THE EMAIL MARKETING MASTERCLASS

How to Write Emails
People Actually
Want to Read

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HONESTYHOUR

- Post up in the chat where you are with email right now.
- 1. You don't have an email list / you're not doing email marketing.
- 2. You have a list and don't know what to say.
- 3. Your emails aren't getting opened or clicked (both?)
- 4. You don't like feeling salesy, but do like making sales.
- 5. You're crushing it. You're barely sure why you're here.

the truth is IT DOESN'T MATTER...

How **pretty** your emails look...

How valuable your emails are...

How great the offer in your emails is...

EADS THM.

Don't worry, the *story* doesn't end there.



HI, I'M JEN

Founder of TONIC Big Marketing Nerd Website Designer Sender of Long Emails

Also wife to Aaron, mom of three, classic oldest-daughter-Enneagram 3, lover of witty banter and a great cocktail.

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We've redefined the "template." Not just what they can be or how they can look, but the way they can elevate and transform the way you show up online. Welcome to TONIC — the industry's leading, completely-customizable website and marketing templates.



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And More...



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HEY, IT'S JEN with YOUR Free DOWNLOAD



Ready to turn your social media into a **total** conversion machine? This guide is packed

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Use your best attention getter / summary line here, since this is what your reader will scan first.

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(This is where you begin to the your story to your offer. We call picot!")

Let us help represent you at your best across the entire internet.

NEW

The next step? Just got REAL clear with our brand new matching web and social templates... Built with all the strategy (and sexy design) you need to level up your entire brand from swipe to scroll.

And just for you, they're 25% off, only until Friday. **



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Think of us as your personal lawyers (in much better blazers) using our strategic knowhow to get you OUT of I-hate-my-website /

We've packed these with everything you need to show up online, and the early reviews are insure. (Fil be back to share a few tomorrow).

algorithm jail and INTO a brand you're freaking proud to show off.

SHOP THE LEVEL UP FLASH SALE

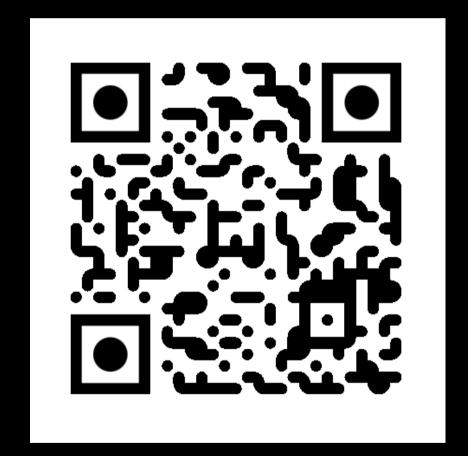
Don't wait another minute — Lock in your discount * your onbrand-everything now. I'll be outside the courtroom cheering you on.

Your favorite crime lord,

Get these slides + free resources, new templates, and more!

TONICSITESHOP.COM/FLOCLASS

Or scan the QR





Best sales email I've ever read.

Maybe the best email PERIOD.

This should go on the internet as a shared blog so everyone can read it.



Love it.

Seriously, you show up in my inbox and I grab a coffee and settle in. Best part of my work day!



I just wanted to let you know that your Friday email is the one email I actually look for and eagerly await every week. It's both entertaining and highly helpful!



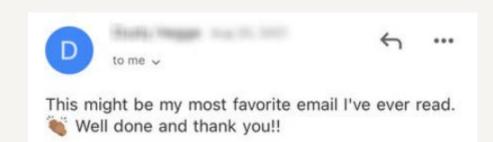
Your emails are amazing/hilarious/so entertaining. It might be the only email-list email that I actually read all the way through. If only I could write like you do *sigh*.

You're my email hero.



Jen...

You have NO idea how much joy these emails are bringing! I adore your sense of humor and I'm rolling over here and feverishly trying to decide which template would be best for me. Seriously, these emails in the last few months have been fire and now all I want to do is come drink G&Ts with you this summer.





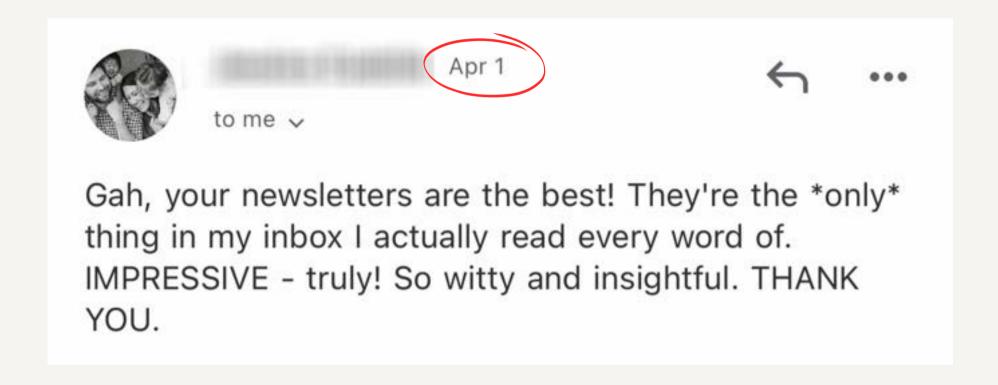
You guys are the only brand that shows up in my email I actually respond to!! You are so much fun, your energy so inspiring!! :)



Nothing important to say other than your emails are the best and you have my total permission to send me as many as you want :)



As a book, course, magazine and copy-ingeneral editor, I have to say...you simply *must* publish these emails into a book someday.



BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS.

THREE YEARS AGO,

Nick Miller (from New Girl) Saved My Emails.

Finally, I gave the middle finger to trips & tricks, how-to's, and the emails I was **supposed** to write.

Turns out? People love a rebel.





Completely customizable websites for the modern, stylish creative

SHOP THE COLLECTION *---

Disclaimer:

If you're not the kind of person who's ever looked at an email signature and thought, "Damn, that's sexy," then, first of all, we may not be your people, and secondly... give me three minutes.

Here's the story.

On Monday, Day 2030103 of quarantine, I really needed a win. My workday had primarily consisted of 19939 emails, and as someone solidly in the *Not An Email Person* demographic (can't everyone just text me?), my sense of humanity was fading fast.

As I sent my 6578th email (hey, I'm a designer, not a mathematician) I gave it a quick once-over and our email signature caught my eye.

It looked like this:

TONIC SITE SHOP tonicsiteshop.com

info@tonicsiteshop.com

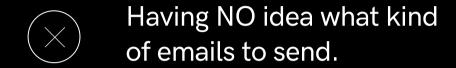
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"That was long and frankly, kind of weird, but I read it all and LOVED it."

#LONGANDWEIRD - TONICSITESHOP.COM/LIST



WE'VE BEEN THERE



- Feeling like quitting email forever at least once a week.
- Spending *all* of our time and money on social media.
- Ignoring our most vocal, interested customers
- Not wanting to feel salesy, so not making any email \$\$\$

NOW WE'RE HERE

- Having 1,000,000 ideas for the emails we can write every week
- Email being easily our favorite / most effective marketing channel
- Not relying on Instagram to feel successful.
- Emailing over 40,000 people we treat like VIPs and friends.
- Generating millions of dollars in revenue via email alone.

Why We LOYE EMAIL

It's not a phase. Email is our number one platform for a reason and our business wouldn't be the same without it.

It's the friend with a lot of benefits.





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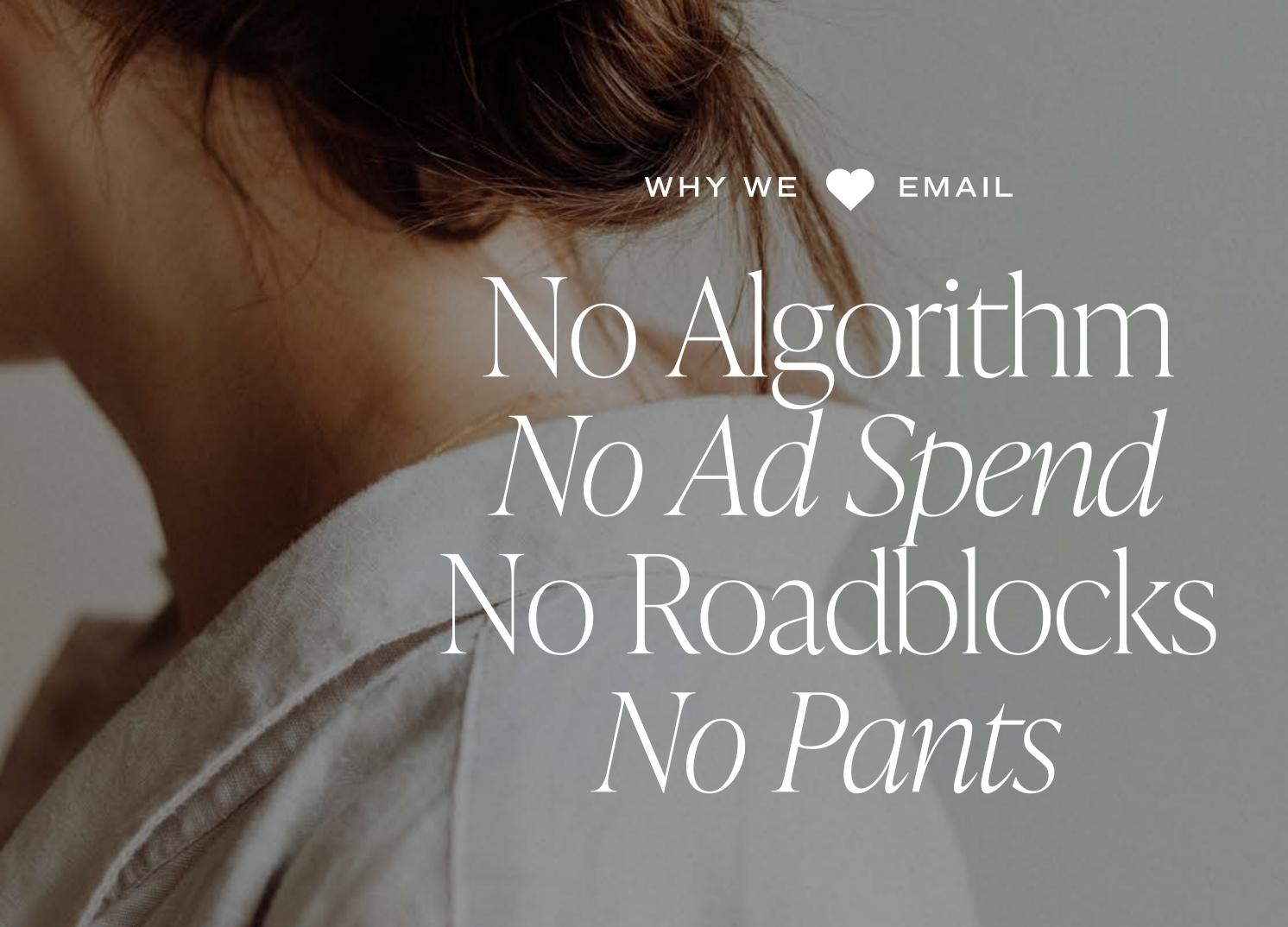




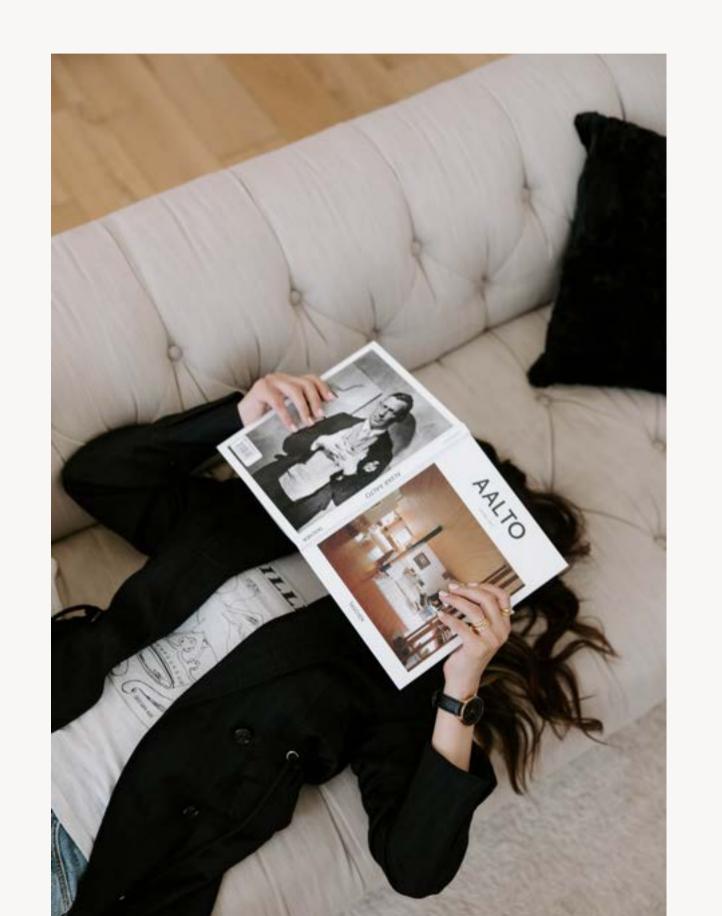
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Email

we are PERFECT together



ACCORDING TO RECENT STUDIES:



+ S42 for every S1

The average return on investment for email.

Instagram could never.

The average return on Insta? \$3.5

How about on Tiktok? \$2.6

HOW EMAIL CHANGES YOUR

SALES ROADIMAP

01

You're not reliant on social media, competing against the explore page, an algorithm, and millions in ad spend!

O2

When your audience trusts that your emails bring value, they look forward + can't wait to open them. Hello, top-of-mind brand credibility.

03

When people know, like, and trust you, they're infinitely more likely to buy from you. Hello, dependable revenue.

WRIEENAIS people actually want to read

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- WHY people *delete* some emails- and *devour* others.
- WHAT kinds of emails you can send, no matter your industry.
- HOW to write emails so people actually want to read them.

HOW TO GET BETTER AT EMAIL, STEP #1

STOP WRITING LIKE A WEIRD, ROBOT HUMAN

ADVANTAGE: YOU

We almost never want to read emails from a brand but we do want to get

letters from our friends.

HELLO, KNOW-LIKE-TRUST

"Oh yeah, my friend Jen makes website templates."

Write to One Person

- Even if you're a business, your email's being read by a person. One person.
- Picture **one potential reader** in your mind (maybe a friend of yours!) who has interests and needs similar to your ideal consumer. Imagine them opening your email and reading it. How would they react? What would they be interested in? **Write to** *them* **like they're the only one on your list.**

The Rule of One



Hey everyone! I can't wait to tell you guys what we've been working on — this lead magnet template is indubitably going to change how businesses capture emails forever.



Hey Jen! I'm so freaking excited about the new template we just finished for you. I'm roughly 100% sure it's going to change how you capture emails forever.

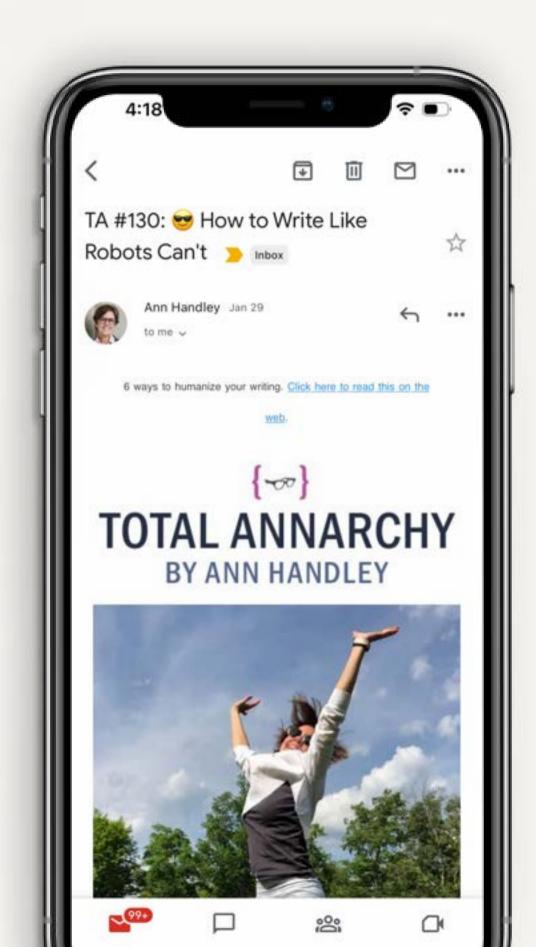
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great [content] says to the reader ISEF Y()[

- ANN HANDLEY

Show Up to Add Value

- Stop writing stuff you're not into. What interests you will interest them.
- There's a lot of terrible content. Aim to be the best part of someone's day.
- Give people a reason to open the next email.
- Teach them to be *excited* every time they see your name.
- Put yourself in your audience's shoes. Personalize your content to them.



EXAMPLE

ann handley

Everyone and their mom's freaking out about AI? Here's how to write like the robots can't (and why being human pays).

ANNHANDLEY.COM/NEWSLETTER



It doesn't have to be #longandweird.

- Curate
- Streamline
- Synthesize
- Collaborate

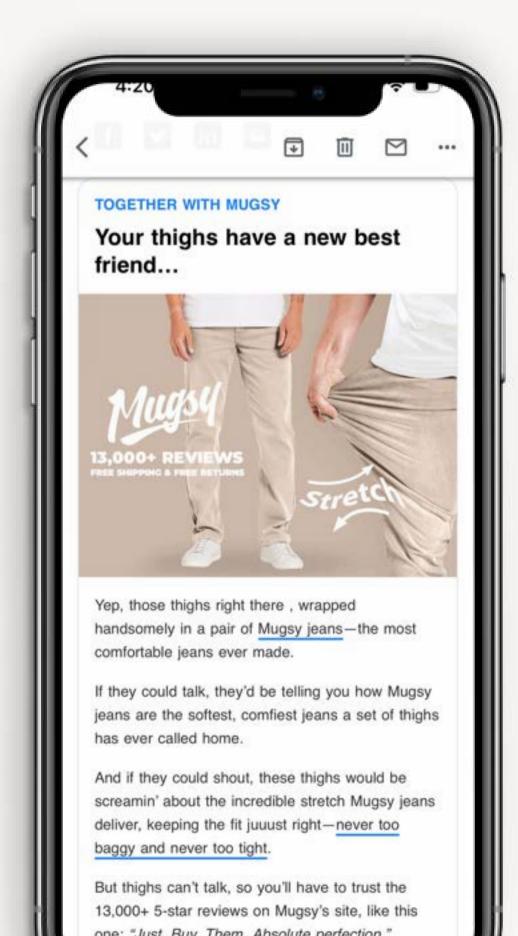


CURATE

WHAT YOU FIND INTERESTING

The internet is full of content. If you're not a writer, you can also *curate* content you find interesting, helpful, or relevant. To make it more personal, try excerpting a part you found helpful or adding a little commentary.

NATALIEBORTON.COM/NEWSLETTER



STREAMLINE

CONTENT FOR YOUR READERS

Marketing Brew has turned "making reading the morning news enjoyable" into an empire. They don't have to generate all new content, but they're making content more digestible and interesting. (Even their ads are amazing!)

MORNINGBREW.COM/DAILY

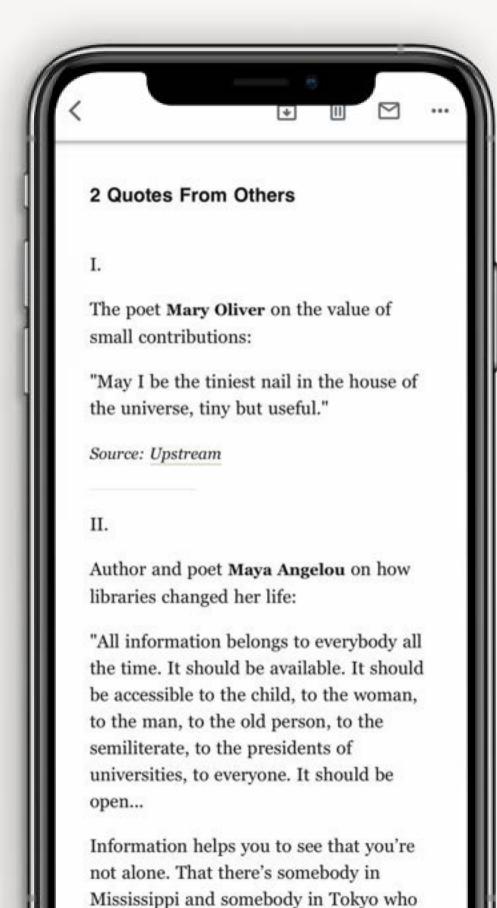


SYNTHESIZE

MAKE IT ALL MAKE SENSE

Need something to write about? Good at noticing trends? Observing things going on in the world that your readers would be interested in + sharing your take is a GREAT way to build expertise and relationship.

OHSIERRA.CA/MAILING-LIST



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COLLAB

WITH OTHER CREATORS / WRITERS

2 million people read James Clear's weekly newsletter (it's simply *always good*) and often the best part isn't even what he wrote.

JAMESCLEAR.COM/NEWSLETTER

NO STORIES? FIND YOUR RELATED, RELATABLE CONTENT

REAL-ESTATE AGENT

- This one thing will triple your property value
- Loan approval tips for self-employed people
- Common listing mistakes and how fix them
- Contract wording no one understand and what it means
- Unreal listings from all over the world
- Airbnbs you might enjoy next time you travel

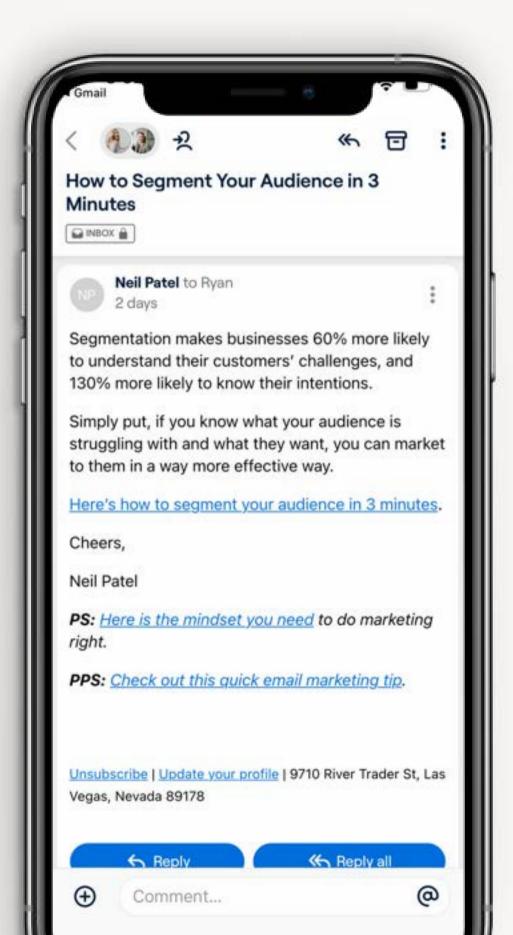
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BUSINESS COACH

- Performance tips (super actionable, small level-ups)
- Morning routines
- Pieces of books your people don't have time to read
- Productivity tools / hacks
- Encouragement that says "I get what you're struggling with."
- Results from your clients + simple things they changed

find your email NORTH STAR

There are so many ways to do email well. You don't have to do it like us. Figure out what works for *you*.



REMEMBER:

it doesn't need to be long, it just needs to be valuable.

NEILPATEL.COM/NEWSLETTER

know your COAT OF ARMS

- From our friend Laura Belgray herself. What do people associate with you? What are the themes you talk about over and over?
- Recurring topics, characters, inside jokes connect your readers to you.

TRAVEL FIASCOS

EMBARRASSING MYSELF

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STRONG OPINIONS MARKETING DEEP DIVES

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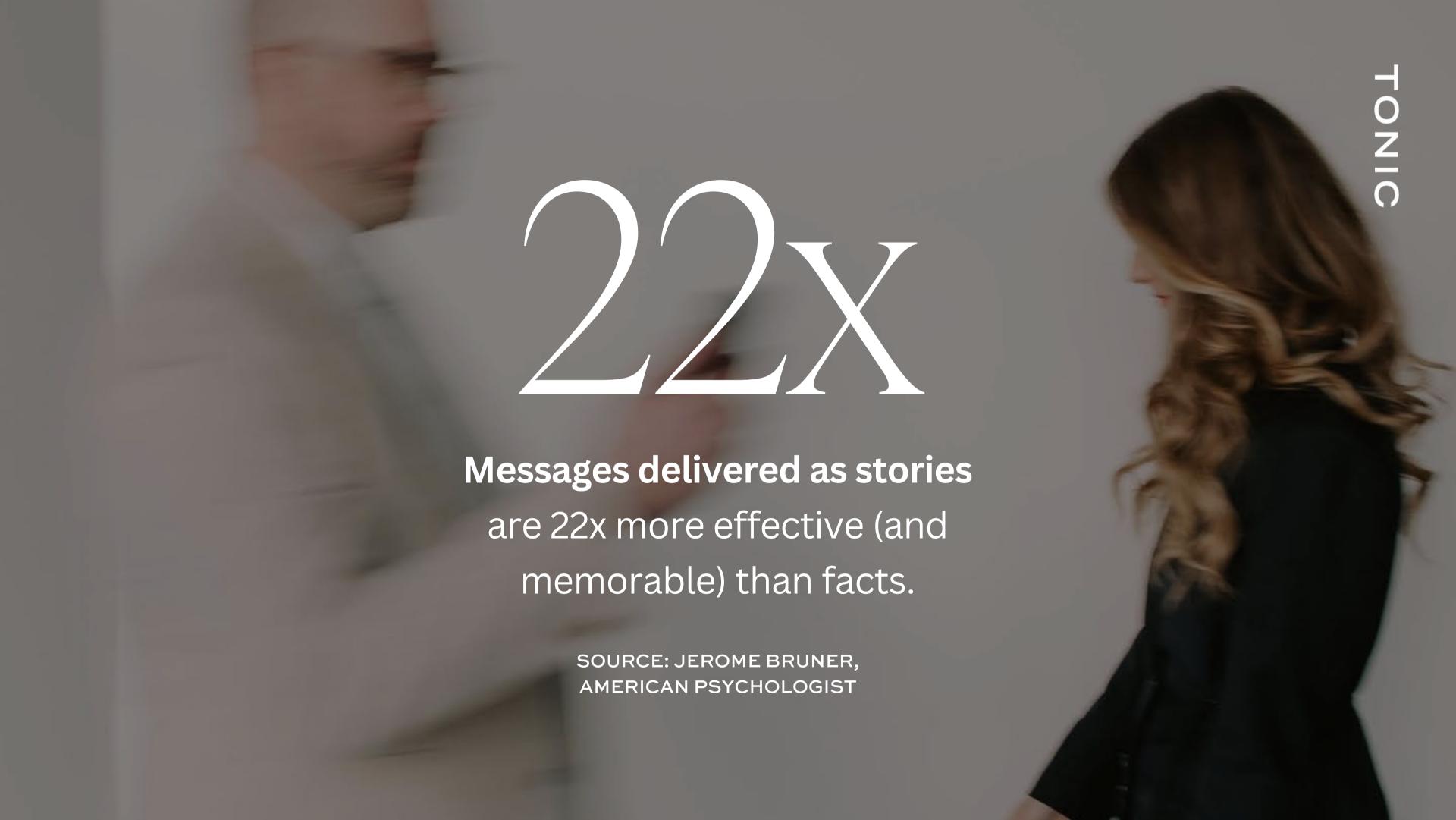
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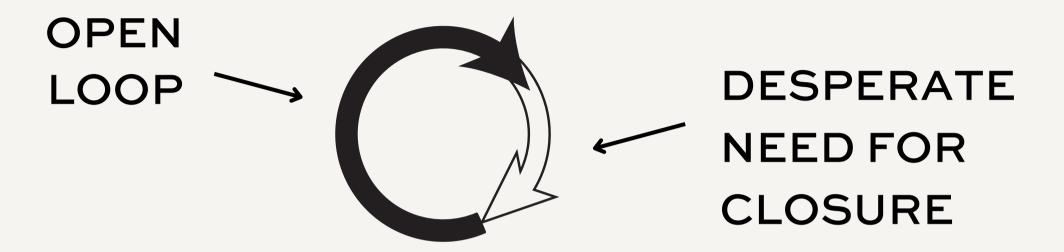
what is your COAT OF ARMS

- 1. What would make someone say- "I totally thought of you when I saw this."
- 2. What is your friend DMing you when they say "this is so on-brand for you"?
- 3. What do you wish a person would come up to you and talk about at a party?
- 4. What are your controversial, "I'll die on this hill" opinions?

Tell Better STORIES

- No matter how busy you are, you binge Netflix.
- Email feels like a chore. Stories feel like a break.
- Our brains literally release oxytocin (the happy bonding chemical) when we encounter a good story, causing us to CARE about those involved.
- People make time for a great story and they remember it.





The need for closure is one of the "predominate determinants" of our behavior. We become *highly motivated* to find resolution.

- PSYCHOLOGIST JEROME KAGAN

DELETE YOUR INTRODUCTION.

Start in the *middle* — or the end! — of the story. Open a curiosity loop for your reader to close.



"There I was, dripping wet, trying to figure out how the last twelve hours had gotten me here..."



"Inside this freebie, you'll learn the ONE mistake that tanks 37% of small businesses."

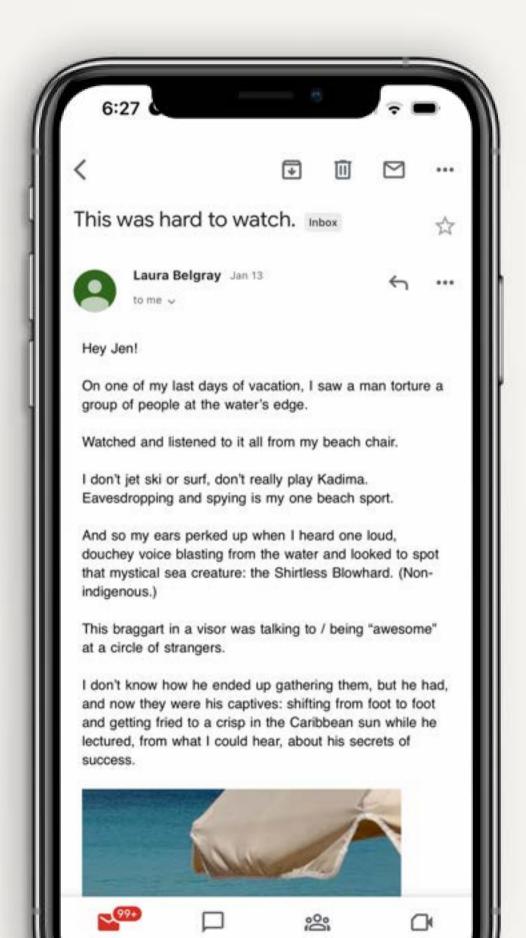


"In today's email, I'm going to walk you through five ways email marketing can work for you.

A FEW OF OUR TOP SUBJECT LINES, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER:

- 1. suckerpunched by a dolphin 🤝
- 2. Giving up in the ladies restroom
- 3.3 very bad decisions
- 4. need your advice, Jen
- 5. revealing it all
- 6. My Law & Order Audition Tape
- 7. The weirdest thing i've ever seen on a plane

see the loops?



EXAMPLE

laura belgray

"On one of my last days of vacation,
I saw a man torture a group of
people at the water's edge."

Try not reading the rest of that.

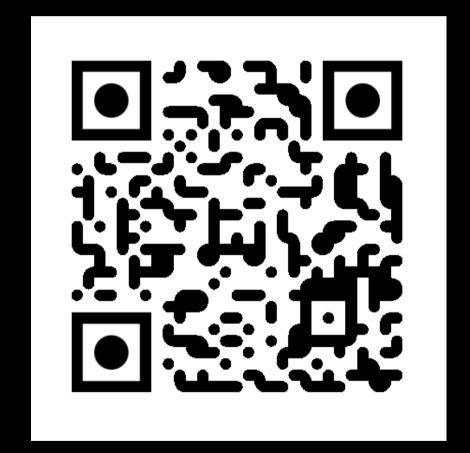
TALKINGSHRIMP.COM/SIGNUP

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keep it CONSISTENT

Show up **consistently** to nurture your list. (Batch content if you need to.)

This doesn't have to be every week, but **frequency > forgettability**.

Keep them excited for your next email (tease what's coming next.)

Don't ghost and expect email to work for you.

three keys to content CONSISTENCY

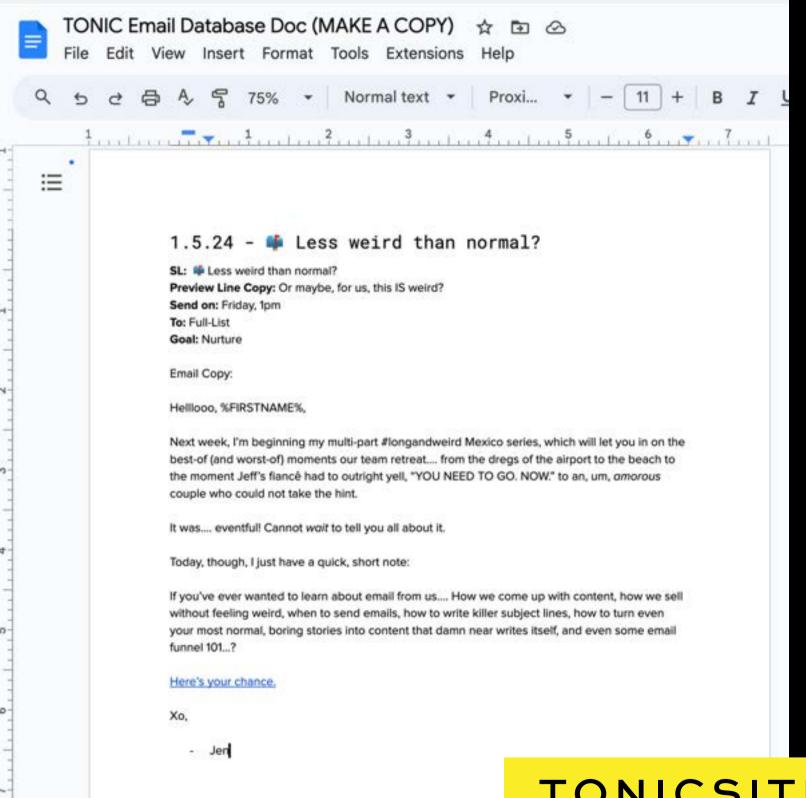
MAKE IT SIMPLE

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE

MAKE IT REPEATABLE

let's get tactical THE HOW

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Your favorite crime lord,

don't try to tell me YOU'RE BORING

SPOILER: "BORING" = RELATABLE

This is super helpful... but... I feel like I have no interesting stories to share. Honestly every time I think about it I feel like I've lived a plain Jane vanilla life. Then I start over thinking, panic and give up. It's like I know what I'm supposed to do but my life doesn't involve sexy stories or that crazy time when my friend and I xyz... any advice for someone who lived under a rock lol?

It's much easier for someone to relate and connect with you over a trip to the grocery store gone wrong than a crazy story from your first-class flight to Dubai.

TRAIN YOURSELF TO THINK: HOW COULD THIS BE AN EMAIL?

e.g. the wet squelching

two ways to ENGINEER EMAILS

START WITH THE STORY:

1. What was my experience like during this story?

a. How did I feel during this story? Confused, anxious, frustrated, lost, surprised, thrilled, etc.?

2. How does this experience relate to what my reader (or their audience) might be experiencing?

- a. How does my product/service help people go from confused to confident? Anxious to at ease? Angry to appreciative? Are they overwhelmed / exhausted / frustrated, too?
- b. How could my experience apply to someone else / their business?

3. What's the takeaway from my experience?

- a. What did I learn? What did I wish was different? What inspired me? What clicked?
- b. What could my reader learn from my experience? How might they relate?

START WITH THE REST OF THE EMAIL:

- 1. What is my customer feeling / wanting / needing in regards to the reason for my email and/or my business?
 - a. What holds my people back from buying? Why might they be looking for what I do in the first place? What might they be facing in their personal life? What might they find interesting or currently relevant to their business?
- 2. What's a story where I've felt something like how they might be feeling?
 - a. Pro tip: keep a note in your phone with ideas as they come to you.

Having a terrible, Pretty Woman-esque experience trying to return a designer bag.

Who you are as a company is defined by how you treat your unhappy customers, not your happiest ones.

Getting soaked by a surprise sprinkler while wearing a white dress / having my hair / makeup reuined on my way to a fancy gala.

It can be difficult to show up when you don't look / feel your best... *especially* online.But if you wait to be perfect, you'll always be waiting.

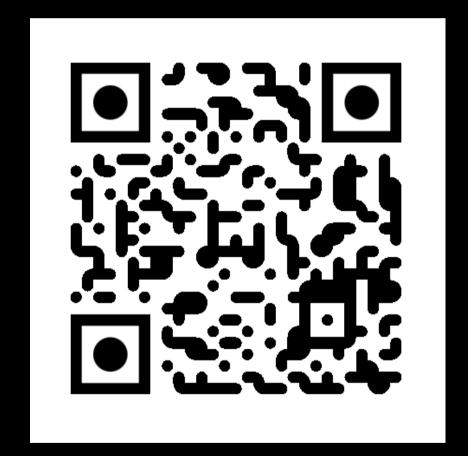
Being so annoyed I could barely accomplish anything thanks to a cricket in my garage.

We can ignore the tiny things that bother us (like our janky old website) for way, way too long.

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"is this going to be ANEWSLETTER?"

LET'S TRY THIS TOGETHER:

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When I was a kid, I lived on a small farm, dog, cats, horses and chickens. The chickens were the bane of my existence. I had to go in every morning before school and collect the eggs, it was usually still dark. I would walk in, terrified, because while collecting, at least one would freak out, and then they would all freak out, flying and hoping around the coop, I got wings to the face, back of the head. The stuff of nightmares. To this day, I will not go near a chicken.



I'm a kids' anxiety coach.

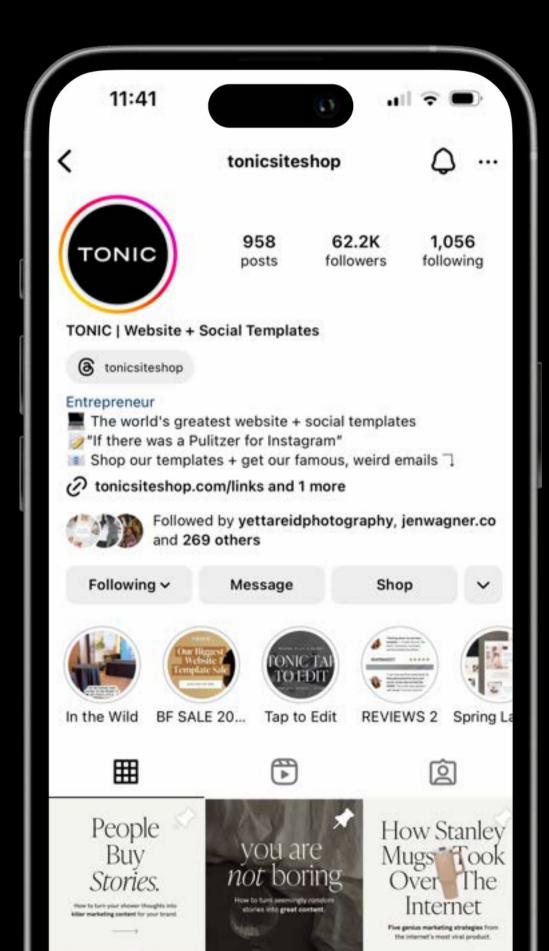
WHAT IS HER AUDIENCE FEELING AND EXPERIENCING?

It can be so difficult to know how to relate to your kids anxieties and fears — how understand what's **really** going on for them.

To us (like my parents), it seems so simple. You're just gathering eggs! It's just a chicken. They're harmless! It's no big deal!

But what we don't fully understand is that to them, there's no such thing as "just." To them, it's so much more than a few chickens.

And I'm here to help uncover the methods you can use to understand and face their chickens fears.



FORMORE EXAMPLES

I just pinned these posts for you.

@TONICSITESHOP

FALL IN LOVE WITH EMAIL MARKETING

HASTHIS BEEN HELPFUL SO FAR?

Post up in the chat and rate this talk from 1-10 in terms of how helpful it was for you! What is ONE thing you're taking away from this class?

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(We're in a big Anne of Green Gables phase right now.)

The Policeman Cometh

The policeman, straight out of "TOUGH, BALD COP / POSSEBLY TRAGIC PAST / HATES PUPPIES AND NEVER SMILES* central casting, slowly walked up to my window.



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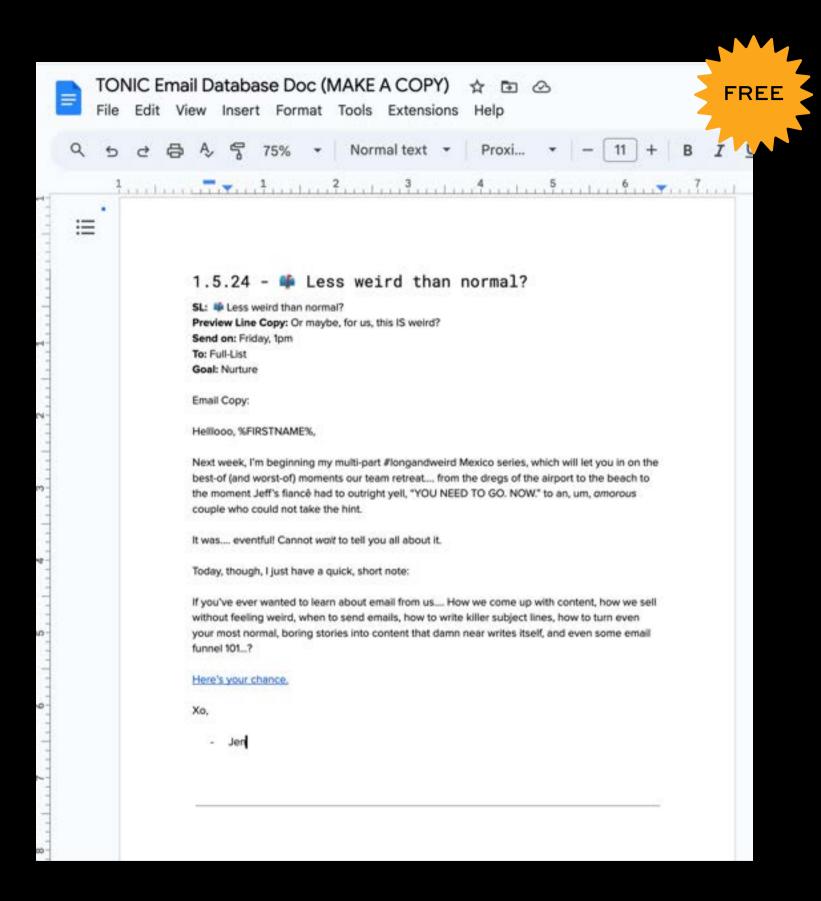
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