"Where the F#&% Do I Start?" Flowchart

For when your brain is just humming elevator music and deadlines are laughing.

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Intro (because people expect one):

You've got 27 half-ideas, three half-written pitches, and one very full inbox. But which guest post move should you actually make next? Use this brutally honest flowchart to stop doom-scrolling and start doing.

The Flowchart:

Q1: Have you already picked a blog to pitch?

 $\rightarrow$  Nope  $\rightarrow$  Go find a blog worth your words.

 $\rightarrow$  Yep  $\rightarrow$  Go to Q2

Q2: Do you know what their audience actually cares about?

 $\rightarrow$  No clue  $\rightarrow$  Read five of their top posts. Yes, read. With eyes.

 $\rightarrow$  Sure do  $\rightarrow$  Go to Q3

Q3: Do you have a topic that fits their vibe and makes you sound like you've touched a keyboard before?

 $\rightarrow$  Not really  $\rightarrow$  Brainstorm 3 ideas that don't suck. Try harder.

 $\rightarrow$  I've got one (or three)  $\rightarrow$  Go to Q4

Q4: Have you checked if they've covered it in the last 6 months?

 $\rightarrow$  Nope  $\rightarrow$  Search their site, Sherlock.

 $\rightarrow$  Yes, it's fresh  $\rightarrow$  Go to Q5

Q5: Do you have a pitch drafted that sounds like a real person wrote it?

 $\rightarrow$  Still working on that  $\rightarrow$  Download the Pitch Swipe File. Use your brain this time.

 $\rightarrow$  Yup, and it slaps  $\rightarrow$  Go to Q6

Q6: Is your pitch personalized enough that the editor might mistake you for someone who actually cares?

 $\rightarrow$  Ugh, probably not  $\rightarrow$  Edit it until it doesn't scream "bulk email."

 $\rightarrow$  Hell yes  $\rightarrow$  Send the pitch already. And then go touch grass.

Because starting is the hardest part... right after finishing.

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