## Hacker

Post Formation

* Glitched versions of images from the game
* Love poems to the hacker
* Elements of the actual process of accessing the Instagram API

Character

The hacker is a cyborg, a disillusioned former computer programmer. Throughout the game, the protagonist can only communicate with them through an online messaging interface – we do not meet the hacker in person. Interactions with the hacker involve going through the actual steps taken to access Instagram’s API, giving the feeling of the hacking process that underlies the structure of the game. You can also write love poetry and exchange it with the hacker via the messaging interface. Ultimately, to win the hacker over, the player must want to bring down the internet itself – you therefore end their path by destroying your own means of communication with the hacker, ending the game.

* Jealousy
* Drama
* References to witch – “passing privilege” vs radical antinormativity
* Self-destructive tendency
* Start with the poetry – give two opt out interactions and one opt in. narrator doesn’t send poetry back until later in timeline.
* Poetry is emotional storage and retrieval – the Augmented use snippets of poetry to restore and access emotions; sending poetry is sharing those emotions.
* Does the witch know the hacker exists? Maybe there’s a moment where you can choose to tell her or not
* Cultural debate over whether hacker poetry counts as real magic or not because it’s not biological

## Vandal

Post Formation

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Character

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## Trickster

Post Formation

Change the caption of older posts

Character

The

## Witch

Post Formation

The Witch creates posts based on different rituals that she has constructed to resist the exploitative systems.

Varying rituals considered are:

* Expungement ritual
  + Summary: The player goes through steps that helps them process feelings they have internalized
* Psycho-geographical ritual
  + The players geographical locations on Instagram are mixed up
* Utopian Performance ritual
  + The player role plays with the witch, having text that they may not be known for saying show up on their account.
* Ritual of memory
  + Old photos by the player are remixed or removed from their account.

Character Summary

Inside each individual are sensations that were sealed when they were born. These are intense sensations like anger, anxiety, depression, dysphoria, narcissism, rage, PTSD, shame, and more. This was to ensure that individuals would contribute to the capital system more smoothly. Instead of a traditional form of magic in this world, magic is actually an instance where a person touches those sensations that are locked away. What happens to them feels like magic, but it doesn’t actually effect anything externally.

The witch is part of a network of other witches who connect via the moon. Each one is a person who was awoken by another, the original staying anonymous to maintain safety. The witch stays undercover in order to stay safe from the exploitative systems and for the greater good of being able to awaken other people.

Character Theme

The witch has created a protective personality that helps her blend in with the other people in the system. She says and does things that make her uncomfortable in order to stay safe. Sometimes she wonders what it would be like if she wasn’t a witch, just because she wouldn’t have to think about being in danger all the time. She has a lot of internal struggles about who she should awaken due to this personal conflict.

Character Desires

The Witch is very caring about other people and forms very close personal connections with those she socializes with, in and out of her protective facade. She is incredibly passionate about bringing down the system, and struggles at times with maintaining her façade because she wants to resist. She cares about helping people through their pain and problems.

“Presence”

For many, the witch always seems to be there when something is wrong. She is always looking for people to help. However, the witch actually has a lot of internalized anger and sadness that she keeps pent up to prevent her from revealing her role as a witch. This sometimes comes out in front of other witches.

Talks Like

* If Sora from Kingdom Hearts was actually mature
  + <https://youtu.be/vJFR7dutK8k>
  + https://youtu.be/3ZVYrccchwA?t=228
* Amethyst from Steven Universe
  + https://youtu.be/PTlJjQoltp8?t=60
  + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsOgW12daSk>
* Trish from JoJo
  + <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AiehfsctWGCihLAGQP7eypMugQgOdA>
  + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELHXg7LZD_I>

Wants

History