

Advice From Strangers



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never ask for a receipt
draw only from the right side of the brain
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
run wild with unexamined idealism

demand blanket immunity

adopt a no-photography policy

refuse to disclose interiority

shatter every consoling structure

eat all your meals standing up

buy all your clothes at halloween warehouse

evoke the eerie cohort

get cute with graphics

torture the thickened paste

share the catch

participate so there is no remainder

radiate uncritical, unconditional joy

refuse to check the facts

scrape the land bare of every living thing

appear closer in the mirror than other objects

degrade the image until it is

completely satisfying to you

never take a vacation

always upsell

never slip and fall

always be on time

lose 10 pounds by Friday

get ripped in 90 days

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

vandalize the image base
get lost in the shuffle

operate from inside only
suggest inner luminosity
be a butterfly for nobody

collapse the unstable border between
person and product

bang your head against the wall until it is gone
tell all your lies like you are 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 snacking
on your own personality

run amuck
spread yourself thin
affect a tastier crunch
be fun to get mad at

tell them you want to do
right but not right now

live inside the smudges of your corrections

scrutinize something normal until
it becomes strange

make a copy that is more
valuable than the original

tighten up your wig
crack yourself up
scratch and win
snap to grid

make the boundaries visible
by violating them

construct a personality that is
like the reflective, optical coating on the outer surface
of mirrored sunglasses

douse the lights
snap crackle and pop

back up and do the tighten up
call utility before digging

stay spooky

scan for glitches in the matrix

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

become an expert at speaking non-
baby-directed baby talk

buy all your art supplies at the flea market

keep your wounds open for more
effective branding

tell them that biopolitics is robbing
you of your natural, inherent incandescence

firm up your identity on 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

