

Snakes and the Art of Spotting the Venom.

The world is full of snakes, but not all of them hiss. Some smile. Some applaud. Some sit close enough to hear your plans and quiet enough to destroy them. Wisdom is not avoiding people; it is recognizing venom before it enters your blood. There are six types of people you must cut off immediately. The sixth is the one that kills you.

ONE: THE SILENT HATER

The silent hater does not want what you have; they hate that you have it. Your rise offends them. Your progress exposes their stagnation. They smile politely but celebrate privately when you stumble. Silence does not always mean peace. Sometimes it is stored resentment waiting for opportunity.

TWO: THE BROADCASTER

If they gossip about you, they gossip about you. You are not special; you are simply next. They trade secrets for relevance and loyalty for attention. What you share in confidence becomes their next headline. A mouth without discipline is a dangerous weapon.

THREE: THE FAIR-WEATHER FRIEND

They love the shade but vanish in the heat. They enjoy your success but avoid your struggle. Their loyalty is tied to convenience, not commitment. They are not with you; they are with what you provide.

FOUR: THE POISON WELL

They find a problem for every solution. Nothing is ever good enough. Hope irritates them. Progress annoys them. Their presence drains energy and poisons perspective. Misery is contagious. Do not get infected.

FIVE: THE ANCHOR

They gave up on their dreams, so they tried to drown yours. Your ambition threatens their comfort. They discourage what they failed to pursue. They need you to fail so they can feel safe

in their surrender. Never let someone who stopped swimming decide how far you should go.

SIX: THE DOUBLE AGENT, THE MOST DEADLY

This is the one that kills you. They smile in your face and sharpen the knife behind your back. They praise you publicly to hide betrayal privately. They stand close enough to learn your weaknesses and are clever enough to disguise their intentions. Be careful with enemies, but be paranoid with friends. An enemy can oppose you openly. Only a friend can betray you quietly.

WHY BETRAYAL ALWAYS COMES FROM CLOSE RANGE

Betrayal requires access. Access requires trust. That is why it never comes from strangers. It comes from those you defended, trusted, and protected. Discernment is not hatred; it is wisdom earned.

REMEDY: HOW TO CUT OFF WITHOUT NOISE

Watch patterns, not promises. Reduce access, not arguments. Protect your plans until results speak. Choose peace over popularity. Detach calmly and move forward. You do not need to announce distance. Just stop bleeding.

CONCLUSION

The world is full of snakes, but venom only works when it is ignored. Learn to spot it early. Learn to walk away quietly. Learn to protect your life and destiny. Distance is not wickedness. Silence is not weakness. Discernment is survival.

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