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When I complain, I need some feedback, empathy and fuel,
otherwise it completely takes all the fun out of it.

1. Recognize complaints as they are forming.

Complaining falls into that category of something we do or hear so often, we don't even stop to recognize it. Say a prayer that it will become obvious as it is forming in our thoughts and before it is in its complete verbal form.

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