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- ✓ A sense of _____.
- ✓ Frustration of trying to be _____.
- ✓ _____ others who seem to be closer.

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