

THE ENVY-SHAME-ANGER PIPELINE

How Three Toxic Emotions Team Up to Destroy Your Closest Relationships

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I was scrolling Instagram at 6 AM when I should have been meditating. Again. I had promised myself the night before: Tomorrow, I am waking up early. Five minutes of silence. Just five minutes to listen to myself before the chaos starts. But there I was, thumb scrolling, watching a woman my age share her morning routine. Green smoothie. Gratitude journal. Yoga on her perfectly styled patio. Glowing skin. Peaceful smile. The caption: Starting the day with intention. I felt it immediately: that sharp, hot pang in my chest. Envy. She is so disciplined. She has it together. Why cannot I be like that? And right behind the envy, like a shadow that never leaves: shame.

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