

## Lounge of Why vs. House of Now

3 people, 1 coach, 1 client, 1 witness (witness set timer for 5 mins for story only, rest of 10 mins is body experiencing, everyone switches after 15 mins, witness manages time)

**Coach asks the client:** “When you consider (what's next in building your career as a relationship leader/coach) what feeling comes up for you?” **(1 sentence only)**

**Coach:** Ask them “Why do you think you’re feeling this?” Consciously invite them into the “Lounge of Why” (the story about the feeling) and build rapport, as the client needs to be heard, witnessed & understood in order to trust & follow your lead **(3-5 min max)**

Notice what it’s like to listen to their feeling-avoidance-story (observe any reasons, explanation, justifications, blame, shame of self or others - notice how the story is often an escape from inner feelings, but don’t make it wrong!

**Client:** Notice what it’s like to share your STORY (as you speak, observe any reasons, explanations, justification, blame, shame to self /other, and how seductive & comforting it is to hang out here in the Lounge of Why). Notice how your body feels as you tell your story, does it get more amped, relaxed, or both?

**\*IMPORTANT: Witnesses must time** this story-telling part for 5 mins max, **5 MINS ONLY**, use a loud sound alarm so everyone can hear the alarm going off!

**Coach:** After alarm, tell the client something like this: “Now we’re going to close your eyes and turn inwards and attend to the physiological counterpart of this feeling, scan through the physical sensations happening inside your body, and notice the strongest one. Guess what number it is out of 10, 10 being the highest.”

### *Map & Calibrate Sensations*

Inquire about the strongest sensations -location, color, texture, and have them calibrate X/10 intensity.

Invite them to use creative metaphors to describe the area of strongest sensation, no need to be exact, just go for feeling-sense.

The point of this metaphoring is to create a make-busy-project for the mind to “do”...which pulls it out of the avoidance loop AND leaves our consciousness free to attend to the current experience of the moment -via the body.

## *Have Them Clean Out What's Not Their Energy*

If it's a very strong sensation (>5/10) ask the client to breathe deeply and give that feeling/ energy permission to leave their body and take up space outside of them, let the "feeling" expand into the room (it can flow out in any direction: up, down, front, back), or can drain into the ground.

## *Occupy Self w/ Favorite Color Lifeforce*

Finally, invite them to fill in any internal gaps now left open with their own life force, their own chi, their own favorite color.

**Coach:** After (cleaning out what's not their native feelings), ask the client: "Are there any sensations left in that area now?"

Have them recalibrate sensations in that same area & check for a change in intensity (X/10) after this release (of someone else's energy/ thought/ expectations/ feelings)

If the sensations seem mostly processed, have the client wire in a new future with this question: **"What's possible for you in this area now?"**

If, however, some sensations are left, have them send loving awareness to that area. Ask the client to interview those sensations with curious reverence: "What are you trying to show me, teach me?"

Listen with curiosity and presence. True insight from the body always sounds like a profound truth from a **LOVING GURU OR ZEN MASTER** (anything judgey is external programming from the past speaking, not current body wisdom)

Help the client climb into the present moment by accessing the cutting edge info from their own body, trying to come through in the "code language" of the unconscious (physical sensations).

Support them in decoding it for themselves. Wiring in the wisdom of the body sensations as a developmental insight to be honored going forward.

## *Ninja Coaching Suggestion:*

*Don't use pushing or effort: Hold intention visualize in mind, hold with the lightest touch, no force, no trying, no will...allow your mind to then liquefy and reorganize around that future inevitable state...with ease, grace, and gentle inevitability ...efforting assumes push back (we don't try to forget a phone number, it gets replaced by new one), what if you assume it was not (just easy) but already forthcoming...notice what comes up as you hold this easeful desired future (these issues are being generated by current ecology, the psyche is trying to maintain status quo, we're gently stretching to accommodate the what's so of the future)*