

Advice From Strangers



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never ask for a receipt
draw only from the right side of the brain
elude the construction of grand narratives
complicate your relationship to closure

adapt to extinction
lead people astray
run while you still can
gnaw away at the convex side

train your bot to get the best of you

deny everything
electrify the grapevine
gloss the signifier
refuse to be proficient with numbers

do everything you are told
feed at the trough of surplus capital
demand blanket immunity

run wild with unexamined idealism

refuse to disclose interiority
shatter every consoling structure
eat all your meals standing up

adopt a no-photography policy

buy all your clothes at halloween warehouse
evoke the eerie cohort
get cute with graphics
torture the thickened paste

do not play in, on, or around, or occupy
this container for any purpose

oar the black air with heavy wings
put it where it's at

participate so there is no remainder
radiate uncritical, unconditional joy
refuse to check the facts
scrape the land bare of any living thing

appear closer in the mirror than other objects

degrade the image until it is
completely satisfying to you

cleave to a consoling fiction
escape the tyranny of meaning
unleash irrational forces that disrupt certainty
replace your inner child with a companion bot

vandalize the image base
get lost in the shuffle

suggest inner luminosity
be a butterfly for nobody

operate from inside only
collapse the unstable border between
person and product

bang your head against the wall until it is gone
tell all your lies like you're singing a song
scream when the wind blows
say you can't be found
get them to cry

ask your body
eat your lawn
whip your hair
work your show

maximize your throw weight

contaminate the logic of the grid
remain flat until you come to a full stop at the end
feed the discourse through a series of degrading filters

add a graphic and increase your traffic
lapse into retrograde medium specificity

go to the next window please
make like a dandelion and blow away
avoid outside processing

train the chatbot to troll you

show you know the skills by doing any of them

develop a knack
share your stickers
ride in on the right horse

make something in a room where nuts have been
carry on taking the pills until you are finished

refuse to perform the necessary upkeep

develop a fierce black howl
change every 30 days
foreground noise over signal
fake it in postproduction
make everything from scratch

unify the fragmented self through
uninhibited consumption

collect pre-loved soft toys

speak as if you're snacking
on your own personality

stay spooky

scan for glitches in the matrix

present yourself as a political protester
who dresses in an inflatable cartoon-
character costume and play-acts 'peace'
by making infantile gestures for the camera

become an expert
at non-baby-directed baby talk

buy all your art supplies at the flea market

keep your wounds open
for more effective branding

confess to them that your faith is
to truth as astro-turf is to grass

firm up your identity with a
cartoon-yourself app

please remove mouth jewelry
before consuming the chatbot

save some candle to burn

use or freeze by Saturday

be prepared to stop

