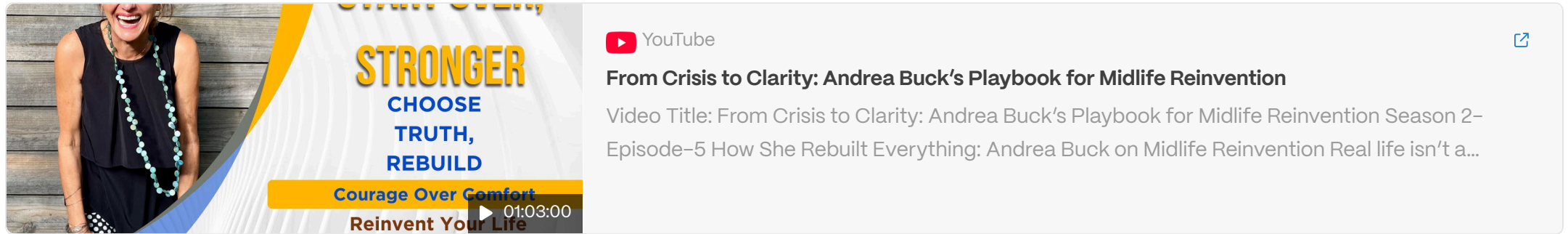


The Ultimate Quest - You Deserve to Know You



Thank you for choosing to know you!

Welcome to our monthly note on self-leadership, soulful alignment, and the truth about personal transformation. This isn't another task on your to-do list—it's a homecoming to your authentic self. I'm Rachna Khanna, sharing simple frameworks, gentle practices, and honest conversations to help you reconnect with your values, energy, and inner wisdom. You deserve to know you.

A Beautiful Work in Progress

Guest: Andrea Buck — reinvention, resilience & radical self-trust

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Meet Andrea Buck: A Journey of Transformation



Our guest is a wellbeing success coach working with creative industries, especially screen and film. But her story spans continents, careers, identity shifts, and near-death experiences.

From battling personal demons to reclaiming her voice and now guiding others to thrive in their genius, Andrea's journey is one of transformation, truth, and bold authenticity. Her life reads like a multi-act drama marked by deep pain, courageous leaps, spiritual reckonings, and profound self-discovery.

When I met her during training at International Coaching Institute, I knew she carried wisdom that can only be lived and shared.

A Beautiful Work in Progress



Continuous Unfolding

The purpose of life is to experience it authentically, in your own way. Your story only ends when your life ends.



The Hero's Journey

You become a hero when you take what you've learned and share it with others, standing on the shoulders of giants.



Always Becoming

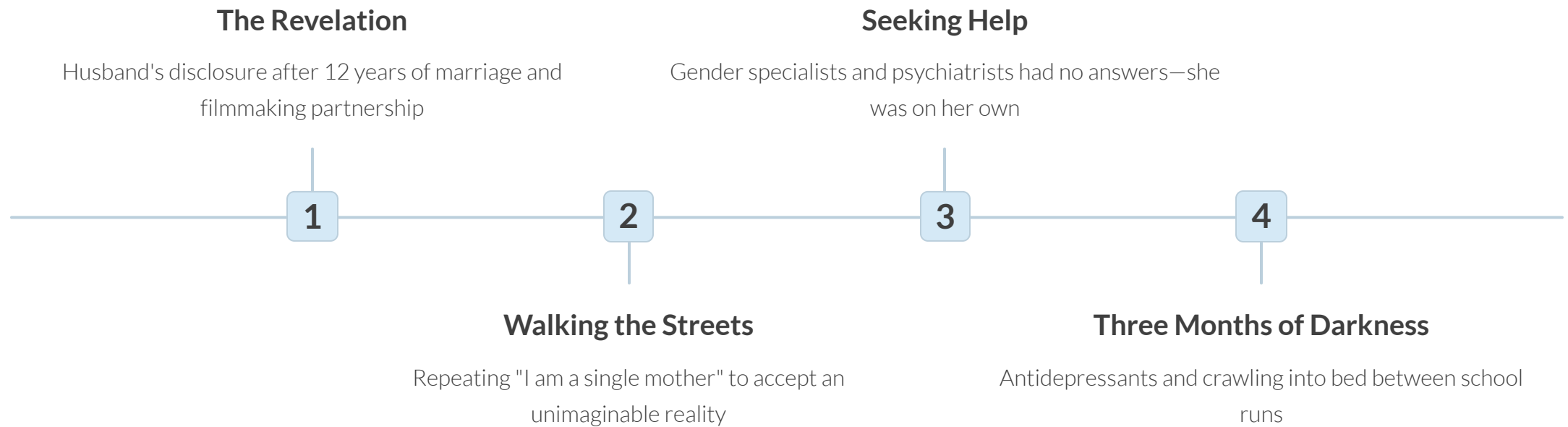
Who you are tomorrow will be different from who you are today. Embrace the journey of continual learning and growth.

"I would call it A Beautiful Work in Progress. The only time your story ends is when your life ends."

When the Rug Was Pulled: Marriage and Betrayal

After having two children together, Andrea's husband revealed he wanted to become a woman. The marriage fell apart, pulling the rug from under her feet. This was 26 years ago—a time when transgender understanding barely existed.

She felt betrayal, resentment, and fear tingling through her body like anxiety. She recognized this was how emotions metastasize into illness. With two children to protect, she refused to become bitter.



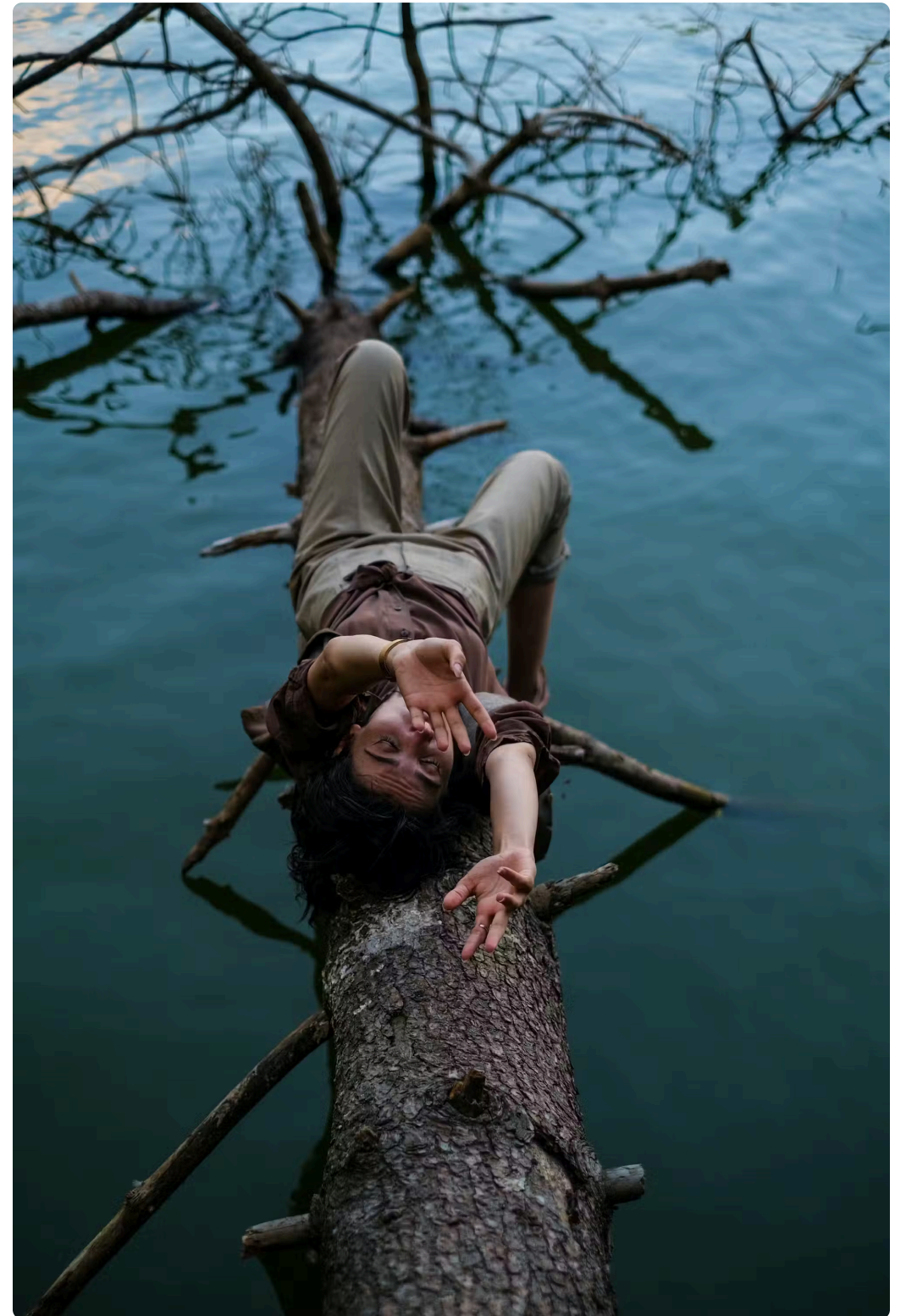
The Cost of Holding It Together

Doing It for Others

Andrea's motivation wasn't for herself—it was for her children, family, and friends. She knew the statistics: 50% of transgender people attempt suicide. Her husband was a good person—adventurous, joyous, creative, good-hearted.

She worked to make the situation tenable for everyone, bringing along his family, their friends, her children. But she wasn't caring for her own emotional, physical, mental, or spiritual health.

"I was just holding it together for everybody else. It was only later I realized—I'm gonna have to start thinking of myself here."



Brain Aneurysm: The Ultimate Wake-Up Call



The Collapse

Putting on makeup for Christmas parties—then waking up in hospital with children brought to say goodbye before brain surgery



Survival Mode

An animalistic will to survive kicked in. Doctors said after two years, that's where you stay. She refused to believe it.



Years of Rehab

Brain training became her life. Stubborn determination and refusal to accept limitations drove her forward.



Complete Recovery

Today, nobody would know. The transformation is complete—a testament to resilience and inner strength.



Losing Trust in Yourself

The Deepest Wound

The hardest part wasn't just the rug being pulled—it was losing trust in her own ability to see the truth. Married for 12 years, traveling the world, making movies together, sharing a company and two children. She didn't see it.

"I was married to somebody pretending to be a man who every moment of every day wanted to rather be a woman. What it does is you can't lose faith in yourself."

The Real Courage

Courage comes from trusting yourself. When you realize everything you see is either your own lens or what others let you see—but you can handle it—you stop living in fear.

Living in Curiosity

Instead of bracing against getting hurt, you become lighter, more curious: What is really going on here? Is this person really like this?

From Hollywood Success to Cleaning Toilets



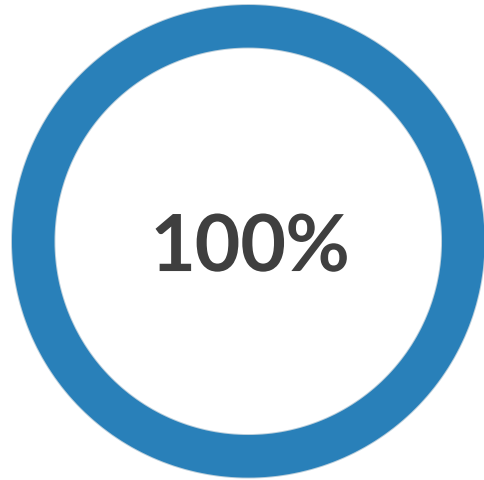
Before the aneurysm, Andrea and Dee made "The Jammed"—a massive success. Seven IF awards, AFI nominations, screened at the UN in Geneva. Australian parliament changed laws around human trafficking because of their film.

After the aneurysm, she couldn't function. On Newstart (half her rent), raising two kids as a single mom, she worked as a house cleaner for cash.

The moment of reckoning: Cleaning her best friend's daughter's toilet, holding a toilet brush, thinking: "This is what my life's come to."

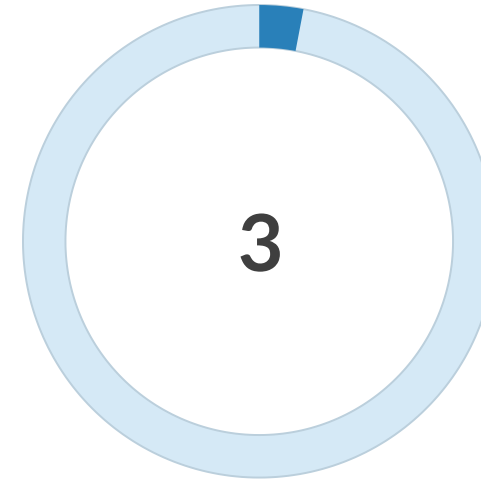
She felt shame and humiliation—equating self-worth with what she was doing in the world. But maybe it wasn't about pride. Maybe it was about feeling herself, being who she was meant to be.

The Wisdom Between Resilience and Insanity



Survived

Fell from a tree, cracked skull, cerebral bleed, malaria of the brain, earthquake, house struck by lightning



Days Before Wedding

In hospital with cerebral malaria—everyone said she'd never make it, but she did

Andrea is incredibly strong and resilient. But there's wisdom between resilience and insanity. Being too resilient isn't necessarily good. Einstein said insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results.

"I think my aneurysm was the biggest wake-up call. Maybe I was never gonna die. Maybe it was just: stop, reset, and restart all over again."

The universe talks to you either with the tickle of a feather or the whack of a sledgehammer. She needed the sledgehammer.

Your Body Is Smart: Listen to It



Disease = Dis-ease

Research from Dr. Joe Dispenza and Dr. Gabor Maté shows: the more you connect with yourself, the more ease you create in your body—far from disease.



You Are Worth It

You are worth the effort. You are worth fighting for. Self-judgment and playing small does not serve the world.



Choose You

Pain is inevitable. Suffering is a choice. Always choose you. That's the ultimate quest for every human being.

Connect with Andrea Buck

Andrea runs Successful Creative, offering one-on-one coaching, group programs, and free monthly webinars on Life, Art and Wellbeing. Find her at successfulcreative.com.au or email buckandrea@gmail.com

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If the insights and approaches shared in this newsletter have resonated with you, consider this your formal invitation to begin or deepen your journey of self-discovery and authentic living. Rachna Khanna offers several pathways to support you:



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"You Deserve to Know You" ❤️

This simple statement encapsulates the core invitation of Rachna's work. Beyond all the frameworks, methods, and practices lies this fundamental truth: you have inherent worth and wisdom that deserves to be recognized—first and foremost by yourself.

Whatever path you choose, remember that the journey toward self-knowledge isn't about becoming someone new. It's about remembering who you've always been beneath the noise, conditioning, and adaptation. It's about coming home to yourself.

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With love,

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