



Ends.

andEnd. Joe Macleod. @mrmacleod andEnd.co



100% Dead



Absent ends

2

on-boarding

1/3

usage

2

on-boarding

1/3

usage

ridiculed
threatened
exposed
criticised
blamed



the last 3rd

A photograph of a modern staircase with glass railings and metal handrails, set against a blue-tinted background. The text 'Modern endings' is overlaid in a bold, yellow font.

Modern endings

Printer Ink Cartridge



On-Boarding



Usage

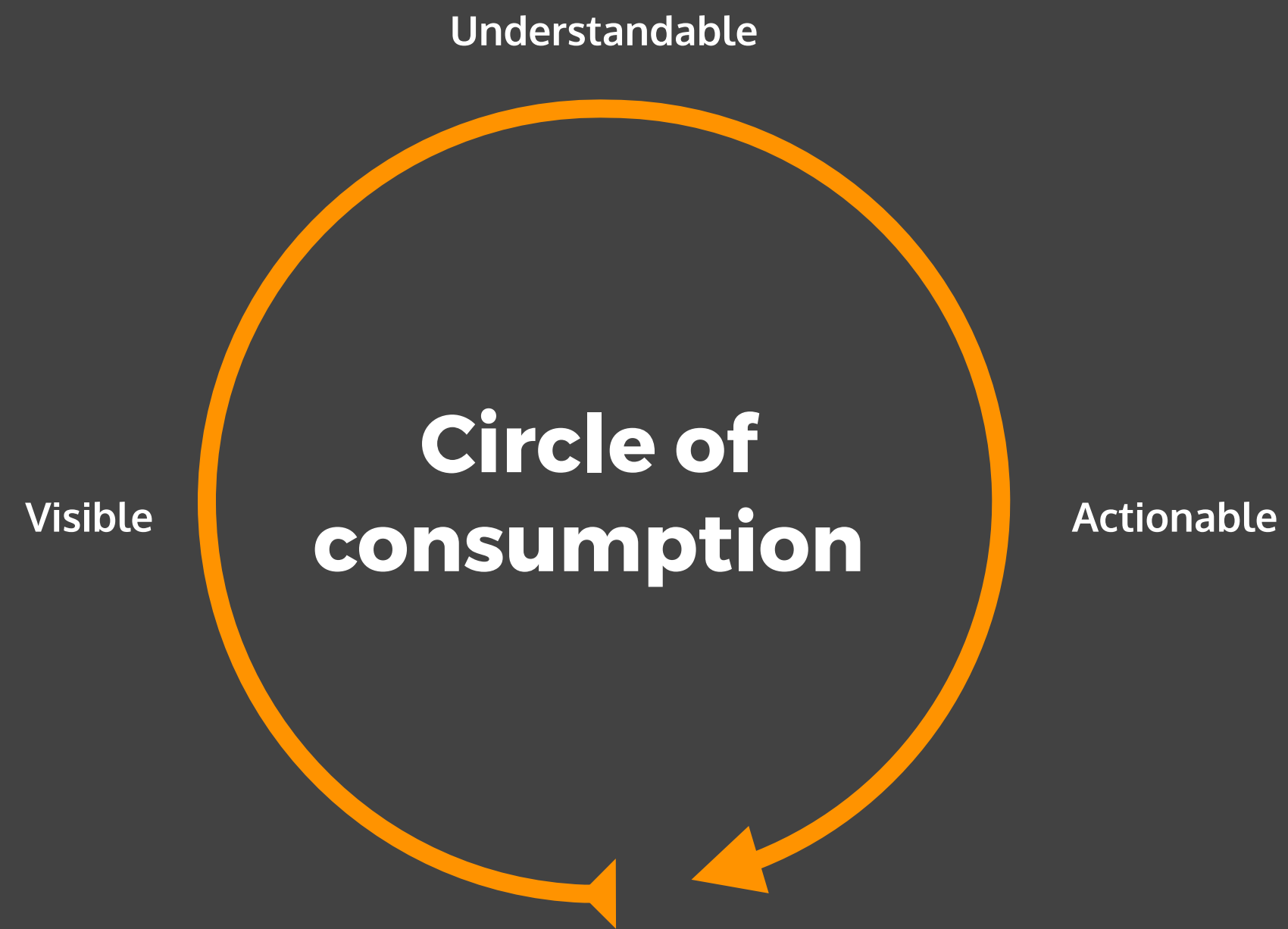


Off-Boarding

Hidden ending.

Splitting the consumer experience



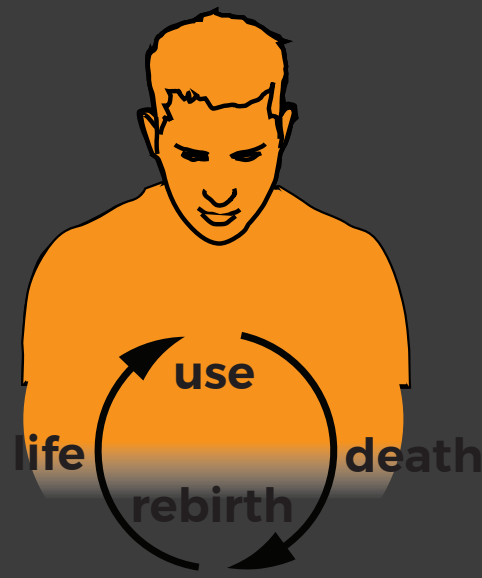


***Pre-Industrial
Revolution***

Linear narrative



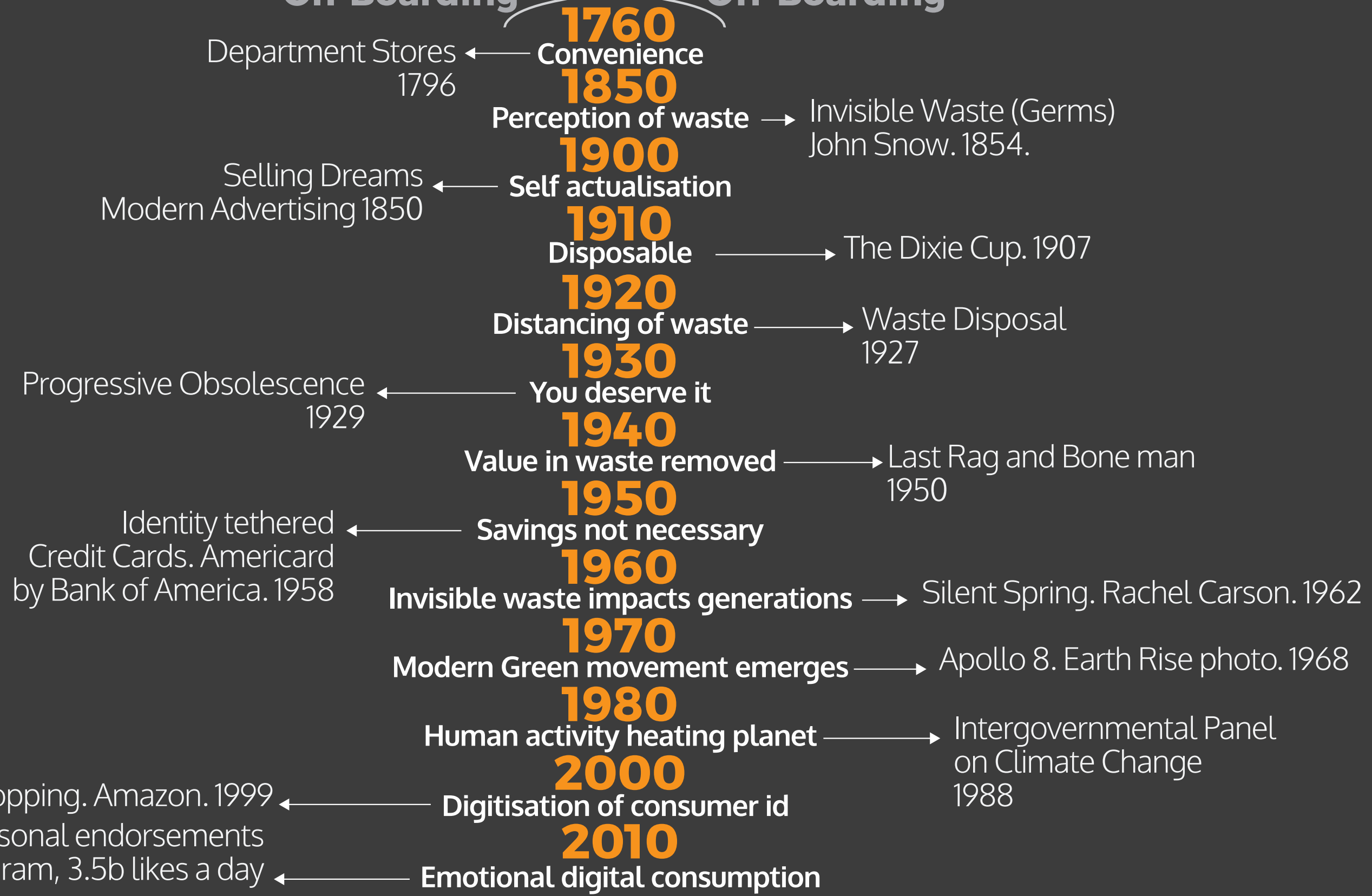
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Industrial Revolution

On-Boarding

Off-Boarding



consumer self

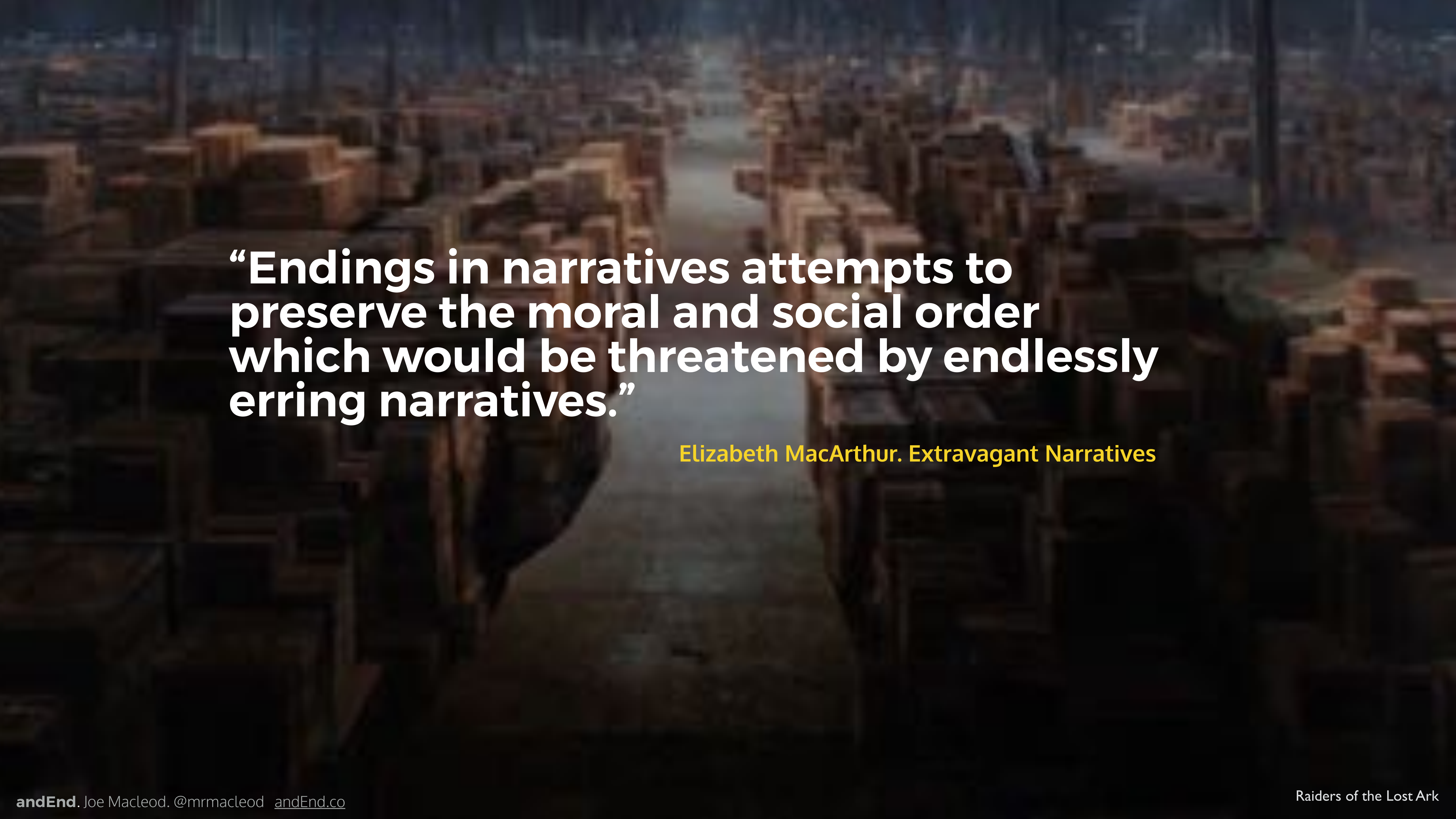
present

civil self





Why do emotional endings



“Endings in narratives attempts to preserve the moral and social order which would be threatened by endlessly erring narratives.”

Elizabeth MacArthur. Extravagant Narratives



“Solid closure in conventional narratives and histories satisfies individual and social desire for moral authority, a purposeful interpretation of life, and genuine stability”

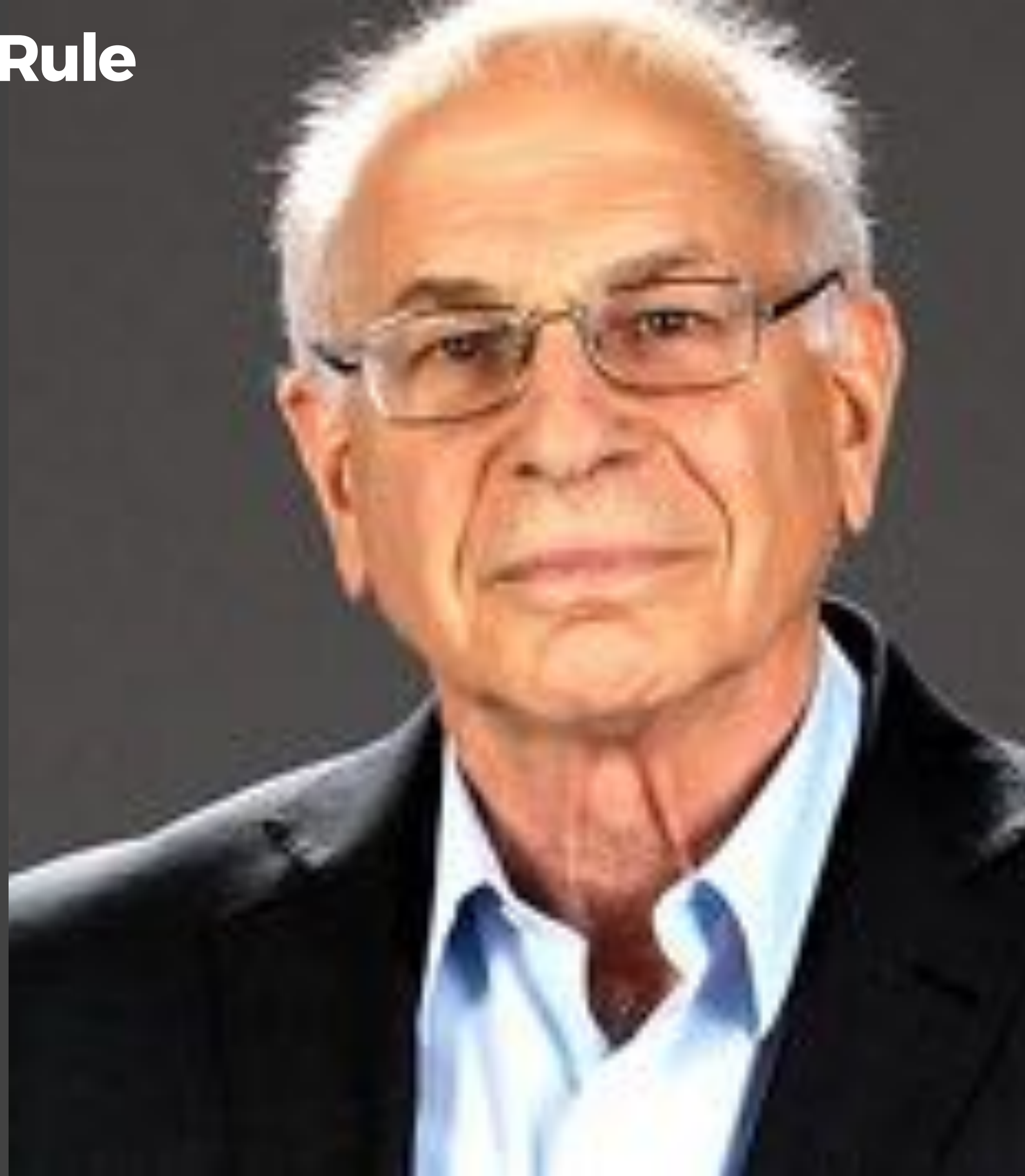
Richard Neupert. *The End, Narration and Closure in Film*

Psychology of Endings

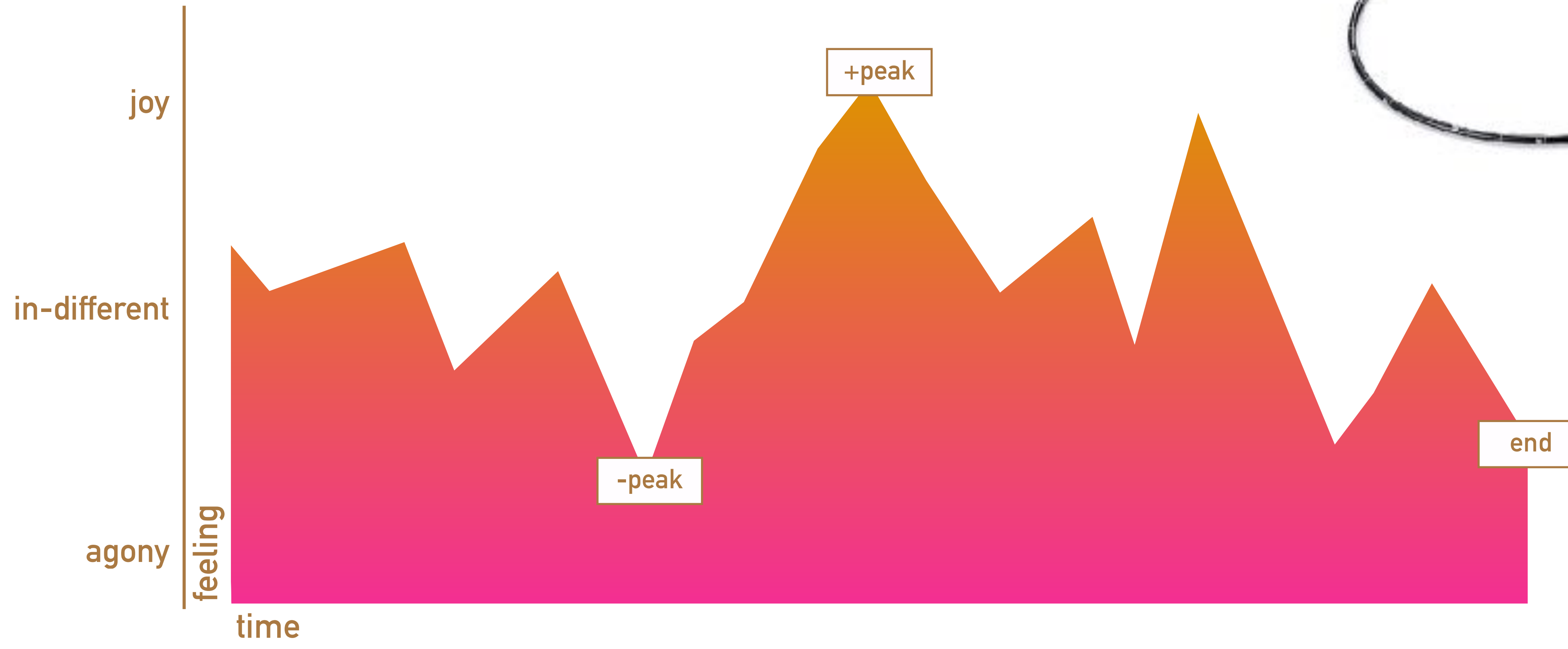
Thinking fast and slow

“people judge experiences based on their Peak (an intense moment of the experience) and at their End”

Daniel Kahneman.



Psychology of Endings. Peek End Rule



Daniel Kahneman.

Psychology of Endings. Peek End Rule

Slay



Ends in Data

with Markus Buhmann
and Ana Lopez Niharra



Ends in Data.

The internet doesn't like data endings.

We are failing to conceive endings in data?

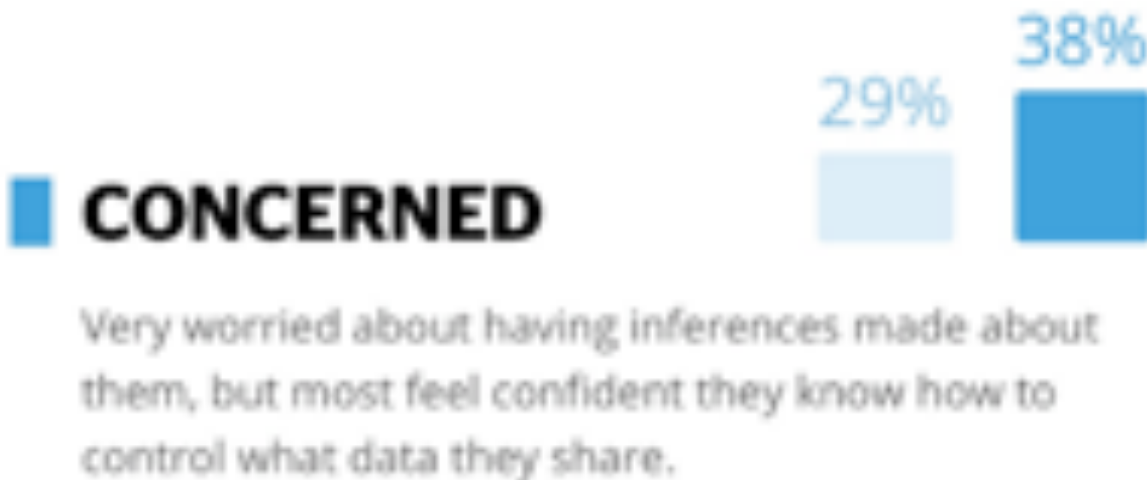
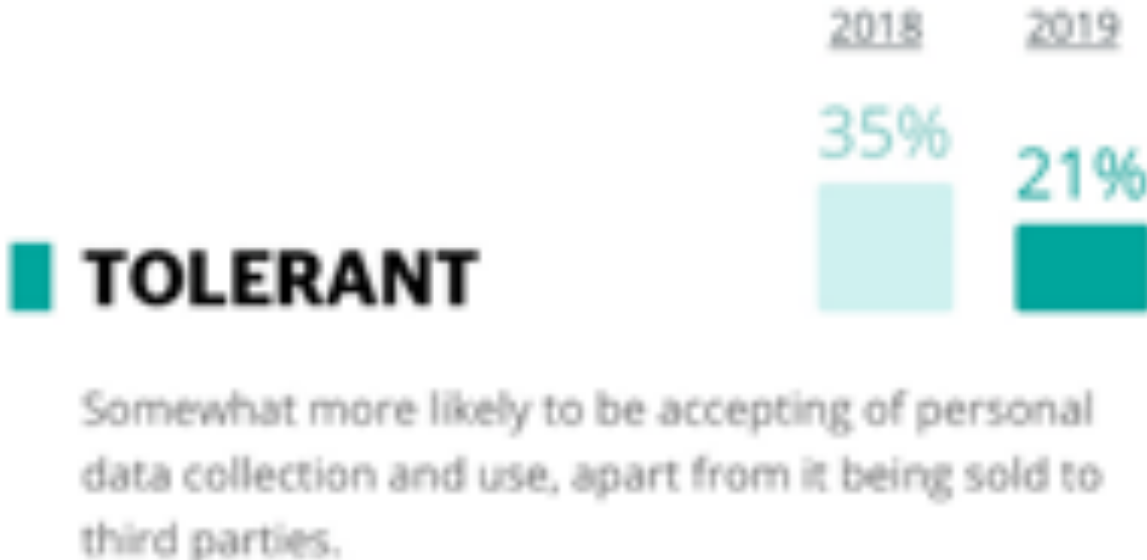
And it is threatening the

- **consumer relationships**
- **businesses**
- **and the technology they rely on.**

Ends in Data

The Consumer Case.

Ends in Data. Consumer Argument



Source: Which? Data Dozen.

Ends in Data. Consumer Argument

Consumers shouting on Twitter...

**“Why is it so hard to leave
(insert any company)”**

Every product owner ever...

**“If customers can leave easily.
More of them will leave.
So we have to make it hard to leave.”**

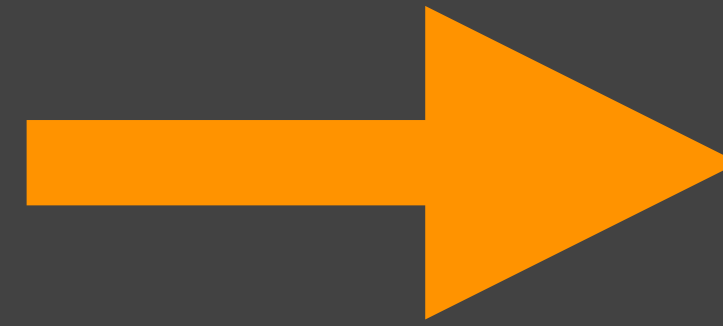
Ends in Data. Consumer Argument



Walled / Trusted



Symmetric / Visible



Proxy / OAuth



Asymmetric / Invisible

System

Closed Identity Systems

Direct Subscriptions

In direct identity

Indirect Processing

Example

Banking, tax, government

WSJ, Wired,

SlideShare via LinkedIn

3rd Parties, sold data, Cookies

to close

Regulation, Legal process

GDPR etc, interpreted

"If you created your SlideShare account through LinkedIn, you'll have to close your LinkedIn account."

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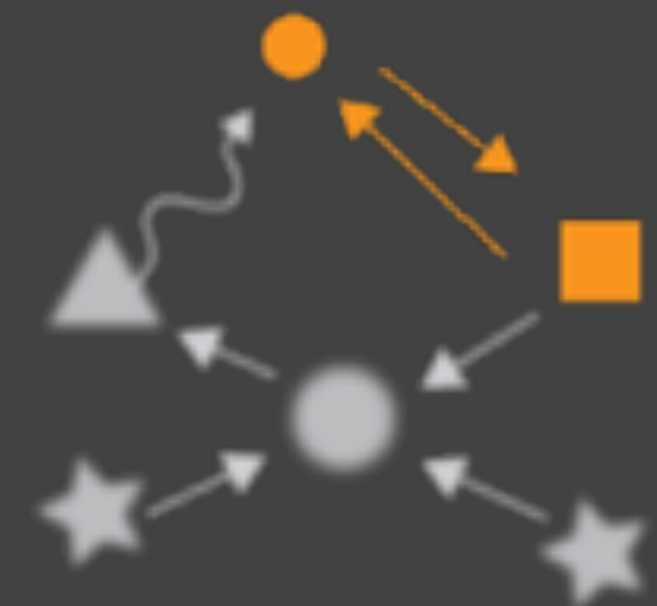
ending experience

Guided instructed

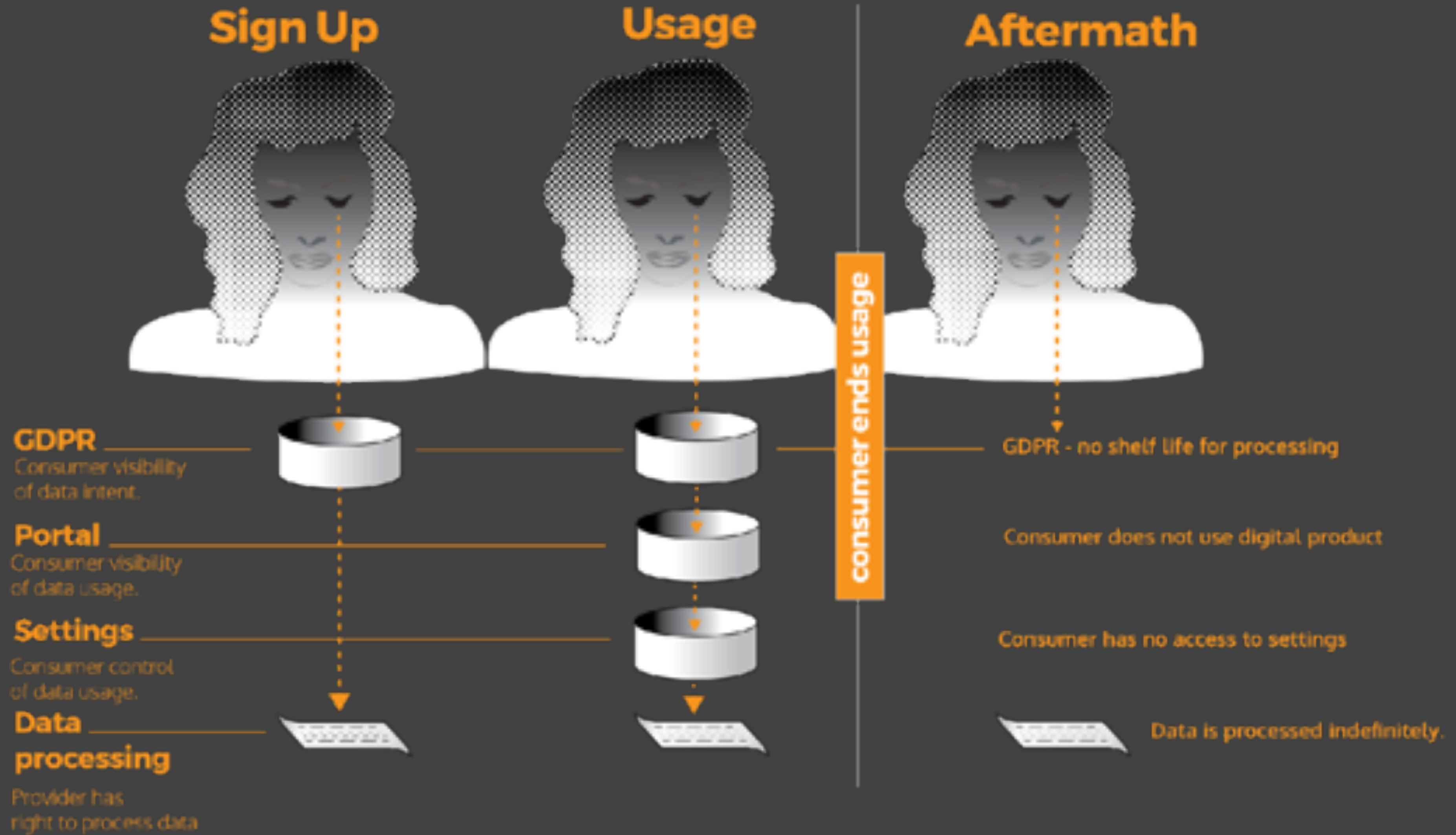
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Proxy close

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Ends in Data. Consumer Argument



Ends in Data

The Business Case.

Ends in Data. Business Argument

By 2025, 80% of marketers who have invested in personalisation will abandon their efforts.

Due to lack of ROI, the perils of customer data management or both.

Source: [gartner.com](https://www.gartner.com)

27% of marketers believe data is the key obstacle to personalisation.

Revealing their weaknesses in data collection, integration and protection.

Source: [gartner.com](https://www.gartner.com)

Ends in Data. Business Argument

Legislation has increased globally.

Examples...

- **The California Consumer Privacy Act**
- **GDPR**
- **Japan's Act on Protection of Personal Information**

Example: A Service Provider

- Diverse service portfolio.
- Numerous services with only handful of customers.
- Each service has its own billing component.
- Nothing can be decommissioned.
- Provider is left with 100s of billing components supporting old products.

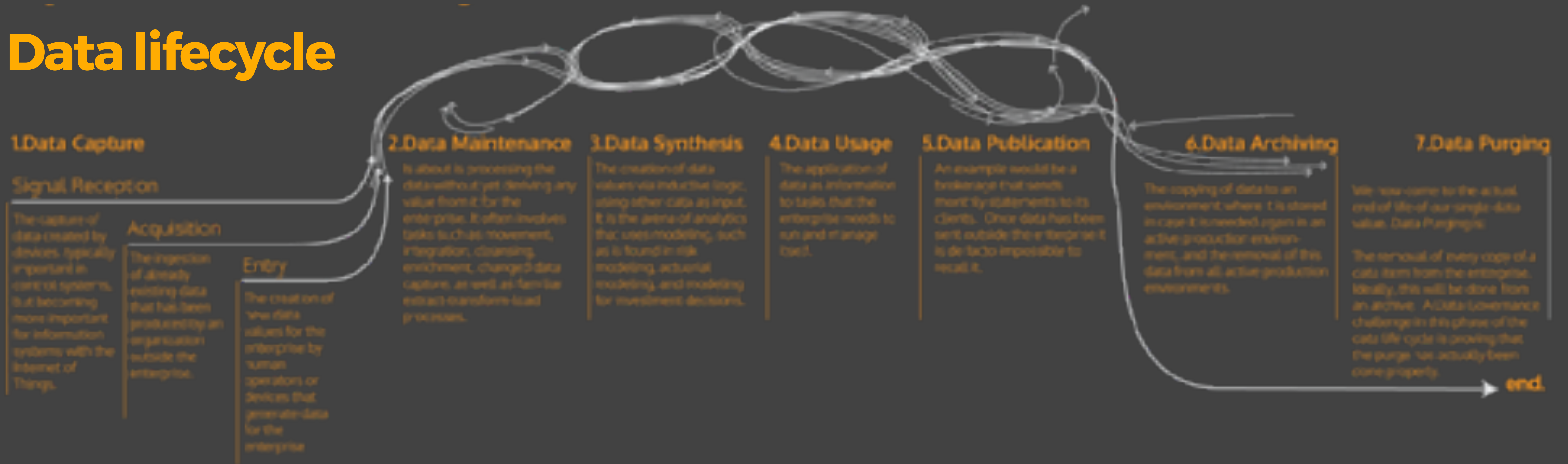
Products trapped without an end.

Ends in Data

The Technical Case.

Ends in Data. Data Argument

Data lifecycle



Content: Malcolm Delbridge from Information Management

Data Lake turn into swamps

A data lake is a centralised repository that allows you to store all your structured and unstructured data at any scale.

Big data hubris - the data swamp, nosql dbs lead to greater and greater amounts of data being kept

Backup costs higher, effective recovery low.

Ends in Data. Data Argument

Example: International Bank

Process trillions of dollars in payments weekly

Wanted insights across payment

Created data lake

Overwhelmed by unstructured / unknown-able data

Mothballed and everyone was fired.

Ends in Data. Data Argument

Data science

Process

Hypothesis, test, refine.

Write test, Pass test. Refactor.

Has a clear an ending

Data Swamp (hubris of BIG DATA)

Resource

Storage forever

Unknown, murky

Infinite

Ends in Data

SUMMARY

Problems without an ending.

Consumer case:

No visibility of data.
Limited ownership of data.
Hard to end.

Aren't allowed an end.

Business case:

Increased compliance.
Cost increasing.
Lowers accuracy of data.
Lingering legacy products

Can't face an end.

Technical case:

Security expectations high.
Burdens technical resources.
Creates technical debt.
Impossible to refactor

Can't manage an end.

Ends in Data

Solid Pods

Ends in Data. Potential Solution



Solid Pods

The first web browser was also an editor. The idea being that not only could everyone read content on the web, but they could also help create it.

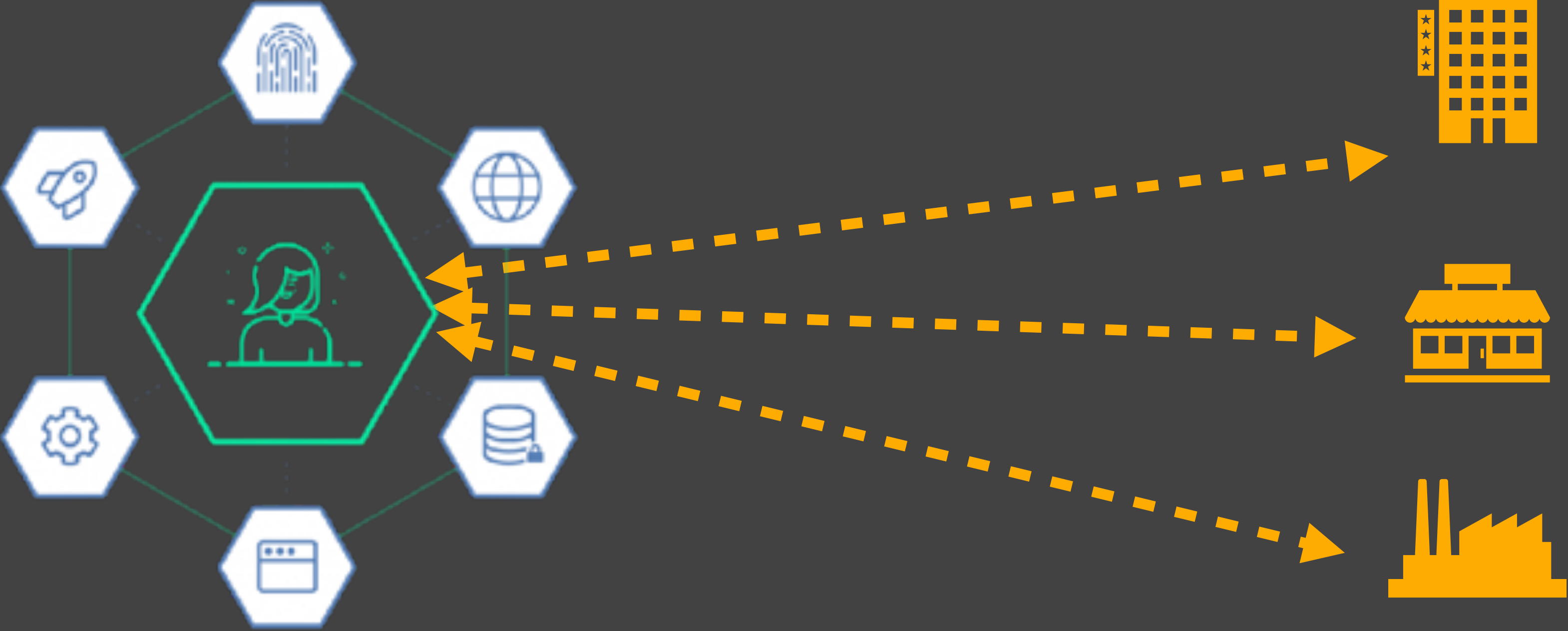
It was to be a collaborative space for all humankind.

"The Web as I envisaged it, we have not seen it yet. The future is still so much bigger than the past."

Tim Berners-Lee

Ends in Data. Potential Solution

Solid Pods



Increased endings in data...

Consumer case:

Increased visibility and responsibility.

Ownership of data.

Empowered to end.

Conclusive.

Business case:

Simplified compliance.

Managing cost.

Quicker faster, leaner.

Maximise quality of data.

Faster product innovation.

Technical case:

Security responsibility moved.

Focus on product benefits

Freedom to refactor frequently

**When should
cookie consent
end?**

When should cookie consent end?

After every visit?

After a day?

A week?

A year?

A lifetime?

A 100 years?

A 1000 years?

Longer?

Cookies, GDPR and ePrivacy Directive

Duration

Session cookies – These cookies are temporary and expire once you close your browser (or once your session ends).

Persistent cookies – All persistent cookies have an expiration date written into their code, but their duration can vary.

ePrivacy Directive - they should not last longer than 12 months, but in practice, they could remain on your device much longer if you do not take action.

<https://gdpr.eu/cookies/>



Responsible use of your data

We and our partners process your personal data, e.g. your IP-number, using technology such as cookies to store and access information on your device in order to serve personalized ads and content, ad and content measurement, audience insights and product development. You have a choice in who uses your data and for what purposes.

If you allow, we would also like to:

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When should consent end?

What	Who	Status / Reason	Expiry days	Expiry years
	Walmart	Pending	Session	
	Digital Trends	Pending	Persistent	
i18n-prefs	Amazon	Pending	5758 days	15 years
	Google	Pending	6489 days	17 years
	Hulu.com	Pending	3652 days	10 years
	Acuity	Registers a unique user ID that recognises the user's browser when visiting websites that show ads from the same ad network. The cookie is used to collect statistical data of the visitor's movements and to generate targeted ads.	24837 days	68 years
invoca_session	adt.com	Pending	36525	100 years
	homedepot.com	Pending	599999 days	1642 years
dtLastActive	Digital Trends	Pending	2914550 days	7979 years

Cookies from www.digitaltrends.com

When should consent end?

7979 *years!*



Lifetime Guarantee

Lifetime free pizza



Domino's Pizza Russia replied to Alexey

Alexey , the conditions are extremely simple:

- 1) Make a real tattoo with our logo in a prominent place (you can beat the tattoo as you please)
 - 2) Put the photo result in the social network (Insta, Fb or Vk) with the hashtag # dominos forever
 - 3) Get the certificate and all life and enjoy Domino's Pizza
- * pizza * the authenticity of the tattoos will be checked.

31 Aug 2018

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#DominosForever

Lifetime free travel

AAirpass \$250,000

10,000 flights
10 million miles
Cost \$21 million



Lifetime digital storage

FOREVER

Storage Video Print Scanning Scrapbooking Digital Art Forever Club All Products Deals

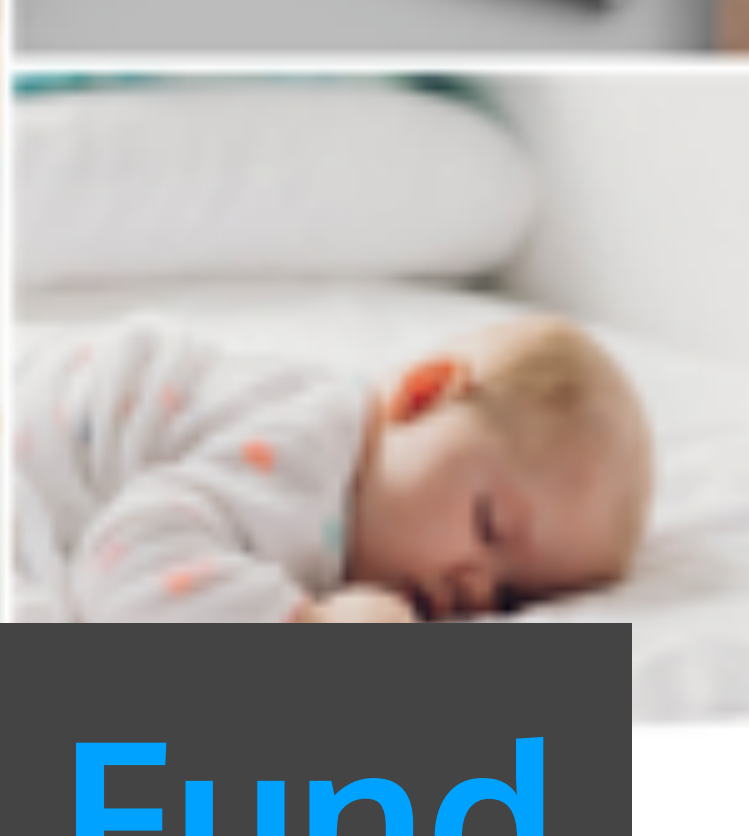
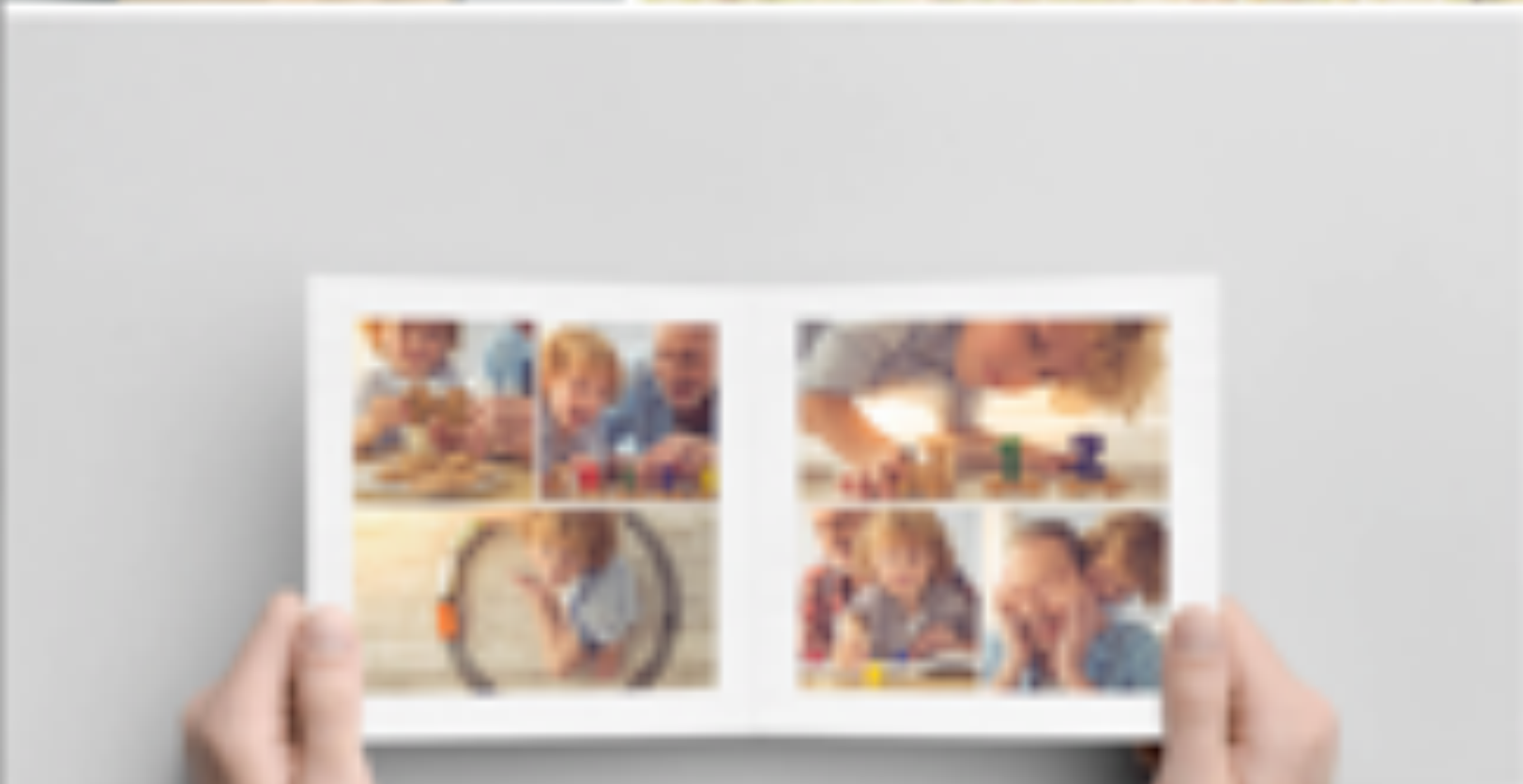
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Lifetime avoiding death



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“re-birthed into a future world where you are cured of your time limiting life.”

“Don't just imagine the world of the future - personally experience space travel, virtual reality and the other incredible things to come.”

Cryonics FAQ: Answers to your questions

GET THE FACTS

**How to design
endings.**

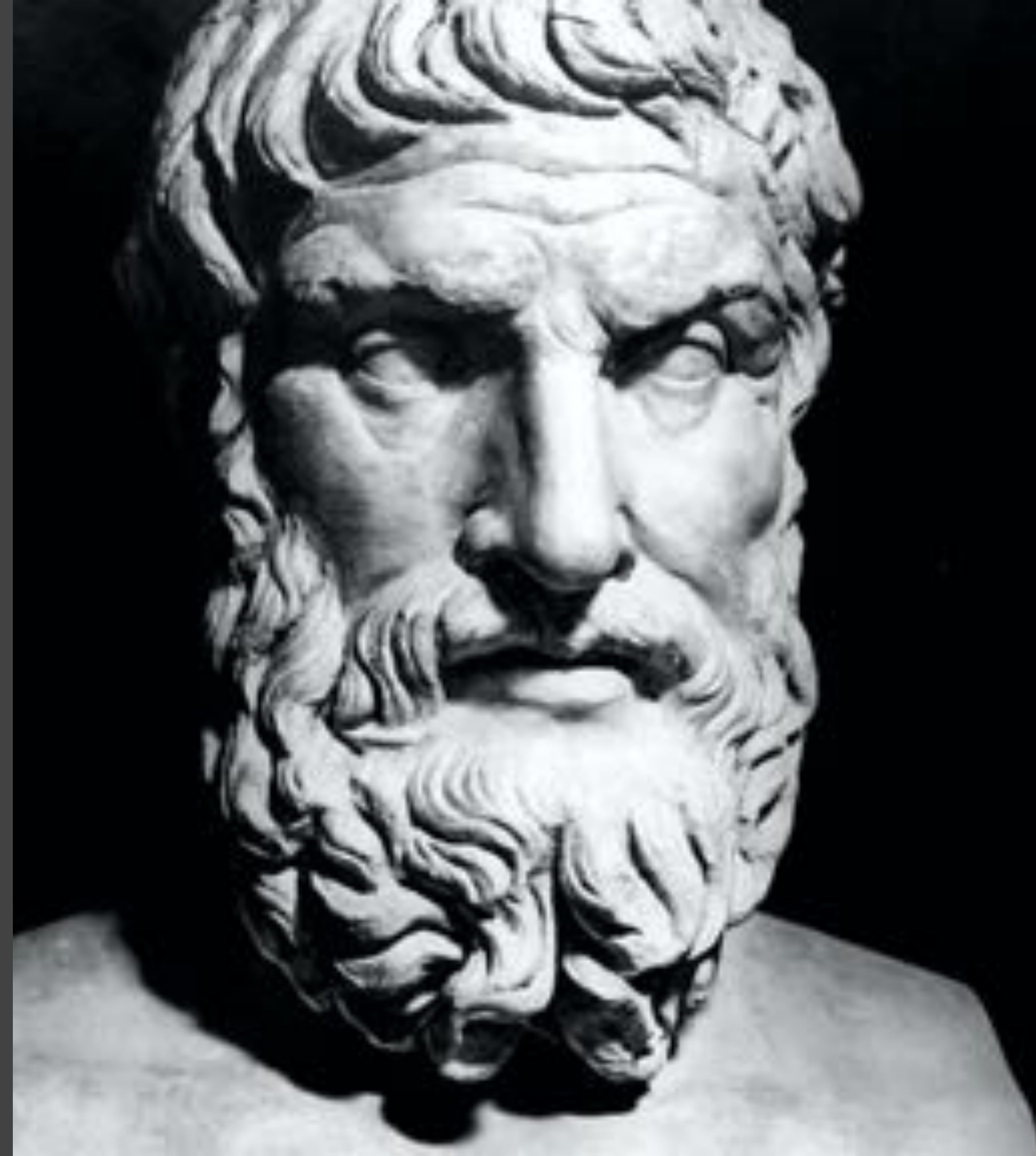
**The problem
designing ends.**

Ends. The Problem

Death

Why should I fear death?
If I am, then death is not.
If death is, then I am not.
Why should I fear that which
can only exist when I do not?

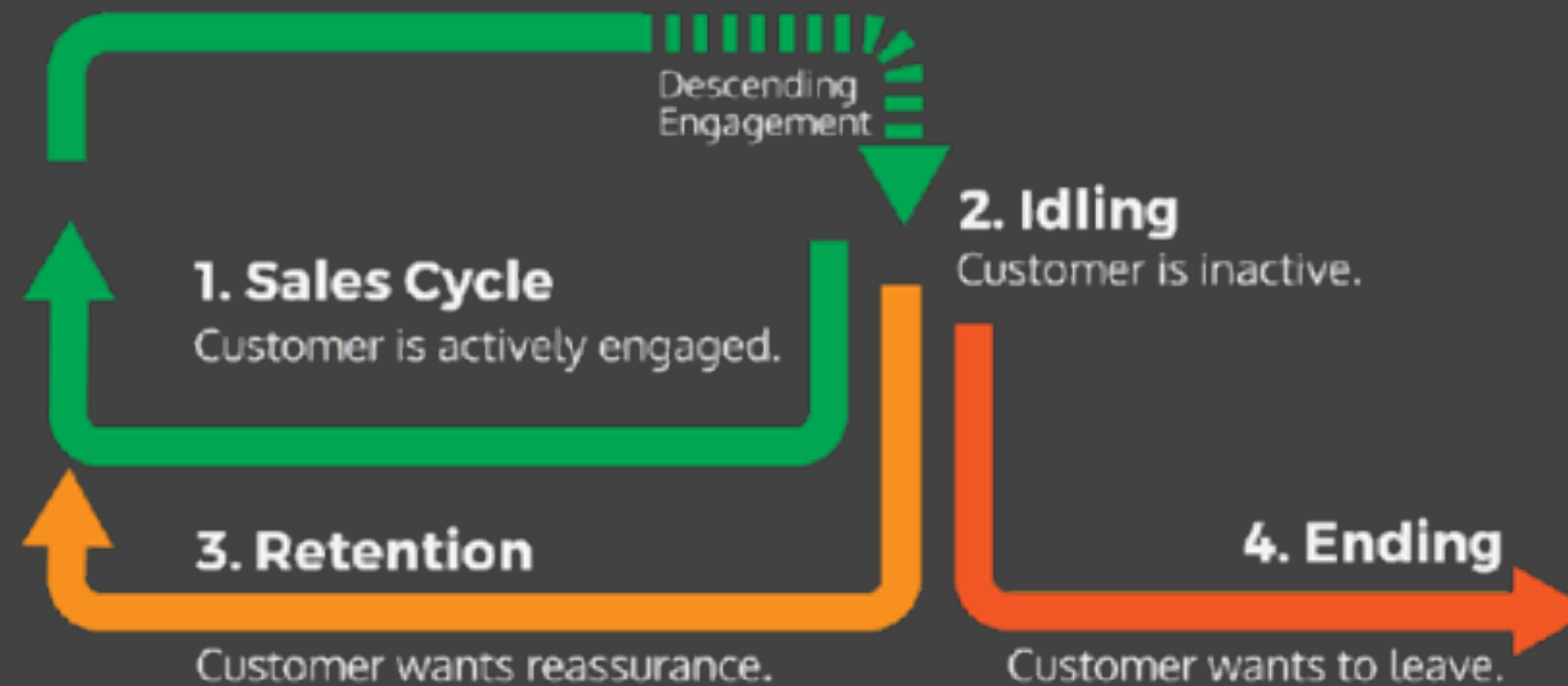
Epicurus



Where is the end?

What To Target. Generally

Agree where the end is.



Where is the end?

1. Normal Sales Cycle.
2. Idling. The customer is inactive.
3. Retention. Could be pulled back in again if reassured.
4. Ending. "I want to leave. And I want a good bye."

Aftermath Targets

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Definition: An Aftermath Target is a collection of targets a business aim to achieve after the consumer has left. These can be aspirational, emotional targets (people were satisfied) or factual targets (quantity of returned, dismantled products).

Aims: To help a business establish a post product environment for customers, materials and operations.

Types of ending

Ending types.

8 types of ending experienced by consumers



Services	2 week holiday, 3 year degree,	Pay As You Go, Points on your driving license	Parcel delivered, boiler fixed, car serviced, concert watched, operation successful, money transferred	Expectation cut short. Break the contract, leave the film early.	A pension that you no longer pay into. An unused gym membership.	Move outside of covered area.	Writing letters. Rag&Bone man Waiting Politics	Bigger, Better, Faster
Products	Sell by Date Warranty	Battery Empty	Used disposable items	Product Broken	Old non-fitting clothes. E-Waste old phones in draws. Changing demographic/age	Items in loft	Kindle Sliver Cross Pram Top Loading Washing Machine	Bigger, Better, Faster
Digital	1 year software subscription,	Gems in Clash of Clans	Game completed	Provider has shut down, sold out, gone bust.	App deleted yet service capturing data. Unused email accounts. Social media comments and images	Apple to Android GDPR and LA Times	MySpace Yahoo AOL	Bigger, Better, Faster

**Emotions at
the end.**

How Should It Feel?

Role Exit & The Crack of Doubt

Source: Helen Rose Ebaugh

The beginning of the end.

Role Exit doubts are often ignited from a change in relationships, organisational changes, personal burnout, or the effect of some event.

These start a Crack of Doubt. The doubts are reinforced or weakened by further experiences and the crack opens wider, prompting a re-evaluation of the role.

Cognitive Closure

Source: Donna Webster and Arie Kruglanski.

Humans like achieving cognitive closure on issues. Primarily in two ways.

Seize
Seek out closure quickly (the urgency tendency)

Freeze
Maintain for as long as possible (the permanence tendency)

Emotional Design

Source: Don Norman

Emotional Design achieved by working with three factors.

Visceral Design > Appearance

Behavioural Design > The pleasure and effectiveness of use

Reflective Design > Self-image, personal satisfaction, memories.

At the end reflective design becomes key.

Mood Memory- Congruence & Dependence

Source: Penelope A. Lewis and Hugo D. Critchley

A persons mood can influence how they create and recall memories.

Mood Congruence
Remembering all of the negative events of our past lives when depressed is an example of mood congruence.

Mood Dependence
Mood dependence on the other hand, is the facilitation of memory when mood at retrieval is matched to mood at encoding.

Peak End Rule & The Remembering Self

Source: Daniel Kahneman

Peak end rule suggests that a person has only two moments that they clearly lay to memory. The Peak of the experience (good or bad) and the End.

Experiencing Self questions
"Does it hurt now?"

Remembering Self questions
"How was it on the whole?"

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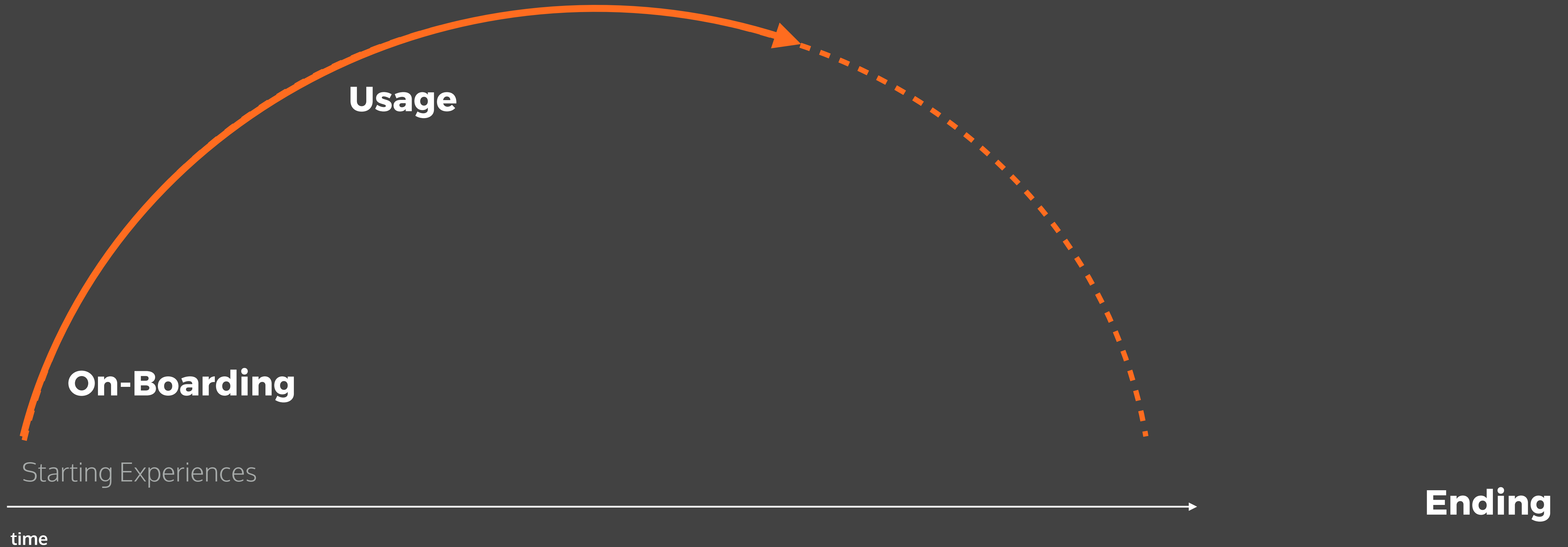
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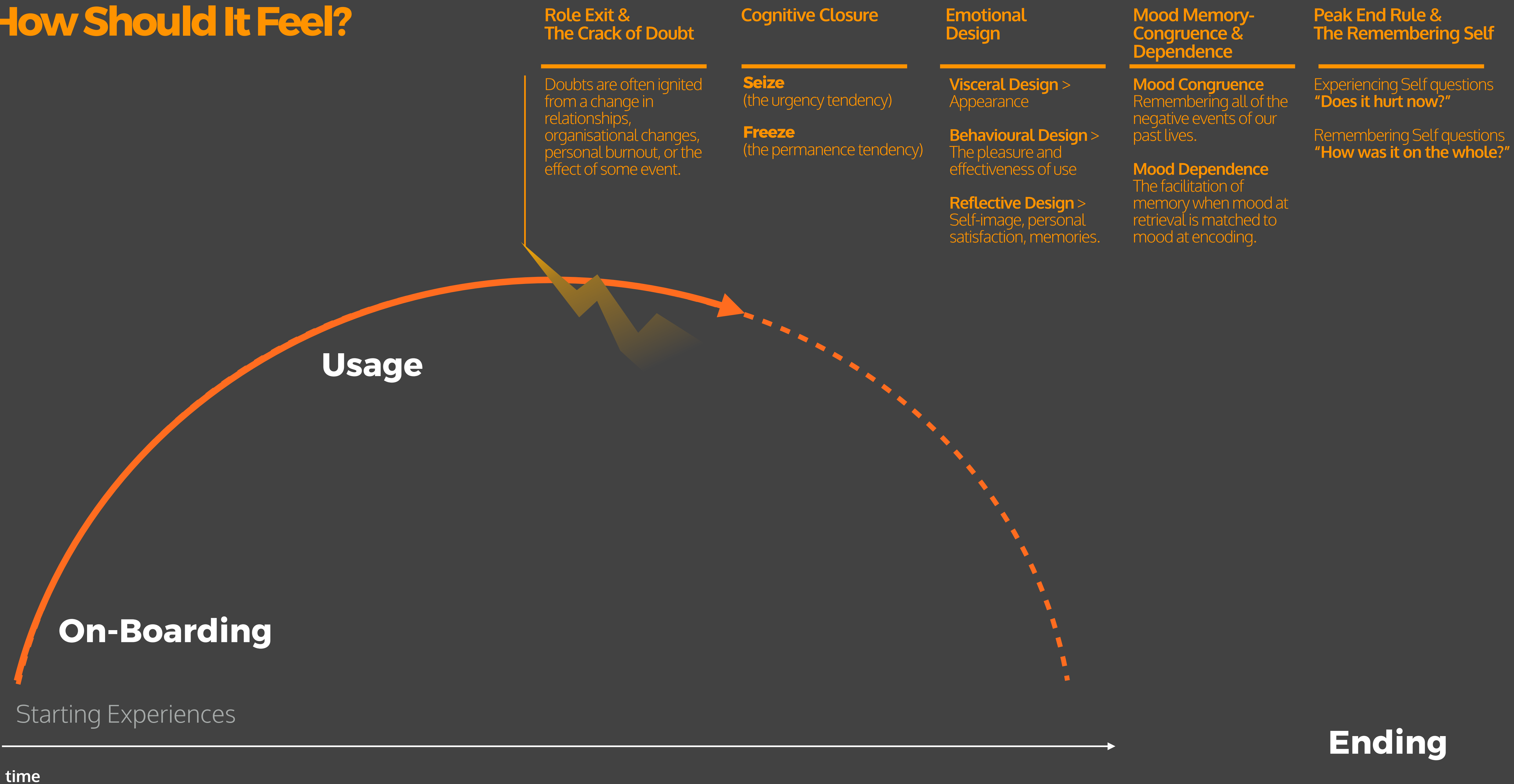
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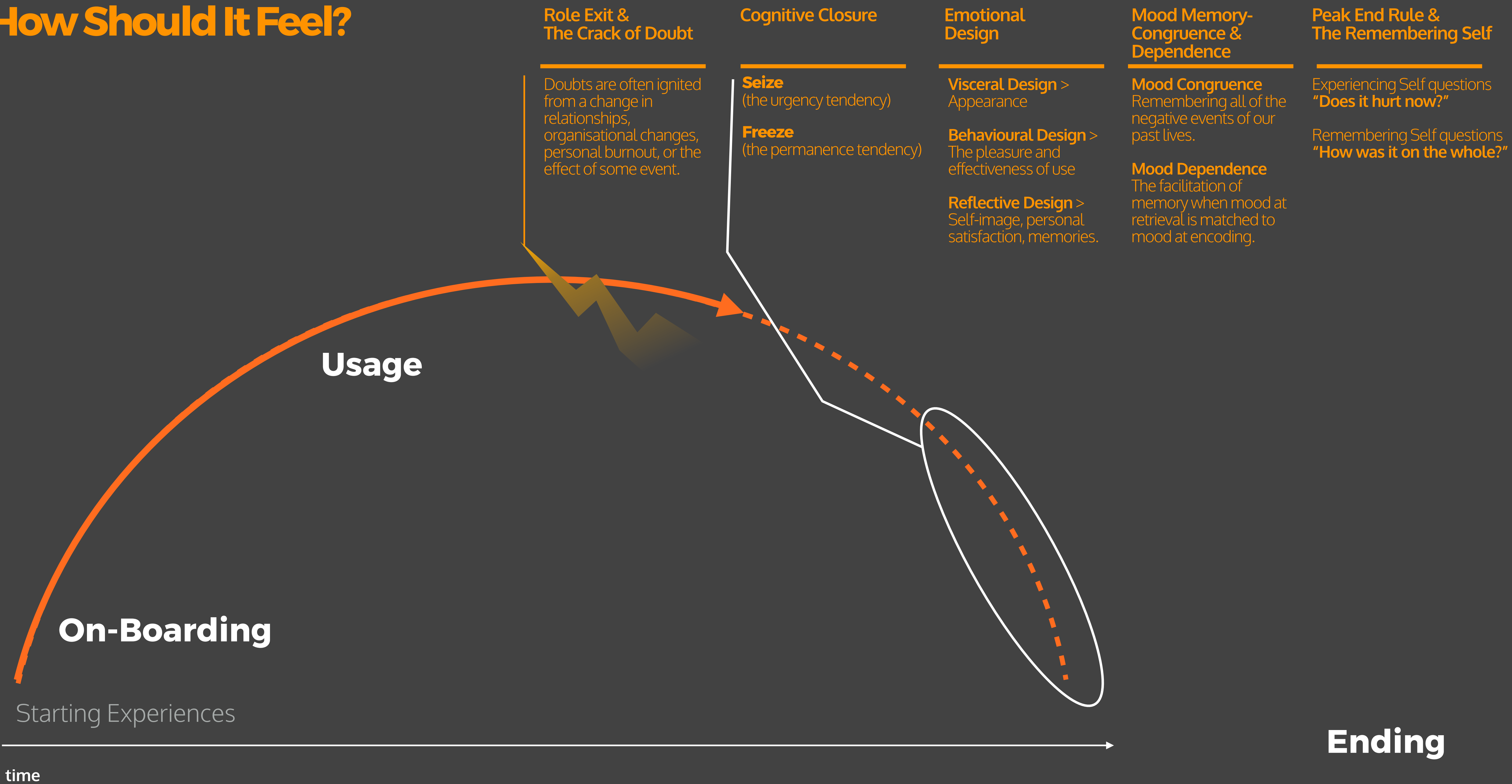
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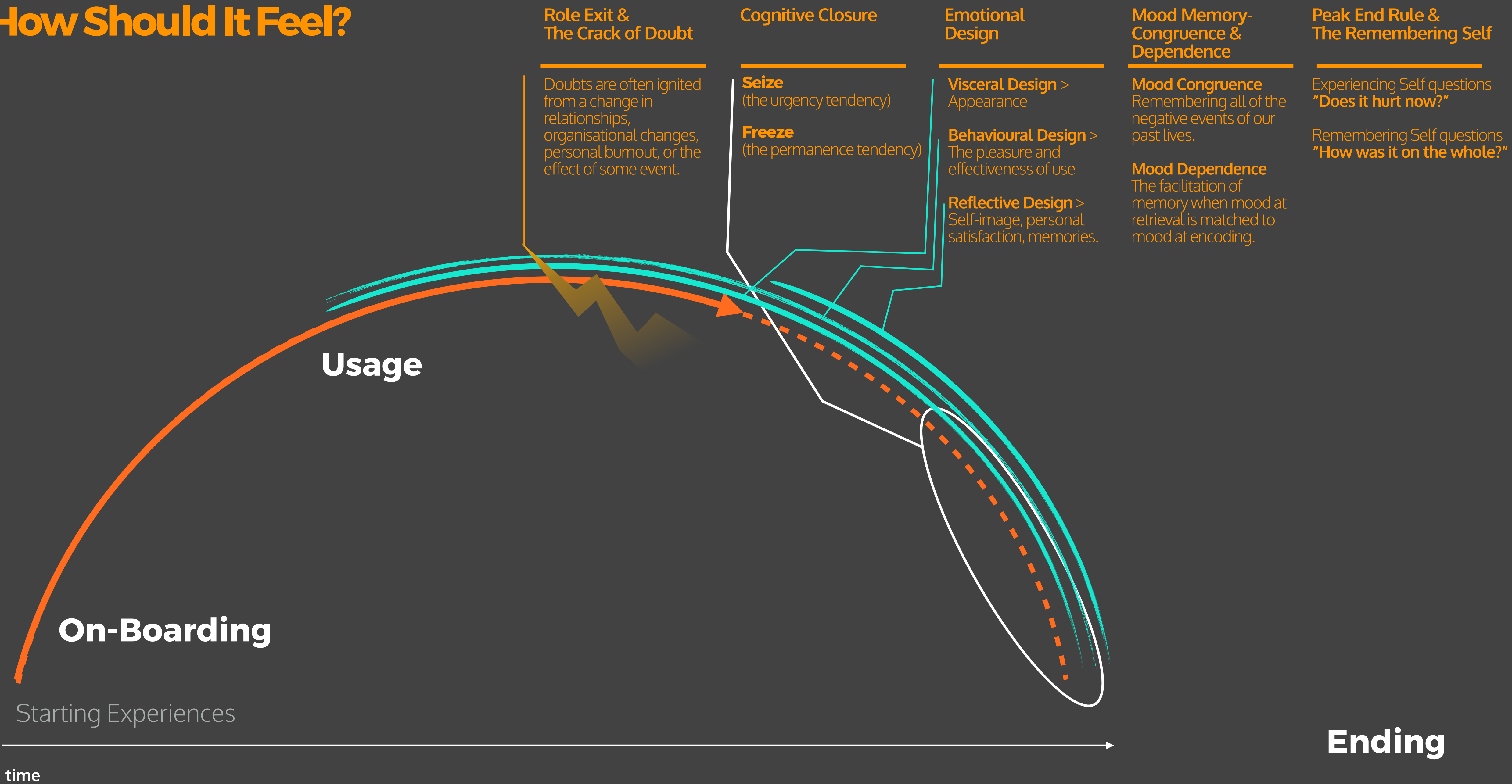
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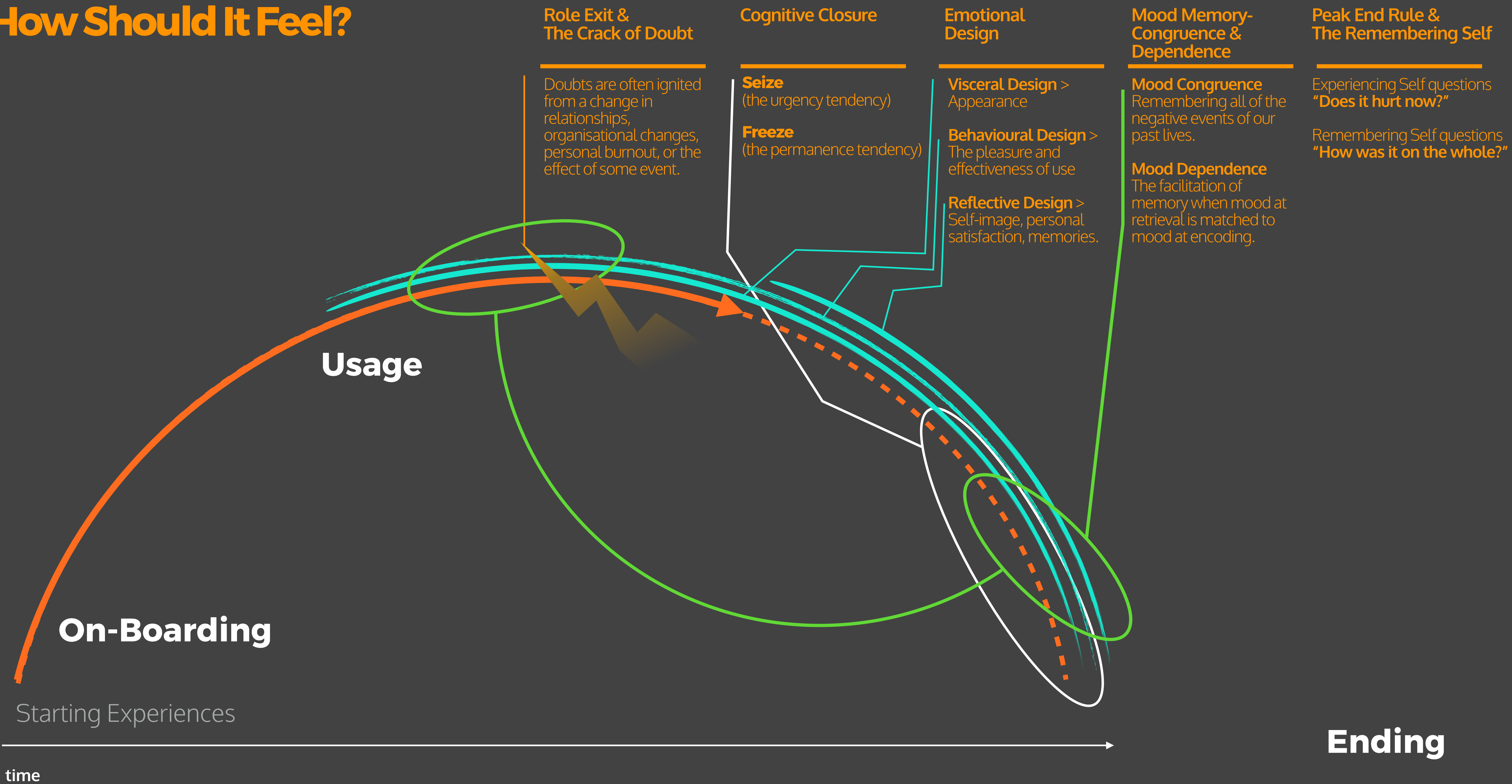
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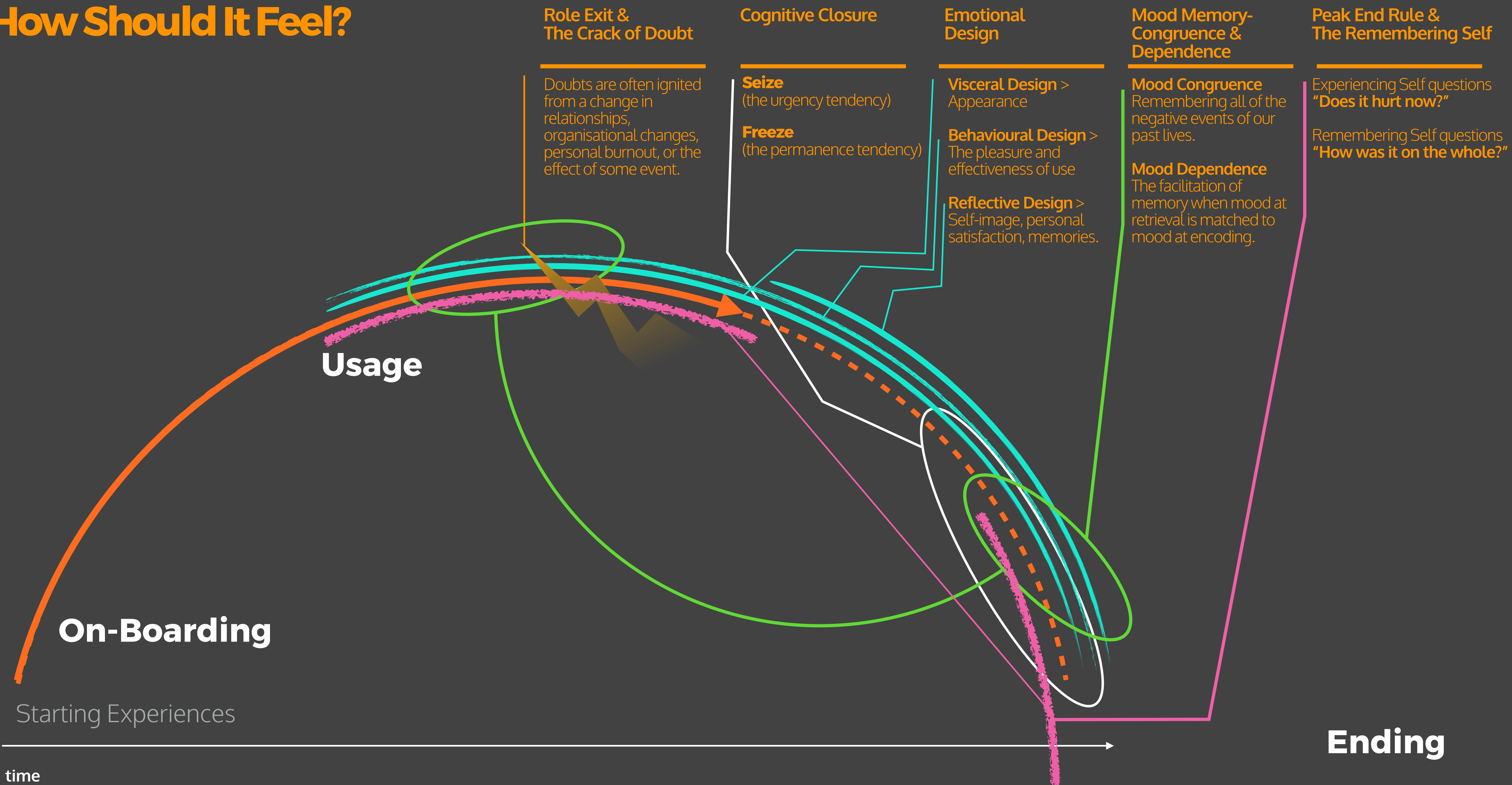
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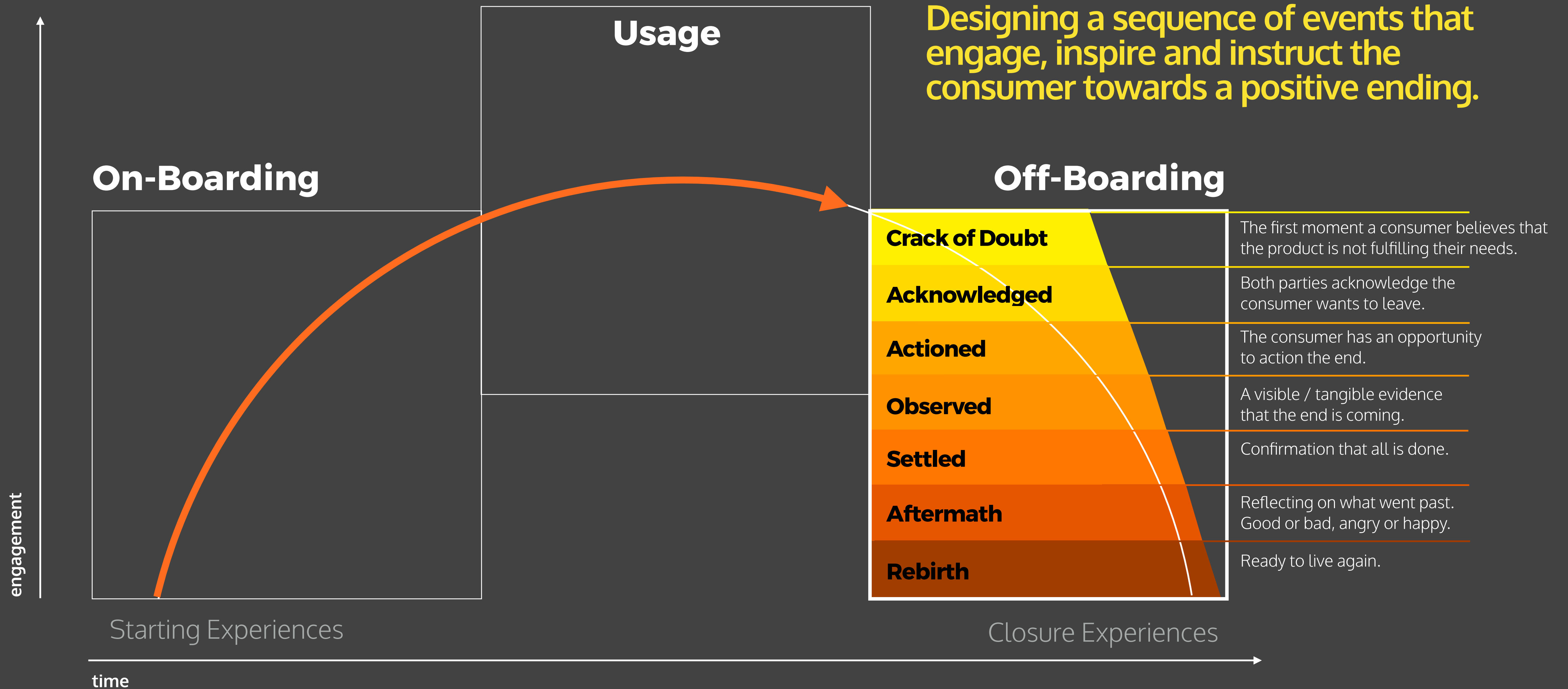


How Should It Feel?



**Descending
Engagement
stages.**

Stages. Descending Engagement



Crack of Doubt

Crack of Doubt

Acknowledged

Actioned

Observed

Settled

Aftermath

Rebirth

The first moment a consumer believes that the service or product is not fulfilling their needs.

The crack of doubt emerges in a relationship. It's that moment when someone does something and it changes your opinion of them.

Example

Price Comparison Sites



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Both parties acknowledge the consumer wants to leave. The path to the end becomes gets momentum. The end is verbalised.

Example:

The moment the customer asks for the bill.

The letter that says a year is almost up. Last orders at the bar.

Captain "We are starting our decent"
Startup "We gonna close."

Important information regarding your Supercard MasterCard®

We are writing to inform you that regrettably, Supercard is closing and your agreement with Wirecard Card Solutions Limited, the Electronic Institution which issued your Supercard on our behalf, will end at 00:01 GMT on Monday 24th July 2017.

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RETWEETS LIKES



Actioned

Crack of Doubt

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The consumer has an opportunity to action the end.

Example:

PANT scheme in Sweden. Returning plastic to specific location.

Body Shop return.

Confirming password for account deletion.

Fairphone



Stages. Descending Engagement

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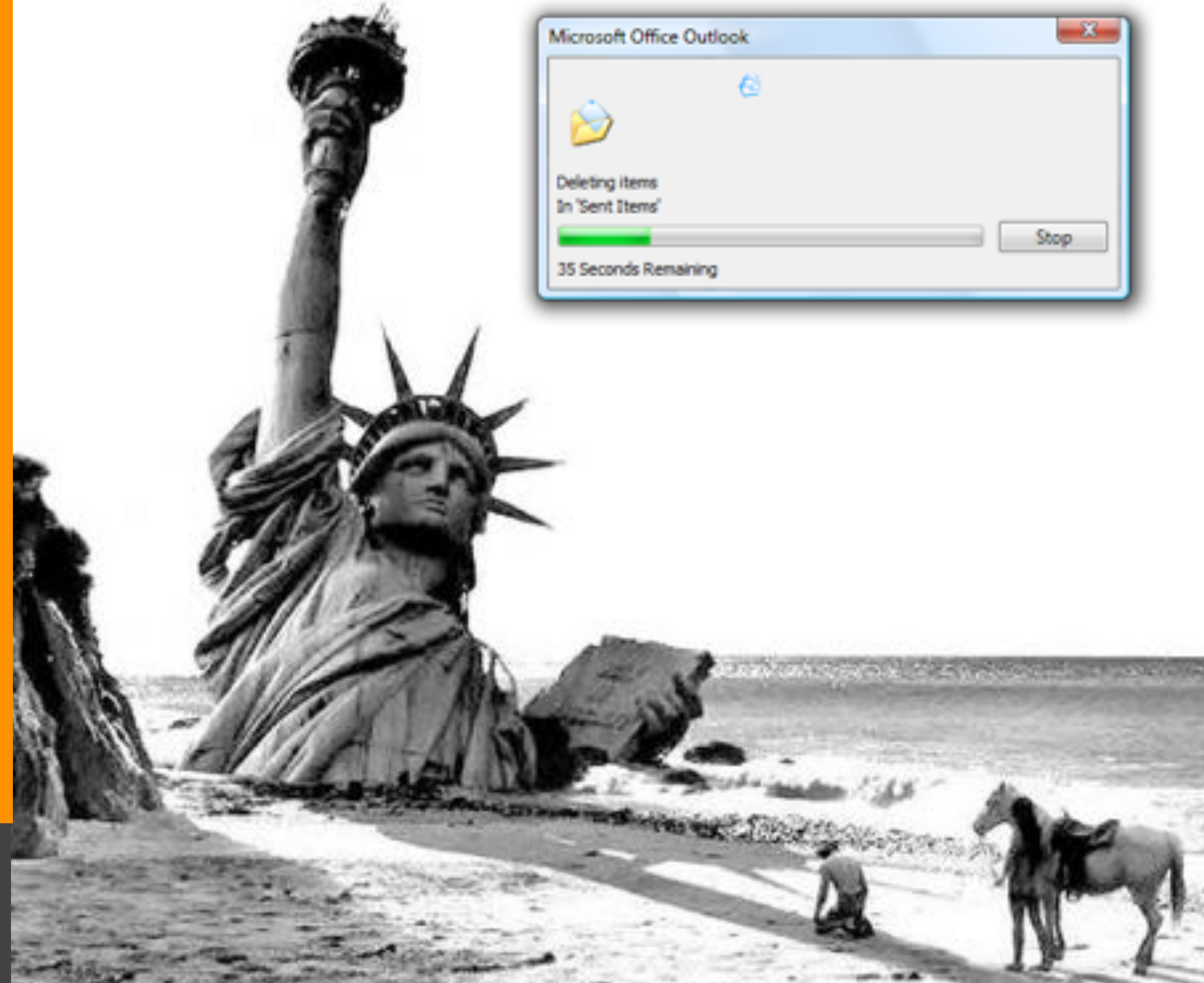
A visible / tangible evidence that the end is now.

Example:

Deletion progress

Re-establishing shot at end of film.

Cutting up credit cards in front of the consumer.



Settled

Crack of Doubt

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Confirmation that all is done. It should resolve the financial debt, the obligations and the material exchange. It might not resolve all the emotional baggage.

Example:
Released in to arrivals hall at an airport. Confirmation your account is closed.



ITV Hub

We've removed your account

So that's it. It's all over!

We hate goodbyes, but because we haven't seen you in so long, we've removed your account.

If you were subscribed to any of our newsletters and wish to continue receiving them, please reply to this email stating which newsletter you were subscribed to.

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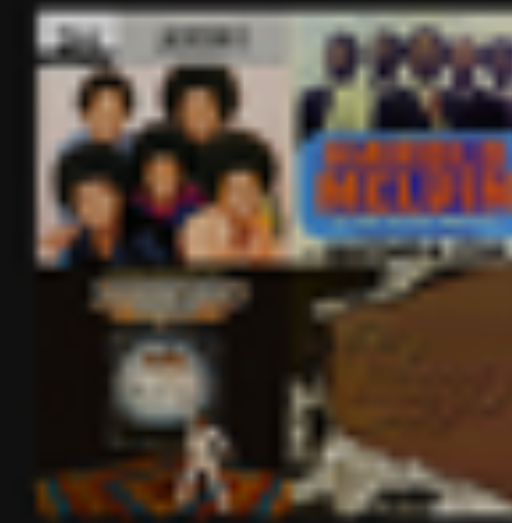
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Reflecting on what went past.
High Emotions - good or bad,
angry or happy.

Example:

"I am never using that company again."
"That was great, gonna put a review on
TripAdvisor."
"Should I off-set that flight?"



PLAYLIST

Can we still be friends?

Created by: Spotify • 10 songs, 40 min

PAUSE

FOLLOW

	SONG	ARTIST	
+	I Want You Back	Jackson 5	2013-08-02
+	Don't Leave Me This Way	Harold Melvin & The Blu...	2013-08-02
+	If I Can't Have You	Yvonne Elliman	2013-08-02



Hotels



Vacation
Rentals



Things to Do



Rebirth

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Freedom to live again.
Emotions fade with memory.
Reborn, clear thinking and ready
to re-engage.

Example:

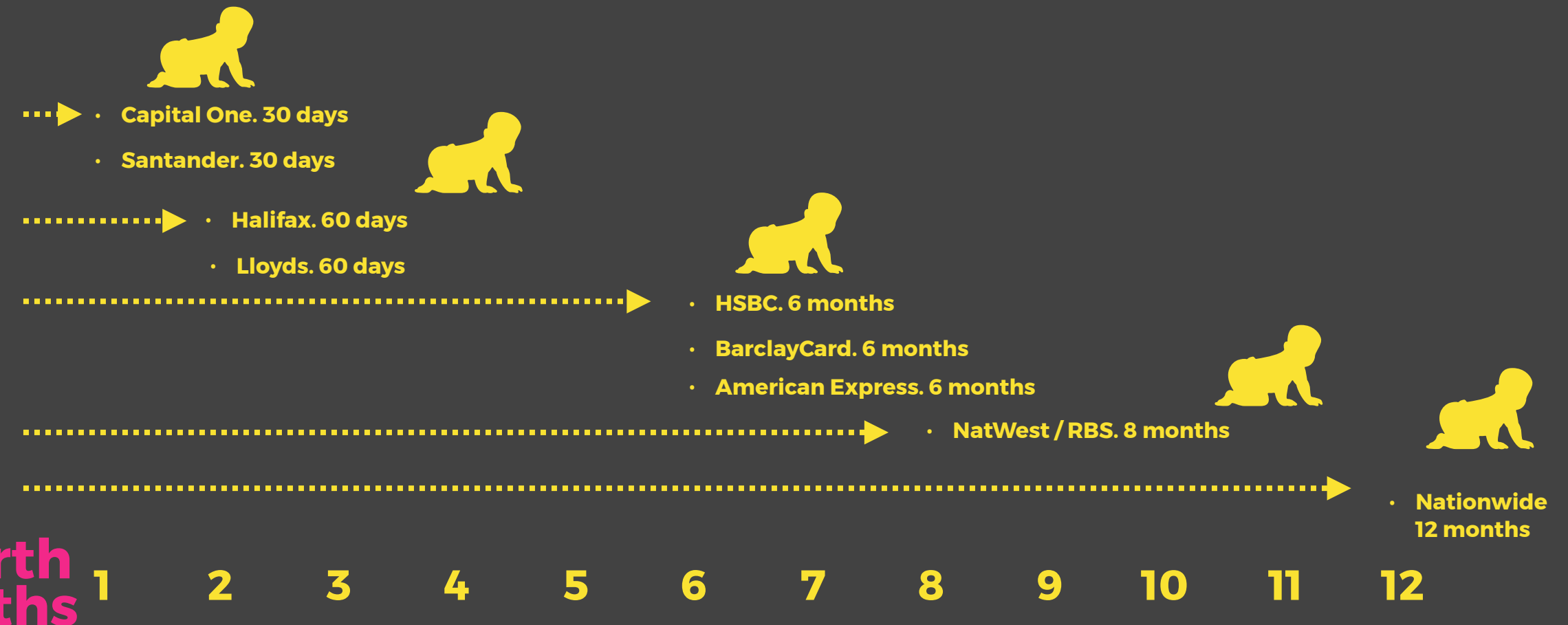
39% of consumers avoid vendors for
over 2 years after having a negative
experience.

Source: www.zendesk.com

How long credit cards companies take to consider
people a new customer after they have left.

Account Ended

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Rebirth
months

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How to measure

How To Measure. Examples

Objectives and Key Results. OKR

I will ... (Objective) as measured by ... (this set of Key Results).

One of their benefits is how adaptable they are. Defining simple objectives with clear, achievable and measurable outcomes. In this sense people needing to measure and improve an overlooked area such as endings in the consumer lifecycle can target that objective and see measurable change.

Life Cycle Assessment. ISO standard.

In the manufacture and production of goods there is a subsequent impact on the environment. This takes place throughout the lifespan of the product. The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) recommends an approach for all businesses to use around the world in their ISO 14040 standard. The measure quantifies all inputs and outputs of material flows, from and to nature for a product system.

Survival analysis

Survival analysis aims to predict time to an event. To reflect insight in to how many fail, at what point. And how long the survivors may last until they die. To do this many models start by defining a 'lifetime'.

IBM Predictive Churn Model

Assess 4 data clusters of system.

Transaction and billing data,
Demographic data,
Behaviour data,
Usage data,

The algorithm produces a decision tree. That IBM believe is better at interpreting the root cause of a person leaving the service. IBM also put a high value on the Sentiment score, both historical and current.

NET Promotor score.

"How likely is it that you would recommend [Organisation X/Product Y/Service Z] to a friend or colleague?"

Aims to measure the loyalty of customers to a company. I would argue it measures perception past and present, as a consumer could still recommend a company after they stopped using it. So its pretty good to use around the off-boarding of a consumer experience.

Google HEART Framework

The Google HEART framework (Happiness, Engagement, Adoption, Retention and Task Success) helps product teams evaluate the success of a product.

It is broken down and measured across Goals, Signal and Metics

Customer Lifetime Value CLV

A common measure in any customer experience program. It assess how much a customer is worth to a business over the lifetime of that customers loyalty. ¹The accompanying philosophy says "it costs less to keep an existing customers than it does to acquire new ones". Which might well have been the case years, or even decades ago. But now, the web has made this measure seem pretty dated. As a server starts a relationship from a website with a very informed customer who has done lots of the research on the market place. No-doubt through, dear reader you will experience this being pushed as an argument against considering the end.

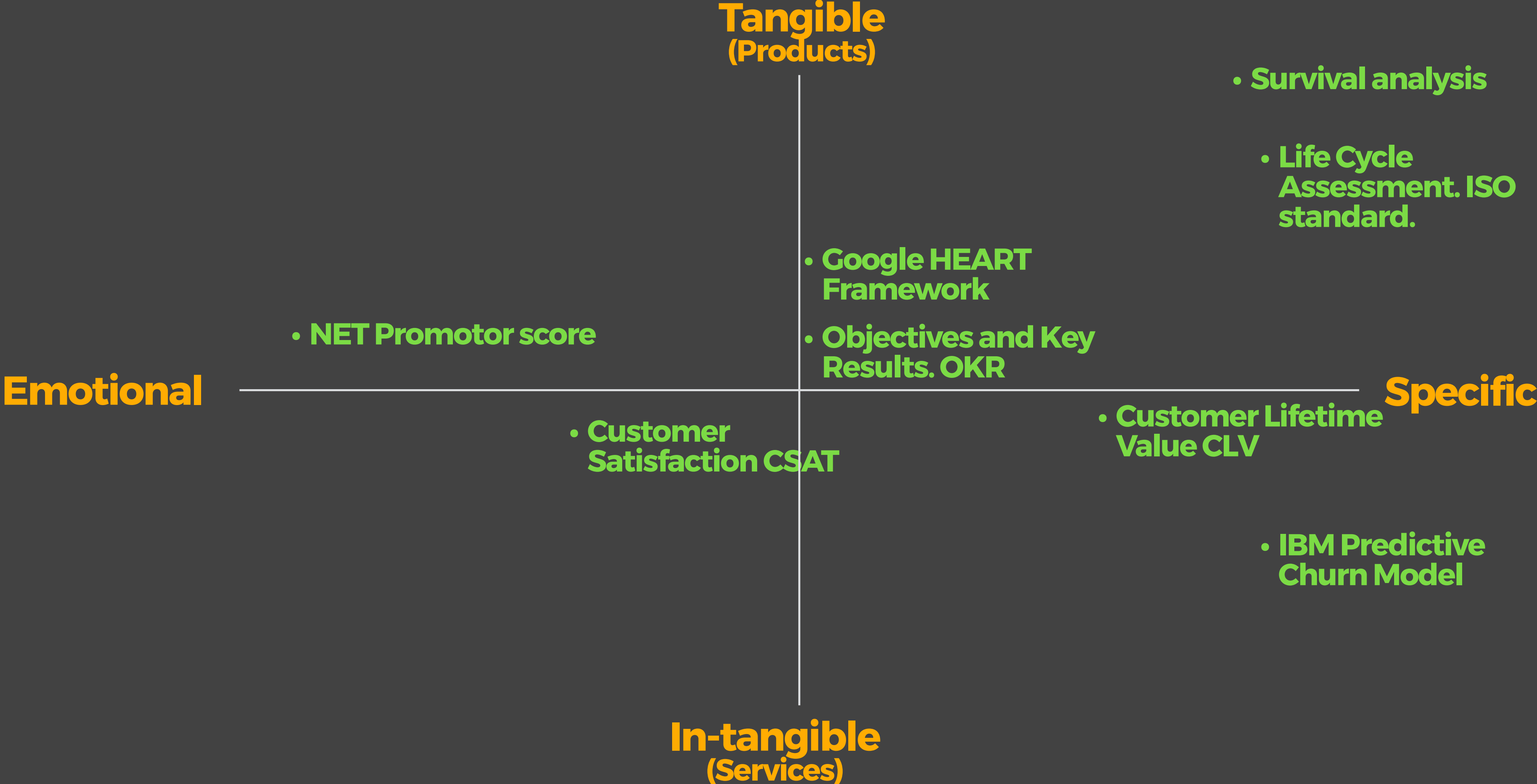
Customer Satisfaction CSAT

To gauge customer satisfaction with a companies product of service, the company can ask how they would rate overall customer satisfaction. It is a pretty simple approach, but can have a wide range of uses, especially in the aftermath of a consumer experience.

The respondents are asked 'How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the [goods/service] you received?'

1. Very unsatisfied
2. Unsatisfied
3. Neutral
4. Satisfied
5. Very satisfied

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Google HEART Framework

The Google HEART framework (Happiness, Engagement, Adoption, Retention and Task Success) helps product teams evaluate the success of a product.

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How can a product team create positive endings when the tool can't value them?

Happiness,
Engagement,
Adoption,
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Task Success

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Objectives and Key Results. OKR

One of their benefits is how adaptable they are. Defining simple objectives with clear, achievable and measurable outcomes. In this sense people needing to measure and improve an overlooked area such as endings in the consumer lifecycle can target that objective and see measurable change.

I will ... (Objective)
as measured by ...
(this set of Key Results).



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**Ex: Memorialised
Pages**

Memorialised Pages



As of 2019 its 2.4 billion monthly active users.

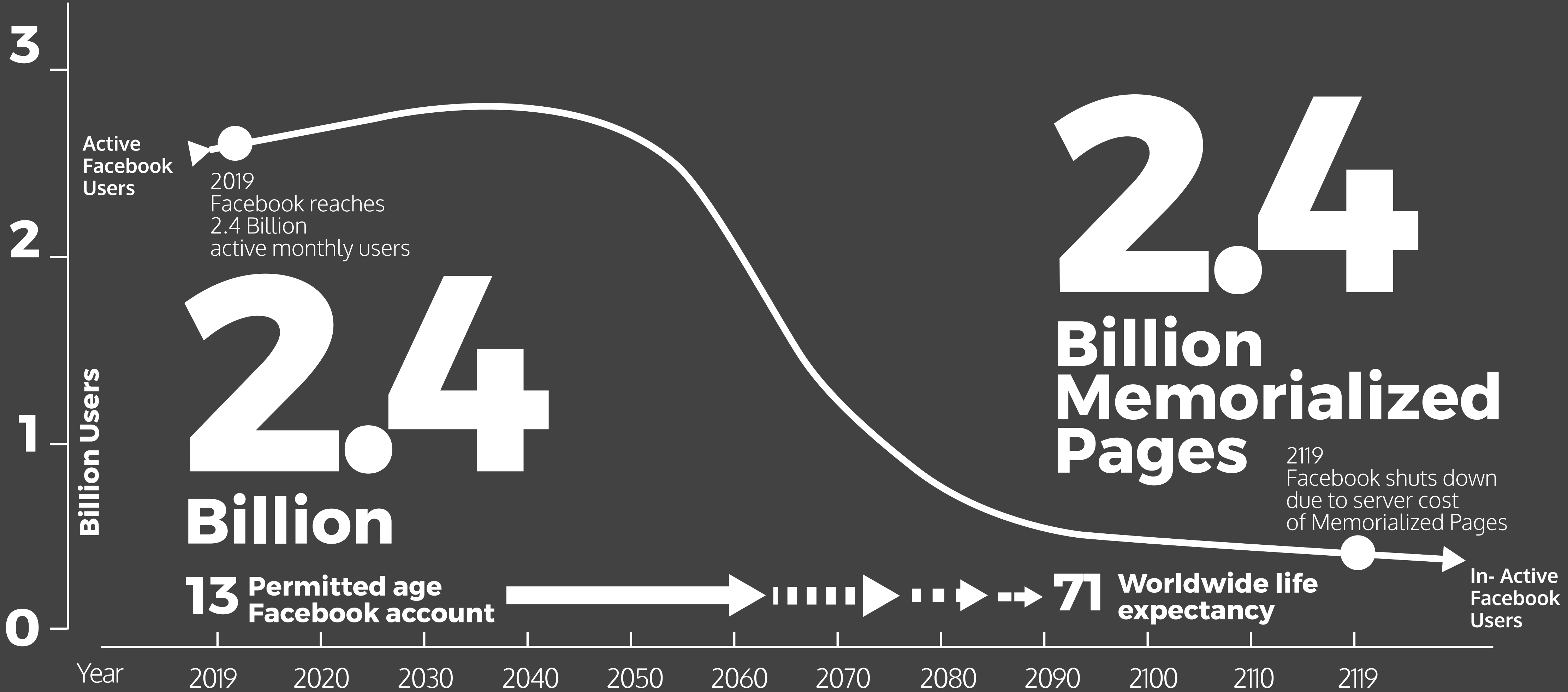
8,000 users are dying daily on Facebook

65% of 50-64 year olds

41% of 65+ year olds use Facebook.

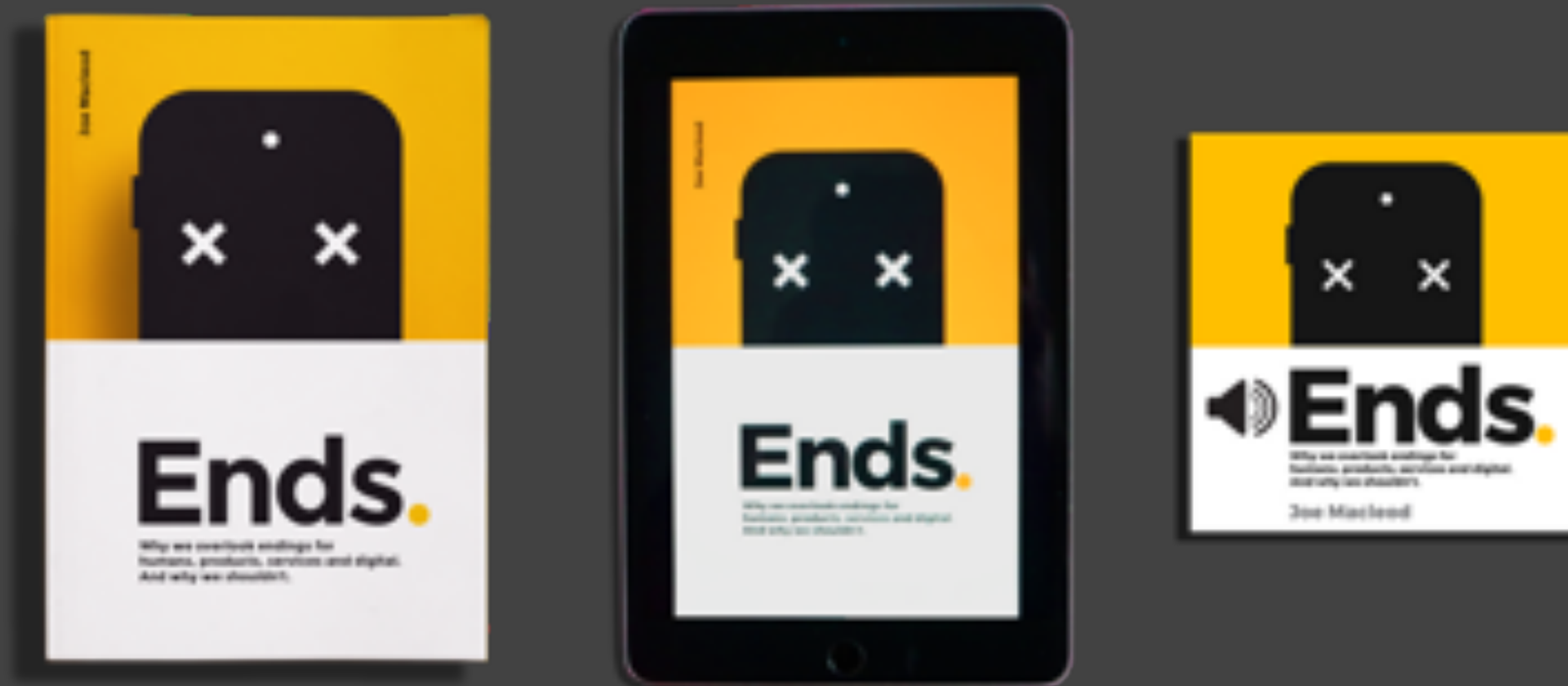
BTW. There is no end to memorialised pages

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