



FOR THE DAY EVERYTHING FEELS TOO MUCH

The One *Next* Thing

*A five-minute handrail for the day everything feels
impossible and you need one safe next move.*

You do not have to fix today.

You only have to find the next thing.

with Frankie

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Stuck is not the same as lazy.

You know the day I mean...

Everything is too much. Your phone has become an accusation. The list keeps growing, people still need things, and your brain has quietly left the building.

Maybe you are crying.

Maybe you are angry.

Maybe you are under a blanket, sitting in the car, staring at the wall or avoiding one tiny task as though it has turned up looking for a fight.

You are not ready for a plan.

You are not ready to turn this into a lesson.

You need the world to become smaller for five minutes.

There is a voice that turns up on days like this.

The Everything-at-Once Voice.

It tells you that every problem matters equally. That all of it must be fixed now. That one small action will not count.

It is loud.

It is not entirely telling the truth.

I am not going to tell you to just start.

If just start worked, you would have fucking started.

The job here is smaller:

Get steady.

Tell the truth.

Choose one thing.

Do only that.

You are not failing at life.

Life has become too large to hold all at once.

So we are going to make this moment smaller.

Frankie x

This guide is for the kind of hour where everything feels *impossible*,

and you need help finding one manageable next step.

It is not crisis support.

If this is more than overwhelm — if you feel unsafe, think you may hurt yourself or someone else, or are not sure you can keep yourself safe — stop here.

Contact your local emergency service, crisis support in your country, or a trusted person who can stay with you.

AI is not the right tool for that moment.

A SMALL REMINDER

Overwhelmed, furious and completely over it is welcome here.

Unsafe needs a human.

If you are safe but completely overwhelmed, furious, flat, crying, hiding or staring at the wall like it has personally betrayed you, stay here.

First, do one thing that helps you arrive in the room:

Put both feet on the floor.

Take one drink of water.

Plug your phone in.

Sit somewhere quieter.

Move away from the person, place or notification making the moment louder.

Choose one.

Then turn the page.

Make the world *smaller*.

There are four moves. You do not have to do them beautifully.

You only have to stay with the move you are on.

1. MAKE THE WORLD SMALLER.

Do one physical thing that makes the next few minutes steadier or quieter.

Sit down. Step outside. Close the inbox. Drink some water. Text someone that you are having a rough hour. This is not where you fix your mood.

It is where you stop adding more noise.

2. TELL THE TRUTH IN ONE SENTENCE.

You do not have to explain your history. You do not need the tidy version.

Complete this line:

Right now, the hardest thing is _____, and I feel _____.

One sentence. One or two feeling words.

That is enough. We can work with that.

3. ASK FOR THREE TINY OPTIONS.

Use the prompt on the next page.

The tool has one job:

Reduce the field.

It must not diagnose you, analyse your whole life, motivate you or hand you a twelve-step recovery plan. It gives you three small options. No fourth option. No master plan.

No dramatic reinvention before dinner.

4. CHOOSE THE LEAST IMPOSSIBLE ONE.

Do not choose the biggest. Do not choose the bravest. Do not choose the one you think a better person would choose.

Choose the least impossible thing that helps, even slightly. Useful does not mean impressive.

It means it makes the next hour a little easier. It should take between two and fifteen minutes.

Do that one thing. Then pause.

You can choose again later. You do not have to decide now. I did not fix everything. I made one move.

That is not nothing. You were stuck. Then you moved. That is evidence.

*If using AI makes things louder, close it. The tool is meant to reduce the noise, not become more of it.
You are allowed to stop.*

Let the tool carry the sorting. *You keep the decision.*

Paste this into ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini or another AI tool. Replace the bracketed sections with your own words. Do not make them sound clever. **Honest is more useful.**

■ PASTE THIS TO YOUR AI — FIRST A CLEAN CHAT

Act as a calm sorting tool for the next hour.

Do not motivate me, diagnose me, analyse my whole life or give me a plan.

Right now, the hardest thing is: **[write one sentence]**

I feel: **[write one or two words]**

First, ask me one direct question:

“Are you safe right now?”

If I say no, or I am not sure, tell me clearly to stop using AI and contact a trusted person, local emergency service or crisis support now.

If I say yes, do not ask me any more questions before giving me exactly three very small options:

1. One thing that makes the next ten minutes steadier.
2. One small practical thing that reduces pressure later.
3. One kind thing for my body that asks nothing from me.

One option may involve contacting a trusted person if that would reduce the pressure. Each option must take between two and fifteen minutes.

Do not give me a fourth option.
Do not explain or justify the options.
Do not use motivational language.
Do not tell me to fix everything.

Make each instruction specific enough that I do not have to work out how to begin.

End by asking:

“Which one feels least impossible?”

A QUICK REMINDER

*AI is a sorting tool, not an authority. It is not therapy or crisis support. Take what helps. Leave what does not.
The decision stays with you.*

The breakthrough belongs to you.

— BEFORE YOU GO

One finished thing is *evidence*.

When the thing is done, write one line somewhere you will see it. Do not write a motivational speech. Do not pretend the day became beautiful. Just record what happened.

Today, I was overloaded and I still managed to:

Date:

The task is not proof that you are suddenly fixed. It is proof that the Everything-at-Once Voice was not entirely telling the truth.

Something could be done. One small place in the day still answered back.

If the next thing is another person

You can send this:

"I am having a rough hour. I do not need you to fix it. Can you stay with me for ten minutes?"

You are not weak for needing a witness. Sometimes the next thing is not a task. Sometimes it is refusing to be alone inside the moment.

You do not need to rescue the whole day.

Keep the sentence. Keep the thing you completed.

That is enough. You were overloaded, not incapable.

You did not fix everything. You found one place to begin.

I hope the next hour feels a little less impossible.

I cannot promise it will.

But you made one move.

Start there.

Frankie x

Free to share.

Pass it to the person in your group chat who is having the hour you just had.

If you are not safe, this guide is no longer the right tool. Contact local emergency services, crisis support in your country or a trusted person who can stay with you.

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