

# Battles of an Impostor



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# Impostor Syndrome



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An **internal** experience  
of intellectual **phoniness**,  
despite outstanding academic  
and professional accomplishments

- Dr. Pauline R. Clance and Dr. Suzanne A. Imes  
*The Impostor Phenomenon in High Achieving Women:  
Dynamics and Therapeutic Intervention. (1978)*

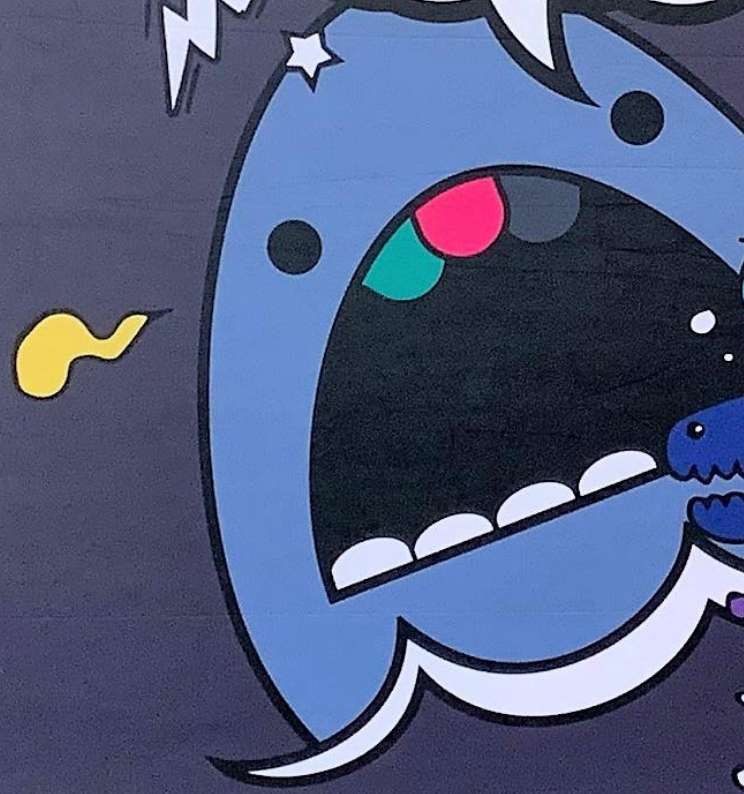
Why me?



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# Technology Graduate Program Manager



Recognize



Rationalize



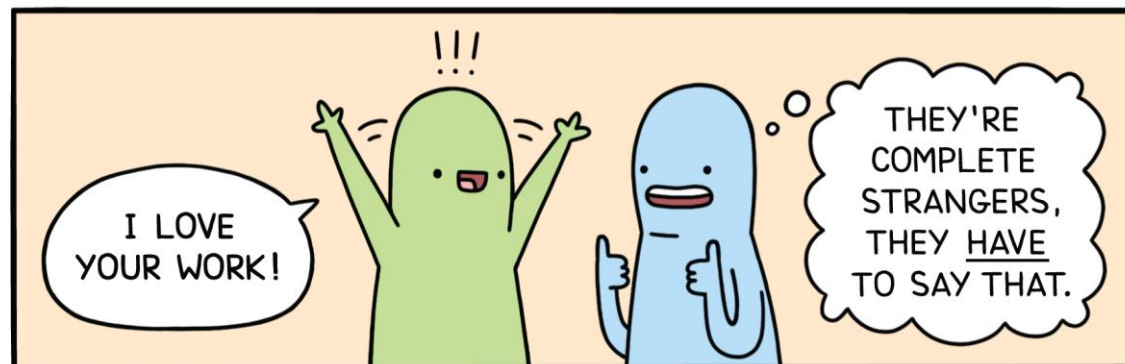
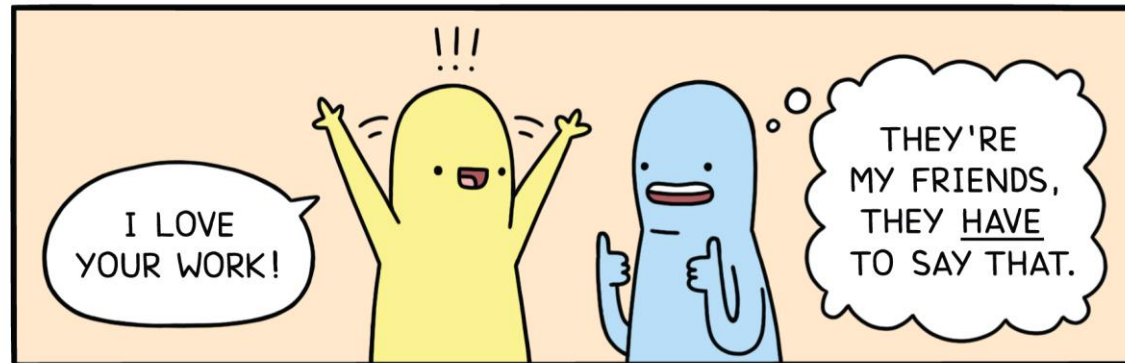
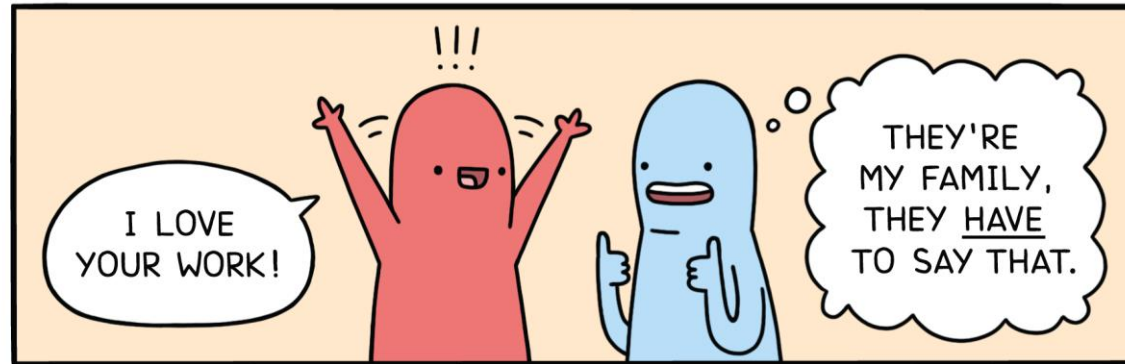
Reflect





# Recognize

## IMPOSTER SYNDROME



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Perfectionist

1



Superhero

3



Soloist

5



Natural  
Genius

2



Expert

4



What are the  
risks?



# Rationalize





# Thought Stopping

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# Thought Shipping

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A close-up photograph of a hand moving a white chess king piece on a chessboard. The board is dark with light-colored squares. Other chess pieces are visible in the background, some in focus and some blurred. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue tint and a warm orange glow at the bottom.

It is ok to fail!

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# Reflect



Ask for feedback





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“Don’t **compare** yourself with anyone in this world, if you do so, you are insulting **yourself**.”

- Bill Gates

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What can *you* do?





Give feedback





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Impostor  
syndrome can be  
good!

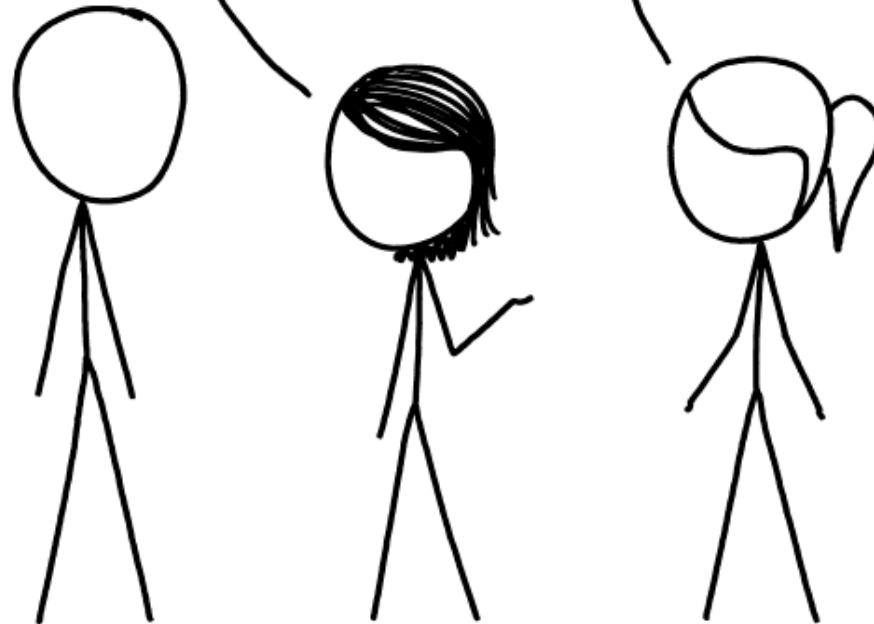


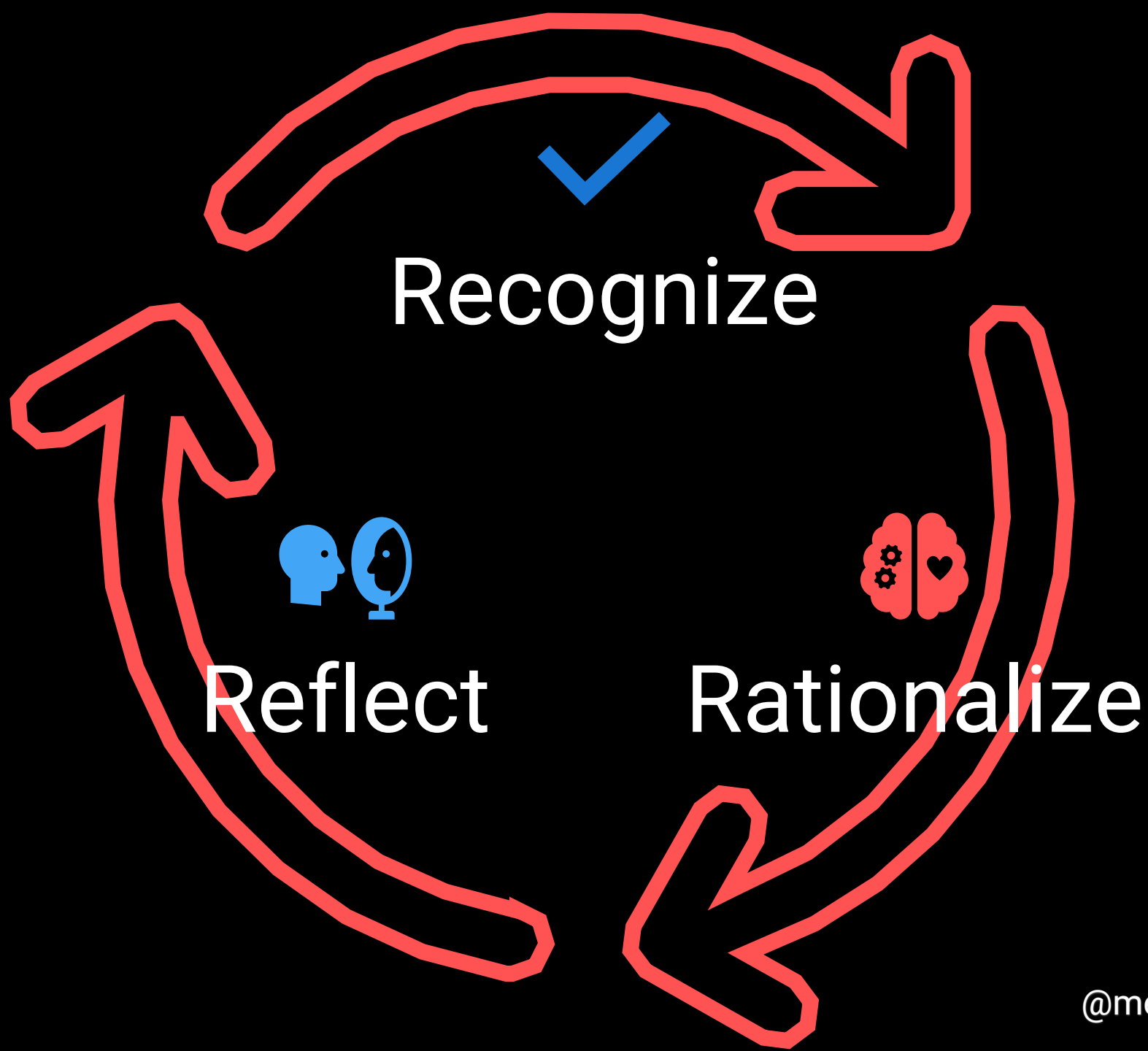
It makes us  
stronger

THIS IS DR. ADAMS. SHE'S A SOCIAL  
PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE WORLD'S TOP  
EXPERT ON IMPOSTOR SYNDROME.

HAHA, DON'T BE SILLY! THERE  
ARE LOTS OF SCHOLARS WHO  
HAVE MADE MORE SIGNIFICANT...

...OH MY GOD.





# Thank You



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