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Why Go Alone?

A short guide to moving with people instead of despite them.

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BEFORE WE START

Everything up to now could be read as a solo pursuit. Your direction, your inventory, your rhythm, your setbacks, your capacity. All true, and all missing something that quietly decides how far any of it actually goes.

Almost nobody who's gone far did it entirely alone, whatever the story sounds like afterwards. Somewhere in it there was a person who opened a door, carried them through a bad month, or simply kept walking alongside them when walking alone would have been slower and lonelier both.

The story gets simplified later, usually into a single figure working alone against the odds, because that version is easier to tell. It's rarely the true one. Pull on any real success and you'll find a small, unglamorous list of people who mattered more than the story ever credits them for.

Why go alone. Bring people with you.



CHAPTER ONE

Solo is not the same as self-reliant

Self-reliance is real and worth having. It means not collapsing the moment nobody's watching, not needing permission to act, not outsourcing your judgement to whoever's loudest nearby. None of that requires doing everything by yourself.

Somewhere along the way those got treated as the same thing, and a lot of people started avoiding help to prove a strength that was never actually about avoiding help in the first place. Self-reliance lives in how you think. Isolation is just a habit, and an expensive one, dressed up to look like the same virtue.

You can ask for help and still be entirely self-reliant. The two were never in conflict.