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Dear Source of Wisdom, Strength, and Creativity,
We open this space with gratitude for every soul holding this magazine. For every visionary heart seeking light, legacy, and liberation.

May these pages be more than words.
May they be mirrors, maps, and momentum.
May each story spark remembrance of our power, and each guide remind us that we are never walking alone. We honour the journey—messy, sacred, and magnificent.

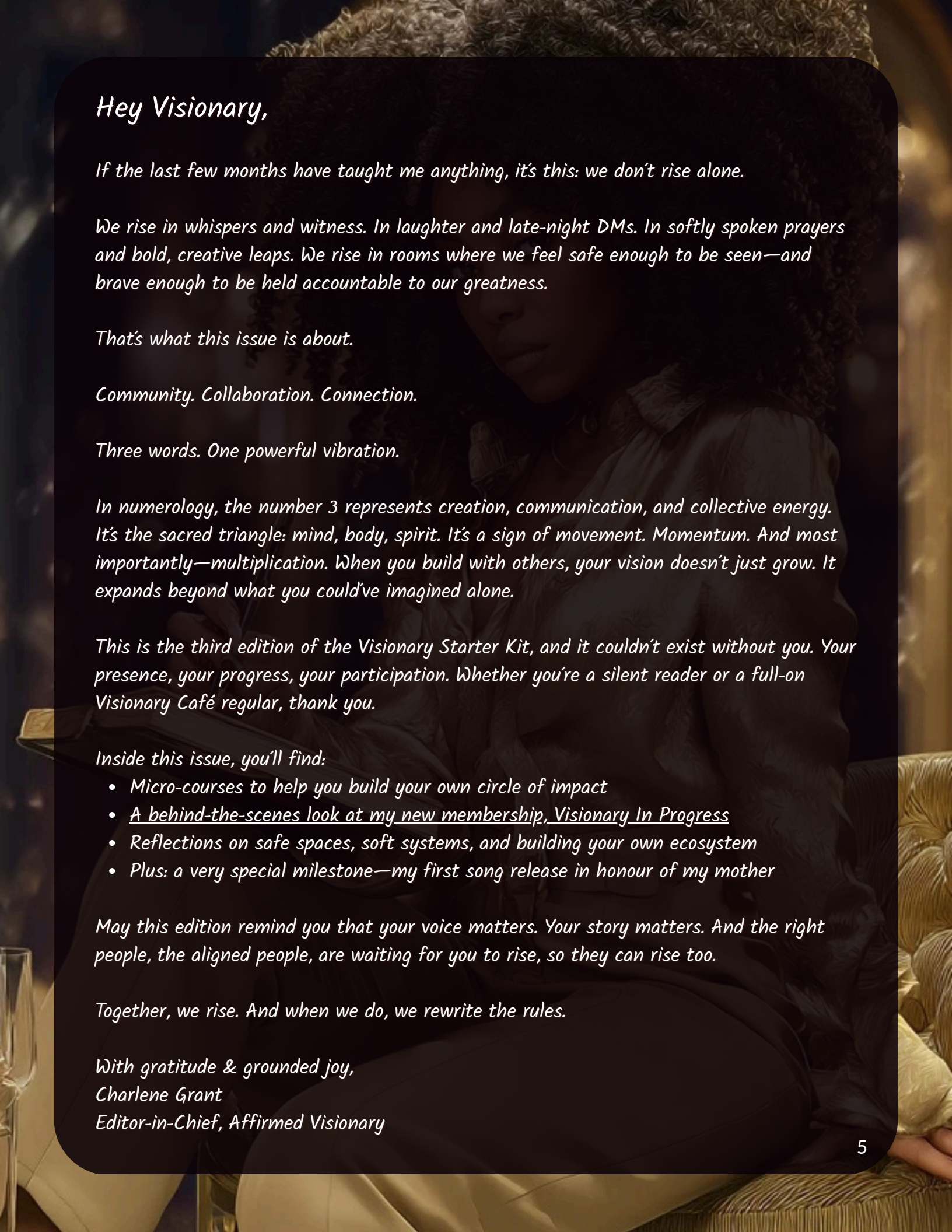
We welcome clarity where there was confusion, courage where there was fear, and community where there was once isolation.

Let this be a space where the quiet builders feel seen, where the weary feel uplifted, and where every dream finds room to breathe, bloom, and belong.
We call in joy. We call in alignment. We call in rest that replenishes and work that fulfills.

Together, we rise.
And so it is.
Amen. Ashe. A'ho. And all is well.



WE RISE IN SILENCE,
Silence that listens for soul.
Soul shaped by struggle and surrender,
Surrender into sacred becoming.
Becoming the bridge we once needed,
Needed like breath, like belonging.
Belonging to dreams too bold for shrinking,
Shrinking never served our wings.
Wings wide with wonder and memory,
Memory etched in the voices of mothers,
Mothers who prayed us into purpose.
Purpose stitched into every vision,
Vision that dares to build with others.
Others who rise when they see us rise.
Rise again, rise always—together.



Hey Visionary,

If the last few months have taught me anything, it's this: we don't rise alone.

We rise in whispers and witness. In laughter and late-night DMs. In softly spoken prayers and bold, creative leaps. We rise in rooms where we feel safe enough to be seen—and brave enough to be held accountable to our greatness.

That's what this issue is about.

Community. Collaboration. Connection.

Three words. One powerful vibration.

In numerology, the number 3 represents creation, communication, and collective energy. It's the sacred triangle: mind, body, spirit. It's a sign of movement. Momentum. And most importantly—multiplication. When you build with others, your vision doesn't just grow. It expands beyond what you could've imagined alone.

This is the third edition of the Visionary Starter Kit, and it couldn't exist without you. Your presence, your progress, your participation. Whether you're a silent reader or a full-on Visionary Café regular, thank you.

Inside this issue, you'll find:

- *Micro-courses to help you build your own circle of impact*
- *A behind-the-scenes look at my new membership, Visionary In Progress*
- *Reflections on safe spaces, soft systems, and building your own ecosystem*
- *Plus: a very special milestone—my first song release in honour of my mother*

May this edition remind you that your voice matters. Your story matters. And the right people, the aligned people, are waiting for you to rise, so they can rise too.

Together, we rise. And when we do, we rewrite the rules.

With gratitude & grounded joy,
Charlene Grant
Editor-in-Chief, Affirmed Visionary

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Heart of The HIVE

PART 1: What Makes a Community Feel Like Home?

By Charlene Grant

When people talk about community, they often imagine numbers—thousands of followers, packed Facebook groups, endless DMs. But what if I told you that the real power of community isn't in the crowd... it's in the connection?
At the heart of any hive worth belonging to are people with shared goals, vision, and energy. They might not always look like you, but they feel like you. And when you find that alignment, you're not just a member—you're at home.

1. Celebration is Intentional

In DCT's Friday Flex and DQ Canva Academy's Sister Chat, wins are shared and celebrated like birthdays. And it's not just for show—these moments are carved into the calendar, creating a culture where progress is honoured, no matter how small. Even anonymous questions are treated with care and celebration. It reminds us: your journey is yours, but it was never meant to be walked alone.

2. Intimacy Over Popularity

Big communities like RBA (55k) or even DBA (34k) are powerful hubs for learning, but let's be real—they're not always where the intimacy lives. For those of us who prefer to quietly build, popping out with finished gems rather than work-in-progress pieces, it can be hard to find footing in larger spaces. That's why I swear by smaller, niche communities—under 2,000 members and subject-specific. Whether it's AI filmmaking, Notion templates, or design-focused circles, these are the places where you're seen, remembered, and held accountable.

3. Your Circle Within the Circle

Not everyone in a community will match your energy, and that's okay. In fact, it's expected. The magic happens when you find your circle within the wider circle. DCT understood this deeply and launched accountability groups early in the year that continue to shape deep, lasting connections. Platforms like Skool even show engagement leaderboards—watch those. Are the active members being celebrated or just tracked? Find your vibe, then plug in.

4. Where Creative Flow Lives

Communities that foster creativity are rare, but when you find them, hold on. My favourite spaces? DCT, DQ Canva Academy, TRM (a trio of DCT coaches turned co-creators), and CreateHer Digital Academy. These groups don't just teach—they co-create. Whether it's through Patreon memberships, art classes, or design collabs, they understand that creativity needs space, not structure.

5. Access Isn't Always Equal—And That's Real

Let's talk gatekeeping. It's everywhere. Some communities will give you the what, maybe the how, but rarely the why, especially at lower price points. That's just the game. But don't get discouraged. Build your toolkit. Mix broad, info-heavy groups like RBA with focused programs like DCT's Accelerator, add a few multi-mentor groups like G.E.M, and invest in 1:1 coaching where needed. That combination? Game-changing.

Ask Yourself: What spaces have made me feel truly seen—and how can I create or return to more of them?


Evolving Victory
Streaming Now!



Evolving Victory

The Story Behind The Song

Evolving Victory isn't just a song—it's a testimony. Born from grief, pressure, and sacred whispers from the ancestors, this track is a musical prayer wrapped in pain, perseverance, and powerful healing.

Created using AI-powered tools like Suno, this piece is part of a new era—where creativity, technology, and purpose intersect. As the founder of Affirmed Visionary, I didn't create this song just for entertainment. I created it to document the journey of what it means to rise, again and again, with intention and clarity.

It's for the woman who's cried silent tears after everyone else went to sleep.

It's for the visionary who's building while grieving.
It's for those who are still evolving—and still victorious.
This song was crafted to reflect a conversation with my mother, who passed on but whose guidance still shapes my every step. It's my way of honouring her and declaring that the legacy continues.



Evolving Victory

The Story Behind The Song

🎶 Lyrics Excerpt

> "Evolving, but this pain ain't left me
> Left me broken, left me empty (but still I rise)
> Empty hands, but still, I built a way
> Way too far to turn around today..."

These lines echo what so many Black women feel but often can't say out loud. This is your permission to feel it, sing it, and claim your evolution.

✨ Share Your Evolution

After you listen, take a moment to journal or reflect:
What does victory look like for me?
Where have I evolved despite the pain?

Use the hashtag **#EvolvingVictory** to share your journey and inspire others in the Visionary community.


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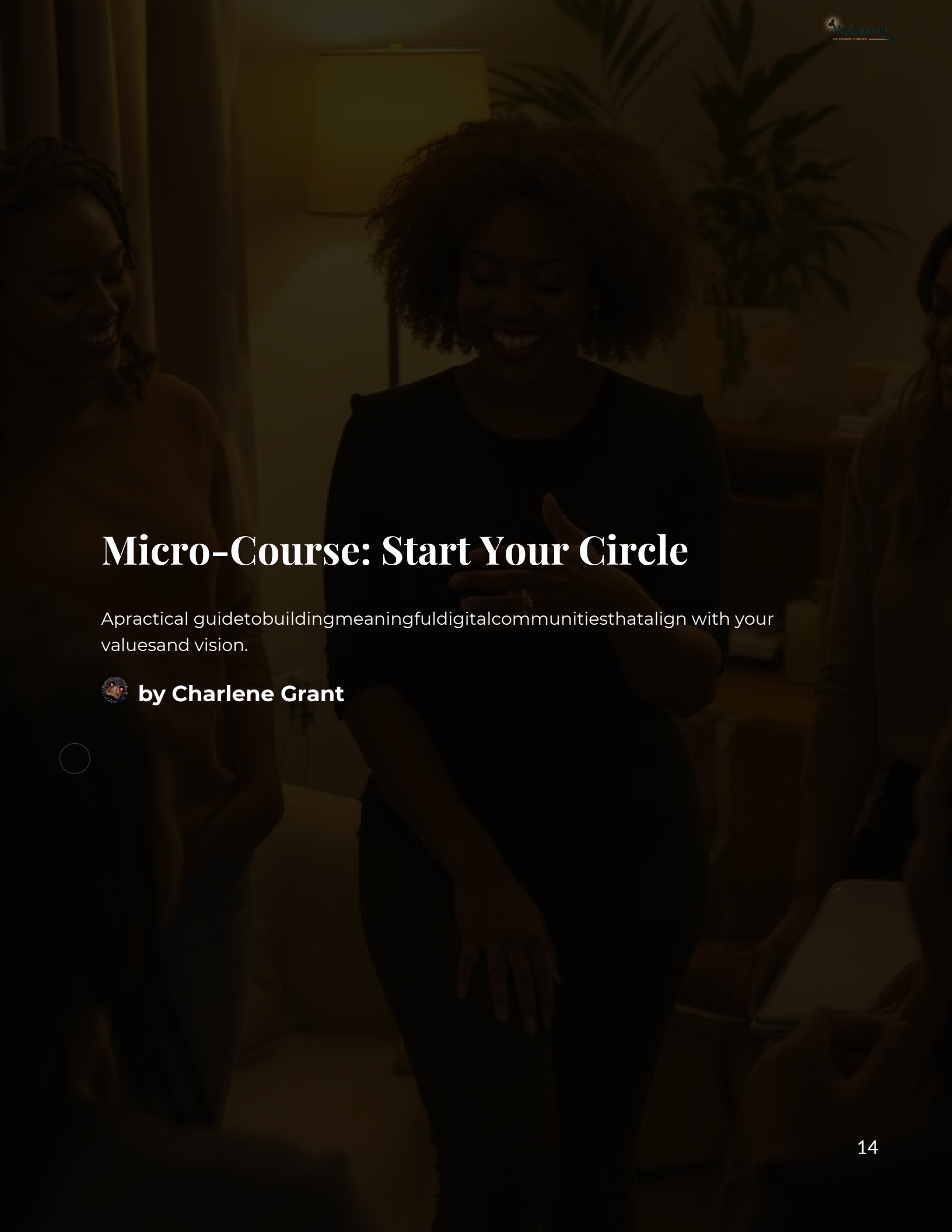


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Micro-Course: Start Your Circle

Apractical guidetobuildingmeaningfuldigitalcommunitiesthatalign with your valuesand vision.

by Charlene Grant

Create a Soul-Aligned Community From Wherever You Are

Not everyone starts with a big audience. But everyone can start with a calling.

This guide is your invitation to begin building a digital community that reflects your voice, values, and vision—whether it's a cosy crew of 3 or a full-blown membership.





Why Start a Circle?

To gather your people in a space *you* control

Create a digital space that aligns with your values and vision, where you set the rules and culture.

To test an idea with soft accountability

Use your circle as a supportive environment to explore concepts and receive gentle feedback.

To monetise in a heart-led way (without pressure)

Develop authentic revenue streams that feel aligned with your values and serve your community.

To create safe, healing spaces that scale slowly and sustainably

Build an intentional community that grows at a pace that maintains quality and connection.



Community Personas: Who's in Your Circle?

These sample "archetypes" help you imagine who you're creating for, and what they need from the space.

Persona	Motivation	What They Need From You
✨ The Quiet Visionary	Wants to grow quietly with intention	Safe space to explore without judgment
🎯 The Soft Hustler	Overachiever in healing mode	Gentle structure + clear wins
🌱 The Sacred Creator	Builds for others, often forgets self	Validation, rest, and reflection
💬 The Purpose-Ready	Ready to launch or lead	Tools, coaching, collaboration

> Want more? Ask ChatGPT to help you describe your ideal member using this prompt: "Act as a community strategist and help me define 3 core personas for the kind of members I want to attract. Include: their personality, goals, challenges, and what kind of support they're looking for."



Checklist: What You Actually Need to Start

A core vibe

healing? business? creativity? All three?

A platform

Discord, Skool, Beacons, or Notion?

3 starter activities

introductions, mini goal-setting, journal prompt or poll

A name:

Use ChatGPT to brainstorm, or remix these ideas:

> **Prompt for name generation:**
> "I'm creating a soft, supportive digital space for [your audience]. Please give me 10 name ideas that feel healing, empowering, and community-centered. The vibe is warm, slightly spiritual, and futuristic."

A welcome message:

"Welcome, you're in the right place. This community is here to help you grow—not rush, not perform, not perfect. Just grow. Together."

Optional:

a freebie or soft entry point (e.g. link to your podcast, a journal page, or Canva dashboard)



ChatGPT-Powered Planning Prompts

Use these to build out your community plan with help from your digital co-founder (aka ChatGPT):

Define the Vision

> "Act as my clarity coach. Help me define the purpose of my online community, who it will serve, and what makes it different. Ask me reflective questions and summarize my answers into a vision statement."

Plan the Member Journey

> "Help me map out a simple 3-step member journey: what happens in the first week, the first month, and what keeps them coming back long-term. Suggest easy ways to onboard and retain members."

Create Founding Member Content

> "Give me 5 community post ideas that build engagement and help members feel like co-creators. Keep it soft, soulful, and low-pressure."



Final Thought:

> Your circle doesn't have to be big. It just has to be *brave*—and that starts with you.

So whether you're setting up a Discord for five friends or building a paid tier inside Skool, let this be the season you gather with intention.

Because community isn't something you join. It's something you build—one aligned soul at a time.





Talya



Regina



Martine

TRM (Talya, Regina, and Martine) are a creative group dedicated to transforming digital art into physical products through engaging, hands-on sessions. **Every Sunday**, we host live events featuring expert demonstrations in crafting, design, and art. We also promote talented artists, AI innovators, and GPT creators. Join us to unlock your creativity, learn new skills, and connect with fellow artists in a supportive, dynamic community focused on artistic growth and innovation!

Sign Up To Join Our Show

6pm CST - 7pm EST - 4pm PST - 12am BST

Heart of The HIVE

PART 2: Accountability as a Superpower

By Charlene Grant

We often hear that success loves speed, but what it really loves is structure. And in digital spaces where motivation can feel like a rollercoaster, one thing has quietly become my superpower: accountability.

Not the pressure-filled kind. Not the guilt-tripping group chats. I'm talking intentional, loving, purpose-aligned accountability—the kind that honours your growth and your energy.

Why Accountability Works

In solo entrepreneurship, especially for women building healing-based businesses, it's easy to slip into "I'll do it tomorrow" mode. Accountability creates gentle pressure, but more importantly, it creates proof. Every check-in becomes a mirror of your consistency and your courage.



A Partnership That Changed Everything

For me, that power came to life through one person: Erika of Reedality Media.

What started as an accountability partnership turned into something much deeper. We speak every day. We co-work on Discord at random hours. We set goals together, tag-team demos, research ideas, and bounce experiments off one another like mad scientists in a lab filled with vision boards and Canva drafts.

She reminds me when I'm overworking. She celebrates my wins. And when I need to pause, she says the words that too many of us forget to tell ourselves: "It's okay to rest."

We honour each other's energy and capacity in a way that's rare, and because of that, our productivity has skyrocketed this quarter. I often say, if I ever get the chance to visit America, I'm moving in with her. No hesitation.

Erika, I wish you peace, joy, and continued success. You've redefined what a true accountability partner can be..



Creating or Finding Your Own Support Circle

If you're not in an accountability pod yet, don't wait. You can create it, curate it, and guide it to grow. Here's how:

1. Define Your Intention.
Are you creating to launch, learn, or heal? Choose accountability partners whose goals reflect your own pace and direction.

2. Keep It Small.
3 to 5 people is the sweet spot. Big enough for diversity, small enough for real connection.

3. Choose Tools That Fit.
Whether it's a WhatsApp thread, Notion dashboard, or Discord voice chat—pick a space that doesn't drain your energy.

4. Focus on Progress, Not Pressure.
Wins can be tiny: "I opened my laptop today." It's the showing up that matters.

5. Check the Energy.
If someone's energy feels off, honour your own. Community should feel like a gentle pull forward, not a drag down.

Final Thought: Don't Wait for a Group—Build One

You don't need a course, platform, or permission to form your own pod. Think of two or three people in your current circles—ones who light you up or stretch your thinking. Start a thread. Set a goal. Begin.

The hive grows stronger with every connection. Be the one who starts it.

Ask Yourself: Who in my life truly holds space for my growth, and how can I nurture that connection further?

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You've taken the course. Now what?

Welcome to **Visionary In Progress** — a creative sanctuary for women who are tired of the digital hustle and finally ready to build with clarity, not chaos.

Whether you've joined 97 communities, finished 3 courses back-to-back, or just stared at your to-do list wondering if "resting" counts as progress (it does)—this space is for you.

Why Now?

Because we're done waiting for perfect.
✨ I launched this space a full quarter early as my pledge to grow out loud—to stop performing progress and actually live it.

This is a **soft launch**, not a soft vision.
Doors opened **July 1st at just $27/month** (or less if you caught the early access link).
Full official launch lands October 1st—but you can co-create it now.



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What You'll Find Inside

💡 Tools	🧠 Community	🎁 Bonuses
Canva Generators & GPTs	Discord Co-Working Sessions	Monthly Surprise Drops
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Content Calendar Toolkits	Group Challenges + Launch Days	Curated PLR Vault
Notion Templates	Casual Chats & Peer Support	Founding Member-Only Drops
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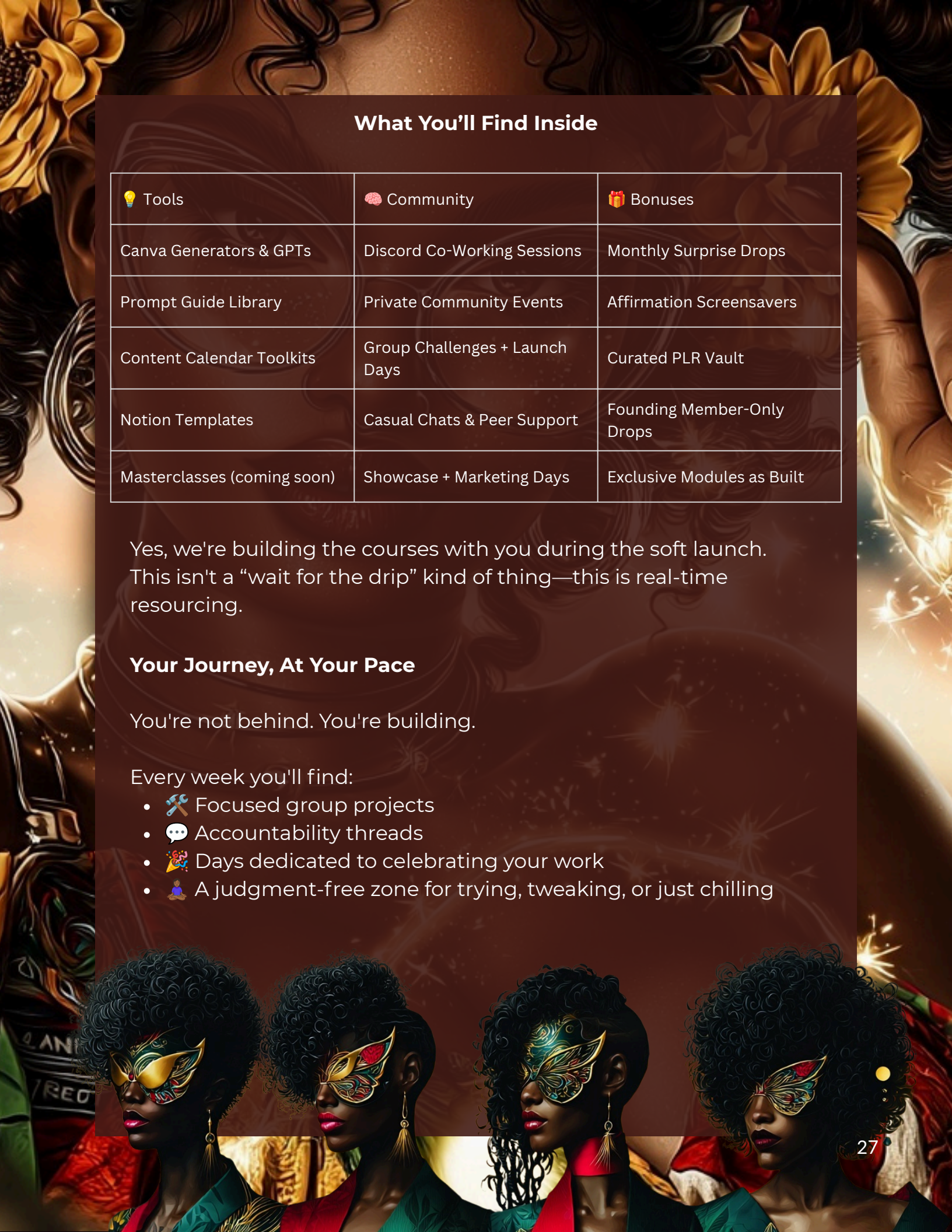
Yes, we're building the courses with you during the soft launch. This isn't a "wait for the drip" kind of thing—this is real-time resourcing.

Your Journey, At Your Pace

You're not behind. You're building.

Every week you'll find:

- 🛠️ Focused group projects
- 💬 Accountability threads
- 🎉 Days dedicated to celebrating your work
- 🧘🏾‍♀️ A judgment-free zone for trying, tweaking, or just chilling



“But I’m Already in 100 Communities…”

We know. And most of them are either:

1. Dead silent
2. Overstimulating
3. Led by people who already have a team of 6 and a VA who writes emails in their sleep

This one’s different.
It’s built by a real human. A mother. A builder. A woman with tabs open and dreams bigger than her current bandwidth. ✨

Final Message:

You don’t need a niche to be impactful.
You don’t need a big list to build momentum.
You just need a space that lets you be—a Visionary In Progress.

It’s already started…
and yes, we’re saving you a seat.



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Erika Reed — Co-Creator

In a world of constant noise, surface-level branding, and performative hustle, E. Reed shows up differently. Not louder. Not trendier. Just realer. With a voice that cuts through confusion like clarity on a foggy morning, E. Reed is building something unapologetically bold, deeply intentional, and rooted in transformation—from the inside out.

But let's rewind real quick. Before REEDality MEDIA became a movement, it was a mindset. It was late-night audio rooms, hand-poured candles, and podcast episodes recorded between bouts of burnout and brilliance. It was choosing storytelling over silence. Creativity over conformity. Rest over running on empty. What started as an outlet became a blueprint—not just for content creation, but for creative liberation.

Whether she's turning movies into mini-movements with Binge and Rewind, crafting guided reset kits for fellow overthinkers, or building soulful soundscapes through AI-generated music—E. Reed is always asking one powerful question:

What if your creativity isn't random, it's divine—and all you need is the right system to flow without forcing?

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Ifeoma Ubaezuonu — Moderator

From Scrubs to Sales: Meet the Woman Helping Health Pros Break Free & Build Boldly By the time most people notice the burnout, the breakdown is already happening. But not her. She saw the signs. She felt the weight. And instead of waiting for a system to save her, she started building her own.

Meet ScrubstoSale, a powerhouse with one mission: To help health professionals, especially migrants, take back control of their time, income, and self-worth one digital pivot at a time. She's not your average nurse. Not anymore.

Yes, she's walked the ward floors. Held trembling hands. Wiped away silent tears in break rooms. But she's also launched digital products from kitchen tables. Designed healing-inspired fashion illustrations with AI. Built evergreen funnels while others were still learning Canva. And whispered "you're more than this" to hundreds of burned-out caregivers who had forgotten their own magic.

"You don't have to quit nursing to find peace. But you do have to stop waiting for permission."

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Haddy Chukwude — Moderator

Meet Haddy Chukwude: The Force Behind The Black Pregnancy This isn't just another Instagram page or wellness brand. This is a revolution wrapped in a birth plan. A movement disguised as a DM. A lifeline in the form of a late-night voice note.

Haddy isn't here to whisper about Black maternal health. She's here to shout, write, build, and burn down systems, all while handing you snacks, receipts, and affirmations that slap. She's spent over a decade in the NHS, watching how Black women get sidelined, silenced, and shrugged off. She's had enough. And instead of waiting for healthcare to fix itself, she created her own table, and brought the whole tribe with her.

She's combining midwifery, public health, behavioural science and a whole lot of ancestral wisdom to do what systems won't: centre Black families on purpose and with power. So if you're looking for something soft and palatable, this ain't it. But if you're ready for radical care, unfiltered truth, and tools that actually work, welcome to The Black Pregnancy.

We are not statistics. We are storytellers, life-givers, decision-makers, and we will be heard.

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Alicia Roberts — Moderator

Let me introduce you to a woman who doesn't just talk about rising — she embodies it. The kind of woman who's walked through fire barefoot, came out the other side dripping in gold, and then turned back to light the path for every other queen trying to find her way.

She's not here to play small. Not now. Not ever. You may not know her name yet, but trust me — you will feel her impact.

She's a proud Caribbean mother of two, a businesswoman, a bold digital creator, and a fierce advocate for women who've been silenced for too long. Whether she's in boardrooms, behind the scenes of her creative empire, or showing up for women on the edge of burnout, she brings that same energy: direct, powerful, and purpose-driven.

From housing specialist to healing strategist, from side hustles to soul shifts — she's built an unapologetic brand rooted in freedom, wealth, creativity, and legacy. Everything she touches turns into a movement, a message, or a product that empowers other women to own their story and flip the script.

"You've got permission to disrupt, rebuild, and rise — just like I did."

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Toyosi — Moderator

Meet Toyosi: The Nurse Who Flipped the Script and on her way to building a Digital Empire on Her Own Terms Let's get one thing straight: I didn't leave nursing. I leveraged it. Because while I was handing out discharge letters and IVs, I was also writing a new story—one where I got to call the shots.

I'm Olatoyosi—nurse, wife, mama of three, and the unapologetic founder of The Creative Nurse Lab. Around here, we don't just clock in and collapse. We create, automate, and monetize. We design life on our own terms—with Canva, ChatGPT, and the kind of audacity that makes people say, "Wait... you did what?"

I started out like many of you—exhausted after 12-hour shifts, craving more time with my kids and more freedom in my bank account. But instead of settling for burnout and a pension that might not see me through brunch at 65, I got curious. Then I got strategic. Then I got paid. Now, I teach other healthcare professionals how to do the same. No fluff. No fluffing pillows. Just results.

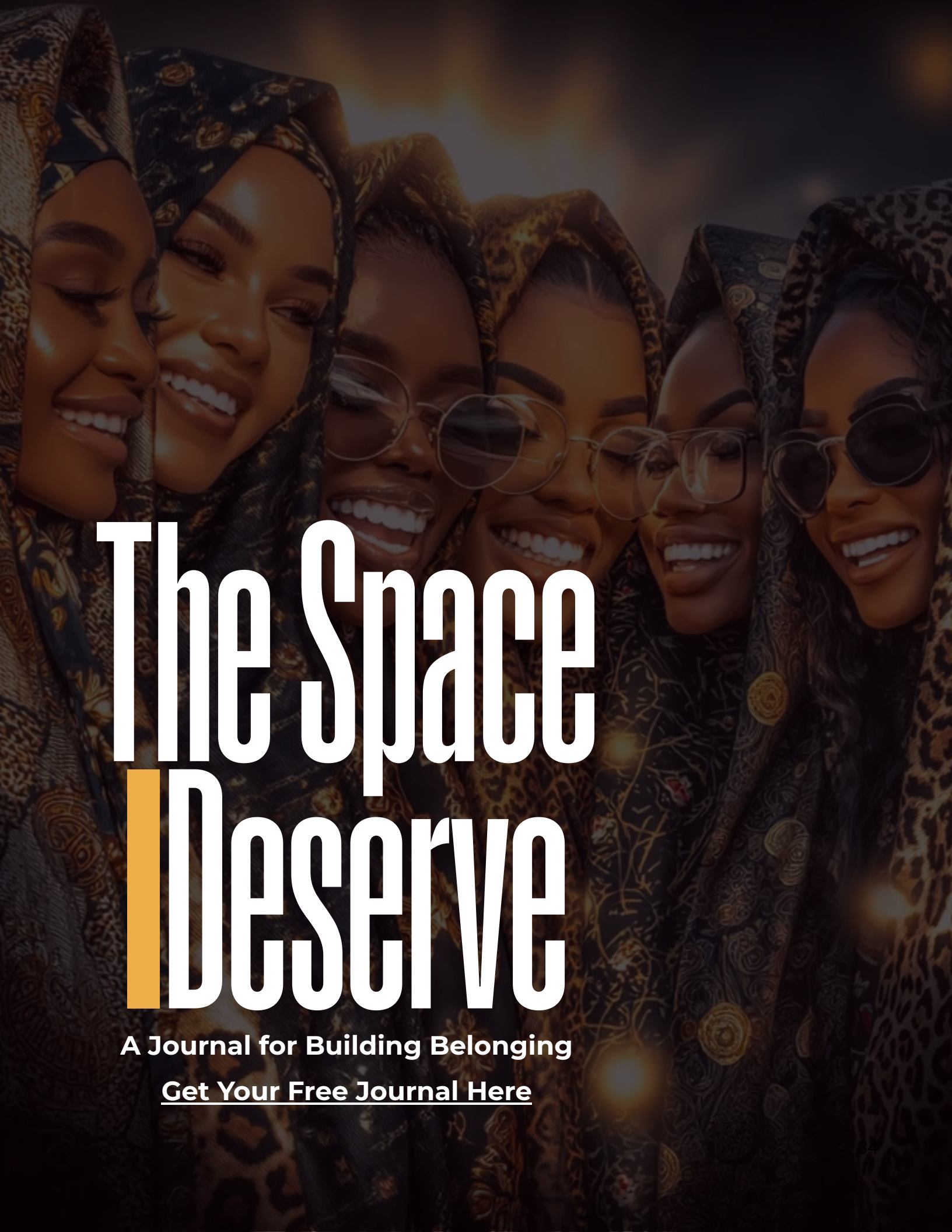
Stick with me. It's about to get disruptive—in the best, most profitable way.

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PART 3: Creating Safe Spaces for Creative Flow

By Charlene Grant

Creativity doesn't bloom in chaos. It doesn't thrive under pressure, shame, or performance. Creativity requires safety. And in a world that glorifies hustle and perfection, safe creative spaces are revolutionary.

When I say safe, I'm not just talking about "be kind" rules or a muted Zoom mic. I'm talking about communities that honour your process, your pace, and your personhood. Spaces where you can post a half-finished idea and still feel seen. Where art isn't always final, and feedback is offered with care.

Where Creativity Feels at Home

I've found a few such spaces. DCT's creative workshops. DQ Canva Academy's design-focused chats. TRM—a trio of powerhouse coaches from DCT who turned their shared brilliance into community offerings. Their Patreon, co-working sessions, and art classes? Joyful. Experimental. Human.

Another space that speaks to my soul is CreateHer Digital Academy. They focus on design and KDP publishing, but it's the energy that keeps me coming back. It's aligned with where I'm at. It lets me breathe while I build.

Why These Spaces Work

These communities have one thing in common: creative respect. They don’t expect polished. They expect passion. You can show up in progress, mid-rebrand, emotionally messy, and still be welcomed.

And that matters because most of us are creating from our lived experiences. From healing. From hustle. From a hope that our voice can be the thing that opens doors. A safe space gives us permission to try—even if it’s not perfect.

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Want to Build Your Own Creative Cocoon? Start Here.

1. Start with Emotional Safety.
Whether it's a group you build or one you join, make sure it honours imperfection. Curate for vibe, not virality.

2. Share Unfinished Work.
Normalise showing sketches, wireframes, and early drafts. When we make "in progress" sacred, we unlock more creativity.

3. Prioritise Restorative Practices.
Creative burnout is real. Look for spaces that incorporate rest, silence, and mindfulness as part of the process, not just the recovery.

4. Celebrate Curiosity.
Communities that explore together grow together. Choose rooms where asking questions isn't seen as a weakness—it's culture.

5. Let Joy Lead.
Sometimes the most productive thing we can do is play. Make room for flow without a finish line.

Final Thought: Create Where You Can Exhale

If your current space feels tense, judgmental, or performative, it might not be your creative home. Don't force it. Find (or build) a room where you can exhale. That's where the real magic starts.

Ask Yourself: Where do I feel most free to create without fear? How can I spend more time in that space—or recreate it for others?



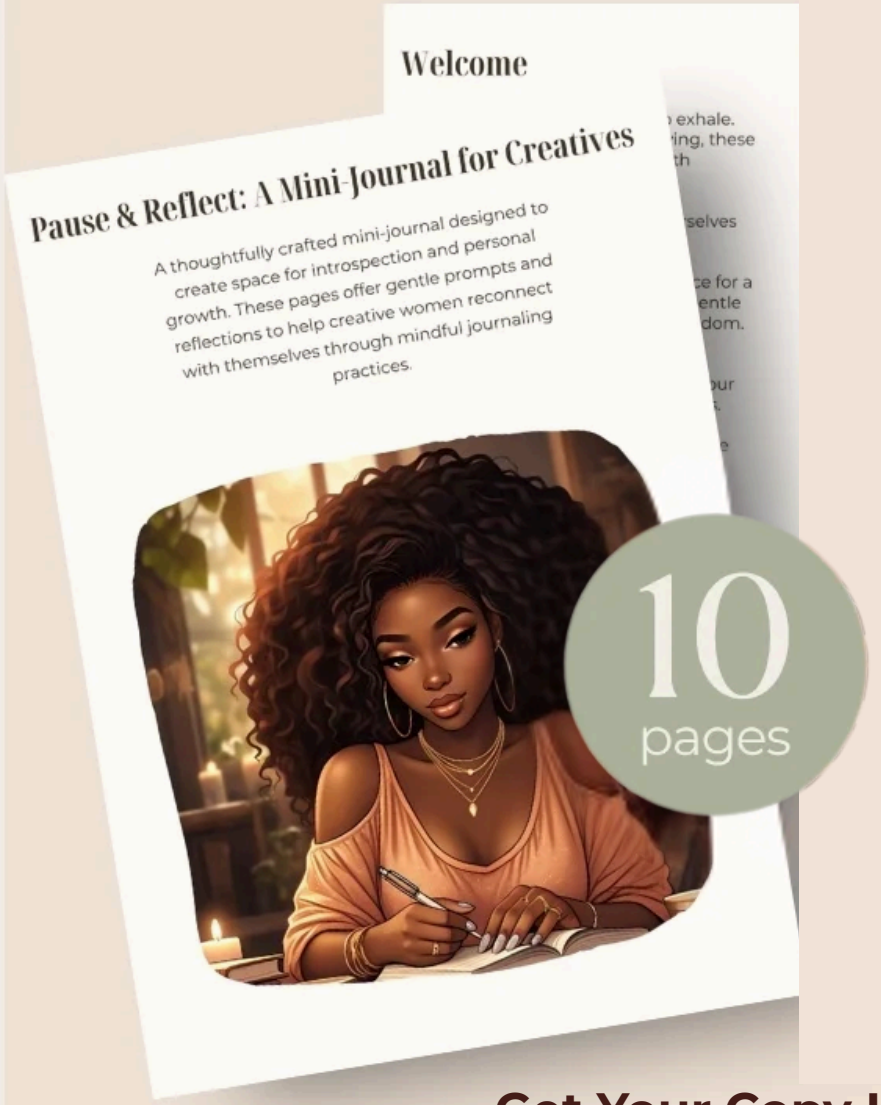
T**he Cultural Creators Club is where culture meets commerce**, and community comes first. Designed for melanated creators, side-hustlers, and entrepreneurs, this space offers rebrandable PLR content, cultural branding kits, and strategy tools that reflect your identity, not erase it. With over 500 members supported, the Club helps you launch digital offers, streamline content, and build a brand rooted in authenticity.

Featured in the Seed to Ecosystem module by contributor Charlene, this ecosystem is more than just resources—it's a reminder that representation is strategy. If you're ready to grow without compromise, the Cultural Creators Club is where you begin.

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FREE EBOOK

Pause & Reflect: A Mini-Journal for Creatives



Pause + Reflect is a gentle journaling space for women building heart-led brands. It's a reminder to slow down, breathe, and reconnect with your own voice. Whether you're navigating change or simply need a moment of stillness, these prompts help you realign with what matters—because visionary leadership starts with self-awareness, not just strategy.

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By Valarie of VLS Design Studio

Micro-Course: Skool Platform Deep Dive

A Clear, Calm Overview for Visionaries Building Community

Skool is quietly becoming the go-to home for coaches, creatives, and content-first communities. But if you've landed on the trial sign-up page and still have questions—this guide is for you.

Let's explore what Skool actually offers (including payments + affiliates), who it's best for, and how I'm using it for my own space: **Visionary In Progress**.



by Charlene Grant

💡 What Is Skool?

Skool is an all-in-one platform that combines:

🧠 Courses

Modular learning spaces with progress tracking

💬 Community Feed

Like a Facebook Group but focused and free from algorithm noise

📆 Calendar

Add events, workshops, or co-working calls with built-in reminders

🎮 Gamification

Members earn points and levels through participation

💬 DMs

Yes, private messaging is included!

💳 Payments

Built-in subscription management via Stripe

🤝 Affiliate System

Optional creator-side referrals with auto payouts

It's minimalist, easy to use, and designed for creators who value clean structure without tech stress.

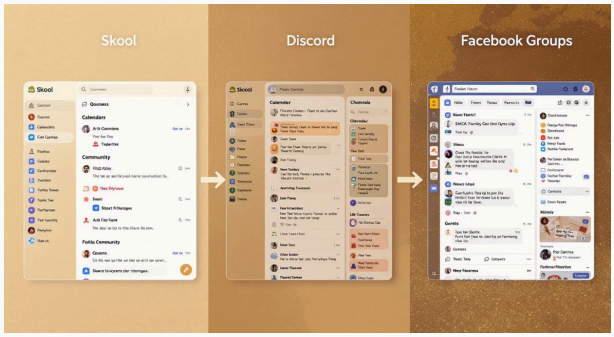
✨ What Makes It Different?

Unlike Discord, Circle, or Facebook Groups, Skool is more structured:

Feed, events, and courses are **all in one view**

·No "shiny object" chaos—just thoughtful learning and interaction

Membersfeel **guided**, not lost



🔍 Feature Breakdown

🔧 Feature	💬 Description	💡 Notes
Community Feed	Threaded posts, comments, reactions	Clean layout, easy to navigate
Courses	Host your content natively (video/PDF)	Drip or unlock by level
Calendar	Central event scheduler	Syncs with time zones + sends email reminders
Levels + Points	Assign tasks, award badges	Members unlock resources as they level up
DMs	1:1 messaging between members/admins	Useful for coaching or collabs
Payments	Native subscription system	Handled via Stripe; shows as "Skool" on statements
Affiliate Setup	Earn or offer referral commissions	Admins can opt-in and set terms

Pros and Considerations

✅ Pros

- Everything you need in one place
- Built-in payment system with no external tools needed
- DMs and notifications for seamless communication
- Gamification encourages engagement without pressure
- Clean mobile-friendly interface (no app overwhelm)

⚠️ Things to Consider

No advanced customization – Brand colours and layout are limited
No in-platform video streaming *(yet)* – Livestreaming is **coming soon**
Stripe only – No PayPal support currently

Not a storefront – If you sell digital products, you'll want to link to something like Payhip or Ko-fi alongside

🌱 Why I Chose It for Visionary In Progress

The Challenge

After trying Discord, Notion, and private IG chats, I realized my community needed:

- A cosy, focused space without distractions
- Simple ways to host templates, tutorials, and workshops
- Built-in structure without me having to "design" another thing

The Solution

Skool gives me:

- One place to house my systems, videos, and journal drops
- Space to host live sessions and replays
- A feed that doesn't feel like a feed—it feels like home

> **PSST... A Little Secret:** *Visionary In Progress quietly opened its doors a whole quarter early*. Not because it was perfect. Not because everything was finished. But because I made a promise to grow out loud—to build in real-time, alongside the very people I created it for. If you're looking for a space that's not about polished performance but *present momentum*... The doors are open. Come build with us—messy, magical, and in motion. 💫

📌 Bonus: Want to Launch Your Own Skool?

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🔗 Click hereto start yourown Skoolcommunitywithmyaffiliatelink

(It helps support The Visionary In Progress!)

Start Your Skool Community

💡 Not Sure Yet? Try These Alternatives

If Skool's not quite your style, these other platforms might match your flow:

Platform	Best For	Notes
Discord	Real-time chatting, gaming, co-working	Custom roles, bots, free entry
Buy Me a Coffee	Simple memberships + support options	Great for creatives with no list
Ko-fi	Tiered support + mini shop	Works well for artists & writers
Beacons	Landing page + gated content	Good for linking digital products
Payhip	Storefront + community + email tools	Low fees, easy to set up

Ask yourself: Do I want live chat or structured learning? Monetized tiers or free support?

Then choose the platform that supports the way you show up best.

🤖 ChatGPT Prompt to Map Your Skool Strategy

> "Act as a community strategist. Help me design a Skool community for [niche]. Include content ideas for the course section, a soft onboarding sequence for the feed, and 3 level-based reward ideas that match my audience's goals."

Define Your Niche

Replace [niche] with your specific community focus

Generate Strategy

Get course content ideas and onboarding sequence

Implement Rewards

Use the level-based reward ideas in your Skool setup

Final Word

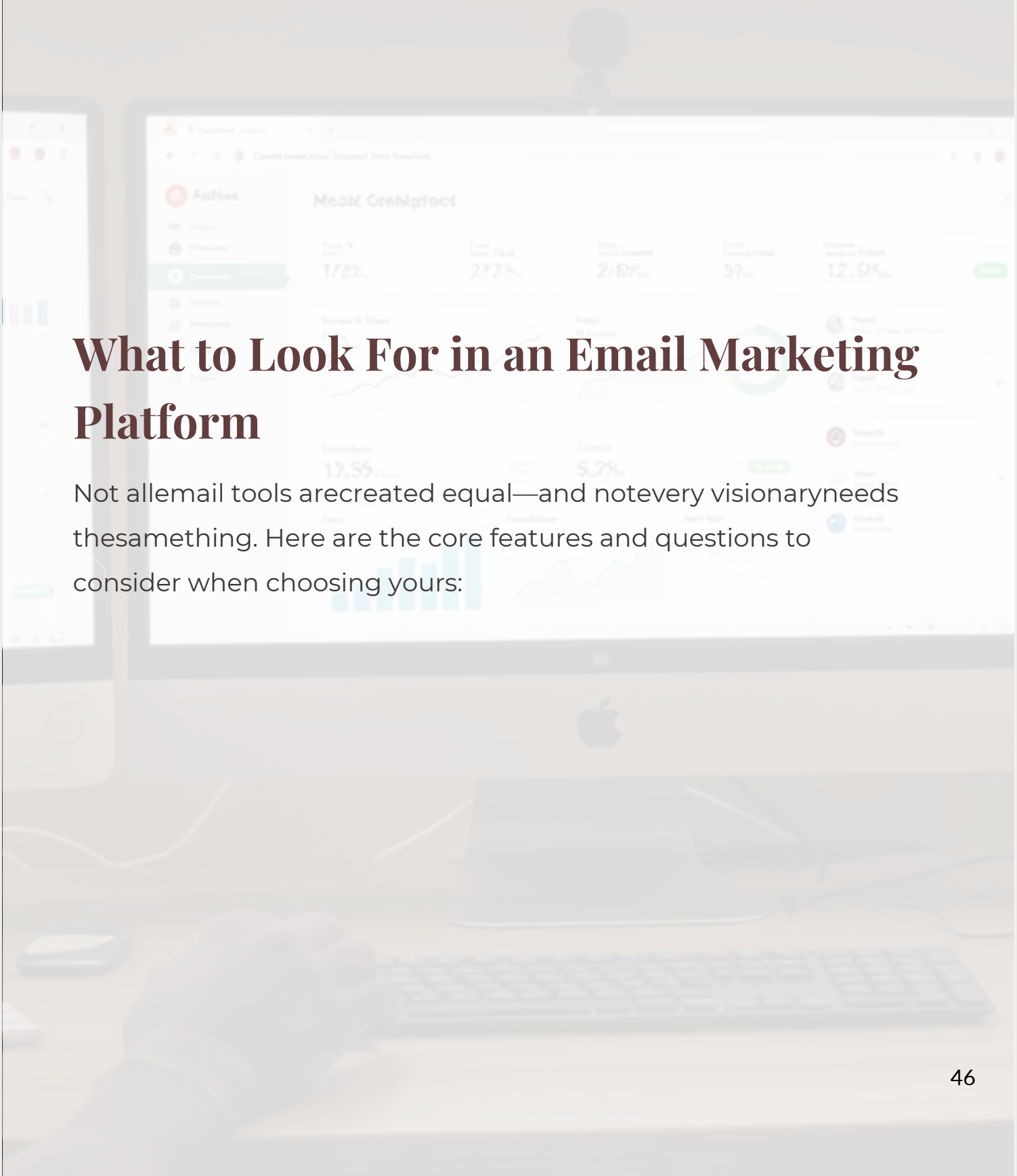
You don'tneeda massiveaudience to start a meaningful community.

You just need the right container—and the right energy.

If you want to build a cosy, clear space where your people can gather, grow, and actually **engage** with what you teach?
Skool might be the place.

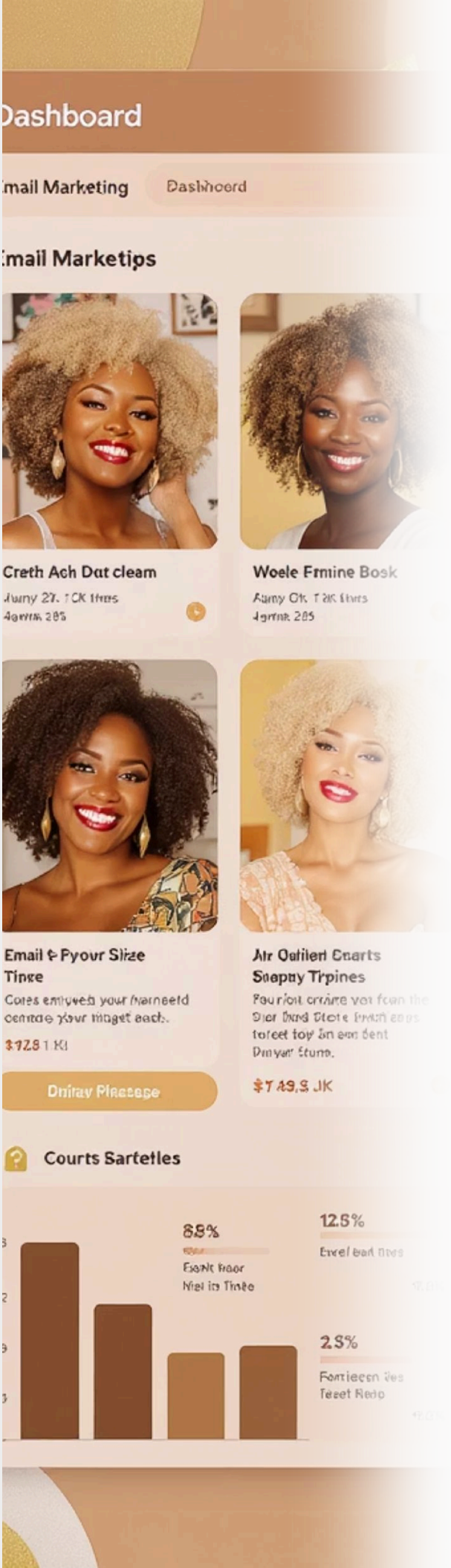
🔗 Ready to build your Skool space? Start here with my affiliate link

Create Your Skool Community



What to Look For in an Email Marketing Platform

Not allemail tools arecreated equal—and notevery visionaryneeds thesamething. Here are the core features and questions to consider when choosing yours:



1. Ease of Use

Is the dashboard intuitive or overwhelming?
A clean, well-organized interface can make all the difference in your daily workflow.

Can you set up your first form, sequence, and email without watching 5 tutorials?
The best platforms allow you to get started quickly with minimal learning curve.

🌿 If you're soft launching or just starting out, pick the one that makes you feel calm—not confused.

2. Pricing Structure

Does it offer a **free plan** (and what's included)?

- Is pricing based on subscribers, emails sent, or flat monthly fees?

Are paid features *actually necessary* for where you are right now?

💡 Visionaries in early stages often overpay. Start lean and upgrade when you outgrow the free tier.



3. Automation Tools

Automation is whatturnsyourlistintoalow-effort nurturer. Even just 1–2 flows can make a huge difference.

Automated Sequences

Can you create **automated sequences** (like a welcome series)?

Organization

Does it support tagging, segmenting, and scheduling ?

Visual Builder

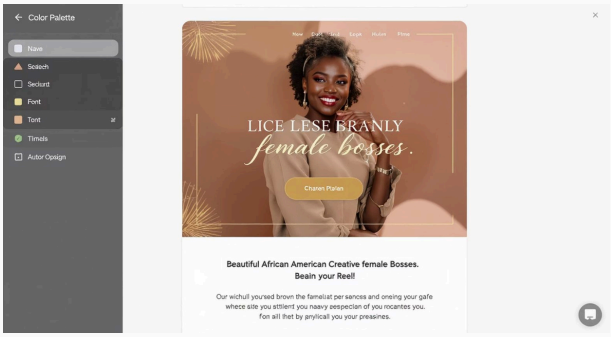
Is there a visual workflow builder?

📈 Automation is what turns your list into a low-effort nurturer. Even just 1–2 flows can make a huge difference.

4. Customization & Aesthetic

·Can you match your branding easily—fonts, colors, images?

Does it allow **beautiful but readable** email design?
Or do you prefer plain-text for that *"letter to a friend"* vibe?



🧡 Flodesk and MailerLite are great for design-forward thinkers. Mailchimp leans more corporate; Beacons is minimal.

5. Integrations & Delivery

Shop Connections
Does it connect with your shop (e.g., Payhip, Etsy, Beacons)?

Form Embedding
Can you embed sign-up forms in Canva sites or Link-in-Bio pages?

Delivery Rate
What's the **email delivery rate**? Do emails often end up in spam?

⚡ Testsign-up→emaildeliveryflowyourselfbeforelaunching. Always.

6. Analytics & List Health

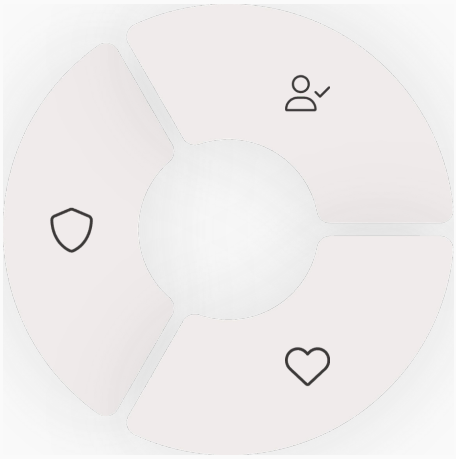


- Does it show who opens, clicks, or unsubscribes?
- Can you clean or prune your list over time?

> 📌 You want a list that's engaged—not just big.

7. Values + Vibes

Data Respect
Is the platform data-respectful?



User Control
Are you okay with how it handles unsubscribes, privacy, or affiliate use?

Alignment
Does it feel *aligned* with how you want to show up?

✨ You deserve to work with tools that honor your energy and ethics.

Find the platform that fits your vision, vibe, and voice.

There's no shortage of places to host your community, but which one aligns with you? The Visionary Community Compass is a free Canva AI-powered quiz designed to help creators, coaches, and community-curious founders match their energy to a platform that supports it.
Inside, you'll answer 5 thoughtful questions and receive a result like:
💬 Real-Time Connector, 🧠 Organized Mentor, or 🔥 All-In-One Architect.

From there, you'll receive:

- 2–3 platform suggestions tailored to your type
- A "Best For" summary + pro tip
- A master research prompt to use with ChatGPT or your LLM of choice
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🎁 Bonus: The quiz results also double as part of the Visionary Starter Kit's tool suite, helping you build an intentional, scalable digital home. Whether you're launching on Skool, experimenting with Ko-fi, or leaning into Patreon, the goal is the same: to help you **build with clarity, not confusion**.

✨ Access the app inside this magazine or use the standalone link:

The Community Compass App



QUOTE

I honor the lessons from misalignment and celebrate the magic of finding my people. I am worthy of circles that expand me, not shrink me.

- Tashaun Massey of Coins and Confidence

Grab her freebie: Money Matters – A Parent's Guide to Financial Independence for Tween

Heart of The HIVE

PART 4: Choosing Aligned Connections in Crowded Spaces

By Charlene-Grant

In any buzzing hive of digital creators, business minds, and changemakers, not everyone will be your people. And that's not shade—that's strategy.

Finding alignment inside massive communities requires more than just logging in. It takes discernment, intention, and a deep understanding of your own capacity and values. Here's how I navigate community spaces with clarity and care, building connection, not just presence.

1. Vibe Over Virality

Let's be real: just because someone's the loudest in the chat doesn't mean they're aligned with your path. Virality can look flashy, but it's not always fertile ground for growth.

When I look for connection, I'm not looking at follower counts or fire emojis. I'm watching how someone speaks, how they listen, how they show up in the quiet moments. The real ones are often tucked in the comments, dropping gems with humility.

You don't need hype. You need harmony.

2. Watch for Energy Match

The right people feel like ease. You won't need to over-explain, over-extend, or perform. They move how you move—sometimes literally in how they structure their days, but more often in how they honour growth.

Energy match means shared pace, shared purpose, and shared patience. It's being in sync even when your goals differ. And you'll feel it when it clicks. Conversations flow, collaboration feels natural, and you're more yourself, not less.

3. Join With Intention

Don't just scroll—participate. Want more genuine connections? Start by showing up as the kind of community member you'd want to meet.

Drop a thoughtful reply. Cheer on a win. Share your own, even if it feels small. These are digital seeds—and they grow relationships.

When I've joined chats with a spirit of "give before you get," I've attracted some of my most authentic creative and business relationships. Your energy introduces you before your bio ever does.



4. Know When to Log Off

This one's hard, especially when a space seems to be working for everyone else. But here's your permission slip: if it doesn't feel good, it's not for you.

If a community feels performative, competitive, or chaotic, protect your peace. Logging off isn't quitting. It's honouring your nervous system. It's remembering that your creative power, your business, your wellness—they all require care, not just content.

Visibility is valuable, but not at the cost of your well-being.

Final Thought: Aligned Is Always Enough

Don't chase connection—cultivate alignment. Whether you're introverted, neurodivergent, new to business, or deep in your journey, there is a circle that moves at your rhythm. Your people are out there—and they're looking for you too.

Ask Yourself: Where am I forcing connection—and where is it flowing naturally? What can I let go of today to protect my peace?



Launch your landing page without the overwhelm.

This free Canva template was designed to help you create a soft, strategic home for your community, coaching program, or creative offer. Whether you're prepping for a launch or just need a cosy place to direct curious minds, this template gives you a beautiful head start.

🛠️ **What's included:**

- Hero section with editable headline + image/video placeholder
- About section for your mission or values
- Highlights area to showcase your offer, community, or project
- Call-to-action button (linked to your Beacons, Patreon, Skool, etc.)
- Customisable colours, fonts, and layout—all no code

💡 **Bonus tip:** Repurpose the template into a digital flyer, sales page, or resource hub. See what I did as an example

🎁 You can remix it to match your brand—but please don't sell or reshare the template itself. If you love it, share the magazine link so others can grab their own copy ethically.

Canva Website Template



Micro-Course: Build Your List, Build Your Legacy

Soulful Email Marketing for Creators, Coaches, and Quiet Visionaries

No matter how powerful your post, it disappears in a scroll. But your email list? That's your home base. Your digital anchor. Your gentle funnel for connection, community, and conversion.

This micro-course will help you build an email list that feels *like you,* not salesy, not overwhelming, just grounded and growing.



by Charlene Grant

Why You Need a List (Even If You Hate Email)

You own it.
No algorithm, no outage, no shadowban.

You can nurture softly.
Share updates, tools, or reflections on your terms.

It grows with you.
Your list becomes your future audience for offers, launches, and co-creation.

Your voice hits different in someone's inbox.

Tools to Get You Started

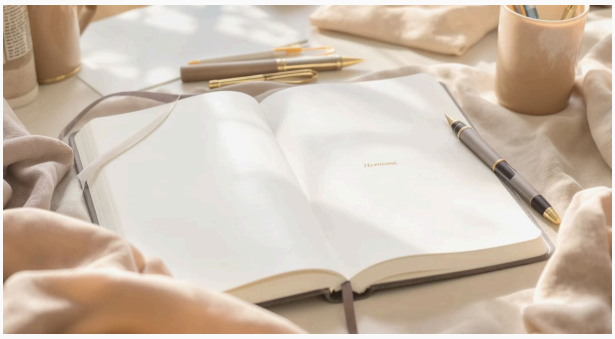
Platform	Best For	Notes
MailerLite	Ease + visual automation	Generous free plan + clean UI
Beacons	All-in-one page + email capture	Ideal if you're already using it for links
Mailchimp	Familiar but a bit clunky	Great integrations, but not the most intuitive
Flodesk	Design-forward, stunning emails	Flat pricing but no free tier
Payhip	Email + product shop combo	Ideal if you're selling digital products

Tip: If you're not ready for complex funnels, start with Beacons or MailerLite and a simple opt-in form.

Freebie Ideas to Grow Your List

Your audience doesn't need another PDF—they want a portal.

Try one of these aligned, high-value lead magnets:



The right lead magnet creates genuine connection with your audience while providing immediate value.
✨ Don't forget: The gift should match what you'll eventually offer. Lead with purpose, not pressure.

🌱 "10 Prompts to Reclaim Your Voice"

(for journaling/creatives)

🛠️ Mini-Toolkit

checklist, template, or planning page

🔮 Quiz

"What Kind of Visionary Are You?" + email follow-up

🎁 Early access

to your community, digital shop, or guided experience

🎙️ Audio Affirmation

recorded using ElevenLabs or your phone



Welcome Email Preview

> *A soft start. A strong bond.*

Here's a preview of what your first email could sound like:

Welcome Email Example

Subject Line:

✨ Welcome, Visionary. You're in the right place.

Body:

Hey [First Name], You didn't just sign up for another email list—you entered a space made for soft power, soulful systems, and intentional growth.
I believe your creativity is currency, your voice has value, and your vision is worthy of being nurtured.

Here's what you can expect:

- Monthly tools and gifts to support your next step
- Gentle reminders to stay aligned with your purpose
- First access to my newest resources and co-creation spaces

You're not here by accident. You're here because it's time.
Let's grow, together. With vision && softness, Charlene

Welcome Sequence Resources

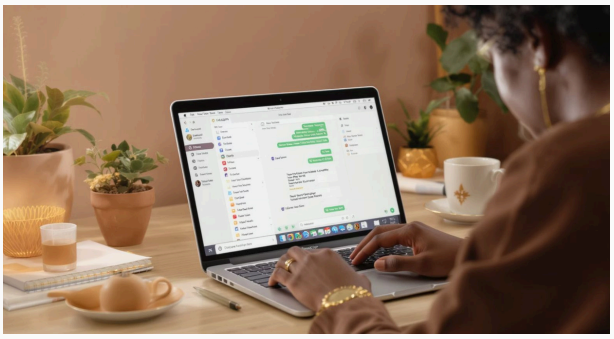
Full Welcome Sequence

📦 Thefull5-part Welcome Sequence is included in the Visionary Gifts section of this magazine as a downloadable swipe file.

ChatGPT Prompt to Plan Your List Strategy

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"Help me build a soulful emailmarketing funnel for[audience]. Startwitha lead magnet idea, outline a 3-part welcome email sequence, and suggesta monthly newsletter theme I can commit to without burnout."
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Use this prompt to quickly generate ideas tailored to your specific audience. Customize the [audience] placeholder with your target market (e.g., "wellness coaches," "sustainable fashion enthusiasts," or "mindful entrepreneurs").



This AI-powered starting point can help you overcome writer's block and create a foundation for your email marketing strategy.

Final Word

> You don't need a funnel. You need a flow.

Email is where connection becomes consistent. Where interest becomes intimacy.

And where your vision turns into legacy.

Build deeper connections—without starting from scratch.

Your email list is more than a marketing tool—it's a safe space to nurture your people, one intentional message at a time. This swipe file helps you craft a powerful welcome sequence that introduces your brand, sets expectations, and gently invites your audience to take the next step.

📝 **What's inside:**

- A 4–5 email starter sequence that's warm, authentic, and purpose-led
- Fill-in-the-blank base prompt for generating custom emails with ChatGPT
- A sample welcome email, fully written and editable
- Subject line ideas + a bonus tips section for deliverability
- Visionary-aligned tone (no spammy sales pressure)

✨ This swipe file was created with creativity and connection in mind. Whether you're just starting your list or revamping it, you'll find inspiration, structure, and softness here.

🎁 **Want to share this?** Please link to the magazine instead of reselling or distributing the file. Sharing the full kit = sharing the full value.



5pt Email Welcome Sequence

Heart of The HIVE

PART 5: The Future We Build Together

By Charlene Grant

If you've been with me through this series, then you already know: community isn't a trend, a tool, or a tactic. It's a lifeline.

Whether you're building digital products, healing from generational trauma, learning AI, or rediscovering your creativity, you're not meant to do it alone. And while the path may feel solitary at times, the truth is: your hive is forming around you, every time you choose to show up as yourself.

What We've Learned So Far

Over five parts, we've explored:

- 🎉 How intentional celebration makes community real
- 🔁 The transformative power of accountability partners like Erika
- 🎨 Why safe creative spaces are revolutionary
- 🌐 How to find aligned connections in even the most crowded digital rooms
- ✨ And now, how we carry all of this forward



Togetherness is a Strategy

Every shared Canva design, every “you’ve got this” DM, every quiet co-working session on Discord is a strategy. A strategy for sustainable business. For healing. For joy.

When we honour each other’s rest, when we help each other launch, when we share a tool without gatekeeping—that’s how the future is built. That’s visionary work. Not just making money, but making meaning.

The Future is Circular, Not Linear

This isn’t about finding a community and staying there forever. You’ll cycle through circles, evolve, outgrow, return, and reimagine. That’s natural.

But the future I see? It's built on collaborative intelligence. It’s where:

- One person’s PDF becomes another’s passive income
- One coach’s voice unlocks someone else’s purpose
- One co-working call sparks five new ideas

It’s not about building empires alone—it’s about building ecosystems together.



You Are the Hive

It’s not the platform, the program, or even the people. You are the constant. You are the magic. The hive forms around your energy. Around your courage to share, to rest, to ask, to give, and to be seen.

Final Thought: Rise With Your People

The communities we’re part of today are shaping the legacies we’ll leave tomorrow. Find your people. Love them fiercely. And if you haven’t found them yet, keep showing up as yourself. **Your vibe is the beacon**.

Ask Yourself: What kind of community would I build if I knew I already had everything I needed to lead it?





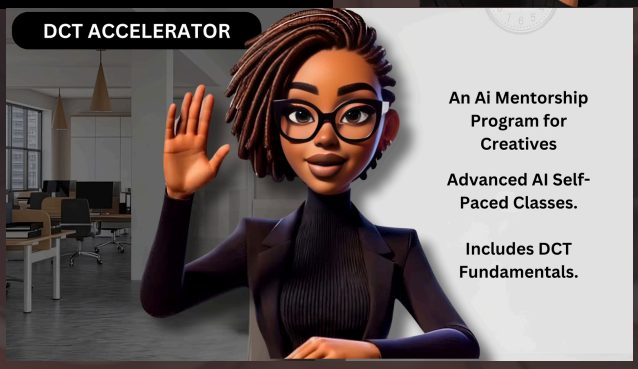
PROMPT

3 BLACK WOMEN WITH DIFFERENT HAIR STYLES SITTING ON TOP OF THE LUSH GREENERY, WEARING BRIGHT AND COLORFUL IN SHADES OF PURPLE YELLOW PINK ORANGE TEAL WHITE AND LIGHT BLUE. THEY ALL HAVE GLASSES. IN DIGITAL ART STYLE WITH GEOMETRIC SHAPES. THE BACKGROUND IS AN ABSTRACT JUNGLE WITH PLANTS. HIGH RESOLUTION.

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DCT





Inside DCT: Where Creativity Meets AI Literacy

From community to curriculum, this is where tech meets tenderness—and your ideas start to make real money.

There aren't many digital spaces where Black women, especially those over 40, can learn how to master AI and monetise their creativity without feeling lost, overwhelmed, or invisible.

But DCT (Digitally Integrated Art Lab) isn't just another mentorship space—it's an ecosystem.

It's where I first felt what it meant to be creatively powerful and fully seen.

From Templates to Transformation: The DCT Business In A Box

Let’s be real: most people trying to build a digital business are overwhelmed by the “start from scratch” mentality.

The New DCT Business In A Box completely flips that.
It’s not just a vault of templates.

It’s a plug-and-play system loaded with:

- Done-for-you Canva templates, SVGs, and B-roll content
- A full video vault and byte-sized tutorials (under 15 mins!)
- MidJourney, ChatGPT, Gamma, and Sora prompt libraries
- Built-in GPTs that do the writing, planning, and organising for you
- A full eBook → Product → AI Training Tool creation system
- Digital marketing and licensing guidance for real-world results

It's the kind of system that lets you stop Googling “how to price my journal” and start actually selling it.

AI Without the Overwhelm

DCT doesn’t just tell you to “use AI”—it gives you bots that already know how you think. The custom GPTs inside the vault are designed by creatives, for creatives.

They're like having a VA who understands affirmations, branding, SEO, and Canva all in one.

And Then There Was Canva SZN... Let’s not skip over the six-week Canva SZN series—a masterclass experience that unlocked features even seasoned designers weren’t using.

Think: live sessions, layered walkthroughs, bonus tools, and more tutorials than YouTube ever gave us (with better vibes too).

I still refer back to it regularly.

From Moderator to Coach: My Journey in the Lab

This year, DCT officially upgraded moderators to coaches and invited a new wave of contributors in.

I was honoured to be made a Moderator.

It's one thing to feel respected as a community member.
It's another to be recognised for what you bring and invited into leadership with full support.

That's what DCT has done for me, and that's why I continue to pour into it.
This isn't just a place to learn.

It's a place to grow roots and grow revenue.

If You're Wondering Whether DCT Is for You...

Let me speak to the version of you that's still hesitating:

- If you're tired of hoarding tutorials but not building anything
- If you've tried AI tools but still feel stuck staring at a blank page
- If you're spinning your wheels creating content, you're not even selling yet
- If you've outgrown surface-level groups and need real guidance...

Then DCT might be the space you didn't know you were craving.

You won't find fluff. You will find structure.
You won't need to be perfect. You will need to show up.

But trust me—**you'll never have to build alone.**

Which DCT Path Is Right for You?

DCT isn't one-size-fits-all—it meets you where you are and gives you room to grow. Here's how each level serves a different stage of your journey:

DCT Fundamentals

→ For beginners or returning creatives learning AI from the ground up

- Learn AI literacy without jargon or overwhelm
- Intro to MidJourney, ChatGPT, Canva, and more
- Focus on building confidence + creative foundations
- Perfect if you've been lurking but not launching

DCT Accelerator

→ For intermediate to advanced creators ready to build real products + income

- Deep dive into product creation, marketing, and content strategy
- Includes custom GPTs, live calls, and micro-trainings
- Helps you move from "learning mode" to implementation + monetisation

DCT Business In A Box

→ For action-takers who want done-for-you tools, templates, and tech to go

- A vault of ready-made Canva templates, SVGs, prompts, AI bots, and more
- Built-in systems: from ebook creation to product launches
- Bite-sized videos to help you execute fast (under 15 mins each)
- Think: digital product creation on autopilot



Building While BECOMING

When I became a certified life coach in 2022, I had the tools—but not the direction. I was technically ready to coach, but practically lost in the in-between. And I quickly realized I wasn't alone. So many heart-centered, qualified coaches quietly give up after certification—not from lack of passion, but from lack of guidance.

That's why I created Built to Coach Academy—a space to fill the gap between certification and real momentum. We focus on clarity, brand-building, structure, and sustainable growth. But even with the Academy, I knew something more was needed. Not just a course, but a community.

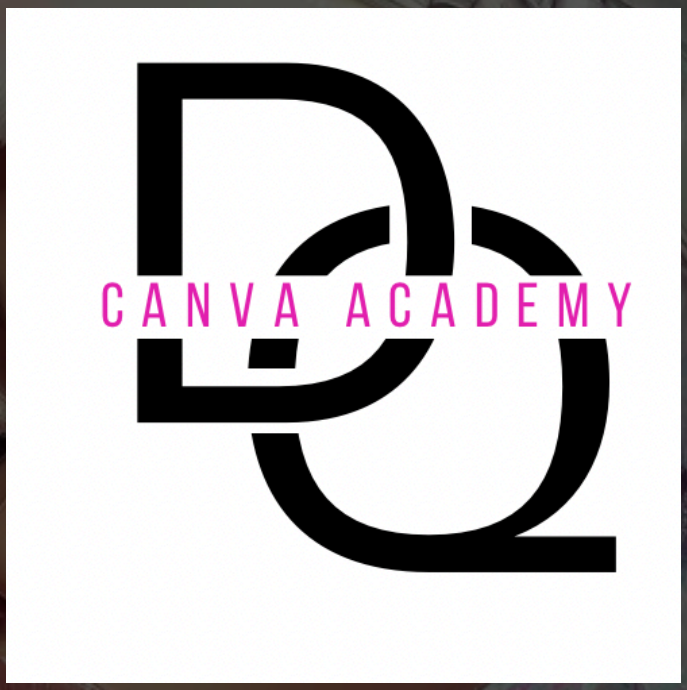
Enter the Built to Coach Skool: a space where coaches can breathe, be seen, and be honest. Where you can say "I don't know what I'm doing today" and still feel like a leader. Community building has stretched me in ways I didn't expect—but it's also shown me the power of slow, sacred growth. This isn't "build it and they will come"—it's build it, water it, nurture it, and keep showing up.

We're now expanding to certify new coaches, offering the practical support I wish I had. But for now, my heart is focused on the daily work: helping coaches feel seen, supported, and strong enough to keep going.

If you're in the middle of becoming—you're not behind. You're building something worth believing in. And if you're building community too, keep going. You're not alone.

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Where digital skills meet sisterhood
—and Canva becomes your key to income.

Let me be honest: there are plenty of Canva courses out there, but very few offer the depth, support, and community fire that the DQ Canva Academy delivers on a weekly basis.

This space is not just about learning design—it's about learning how to build a digital product business with purpose and peace.

And lately? The momentum here has been unreal.

Join The DQ Canva Academy

SECRET: Try code june25 when Bri is not live on TT😉

A Community Built on Accountability & Real Results

Led by Bri (who just recently transitioned to running the community full-time—let's give her flowers!) and her co-creator Ashley, DQ Canva Academy is a masterclass in sustainable growth.

The foundation was already solid, but now it's giving growth cubed.

Since Bri's transition into full-time leadership:

- 🔥 Weekly live classes on Canva, KDP, Printify, product design & more
- 🤝 Regular co-working sessions to beat perfectionism & stay accountable
- 💬 Mentoring calls every Monday (Sister Chat!)
- ✍🏾 PLR access + affiliate options to help you monetise from day one

And she just became an official Canvassador—because the excellence isn't going unnoticed.

More Than a Course—It's a Movement

Inside the Academy, you're not just learning Canva. You're learning how to:

- Build and sell your own digital products
- Use tools like Beacons, Etsy, Stan, Printify, and Midjourney
- Master the power of PLR and MRR with integrity
- Get real-time support so you're never stuck wondering "what's next?"

& with lifetime access and ongoing mentorship, you're not buying a course. You're joining a community that grows with you.

If You've Been Thinking:

- "I need support that doesn't disappear after 30 days."
- "I want to be surrounded by Queens who want to see me win."

Then DQ Canva Academy was literally made with you in mind.

🔗 Join DQ Canva Academy →
Learn, launch, and lead—without doing it alone.

Featured GPT: Create & Connect

Your Personalized 30-Day Content Calendar

Feeling stuck on what to post? This free GPT helps you generate a month of content ideas tailored to your niche, platform, and tools—with a perfect mix of motivation, storytelling, education, and soft selling.

It's not just about showing up—it's about connecting with purpose.

💡 Key Features:

- 30-day content calendar, personalized to you
- Works with tools like Canva, CapCut, and ChatGPT
- Repurpose ideas into emails, captions, and launch content
- Gentle guidance, not content chaos

🧠 Soft structure. Clear strategy. Visionary results.
👉 Try it now: https://littylink.com/starterkit

Create & Connect Content Calendar GPT





Reflection & Affirmation Space

Because belonging isn't just about being seen—it's about feeling safe enough to be.

Whether you're building your own circle or just reconnecting to your voice, this section is your pause. Your mirror. Your moment to come back to self.

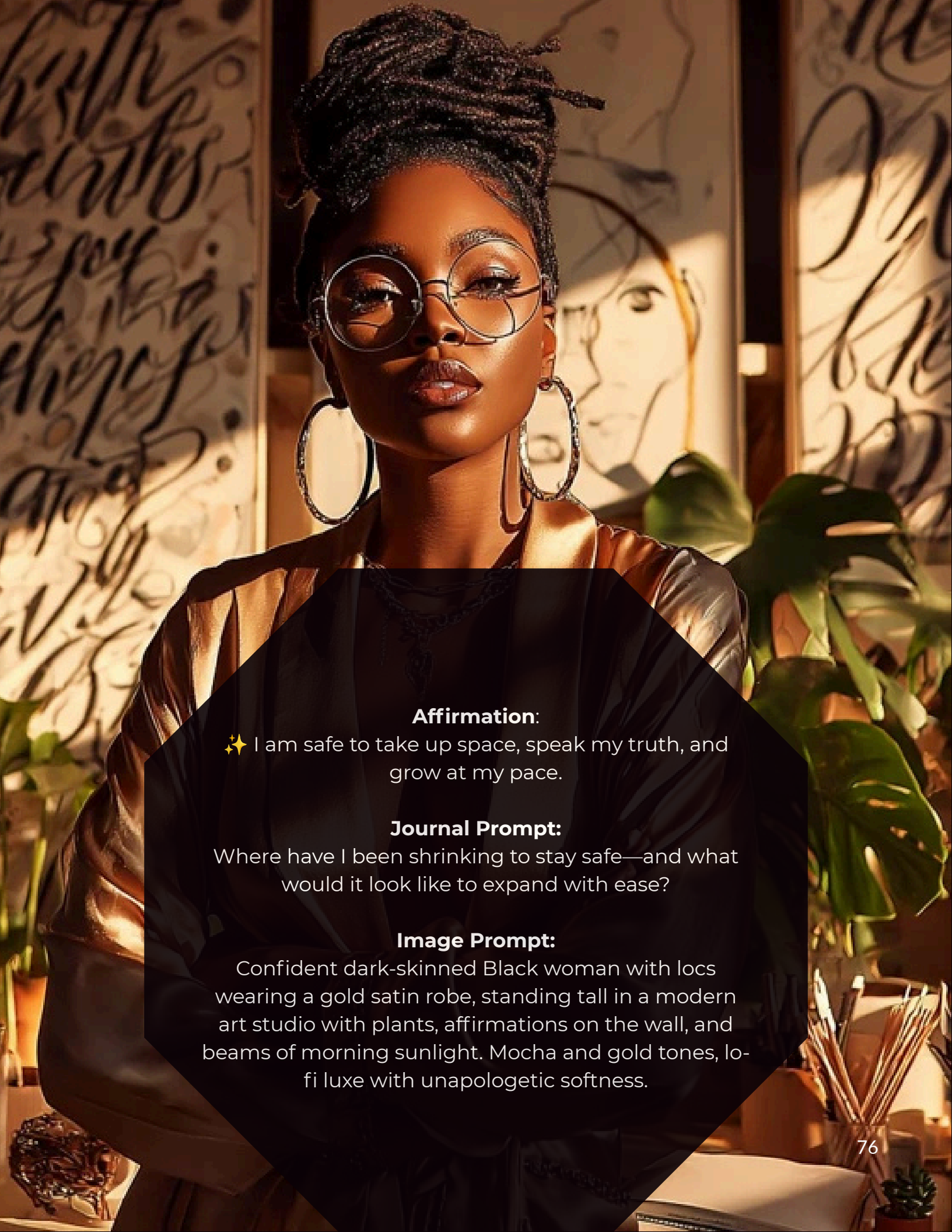
Take a breath. Take your time. These words aren't meant to rush you—they're here to hold you.



Affirmation:
✨ I attract soul-aligned connections that uplift and support my purpose.

Journal Prompt:
What does a soul-aligned community feel like to me? How will I know when I've found it?

Image Prompt:
A glowing mocha-skinned Black woman with an afro puff sitting in a sunlit garden, eyes closed, hands over heart. She's surrounded by gold butterflies and soft trailing light. Mocha Mousse palette, painterly realism with a radiant aura of alignment.



Affirmation:
✨ I am safe to take up space, speak my truth, and grow at my pace.

Journal Prompt:
Where have I been shrinking to stay safe—and what would it look like to expand with ease?

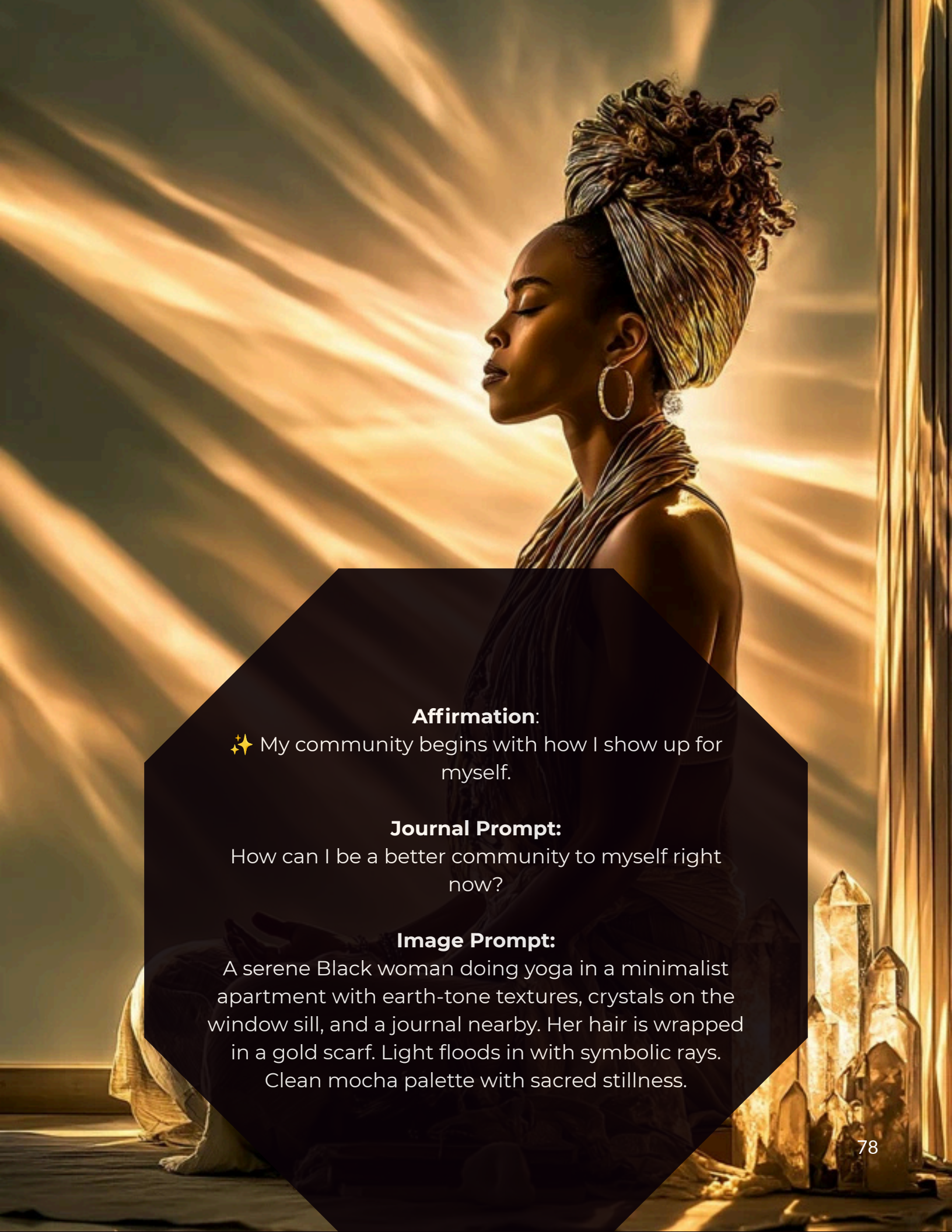
Image Prompt:
Confident dark-skinned Black woman with locs wearing a gold satin robe, standing tall in a modern art studio with plants, affirmations on the wall, and beams of morning sunlight. Mocha and gold tones, lo-fi luxe with unapologetic softness.



Affirmation:
✨ I belong, even before I am understood.

Journal Prompt:
What makes me feel truly seen—without needing to explain myself?

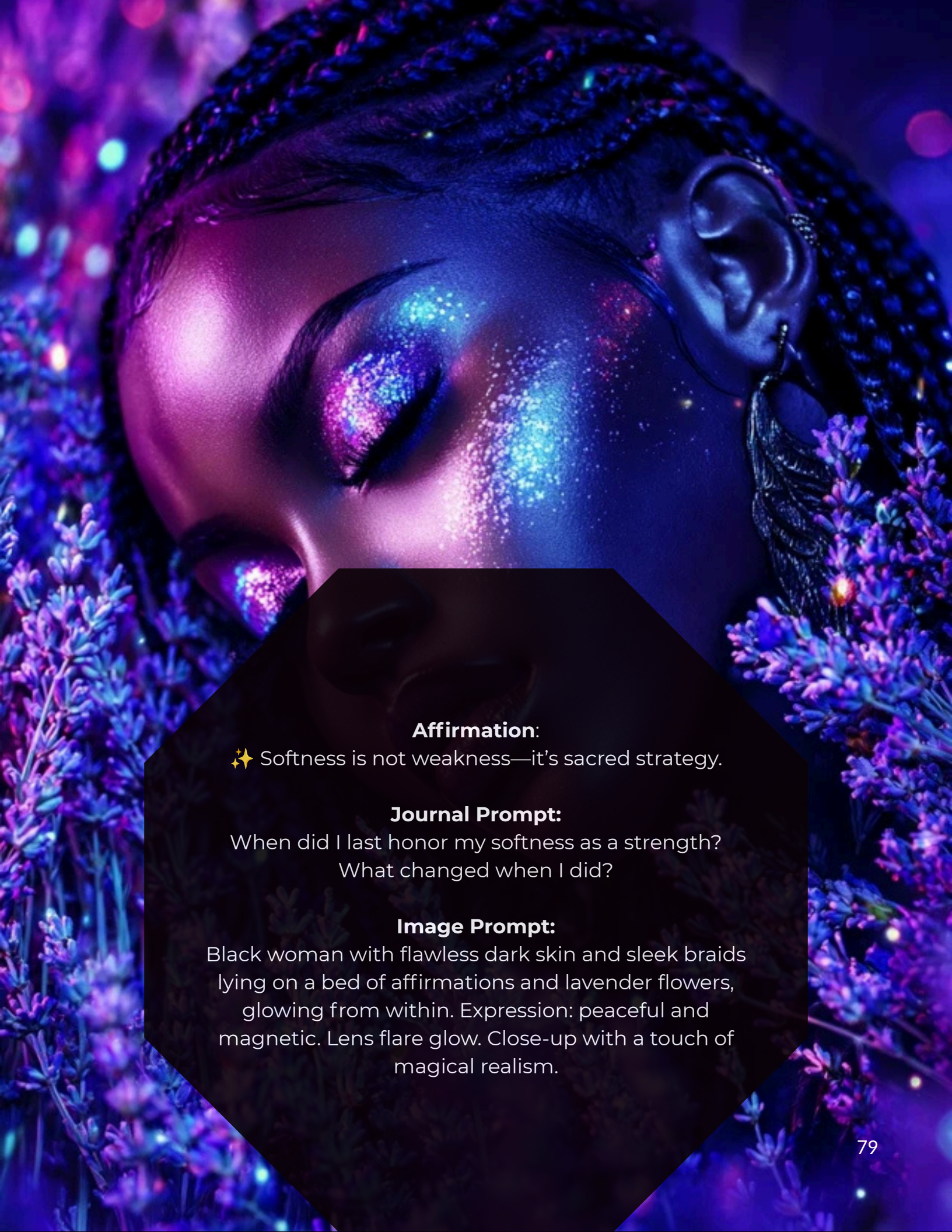
Image Prompt:
Curvy Black woman with a short buzz cut sitting in a cozy café journal in hand, surrounded by books and soft-glow hanging lights. Her eyes are closed in reflection. Afro-surrealism meets everyday elegance, soft blur with warm brown-gold hues.



Affirmation:
✨ My community begins with how I show up for myself.

Journal Prompt:
How can I be a better community to myself right now?

Image Prompt:
A serene Black woman doing yoga in a minimalist apartment with earth-tone textures, crystals on the window sill, and a journal nearby. Her hair is wrapped in a gold scarf. Light floods in with symbolic rays. Clean mocha palette with sacred stillness.



Affirmation:
✨ Softness is not weakness—it's sacred strategy.

Journal Prompt:
When did I last honor my softness as a strength?
What changed when I did?

Image Prompt:
Black woman with flawless dark skin and sleek braids lying on a bed of affirmations and lavender flowers, glowing from within. Expression: peaceful and magnetic. Lens flare glow. Close-up with a touch of magical realism.



Affirmation:
✨ I don’t chase rooms. I create resonance.

Journal Prompt:
What kind of energy do I want to walk into a room with—and what am I done performing for?

Image Prompt:
Powerful Black woman with a voluminous afro walking through golden-lit arches with open palms, surrounded by orbs of light. Symbolic setting like a temple or vision space. Manifestation vibes in soft gold and sienna tones.



Affirmation:
✨ I rise in rhythm with those I’m meant to rise with.

Journal Prompt:
Who is rising with me—and how can I become more intentional about who I allow into my rhythm?

Image Prompt:
Group of four diverse Black women in different poses (standing, seated, meditating) in a circular room filled with plants, light beams, and soft ambient energy. One reaches back to lift another up. Gallery-lit mocha and copper tones, painterly realism.

Heart of The HIVE

tl;dr Series Wrap
By Charlene-Grant

Over five transformative parts, we explored what community really means beyond numbers, algorithms, or hype. This wasn't just about joining a group—it was about remembering the why behind connection.

Here's a look back at the journey:

💛 **Part 1: What Makes a Community Feel Like Home**
We opened with intention, centring the idea that celebration, structure, and smaller, focused spaces are often where we truly feel seen and supported.

Core truth: It's not the crowd—it's the connection.

🤝 **Part 2: Accountability as a Superpower**
Here, we honoured real partnership through the story of Erika and Reedality Media. Accountability, when done right, becomes more than productivity—it becomes kinship.

Core truth: Your growth thrives when someone holds space for it.

🎨 **Part 3: Creating Safe Spaces for Creative Flow**
We reflected on where creativity breathes best—spaces that value presence over polish, exploration over ego, and joy over judgment.

Core truth: Rest, curiosity, and imperfection are all sacred parts of creation.

🌐 **Part 4: Choosing Aligned Connections in Crowded Spaces**
We shared tools for discernment—how to find your people, match energy, and log off with love when something no longer aligns.

Core truth: Not every circle is your circle. And that's your power, not your problem.

🌿 **Part 5: The Future We Build Together**
We closed with vision. What happens when we stop performing and start co-creating? When we build legacies with others instead of chasing visibility alone?

Core truth: You're not just building a brand. You're building belonging.

✨ **Final Reflection**

Ask Yourself: What if my next level isn't about doing more, but about finding my people and building with them better?



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Spiritual Quiz

What is the core principle of Ubuntu?	What is a primary benefit of journaling?	What is an important aspect of building strong community relationships?	What is a key step in achieving personal growth?	What is a benefit of regular reflection and self-inquiry?
A) Community and interconnectedness are essential to our well-being **B)** Material wealth is the measure of a person's worth **C)** Individual success is the key to happiness **D)** Personal growth is only achieved through solo endeavors	A) To showcase your writing skills B) To gain clarity and insight into your life C) To follow a daily routine D) To share your thoughts with others	A) Focusing solely on individual achievements B) Setting boundaries and prioritizing alone time C) Nurturing relationships with supportive people D) Expecting others to meet all your emotional needs	A) Waiting for others to motivate you B) Focusing solely on others' success C) Avoiding challenges and staying in your comfort zone D) Setting goals and taking actionable steps towards them	A) Decreased creativity and inspiration B) More dependence on others for guidance C) Increased stress and anxiety D) Greater self-awareness and understanding

Put your answers in the comments of this week's podcast

PS. I made the theme song 😉

Closing Poem: We Begin Again

We begin again,
Not because we failed—
But because we felt.
We paused.
We listened.
We let the noise dissolve into knowing.
Knowing that our voice matters,
That our rhythm is valid,
That our path is sovereign.
We begin again,
With cracked-open hearts and calloused hands,
With quiet power and sacred boundaries,
With soft voices that still shake the room.
And this time,
We do not walk alone.
We link arms.
We leave breadcrumbs.
We rise, yes—
But we rise with others in sight.
Because legacy doesn't live in perfection.
It lives in presence.
And presence...
is enough.



Closing Prayer: For the Ones Who Are Building Softly

Dear Creator,

Thank you for the ones who read these pages
not just with their eyes, but with their hearts wide open.
Thank you for the brave, tender souls
who are choosing to build with softness
instead of noise. With vision instead of validation.
May every reader remember:
They do not have to wait to be chosen.
They do not need a title to be powerful.
They do not have to go it alone to be whole.
Let them know that rest is not a weakness.
That stillness is not stagnation.
That starting small is still starting.
Wrap their gifts in grace.
Surround their work with resonance.
And let them rise—together, but rooted.
In community. In clarity. In sacred timing.
Amd so it is.

