HOW TEACHING KIDS TO CODE CAN MAKE YOU A BETTER DEVELOPER

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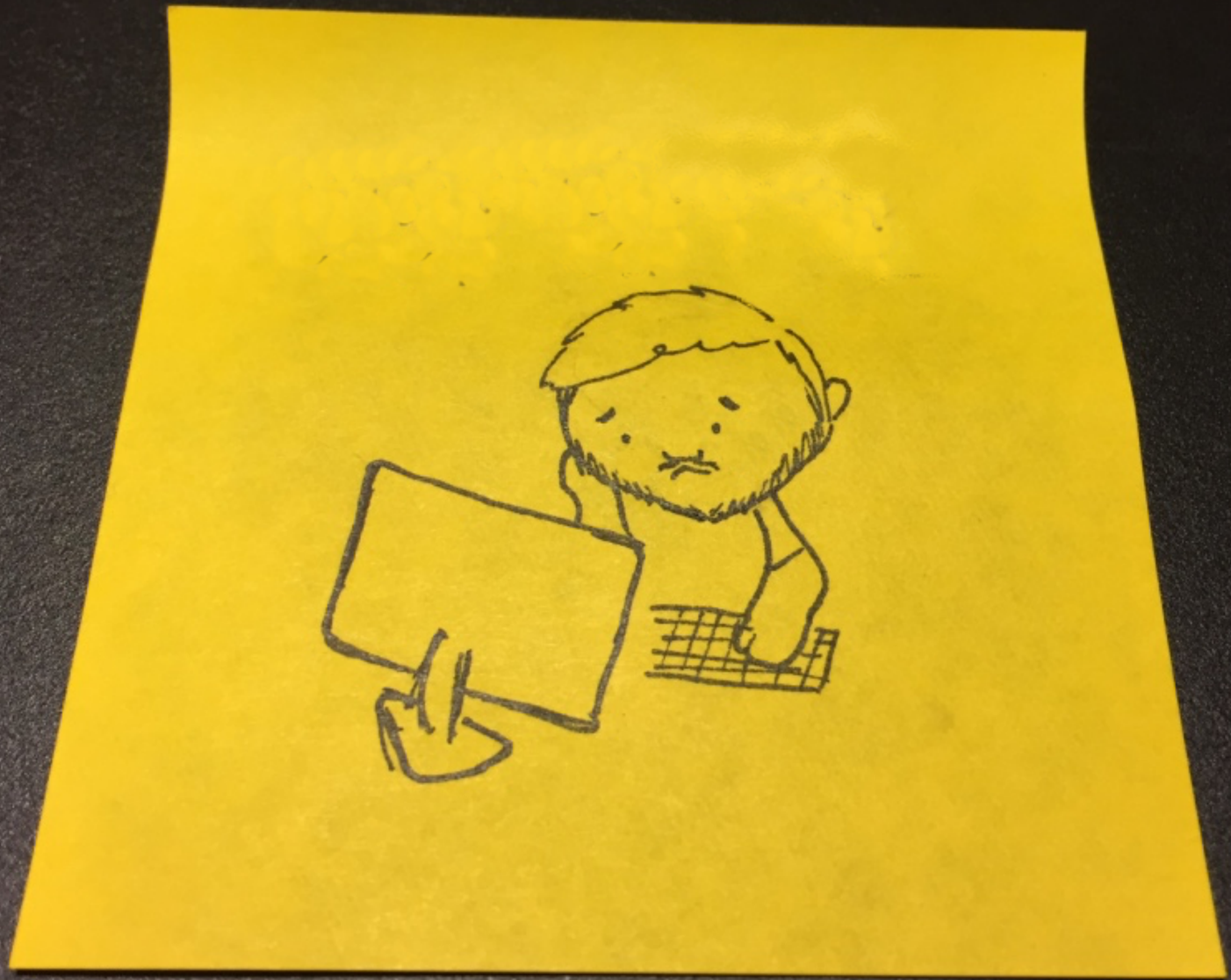
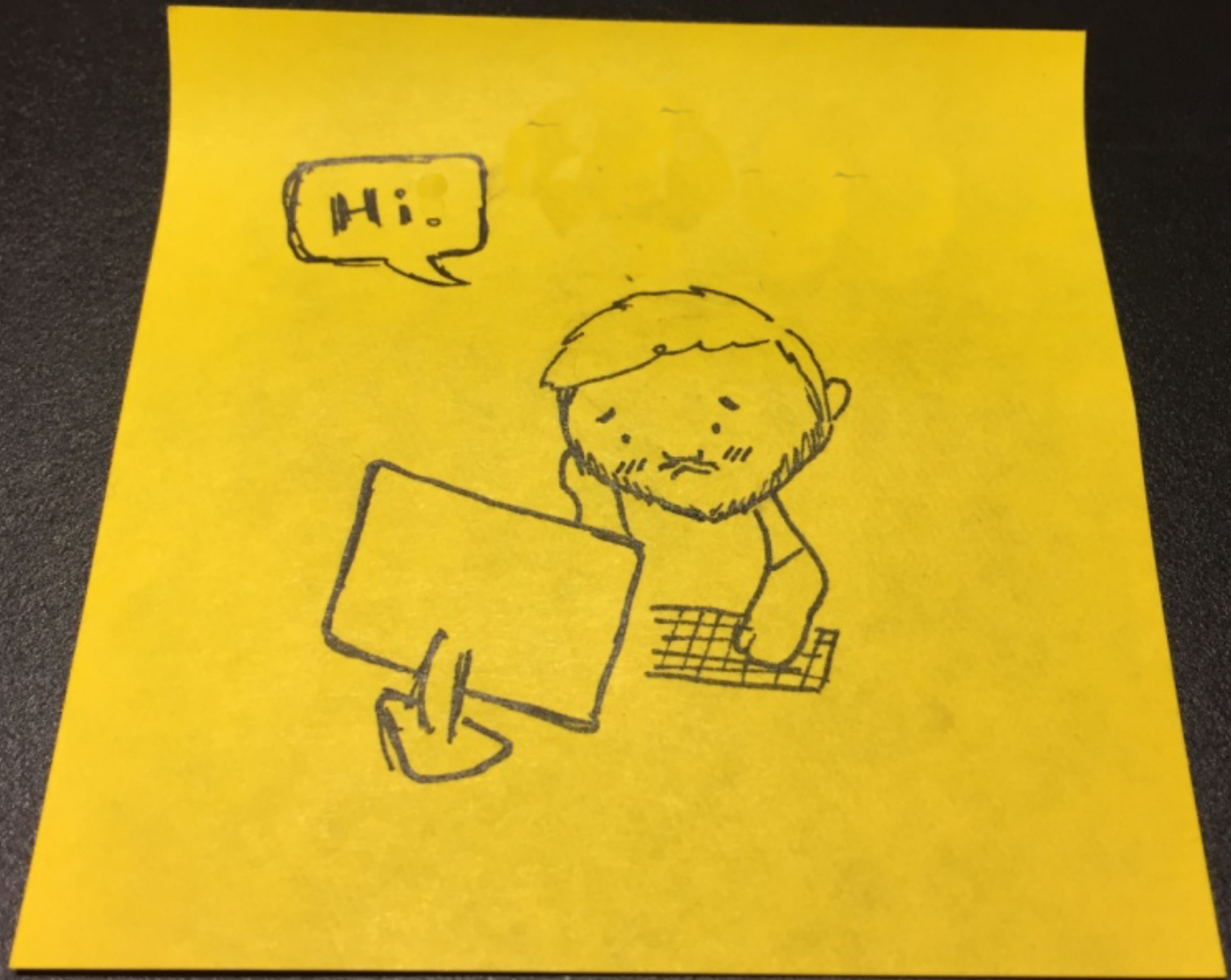
WHO'S THIS "RAMÓN"?

WHY DOES HIS HAIR LOOK NOTHING LIKE IN THIS DRAWING?

THE YEAR IS 2012...

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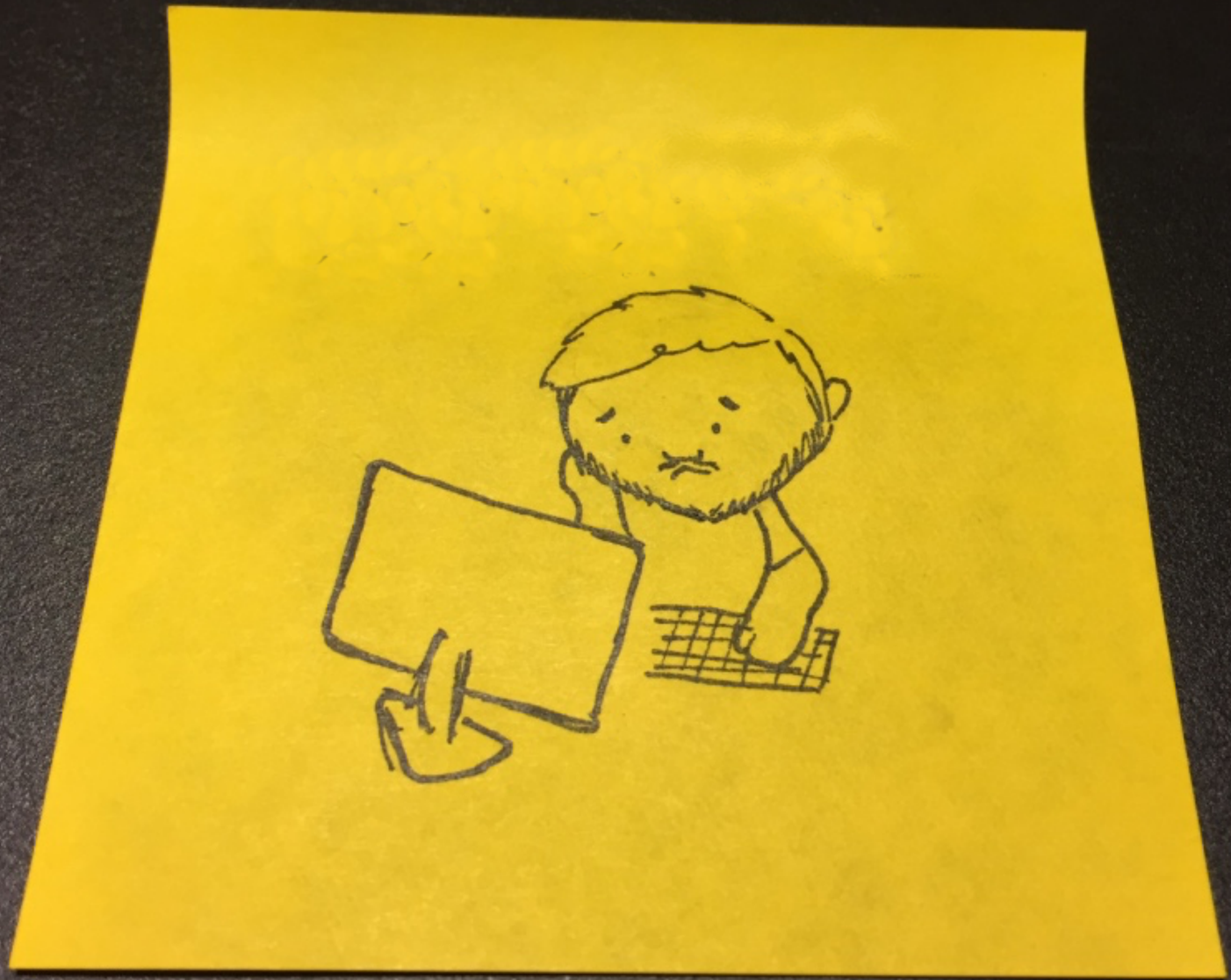

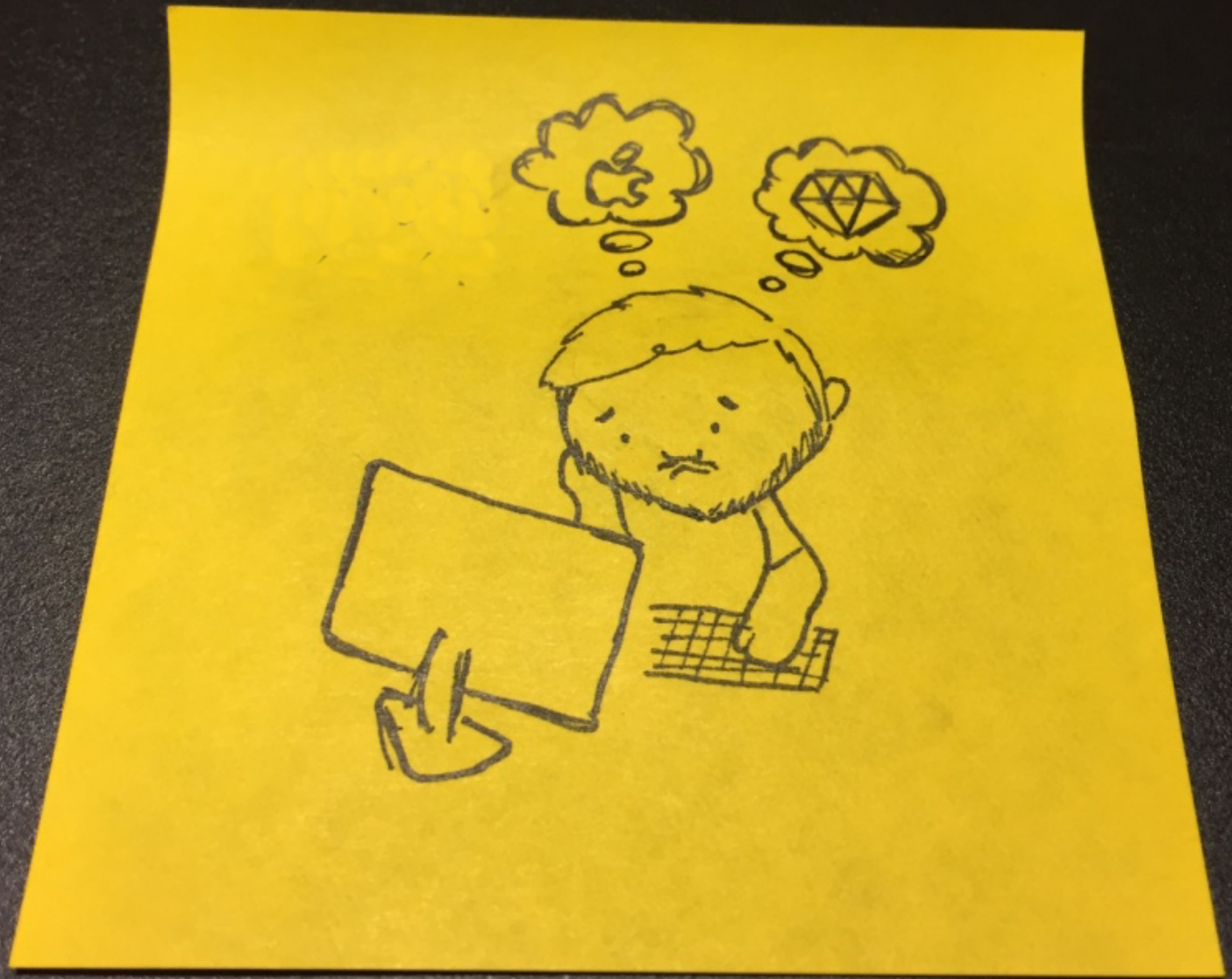

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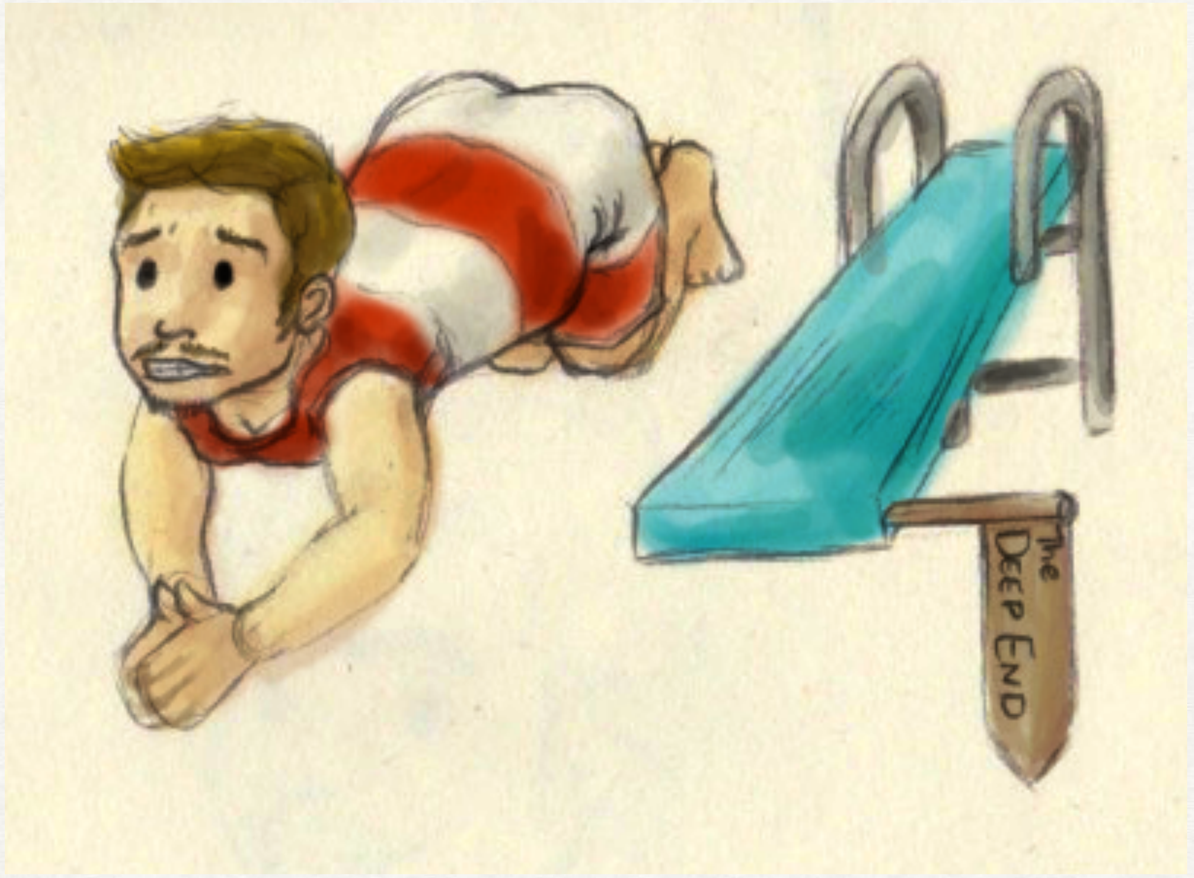
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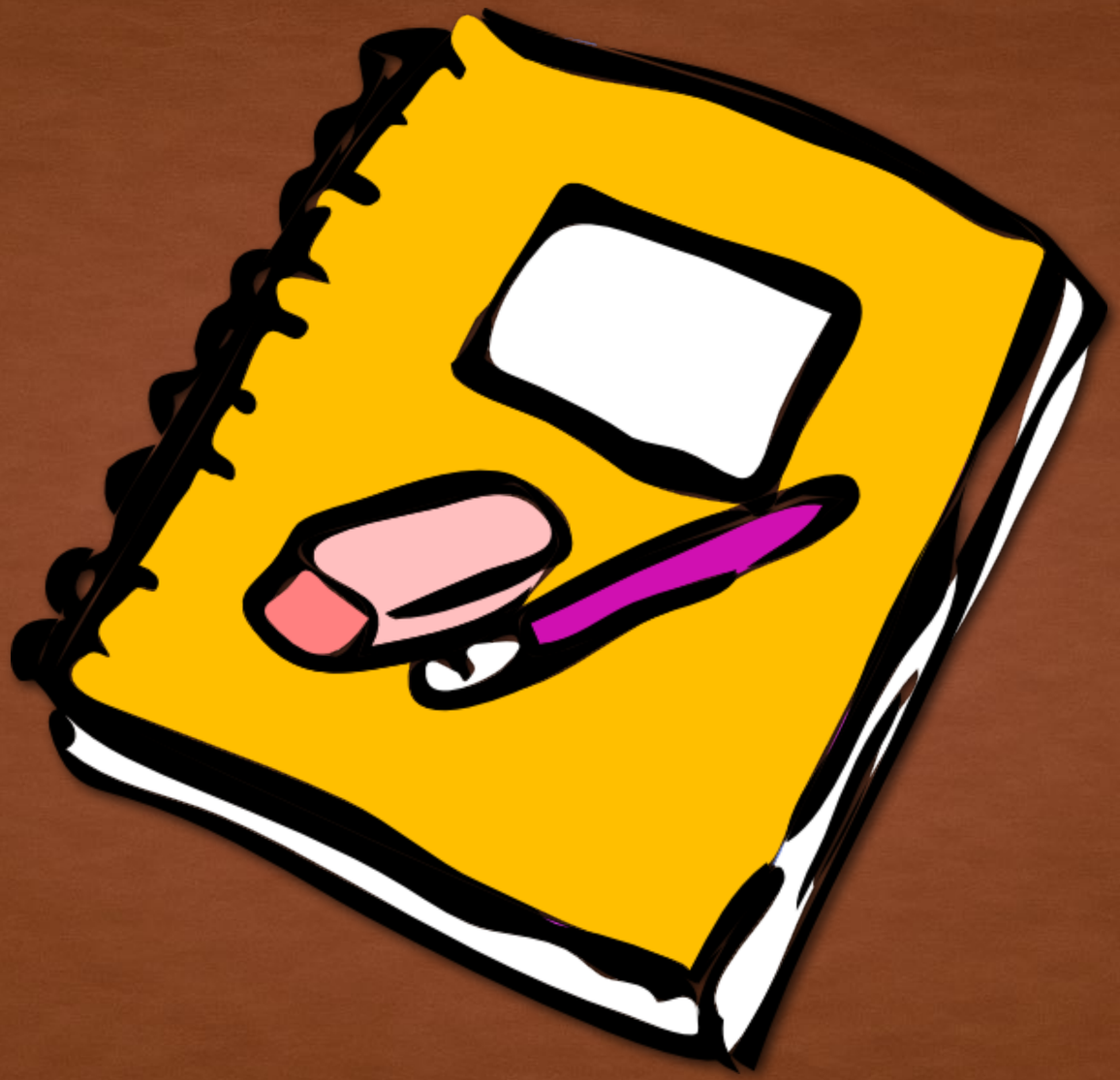

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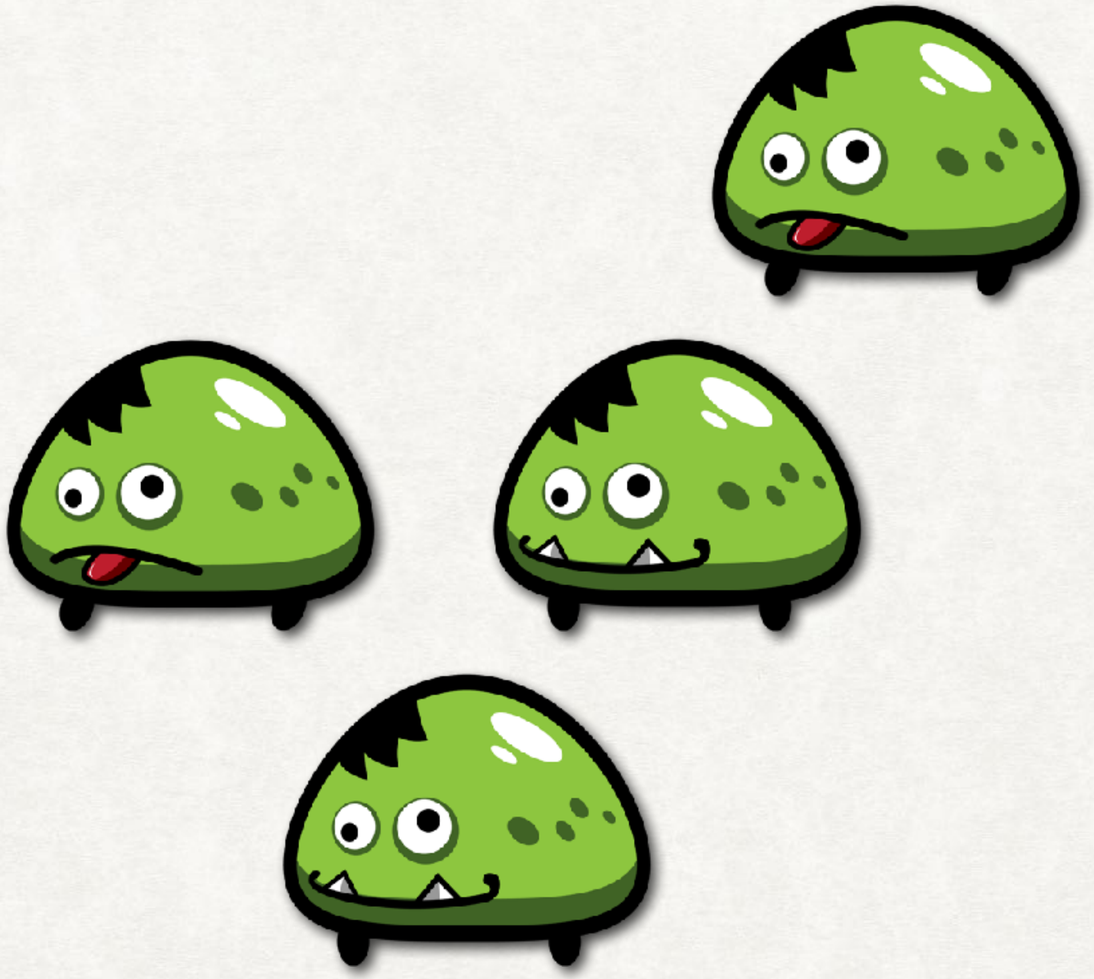

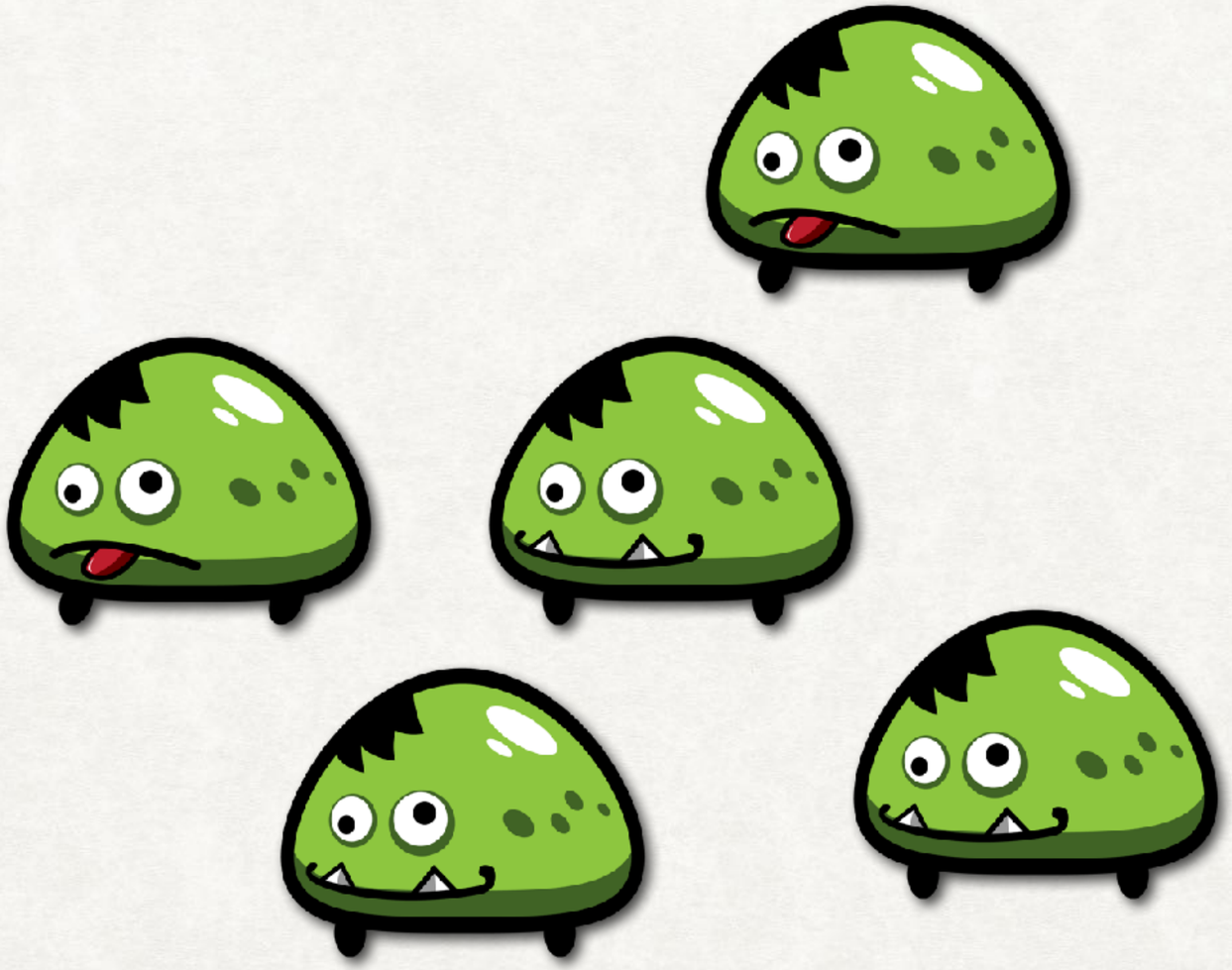

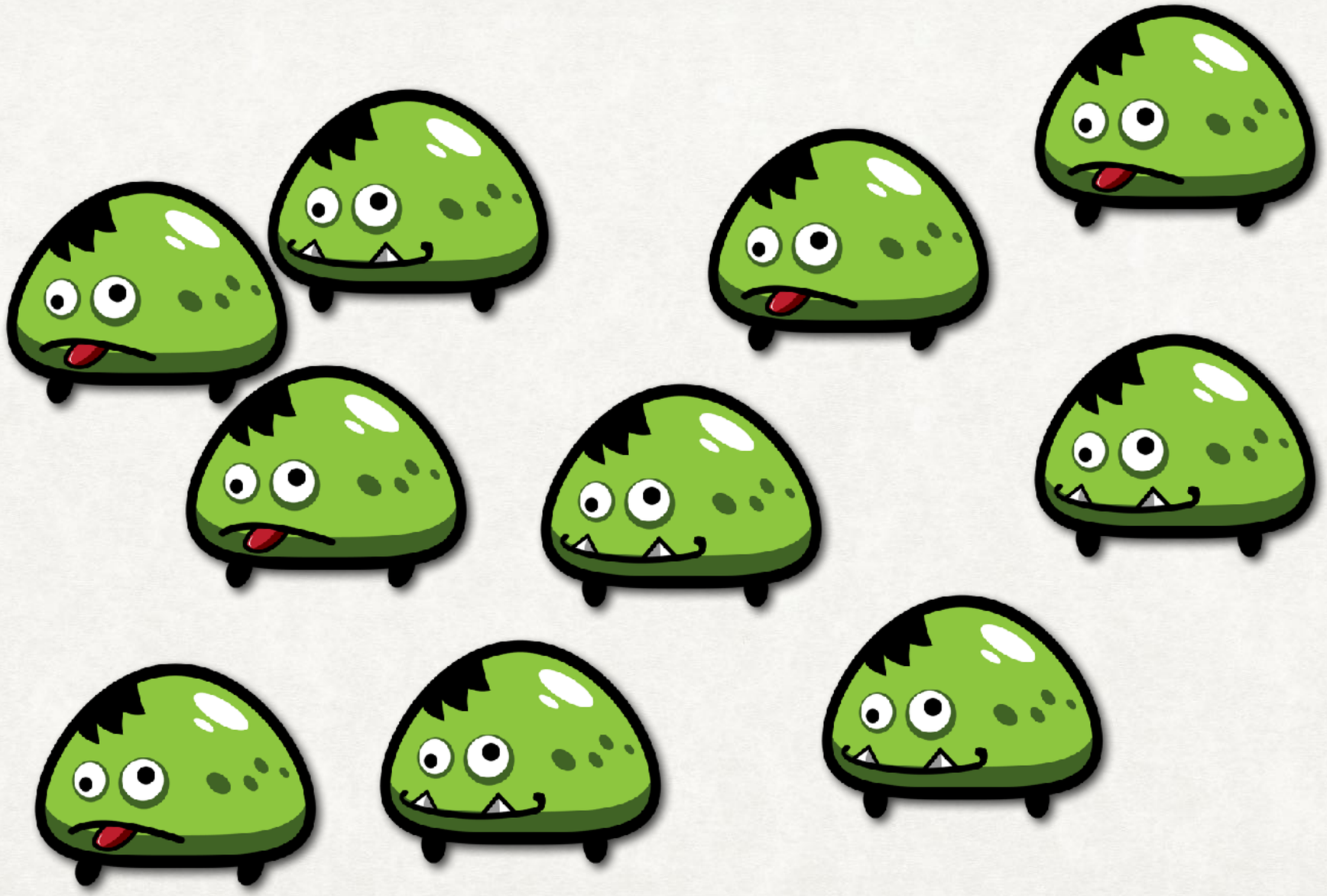

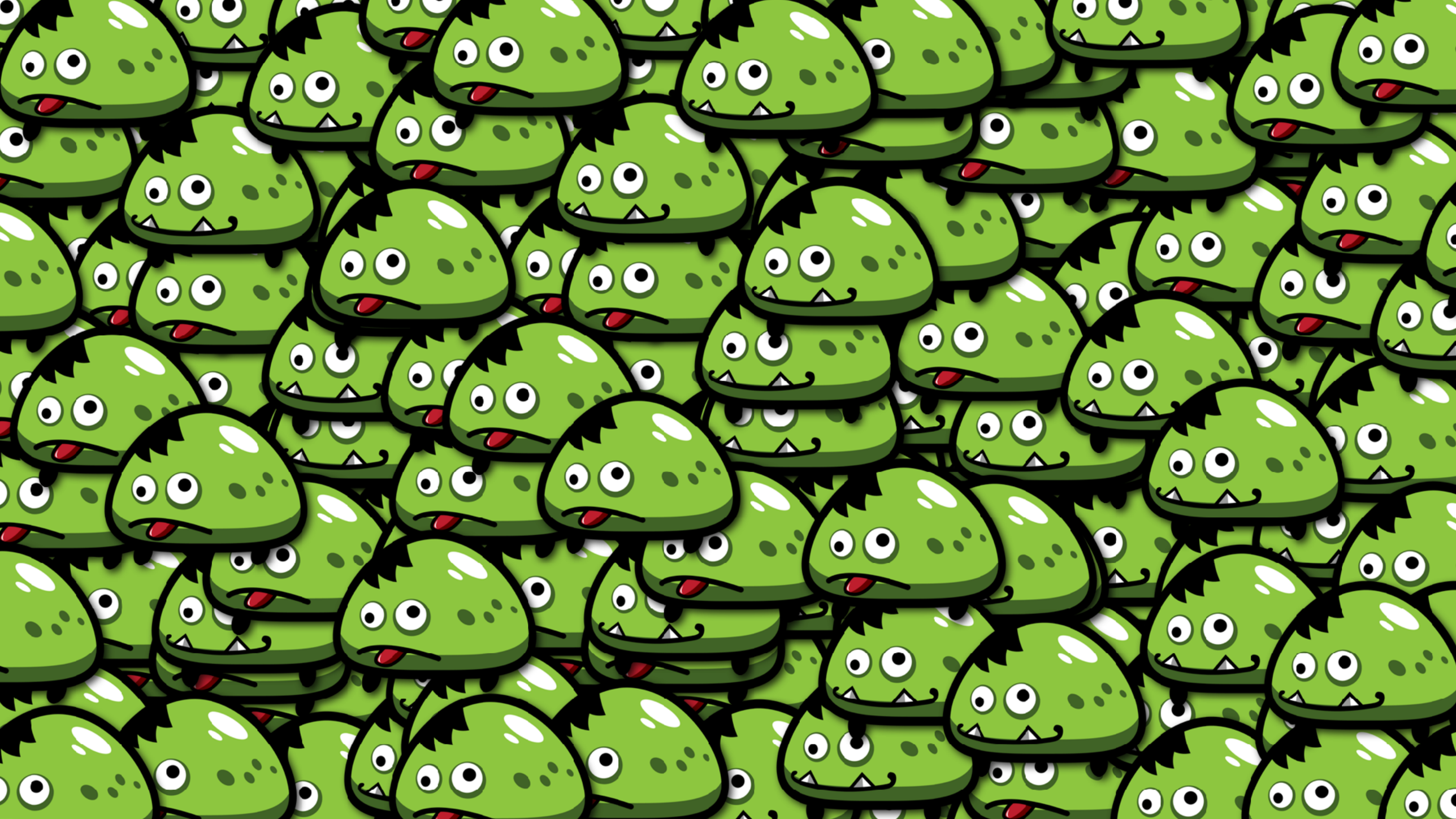

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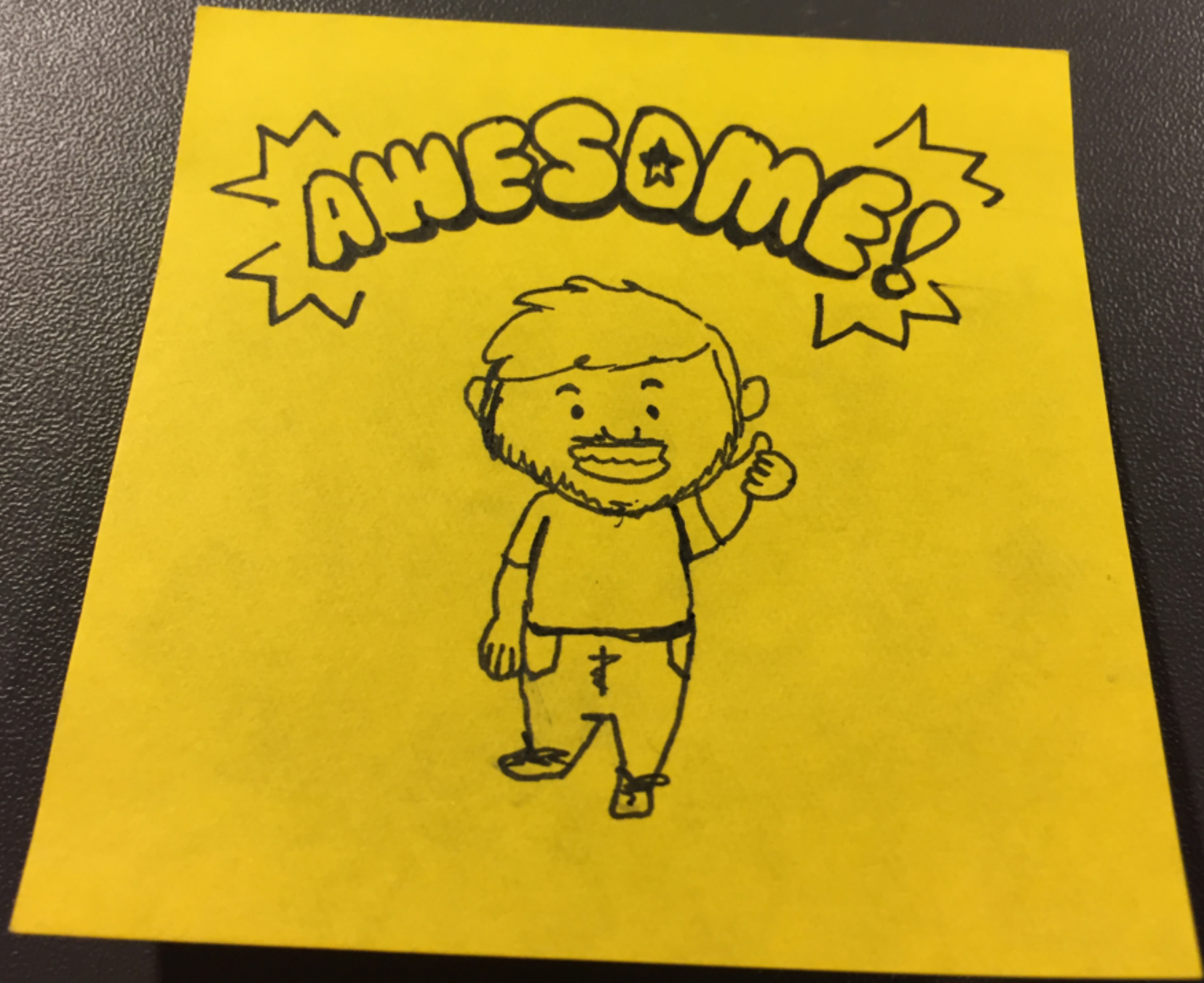
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“IT’S TOO MUCH FOR MY LAPTOP”!

HAVING FUN IS IMPORTANT!

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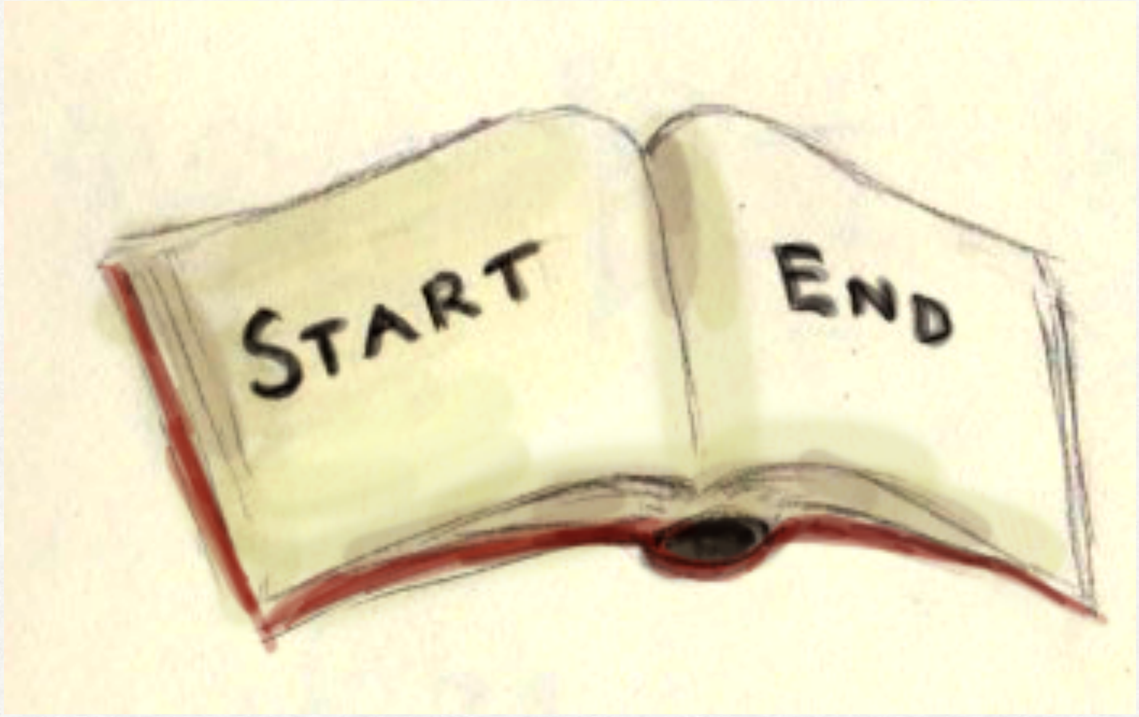
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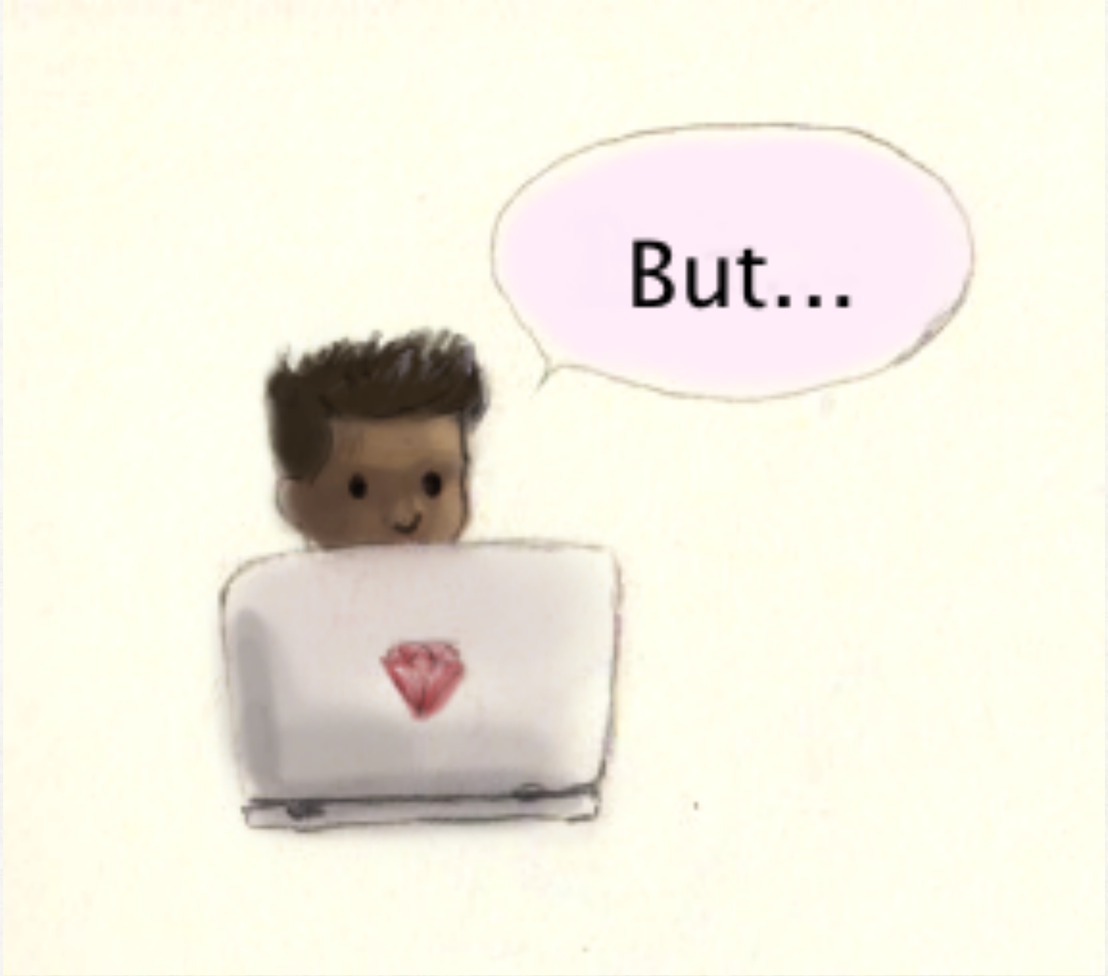
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GRAPHICS!

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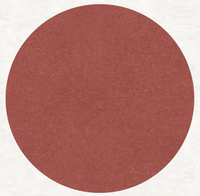

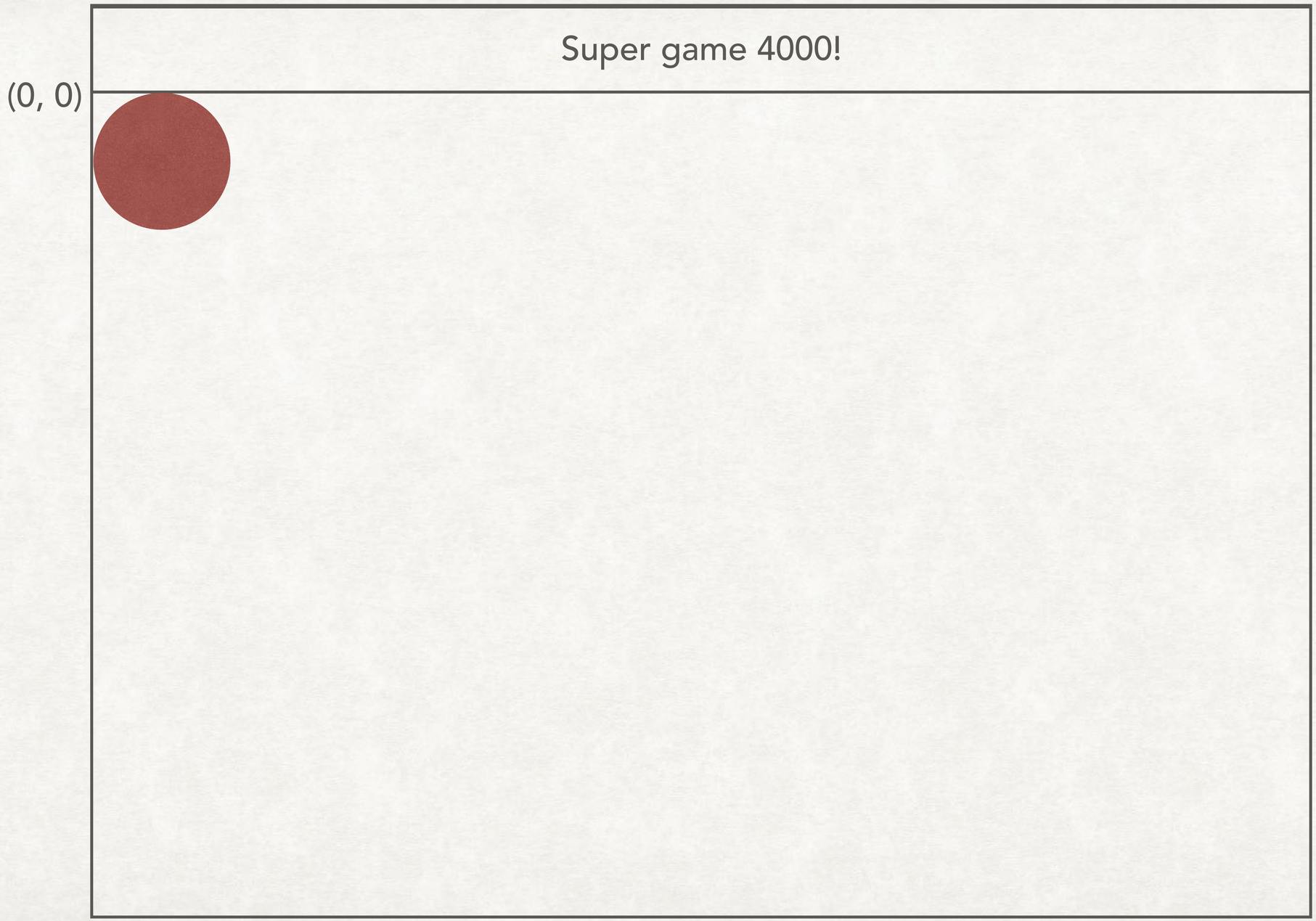
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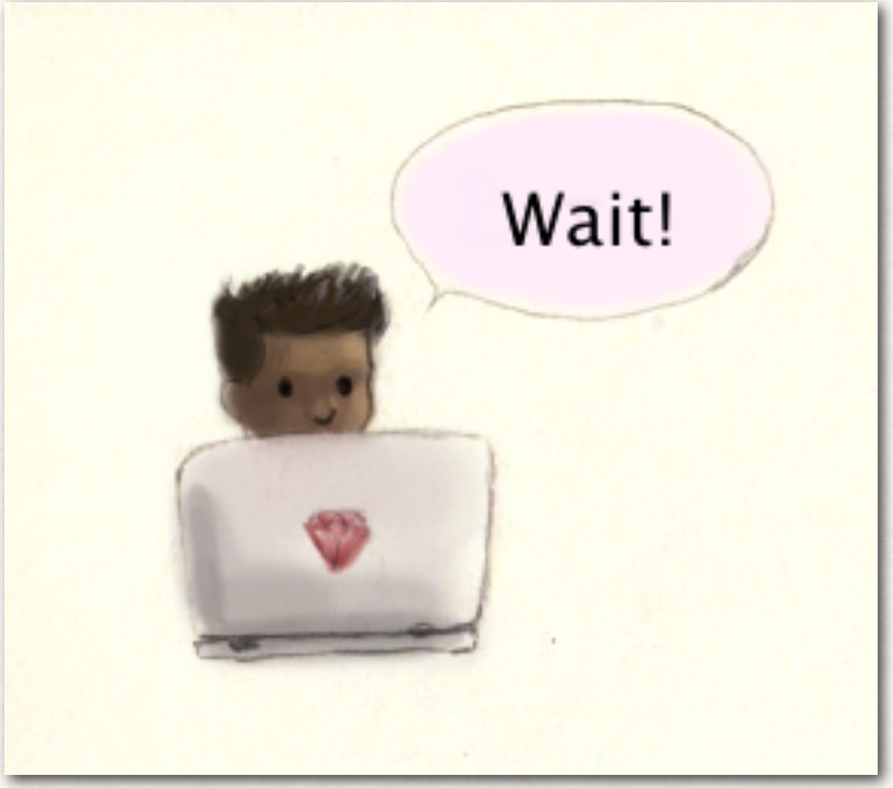

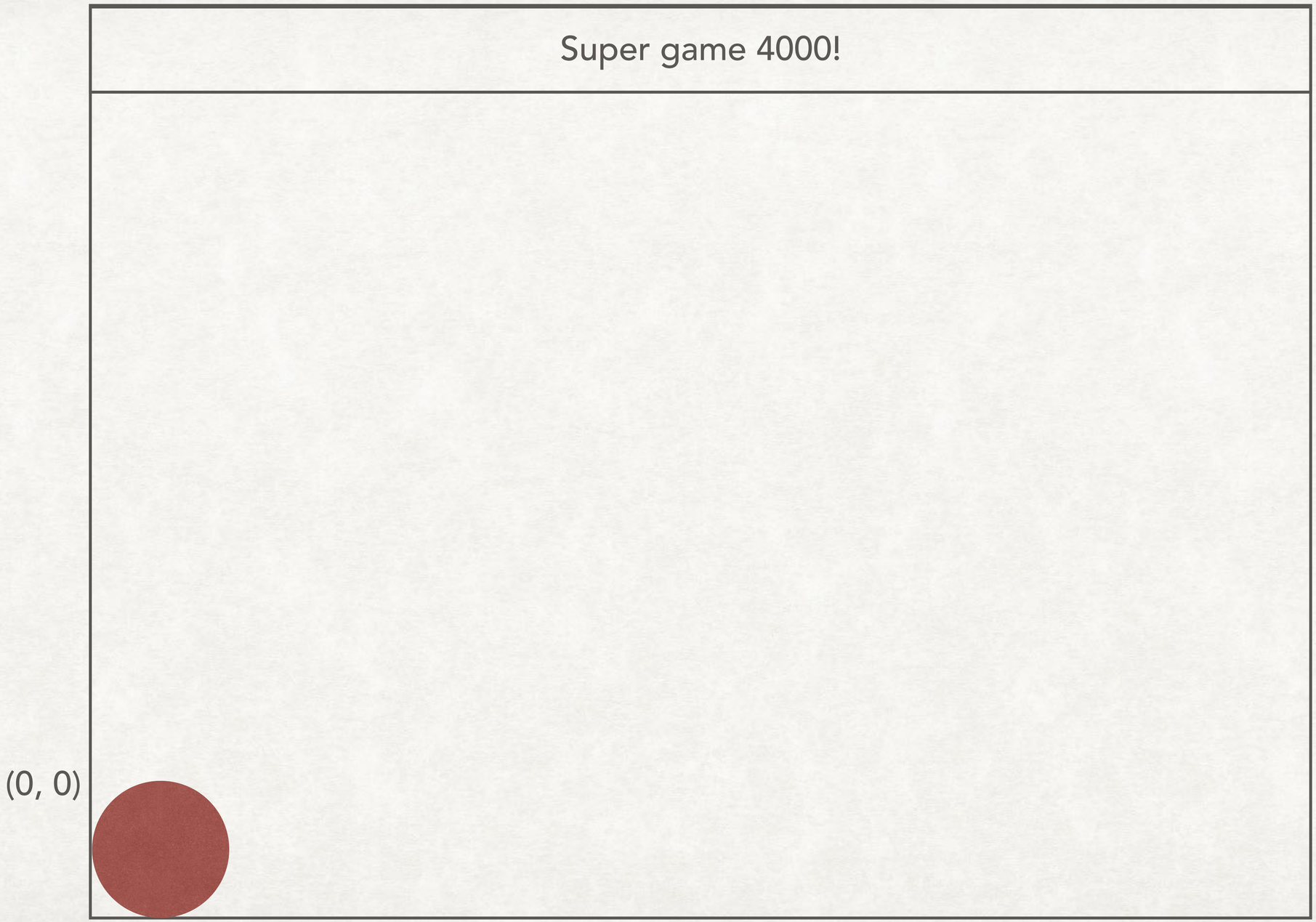
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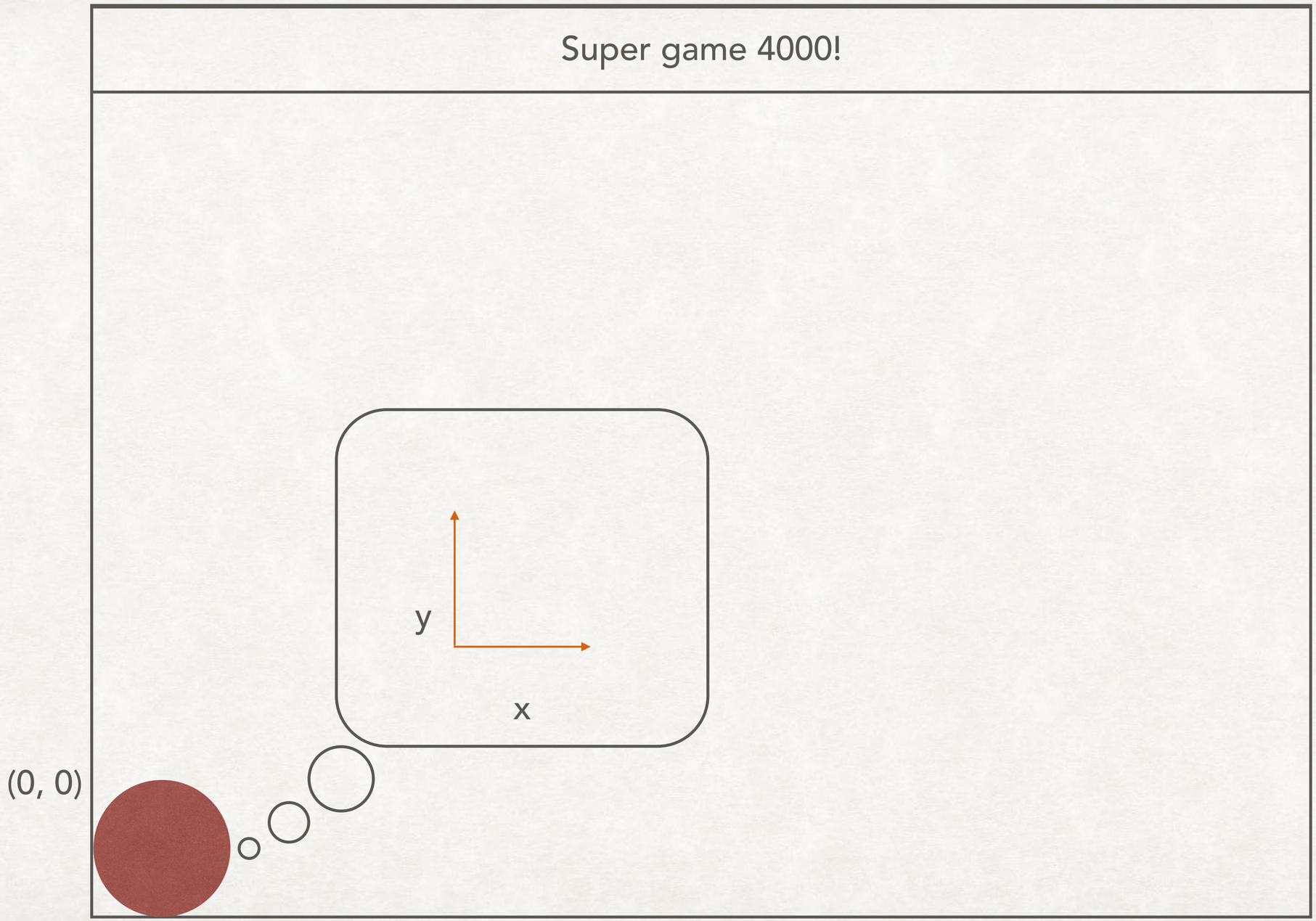
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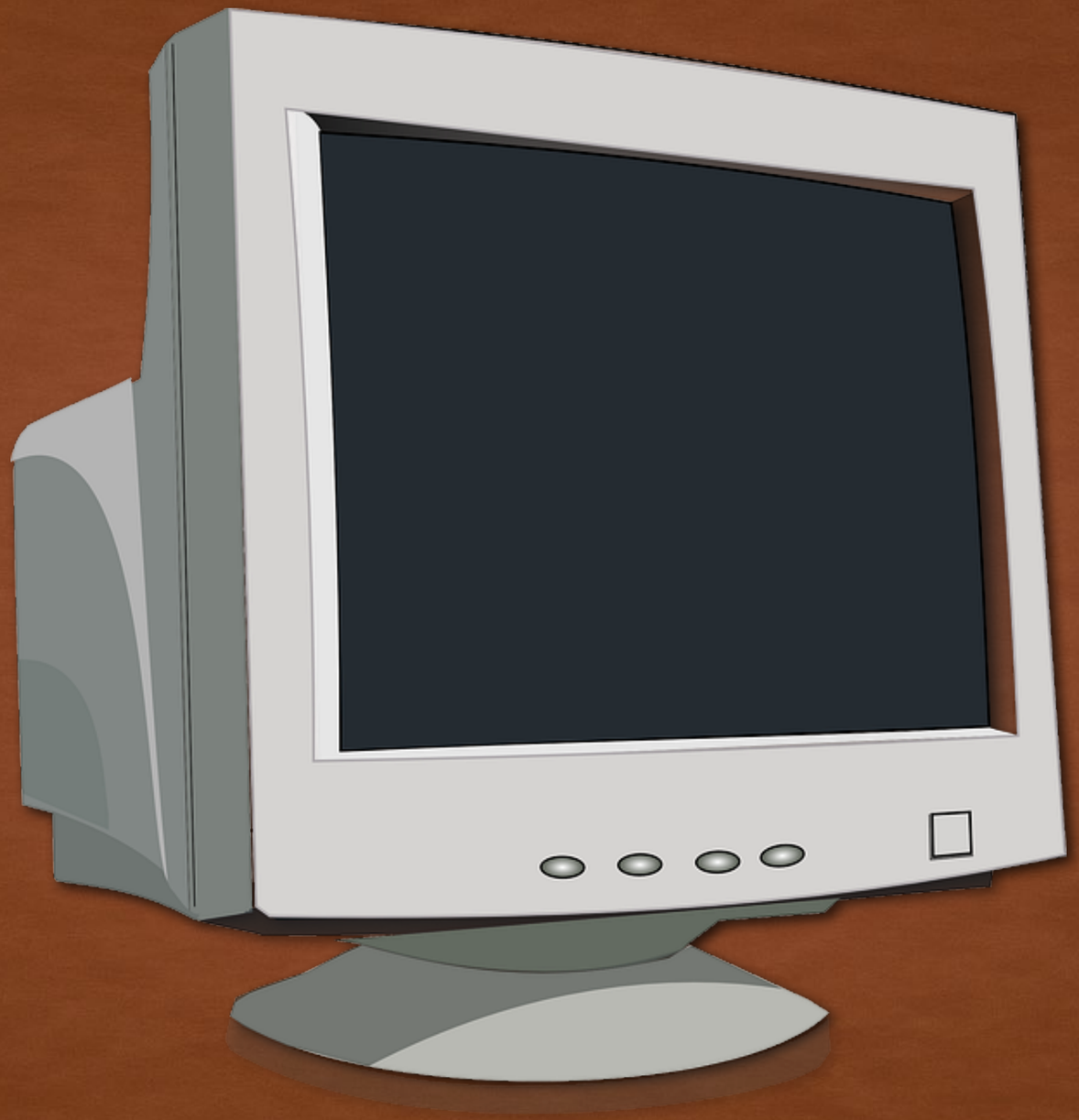

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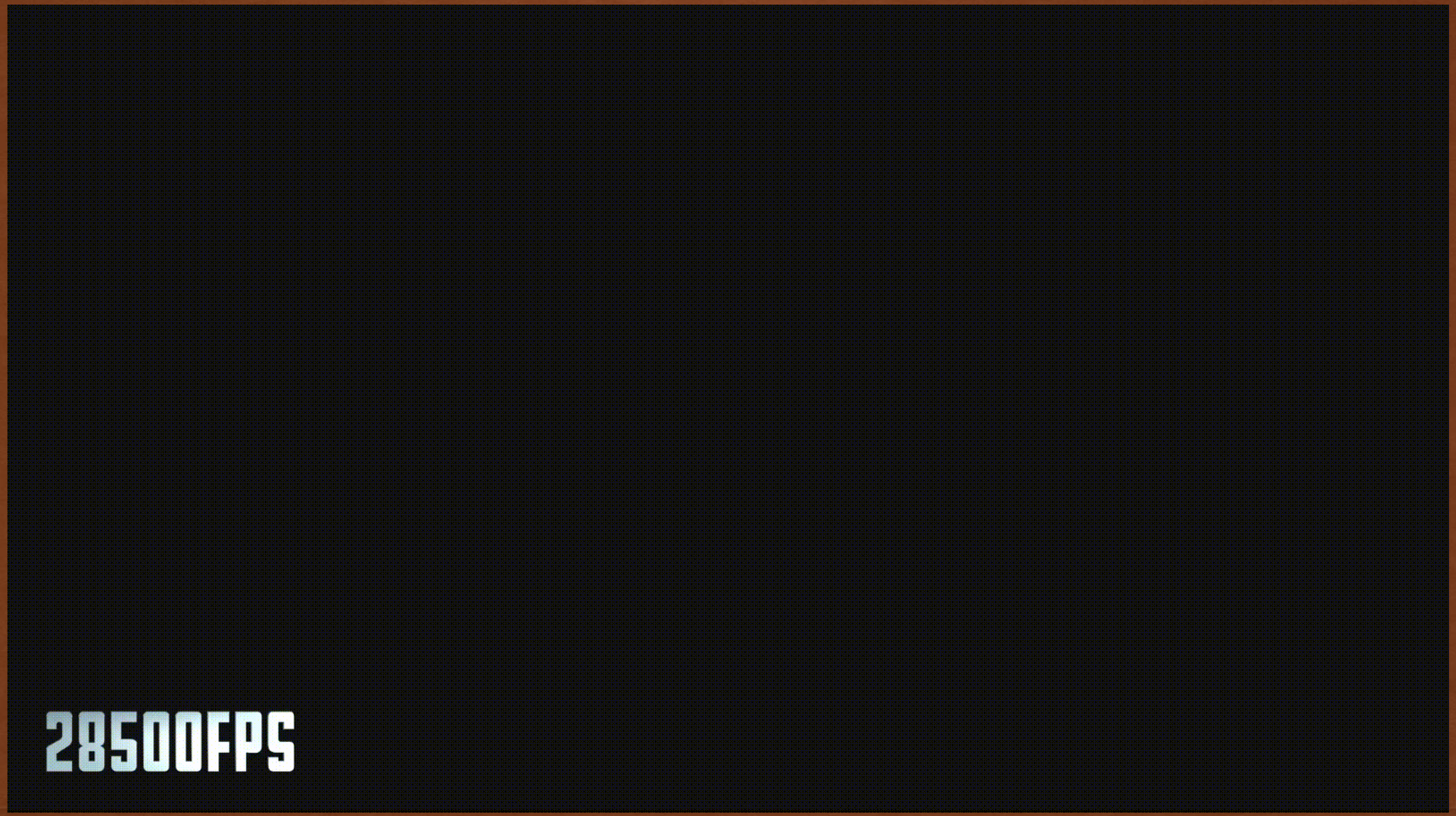

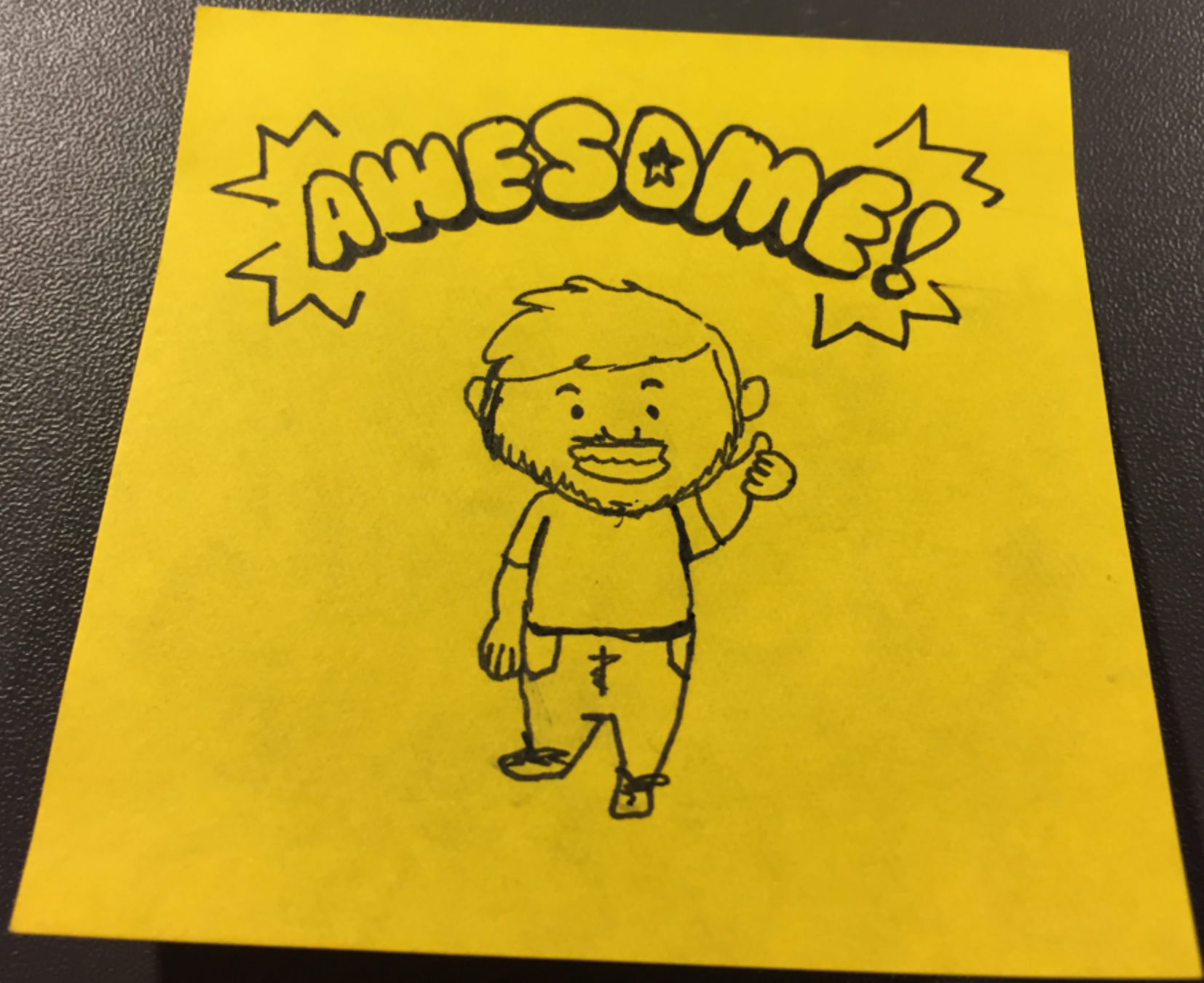
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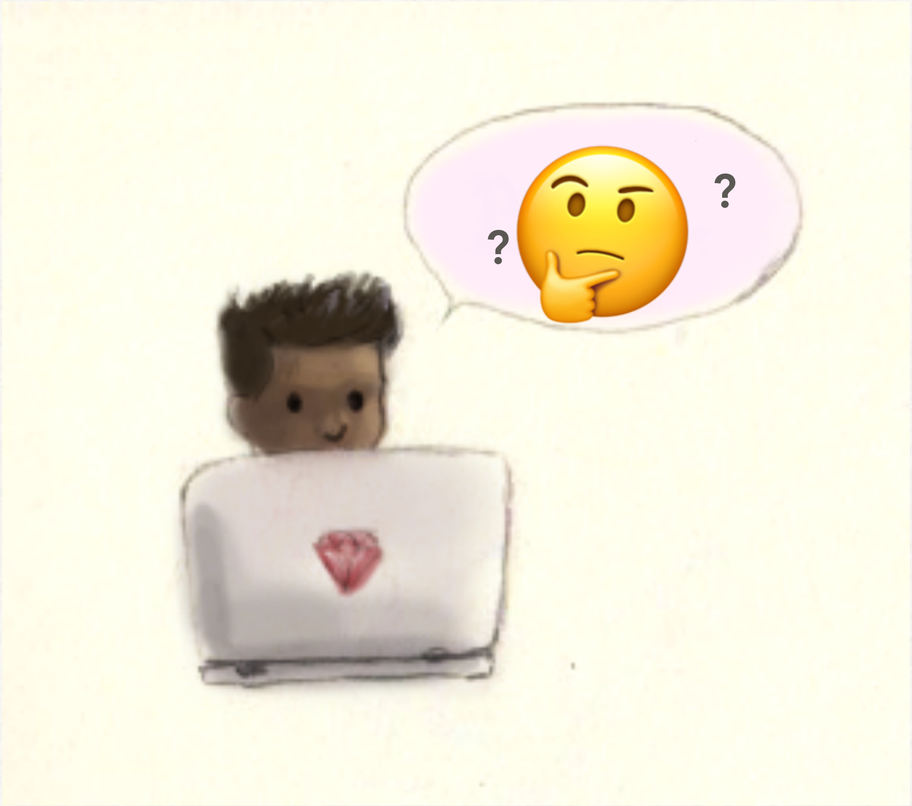
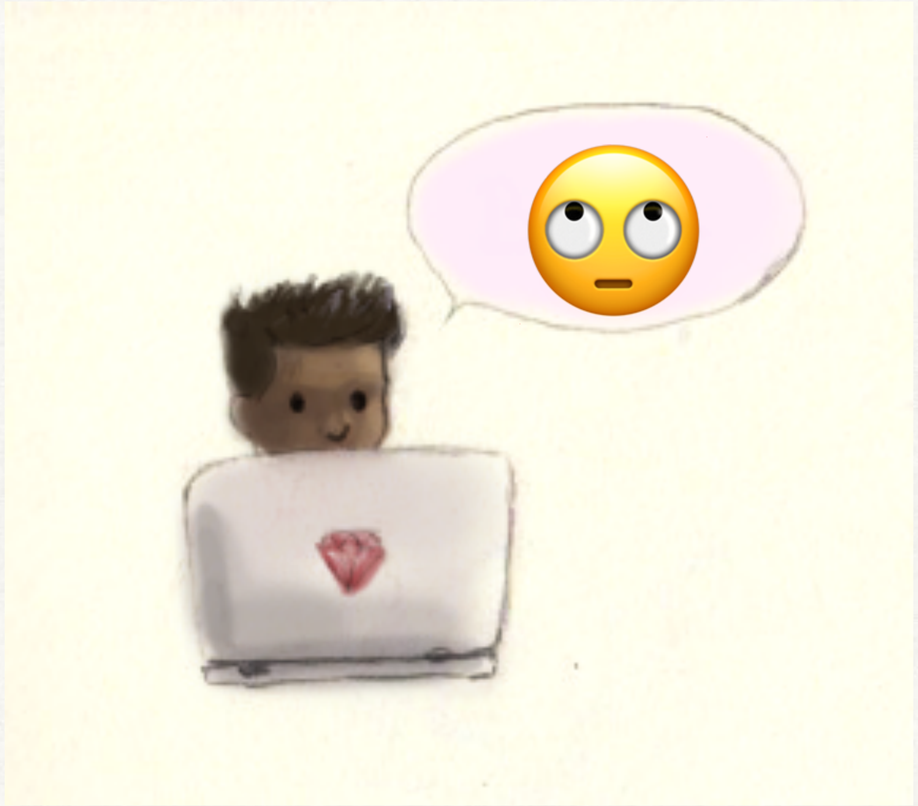
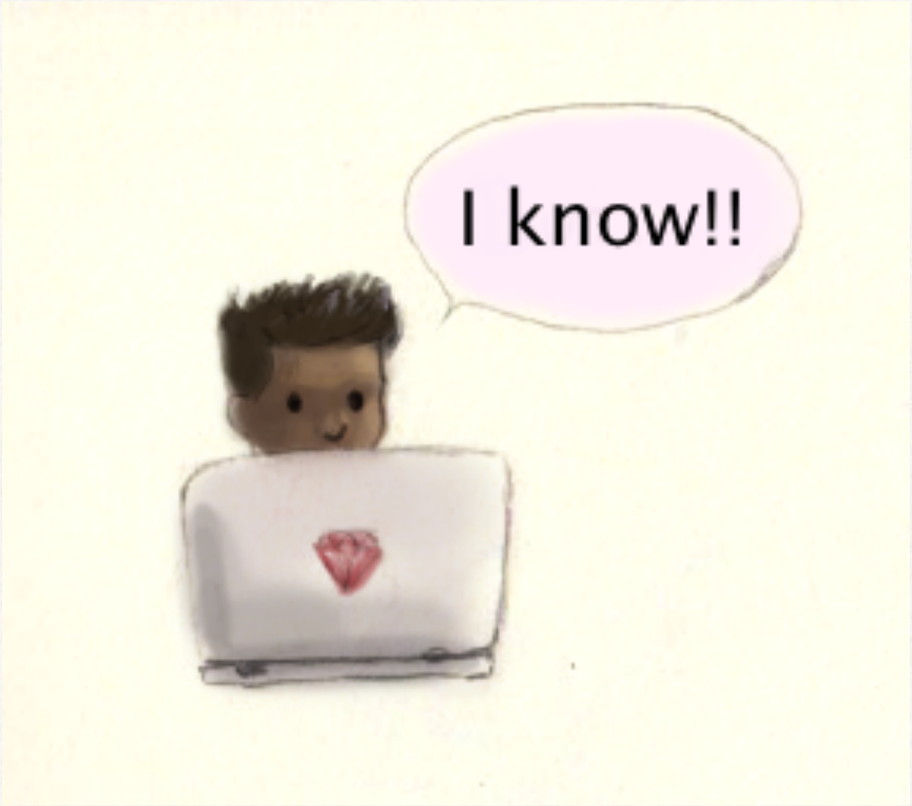
“OK EVERYONE, THIS IS WHAT AN ARRAY IS!”



ALRIGHT EVERYBODY! LET'S...

- Make a new array with 50 enemies
- Add an enemy to the array
- Move each enemy five pixels to the right
- Kill every single enemy

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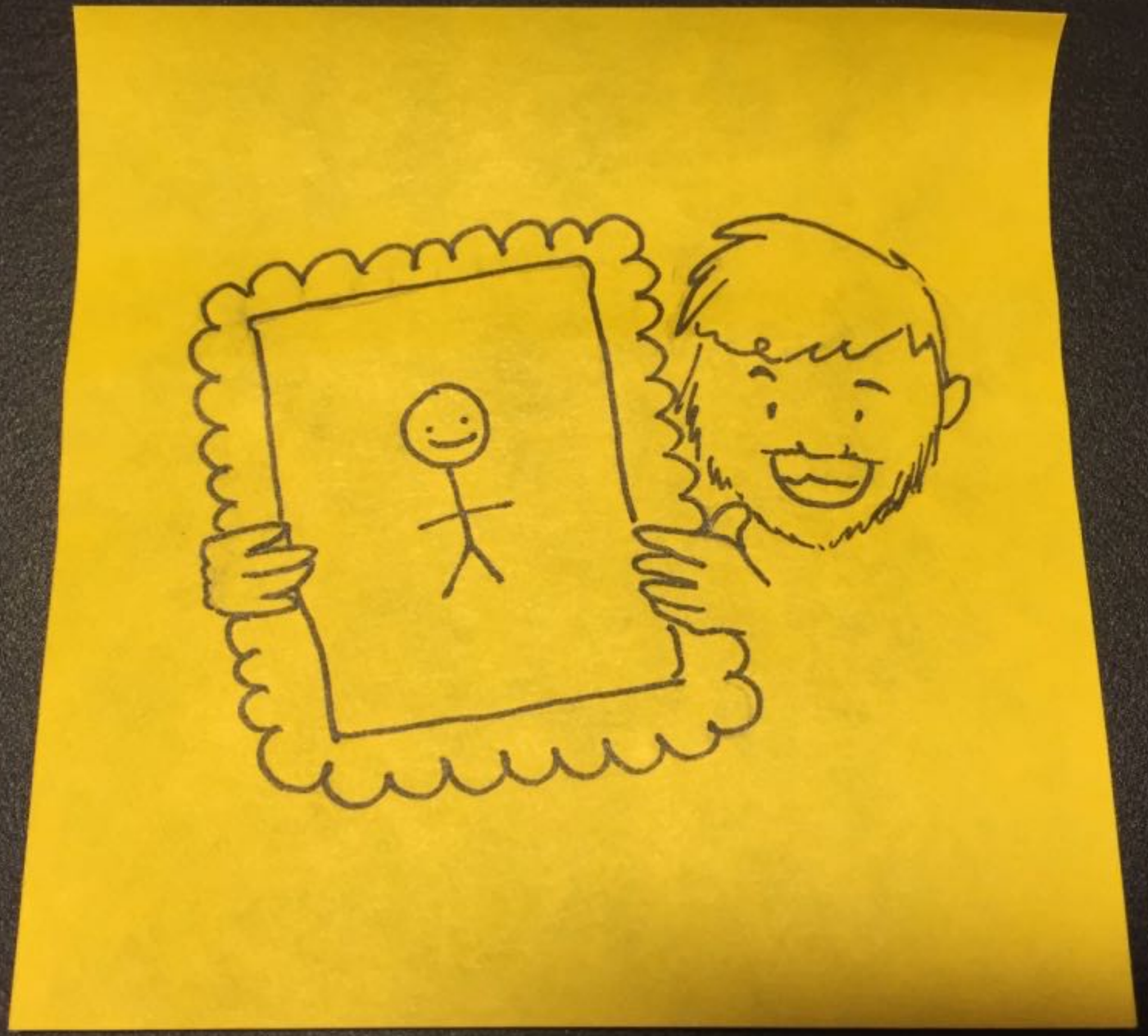

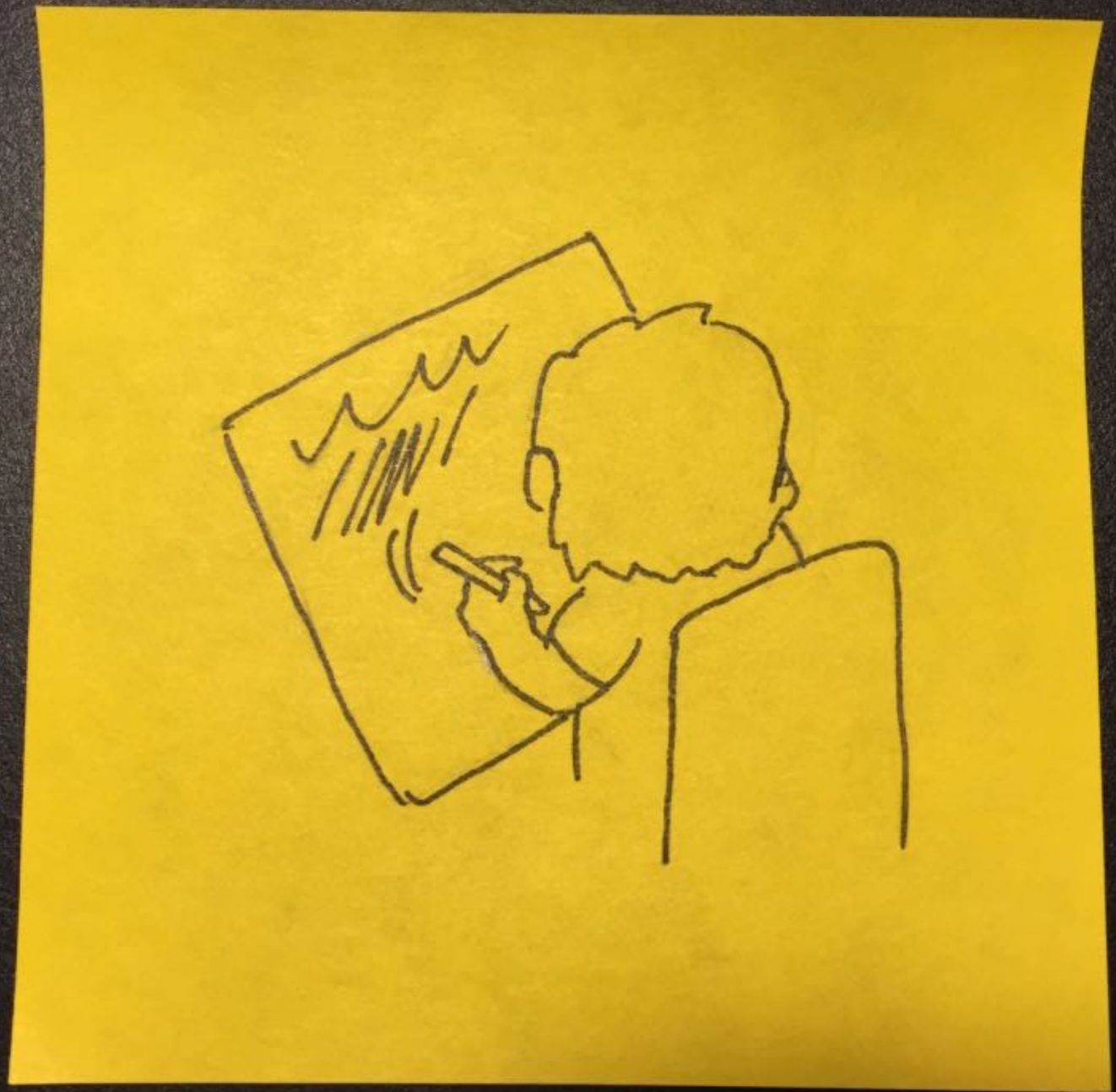

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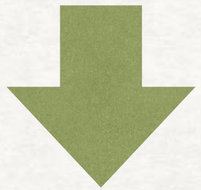

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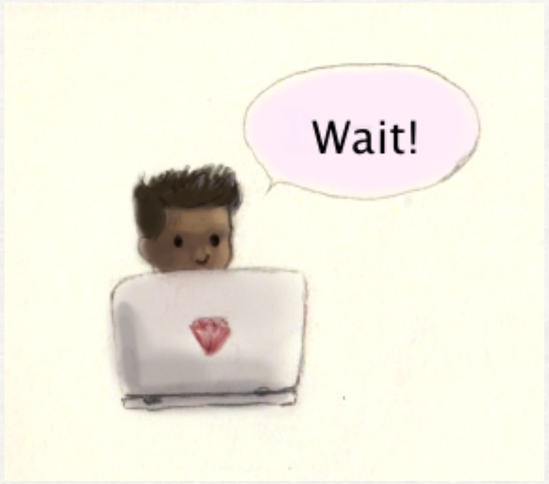


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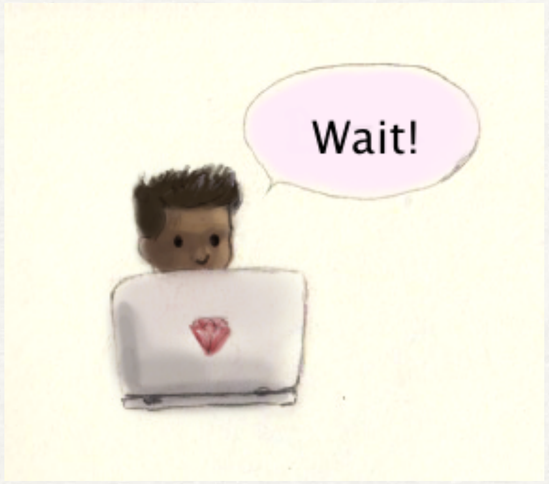


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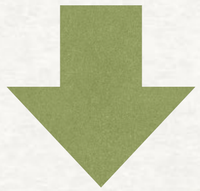

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@player.x = @player.x - 5
if @player.x < 0
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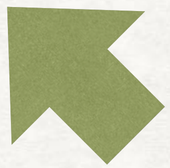

SUDDENLY, PAIR PROGRAMMING HAPPENED

I'M READING LOTS OF CODE NOW AND IT'S GREAT!

PAIR PROGRAMMING IS PRETTY SWEET!

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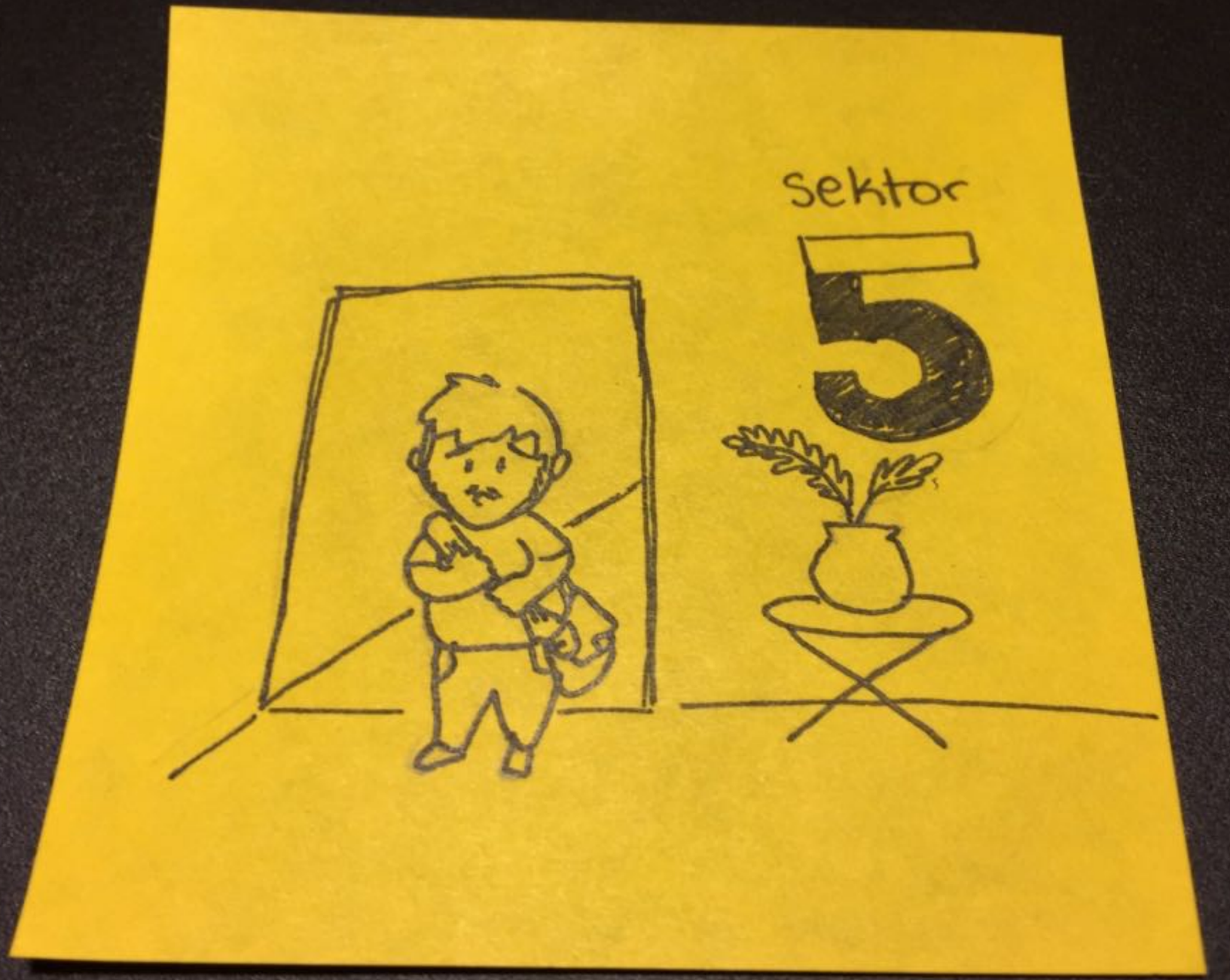
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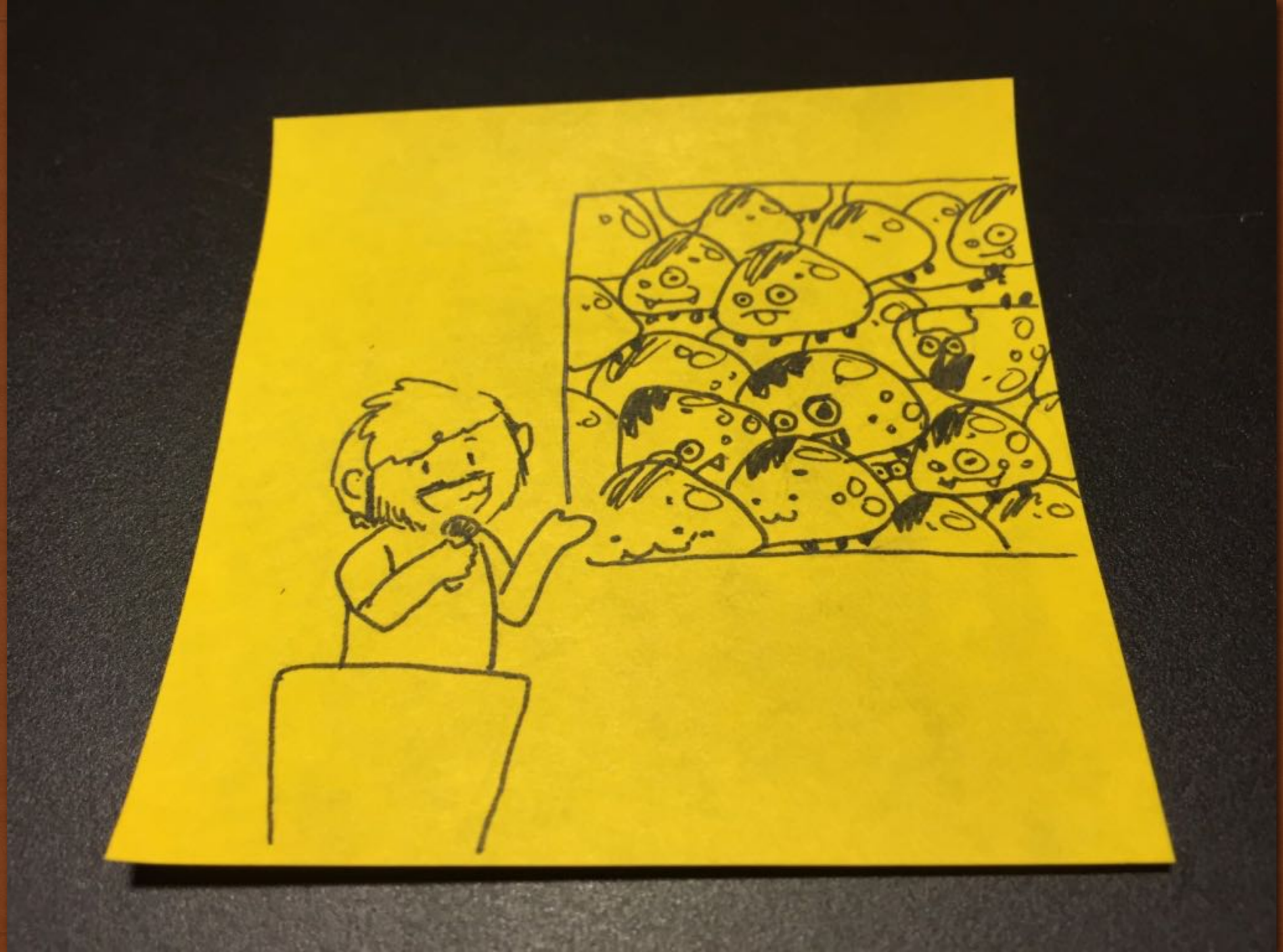

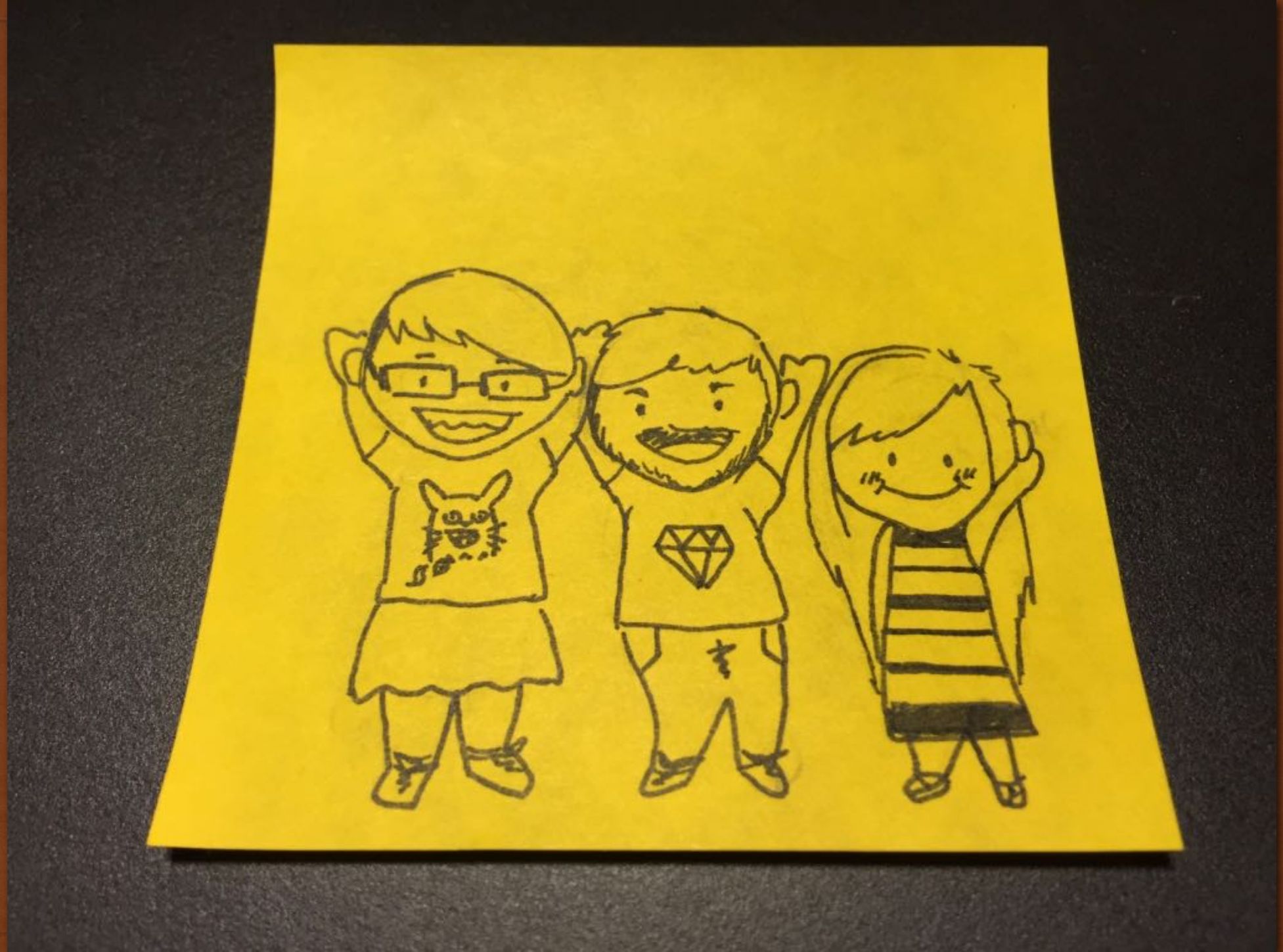

BUT RAMÓN, THAT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO! WHAT ABOUT NOW?

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OH BUT HEY, …

SKILLS I'VE PICKED UP IN OTHER PROJECTS CAN BE USEFUL HERE!

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HEY, WHAT'S THE DIV IN A <DIV> STAND FOR?

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OMG WOW I HAVE NO IDEA LET'S LOOK IT UP RIGHT THIS INSTANT!!!

NOW

LOOKING STUFF UP IS A HIGHLY VALUABLE SKILL.

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TEACH ANYONE!

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