

THE MIND OF DONALD TRUMP

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In 2006, Donald Trump made plans to purchase the Menie Estate, near Aberdeen, Scotland, aiming to convert the dunes and grassland into a luxury golf resort. He and the estate's owner, Tom Griffin, sat down to discuss the transaction at the Cock & Bull restaurant. Griffin recalls that Trump was a hard-nosed negotiator, reluctant to give in on even the tiniest details. But, as Michael D'Antonio writes in his recent biography of Trump, *Never Enough*, Griffin's most vivid recollection of the evening pertains to the theatrics. It was as if the golden-haired guest sitting across the table were an actor playing a part on the London stage.

"It was Donald Trump playing Donald Trump," Griffin observed. There was something unreal about it.

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In a 2013 *Psychological Science* research article, behavioral scientists ranked U.S. presidents on characteristics of what the authors called "grandiose narcissism." Lyndon Johnson scored the highest, followed closely by Teddy Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson.

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