

A Phenomenological Response to the Question: What Do You Do?

Or, rather than showing you what they do, it reveals to you what they are up to. Perhaps psychopaths would use that moment to also obstand back, i.e. that something to do, becomes something done (in particular, done to them). I imagine that megalomaniacs with thirsts for power and control perceive that by the sheer fact that the doer has to be up to something, the doer's "real" position is analogous to both a threaten-er animal and an insect. And though there is perhaps no harm in such perceptions, to the troubled mind, such a thought can unfurl into a kind of mirrored conviction; an inner-battle played outward and thrown into an unsuspecting and -- in the case of the question, "what do you do?" -- mostly harmless world.

So, like animals and insects, I suspect this kind of character would waste no time -- reacting just as an octopus might -- and begin, first to cloak, distract and run; but in due time and by all means necessary and with utmost contempt, like a field of locusts to crop, relentlessly devour the doer for what they have done.