the “ice breakers”? I heard they start talking about weather or whatever the fuck else, but like, no way that’s interesting for them. At least I’m confident that it is not interesting to me, so I am not talking about that. I mean, seriously tho, do they just wave to each other, smile and telling each other like “Hey, that rain a few days ago was crazy huh?”? Bro, shut the fuck up, no one cares about rain, or ur new fishing rod or that ur testicles shrunk, and everyone are smiling to u just because it would be rude to tell you to fuck off. No one tells u what they really think, and that’s fucking pisses me off. As you probably figured out already I am not good at chit chats, but actually I’m not good at talking at all. That’s why we r talking here not in my mind. I’m not a schizo case, if u r thinking about that, fuck u, but I just needed a place a vent and someone to listen so uhhh u r kind of my imaginary friend. That really sounds like I’m a schizo, but anyway.

(Gc Notification from fidus appears)

Although there are some good people, whom I found on The Forum. I created an account a loooong time ago, probably 5 or 6 years ago.

(User gets redirected to register page. He creates a nickname for himself)

(After user registers, register page UI falls down and everything goes black again with notebook open)

Somehow through gaming subforums I found my friends, fidus and n1h1l. And here I am.

(User gets redirected to the chat. There are past messages from latest game session they played)

Fidus: yo remember that girl I was talking about?

Fidus: fuck, I think, she really might be the one

Yeah, so that’s fidus for you. He is actually a good guy, sometimes acts like our mummy a little but yeah, he is good. He is only one who is employed in our cohort. But holy shit, when it comes to dating, dude’s a nightmare. I mean he had like 4 or 5 relationships this year alone, bro is changing them like gloves. I’m not exactly what his problems are, but I hope it’s not ED, u know.

N1h1l: remind me, is that tall blond one, or ginger midget? cuz, I can’t keep up with them all

Oh, and that’s n1h1l. He is a fun, chronically online guy, but sometimes he is just full of himself. I mean, dude has an entire subforum dedicated to himself, how much more narcissistic can u get honestly.

Fidus: oh fuck off, “ginger midget”? Yeah, no wonder u r dying bitchless bro

N1h1l: at least I know it and accept it, man, u probably should do the same

Fidus: u just envy me, because there is someone who’s actually into me, except my mom

N1h1l: oh yeah, can’t wait to deal with ur mental breakdown because of the break up after 3 days from now. And ur mom is into me too, dw

Fidus: gargle my balls

Main\_hero: nah, but fr, we can’t help but notice a pattern. Why do u start dating, if u know there is no future and u’ll probably split up 2 months later? wtf is the point

Fidus: idk

N1h1l: he’s just getting peer pressured

Fidus: I mean, maybe? Idk, I feel like my life is scripted or smth, I go to work, do some stupid ass tasks and go back home

Fidus: I feel something real to this gf, but fuck, at the same time I feel like it’s not my choice, like im expected to date someone

Fidus: cuz of that im afraid that my relationship will become fake and I don’t wanna that and split

Yeah, I kinda get that. I mean, who wants a person right next to him who hides the real emotions under smiles, real life under insta posts? Every interaction would feel like an exchange between two highly polished masks. That makes sense. I don’t even try to form relationships with people in real life, because what the fucking point of investing time, emotions and attention if everything that people show to u is a façade? I’m just left wondering, what my other options are. Either be fake or live like I do rn, which is…ok…I guess? I mean, I am fine I suppose, I have just enough socialization, just enough friends. I guess, I’m just not happy.

Main\_hero: yeah fair

### Target acquired

### Plan and preparation

### Execution

### Aftermath