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“Who are the worst reviewers?” – Louisa Ha

1. “The Free-Rider and Non-Reviewer”: Those senior scholars who never accept review invitations but submit manuscripts to your journal all the time.
2. “The Runaway Reviewer”: Those who accept review invitations but never return the review after receiving the manuscript.
3. “The Tardy Reviewer”: Those who always return reviews severely late and require many overdue reminders to submit the review, but the reviews are knowledgeable and substantive
4. “The Lousy Reviewer”: Those who accept review invitations and turn in on time but give lousy, irrelevant and vague reviews, or one to two sentence reviews that are of no use to the editor or the author
5. “The Humiliator”: Those who are rude and write very harsh reviews, trashing the value of the manuscript and humiliate the author personally as graduate students or foreign speakers
6. “The Stupid Reviewer”: Those who show no knowledge about the topic and provide wrong/bad advice to the authors
7. “The Dictator/Selfish Reviewer”: Those who impose their own will on the authors, forcing authors to use certain citations (their own works) or certain paradigms and statistical techniques.