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## 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
* Hatred to the world and to the self

## 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 vulnerability in The Forum, main\_hero is interested in how it works, because of his past in hacking. He founds the SSRF that could be exploited.
    - After n1h1l suggests that they could use it against positive\_subforum, 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 exploit, 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 lifes. 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 code 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.
    - 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 reporting the vulnerability on The Forum.

#### Inspirations

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

### 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
    - 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 pprove he is right to everybody around him, so he could convince himself too.
    - He frequents at hacker boards, because he fancies himself as hacker too. He finds someone post about a funny thing that was used using vulnerability and shares the finding with main\_hero.
    - After main\_hero says that it could be used as vulnerability, n1h1l suggests they use it against positive\_subforum. 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 actively helps with making spam messages. He hypes himself up as some kind of leader of resistance or smth and asks main\_hero 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 positive\_subforum. 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
    - 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 report the vulnerability they just used. He calls them hypocrites because they hated all this “fakeness” but ended up becoming “fake” too. He leaves the gc and blocks them.

#### Plan

#### Inspirations

* + - Gregory House (House M.D.)
    - Walter White (Breaking Bad)
    - 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
    - Employed
    - 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 week.
    - 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 brings up the exploit he found, fidus thinks that it would be cool to use it on some subforums for fun, but when main\_hero uncovers ssrf and n1h1l suggests they use it against positive\_subforum, 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 positive\_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, 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

#### Vulnerability

* + - Unsanitized

#### 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

#### 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)

### Positive\_subforum

#### Description

#### Traits

#### Arc

#### Inspirations

## Events outline

## Story (as detailed as possible)