

# Dial M for Mentor

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# Hello!

*Who am I?*

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# Who are you?

## *On a mission:*

To improve yourself

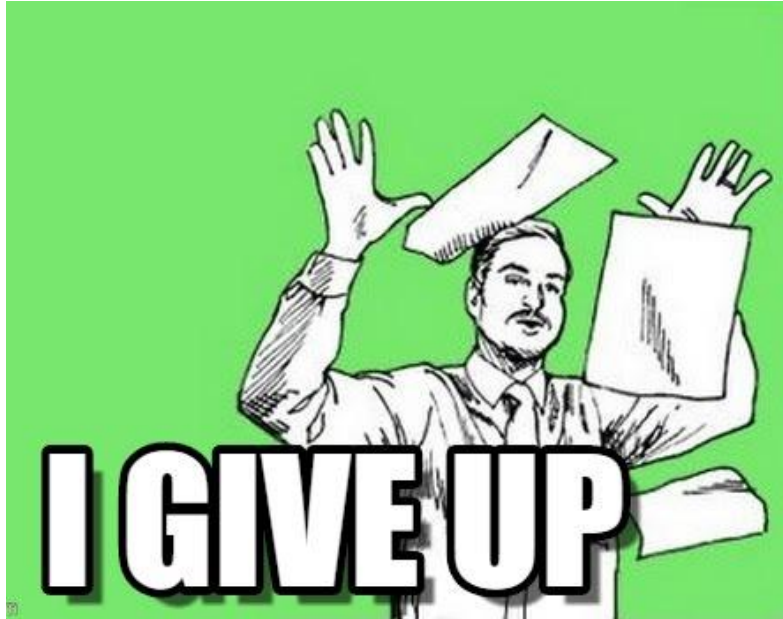
To take on new challenges

To level up your skills






**Effort?**



Story 1: Give up

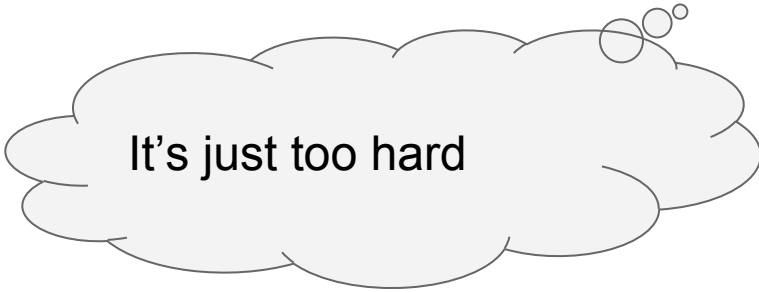
Effort: XS

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I gave it my best shot

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I'm not meant for this

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It's just too hard

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It's not worth trying



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A photograph of two hands reaching towards each other against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The hands are positioned on the left and right sides of the frame, with the palms facing each other. The background is a clear, vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white clouds.

Story 2:

# Reach out for help

Effort: XL

*My questions are stupid*

**MYTH**

Finding a mentor is hard



*I don't know enough to be helped yet*

**MYTH**

Why hasn't anybody told me about this?



*Only newbies need help*

**MYTH**

Nobody's perfect



*I'll just be wasting my mentor's time*

**MYTH**



Mentors learn from you!



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*I don't deserve any help,  
I'm not worthy*

**MYTH**

# Impostor Syndrome



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*I'm a failure for needing help*

**MYTH**

Asking for help is not a failure





## Myths

Delay and prevent you from reaching out

**A MENTOR**



**IS WHAT YOU SEEK**

A world map with a grey background and white outlines of countries. Numerous pink circular avatars, each containing a stylized white face with red hair, are scattered across the map, primarily concentrated in North America, Europe, and parts of Africa and Asia. In the top-left corner, there is a white square button with a plus sign above a minus sign. In the bottom-right corner, there is a white circular button with an information icon. The word "Pyladies" is written in a large, red, cursive font with a black outline, centered over the map. Two yellow rectangular boxes with black text are positioned below the main title.

# *Pyladies*

**pip install pyladies**

**[slackin.pyladies.com](https://slackin.pyladies.com)**



# Conference Speaker Mentors

# Local Meetups and Python User Groups

# Open Source Project Maintainers

# CPython Mentors

[pythonmentors.com](https://pythonmentors.com)

[core-mentorship@python.org](mailto:core-mentorship@python.org)

Now what?

# Commitment

Respect





The story is yours

Mentors are there to support you

It's your responsibility to follow through

Take credit for your own work

Thank your mentor

Mentor others

btw ... who am I?



PyLadies Vancouver co-organizer

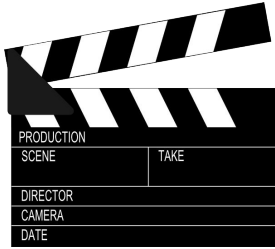
<https://www.meetup.com/PyLadies-Vancouver>

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btw ... who am I, again?



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# Thanks!

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