Keeping Thinking Errors in Check

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My best friend refused my invitation to the cinema. She is going to a comedy show with Yennefer.	This is how it goes in my life; all my friends dump me when new people enter in their life. I must be a boring friend. I feel betrayed. She tries to get rid of me-she is not a true friend.	□ All or nothing thinking Thinking in extremes. For example, something is either 100% good or bad. ② Over-generalizing Seeing a pattern based upon a single event ③ Catastrophizing Jumping to the worst possible conclusion □ Mental Filter Only paying attention to certain types of evidence ("that doesn't count") □ Jumping to conclusions Reading or predicting the future
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