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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

* Mr. Robot
  + Steel Mountain hack
  + Kill process from s3
* Fight club
* The Boys
  + Intro in E7S2

## Characters and entities

### Main\_hero

#### Description

* + - Main hero of a story, a guy, who can’t really forge real life connections, so he comes to The Forum to try to find his place here.

#### Traits

* + - Anti-social
    - Cynnical
    - For him it’s easier to communicate through text rather than speech
    - Silent
    - Insecure
    - Gullible
    - Tend to overthink before acting
    - Social anxiety traits
    - Used to work at the same place as Patrick, but got laid off due to budget cuts
    - Kind
    - Depressed
    - Pent up resentment against society
    - Afraid to be alone
    - Player will come up with his nickname
    - Pfp from cyberpunk maybe?
    - Gamer
    - Knows internet culture

#### Arc

* + - Starts as insecure, lonely guy, who can’t find his place and is frustrated by that.
    - He recently got laid off from a devops gig, cuz of the budget cuts and he thinks he was kicked not because of his performance but because he never made friends with anyone at the job. He resents them for it, but can’t quite prove it
    - After 1mparab1li5 employs him in the n0\_0n3\_car3s group, he met n1h1l and they become friends. He convinced the n0\_0n3\_car3s is something like his family now
    - He gets a task from a 1mparab1li5 from a [plan](#_Plan). It’s contradictory to his nature, but through coercing from 1mparab1li5 and n1h1l, he ends up doing it, because he wanna be with them.
    - After he sees the results of his actions, he realizes that he did something terrible. N0\_0n3\_car3s cut ties with him, like they always planned, so main\_hero is alone again. Story ends with him hearing a door knock, supposedly police.

#### Inspirations

* + - Elliot (Mr. Robot)
    - That guy from intro in E7S2 (The Boys)
    - Jesse (Breaking Bad)
    - Kenny from “Shut up and Dance” (Black Mirror)

### 1mparab1li5

#### Description

* + - Anonymous leader of the anarchy hacker n0\_0n3\_car3s, hates the world, capitalism and any other ism that comes to mind, wants to “save” the world by cleansing it of all impurities, but even more he wants to be more than sore loser and moderator of shitass subforum, he wants to be real threat.

#### Traits

* + - Manipulative
    - Arrogant
    - Often jokes, mostly satirical, demeaning (maybe not)
    - Cunning
    - Not trusting anyone, except his n1h1l
    - Paranoid
    - Charming
    - Narcissistic
    - Hates people
    - Radical
    - Anti-capitalism
    - Does what he thinks needs to be done
    - “No one cares” is his catchprase

#### Arc

* + - Invites main\_hero to the n0\_0n3\_car3s, manipulates his loneliness and longing for friends
    - Infects him with ideas by giving long ass convincing speeches of capitalism harm or some shit, exploiting main\_hero’s vulnerabilities.
    - At first, he genuinely thinks that main\_hero could be a member of their team, but after he learns that he worked at Softcorp, he changes his mind.
    - After some marinating, he gives main\_hero a task from a [plan](#_Plan).
    - After the whole thing blows over, Softcorp is in ruins. He gains rep as ideological terrorist, but what’s important for him is that he is a real deal now. Cut all ties with main\_hero, to reduce exposure.

#### Plan

* + - He wants main\_hero to get him an account with DevSecOps Engineer role, which will give him privileged access to cloud infrastructure.
    - He tells main\_hero that he is going to use this account to plant a worm on database instance that will self-replicate and encrypt all the data, including backups. That will take the main resource, that Softcorp has, - information – away.
    - In fact, he plans to achieve it differently. He wants to use monitoring console to find physical location of the servers, create ghost employers to generate access keys to physically enter the building and blow it up. Codes will be attached to NFC chips on the phones, to avoid printing the key card.
    - Through account he plans to write on main Softcorp’s website that he and his team did it, to basically declare war on them and make himself known.

#### Inspirations

* + - Gregory House (House M.D.)
    - Mr. Robot (Mr. Robot)
    - Tyler Derden (Fighting club)
    - Butcher (The Boys)
    - Ascalade (Vinland’s Saga)

### N1h1l

#### Description

* + - N1h1l is the right hand of 1mparab1li5, acts as his brakes when he goes too far, but ultimately, believes in a cause. Joined the subforum because he wants to be a part of something more than him, it gives him meaning.

#### Traits

* + - Loyal
    - Compassionate
    - Wants meaning in his life more than anything
    - Extra cautious
    - Manipulatived
    - Some anime girl on pfp

#### Arc

* + - Gets introduced when main\_hero joins the n0\_0n3\_car3s
    - Pretends to be a friend to him, shares his reasons why he joined, but gets attached to him later.
    - Helps 1mparab1li5 coerce him to blackmail Patrick
    - Although he feels kinda bad for using main\_hero, he justifies it by greater goal they achieved.

#### Inspirations

* + - Romero (Mr. Robot)
    - Foreman (House. M.D.)
    - MM (The Boys)
    - Biorn (Vinland’s Saga)

### Patrick

#### Description

* + - Extremely gullible, kind and honest character, who’ll act as vulnerability in system. “Cute puppy who will be killed” kind of guy.

#### Traits

* + - Gullible
    - Worked at the same place as main\_hero
    - Naive
    - Gives in to persistent people
    - Kind
    - Married
    - Honest
    - Friendly
    - Afraid of breaking the rules

#### Blackmail item

* + - One day he got an assignment to audit the social network Soft’s client’s database with their usage history. His friend (Let’s say David) heard of it and convinced him to let him see the db. He ran a few queries exposing user Ids and took a few screenshots of funny users’ searches and shared them with other engineers in department. It never went further than that.
    - Main\_hero still possesses the screenshots and he can use it to accuse Patrick of database leak and show the screenshot as proof. Logs will show he was granted access to it and David most likely will confirm the story to save his job.

#### Arc

* + - He was kind to main\_hero, but not really a friend although main\_hero counted him as one.
    - He will be crushed by blackmail or other deception and forced to do smth unlawful, contradictory to his nature

#### Inspirations

* + - Bob (Mr. Robot)
    - Ollie (Mr. Robot)
    - Literally any gullible character from any media ever

### The Forum as a place

#### Description

* + - Anonymous 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

* + - Fully anonymous
    - 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

### N0\_0n3\_car3s subforum

#### Description

* + - Radical anti-capitalism anonymous subforum. Consists of 200ish people and more the half of them are more screamers than doers and just here for the vibes. Only n0\_0n3\_car3s members (which is 10ish people) are ready to act on their words, with 1mparab1li5 in the lead.

#### Traits

* + - Dog whistling posts, facebook ass memes (some ai slop maybe?)
    - Supportive comments
    - Consists mostly of people who just want to lash out on something, without doing anything
    - Declining state, considered to be a dumpster by most of the people on The Forum
    - 1mparab1li5 is the creator of this subforum, and he is dissatisfied with the state of the subforum

#### Arc

* + - It starts off as cringe subforum, filled with couch warriors.
    - After story ends, it gets deleted by 1mparab1li5, because he wants to hide all that cringe and make everyone believe like he always been dangerous. A lot of copycats appear, who start same communities

#### Inspirations

* + - Any political subreddit 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
    - After whole story is carried out, main\_hero blames us in what happened

#### Inspirations

* + - Viewers (Mr. Robot)

### Softcorp (scorp for short)

#### Description

* + - Big ass conglomerate, that has social network called Soft, e-commerce, cloud infrastructure and more, but most importantly, it has investments all around the globe and in any industry, you can think of (movies, games, music, news agencies, etc.). Also working on SoftAI.

#### Traits

* + - Main\_hero used to work there as Cloud Engineer, but got laid off because of the budget cuts
    - Evil ass rape building
    - Have a hand in many industries and sometimes pressure them for decisions they’d like.
    - “Too big to fail” kind of reputation

#### Arc

* + - After attack, their infrastructure will be shot, databases wiped, but they will recover.

#### Inspirations

* + - Ecorp (Mr. Robot)
    - Tencent
    - Google

## Events outline

### Intro

* + Main\_hero introduces himself, the forum, shares his struggles with society
  + Showing us that he can’t connect with positive sides on a site, feeling they are not genuine, fake. Shows popular subforums, that filled with shit he can’t connect with. Tells about his layoff, how he didn’t fit in his work collective either.
  + Looks up n0\_0n3\_car3s’s subforum as most dumb subforum ever and crashes out in comments under one of the posts, about how stupid and fake they are.

### N0\_0n3\_car3s introducing

* + Because of the comment main\_hero gets noticed by 1mparab1li5 and he gets approached.
  + 1mparab1li5 gives him a tirade about capitalism, society being stupid and living in bubbles. Says, that if we could as society clean ourselves up, we would be better, but no one cares. That resonates with main\_hero and he wants to join.
  + N1h1l also introduces himself, he’s more friendly to main\_hero than 1mparab1li5. Main\_hero asks him about group and 1mparab1li5 and they start bonding.
  + Main\_hero thinks that this group is more like trouble causers on forum, more serious than average folk in the subforum, but not extremists.

### Time skip

* + During time skip (like 2 weeks or so) n1h1l and main\_hero became friends, they shared memes, ridiculed other people posts on subforum, discussed life, even joked about 1mparab1li5 too. They even raided other subforum together.
  + Main\_hero is happy, he found a friend, found a community he liked, purpose in life
  + 1mparab1li5 didn’t talk to him much except one time, when he asks him, whether he can count on main\_hero.
  + Time skip ends with n1h1l and main\_hero discussing Softcorp

### Task assignment

* + 1mparab1li5 says there is a task he wants main\_hero to do, he wants to test him and says it’s time. He asks main\_hero to contact someone in his past job and get account access to internal infrastructure of Softcorp through any means necessary, including blackmail. He shares his fake reason from [plan](#_Plan). Only main\_hero knows, who could be the good enough target on his past workplace for this kind of exploitation.
  + Main\_hero refuses, tells him it’s illegal, unethical and he doesn’t wanna do it. He also doesn’t believe in the omnipotent worm at first.
  + 1mparab1li5 tries to convince him, tells him that no one really cared about him at the past job, cuz he was laid off first, guilt trips him about him being not a real member, not a real friend, reminds him of times when society did him wrong and he should take revenge, insults him, calls him a coward. Some of it this sinks into main\_hero’s head, but he still refuses and stops replying after insults
  + Main\_hero reaches out to n1h1l, asks him what to do, he replies that he is worried that this is too much and too early for the main\_hero, and he talked to 1mparab1li5 about it, but at the same time something needs to be done, and this is a good opening to be wasted. After some time, he offers that they will do it together.

### Plan and execution

* + N1h1l and main\_hero looking up who would they pick as target. They found Patrick, kind, good but gullible man.
  + Main\_hero tells n1h1l about the [blackmail item](#_Blackmail_item), n1h1l suggests to use it as blackmail but main\_hero doesn’t want to, he thinks that they should use deception first. N1h1l agrees, but insists on using blackmail, so Patrick will definitely cooperate.
  + Main\_hero finally messages Patrick. After catching up, main\_hero tries to trick Patrick, says he was hired back for DevSecOps role, and needs help setting up his account. Patrick kinda believes main\_hero but wants to check with his boss first. Main\_hero tries to talk him out of it, fails, and decides to back off
  + Main\_hero is scared, because it’s not possible to trick Patrick and he can’t bring himself to blackmail him. He thinks he failed. Main\_hero tells n1h1l that, but he tries to reassure him and convinces him to continue and reminds him of a [blackmail item](#_Blackmail_item).
  + Main\_hero brings up in convo, how he and Patrick used to always greet each other in StarBucks on the way to work but turns out Patrick doesn’t remember it at all. Main\_hero is hurt by this, he thought Patrick also thought of him as a friend, but in reality, he didn’t, he was just being nice.
  + Main\_hero unleashes his anger on Patrick, blackmails him, forces him to open that account and hide it deep inside IAM system. Patrick begs him, tells him his wife just got pregnant, and he can’t lose his job right now, he pleads main\_hero to stop this and he will forget about everything. Main\_hero insists he continue and promises him job safety.
  + After Patrick did what he was told, he send him the creds. Main\_hero send them to 1mparab1li5. 1mparab1li5 commends his efforts and says that main\_hero has done his part, now it’s his team’s turn. He says that main\_hero can go to sleep now, tomorrow will be a new world without Softcorp.

### Aftermath

* + Main\_hero logs in next morning and sees the message from Patrick that asks what he has done. Also mentions that he got fired and wife plans to leave him and blocks him. Main\_hero opens the news and sees, that Softcorp’s data centers have been blown up. He sees the screenshot of the main website. He is in disbelief, gets mad at 1mparab1li5
  + He messages 1mparab1li5 to find out what’s happened. He confirms that it was n0\_0n3\_car3s and shares his real [plan](#_Plan), since it’s not gonna be a secret much longer. He also tells main\_hero that it was his plan from the beginning to use him and his connections to Softcorp to get into their network. Tells him that Patrick is gonna point finger at him and he can’t be a part of n0\_0n3\_car3s anymore and blocks him.
  + Main\_hero panickily texts n1h1l to find out if he knew and n1h1l confesses that he did know about the real plan and pretended to be his friend all the time. He tells main\_hero that the only reason he hasn’t blocked him yet is because he feels sorry for him, but he can’t get these regrets in his way. All his life he was living a meaningless life, but now, he can be part of a force that can change the world. He blocks main\_hero too.
  + Main\_hero feels livid and upset at the same time. He crashes out and goes for a long monologue about trust, betrayal, society, The Forum and his overwhelming loneliness and guilt. He visits n0\_0n3\_car3s’s subforum, but it got deleted. Game ends with main\_hero receiving a door knock, supposedly from a police officer.

## Story (as detailed as possible)

### Intro

(Black screen. Then notebook opens and main\_hero starts typing the following)

Hello. Hi. How are you?

How do people do that? How do they start talking to the absolute stranger and end up making a new friend? Fuck if I know. That’s why I started talking to you. See, the thing is, talking is hard for me. So instead of ranting to you in my head, like normal people do, I just type it here. Don’t worry, I’m not a schizo case. You are here just to listen to my internal monologues. They say that 50% of people don’t have them, but like, no way it’s true. I mean, do u really want me to believe that half of humanity have just emptiness in their heads, rarely interrupted by catchy tunes from radio or last three TikToks they just scrolled? It would’ve explained the average intellect of people on The Forum tho. Oh, u don’t know what that is do u? My bad. Well, it’s a fully anonymous dump with low tier memes, tons of ragebaits and fake sincerity for digital validation. Just your usual forum-like social network cesspool. And I just happened to have an account here…for three years...

Maybe there is a reason why am I talking to you, instead of real people after all.

*3 years ago*

(Register page. User chooses his nickname and fake password. After user presses register button, it goes into infinite loading.)

(Notebook opens on a side again)  
That’s how I got into this. I guess lack of human interaction will make u do stupid things, but oh well. See, at first I didn’t think it was that bad. It was pretty good actually. Lemme search up one of the most popular subforums, decentmemes.

*Now*

(User gets redirected to the profile page and from there he is prompted to type the name in the search bar. After he clicks on correct subforum, it opens. It will have 5 wholesome, cheering you up type of memes with 3 comments per each on page and around 10m followers.)

At first yeah, people here are all pretty wholesome and positive. I remember thinking that finally, I found place where people are just kind. But I just couldn’t shake that itchy feeling, that it’s all fake. Like, u expect me to believe that random strangers all of a sudden care about my wellbeing? Bro, come on. No one cares. Not even people you are working with. Oh yeah, I recently got fired from my job at Softcorp, I was a DevSecOps engineer, but not anymore. Fucking budget cuts. I still don’t understand why I was laid off, I definitely wasn’t the worst in the team, but I guess if you are socially awkward and didn’t really make any friends there is no one who could stand up for u, huh?

Because NO ONE CARES.

Oh, that’s reminds me of another subforum, truly a pinnacle of dogshit on this website. Worse than this is probably Soft with their softies, but I’ll spare you the deep dive in that, that part of Internet is cursed. Once u create an account in Soft you forfeit your attention span and ability to think forever. Anyway, lemme show you the worst subforum of all time, called n0\_0n3\_car3s. Even its name is cringe af.

(User is prompted to search n0\_0n3\_car3s. It will have 5 memes, fully cringe, that shit on softcorp, Joker and Tyler Derden’s quotes that are anti-capitalism, ai slop)

I mean, look at that, do I really need to say anything? These couch warriors who are trying so hard to look like they are actually standing for something, posting this bullshit here.

(Screen starts to gradually turn red)  
Fake ass protestors with their fake ass protest, they are changing nothing! Acting like they are a real deal, while in fact just posting low-effort crap to get just some validation in their miserable lifes. Fuck them. Imma write everything I think of them in comments.

(User is prompted to pick any post and write a comment for it. As soon as he clicks on text area, notebook closes. Screen is red and glitching)

Comment: “Oh u feel so brave right now, aren’t you. Posting this shit in subforum with 200 people in it, thinking that cops are coming for ur ass for the truth u are spouting here. U people aren't protesting shit here. U r just a bunch of couch warriors who are posting an ai slop or any other low-effort anti-capitalism meme and then proceed to buy a new coffee machine, because old one can’t fart chocolate. I can’t believe some of u actually think that u r making a difference here, this whole subforum is an echo chamber full of idiots. Y’all are fucking fake.”

(After user sends the comment, screen starts to glitch more. Ui elements start to fall and then suddenly everything goes dark. Notebook opens)

I know, I know. There is no fucking point to that. A few people are gonna dislike it, I’ll probably just get banned and they’ll take down my comment anyway. I’m just so fucking pissed you know? Why does our mind always yearn for human connection? Our lives would be so much easier without this desire.

Anyway,

(Main\_hero gets interrupted by notification, that appears on black screen. Shortly after the whole ui appears too)

Huh, interesting

### N0\_0n3\_car3s introducing

(User opens notification and gets redirected into the chat with 1mparab1li5.)

1mparab1li5: Hi, saw u going off in the n0\_0n3\_car3s, thought we could have a chat.

Who is this guy bruh. Gotta check out his profile.

(User prompted to open his profile. There is no activity on it except the line that says he is an admin in n0\_0n3\_car3s)

Damn, so he is an admin. “cOuLd HaVe SoMe ChAt” bro, just ban me, no need to be so pompous about it, jesus.

(User prompted to type for any main\_hero dialogues)

Main\_hero: just ban me and get it over with

Main\_hero: I don’t care for ur shitass subforum anyway.

1mparab1li5: I actually wanted you to join us.

Seriously? It’s an invite to a mod team? After I essentially shiited on all of them? Is this a requirement to become mod here? Lmao, they gotta be desperate. Maybe I am the only real person who posted here.

Main\_hero: I don’t wanna be a mod of this shithole

1mparab1li5: No, I’m talking about real n0\_0n3\_car3s.

Ok, it was funny at first, but now it’s kinda freaks me out. Wtf is real n0\_0n3\_car3s? I feel like he just bullshitting me and he will ask to send him a gift card at some point lmao.

Main\_hero: wtf r u talking about

1mparab1li5: Look, I actually relate to what you said in that comment.

1mparab1li5: I started this subforum because I hated the world I was living in, and I wanted to have a place with people who share the same sentiment.

1mparab1li5: Ironically, the more subforum grew, the more it got less genuine and more virtue signalling cesspool. I created this subforum to let people voice their frustrations, but people were coming here just to exercise their self-righteousness and get their daily dose of validation from the same exact people like them. Because they don’t care. No one cares. They live happily in their bubbles, and if it becomes inconvenient, they just buy themselves some new gimmicky toy from Amazon and let the illusion live on, like everything’s alright. Truth be told, society is just full of stupid people. If they ever get outraged about anything, like new legislation, house market crisis or some corpo bullshit, they be raving about it for like 2 weeks and then just move on.

### Time skip

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