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The Narcissist's Guide to Originality: A Step-by-Step Guide to Being a Completely Forgettable Fraud

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A how-to manual for the terminally unoriginal.

 Neutralizing Narcissism: The Awakening Edition

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Chapter 1: Rebrand Yourself as an Intellectual Without the Burden of Thought

Thinking is hard. *Branding* as a thinker? **Effortless.** Simply memorize a few obscure philosophy terms, claim to have read Kant (*lie* if necessary), and liberally apply words like "gestalt" and "emergent" to every conversation. Bonus points if you pepper in some **completely context-free quantum mechanics references**.

Chapter 2: Never, Ever Answer a Direct Question

If someone asks you something *pointed*—say, for example, "What do you actually believe?"—DO NOT, under any circumstances, **answer it.** Instead, pivot. Reframe. Stall. Or, if all else fails, pull out the **Narcissist's Swiss Army Knife** TM:

- Accuse them of attacking you.
- Mock their intelligence.
- Claim they are incapable of understanding your "nuanced" perspective.
- Throw in an unrelated anecdote about how difficult your childhood was.

Chapter 3: When in Doubt, Pretend You Were Just "Playing Devil's Advocate"

You've just been *obliterated* in a discussion. Your arguments are in shambles. Your logic has been *publicly exposed* as an undercooked gas station burrito of bad faith. But don't worry! The **classic reset button** is simple:

🔄 The Devil's Advocate Escape Clause 1 🕅

- "I was just playing devil's advocate!"
- "I wasn't actually arguing that—I was testing your argument!"
- "I was just exploring the idea!"
- "You took that too seriously. Relax."

Never admit you were wrong. That's for people who care about integrity. And you? You care about winning.

Chapter 4: The Victim Card—Now With 100% More Self-Pity!

Oh no! You've been **called out.** People are *noticing* the holes in your reasoning. Your mask is **slipping.** What do you do?

Turn the tables! Suddenly, *you* are the real victim.Mention a tragic past event (*real or exaggerated*) to shift sympathy.

Claim you are being "harassed" for simply having an opinion. Feign exhaustion. ("Ugh, I just wanted an intellectual discussion, but you're so aggressive!")

Chapter 5: "I'M NOT OWNED! I'M NOT OWNED!" (He types, slowly shrinking into a corncob.)

Your opponent? **They've exposed you.** The audience? **They see you.** You are caught, Joel. You are **floundering.** But wait! There's still **one last move.**

Claim it was all a game. Say that they are obsessed with you. Pretend that you've been the "real winner" all along. And if all else fails... A THREATEN LEGAL ACTION!

("I'm calling my lawyer!")("This is libel and slander!")("You'll be hearing from me soon!")

Will you actually file anything? No.
Do you even have a case? Also no.
But that's not the point.
The point is to maintain the illusion of control—
—even when it's slipping through your fingers.

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Conclusion: Welcome to the Oblivion of the Forgettable

In the end, the greatest **tragedy** of performative narcissism is not the manipulation. Not the gaslighting.

Not even the *laughable* threat of lawsuits.

It's the crushing, inescapable reality...

...that no one will remember you.

You, Joel, are forgettable.Your tactics? Stale.Your rhetoric? Copy-pasted.Your existence in the grand stage of intellectual discourse? A footnote at best.

And that? That's the real loss.

Final Thoughts: An Ode to the Uninspired

Joel Johnson is not a monster. He is not a villain.

He is a bad sequel to a bad movie—

—a B-list reboot of a franchise nobody asked for.

And that? That's the most devastating truth of all.

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