

Disposable Universes And Games You Can't Quit

Strange Futures For AI In Games

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It's 2018



“AI For Games” means exactly one thing



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What other futures are possible with AI?

I

Disposable Universes



Procedural generation is awesome



Most procedural generation is set dressing



Bad News



Name: ???
Parents: ???
Born: ???
Lives: ???



Extroversion: somewhat low

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Neuroticism: low

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Glasses: yes

Purpose Here: work

Other People Here: [Player can see]

Marital Status: single

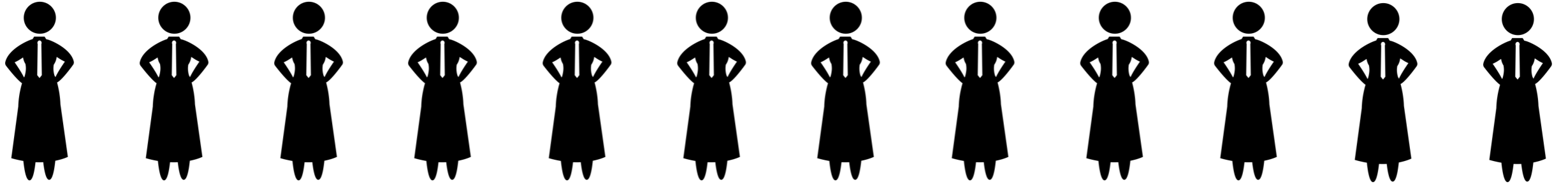
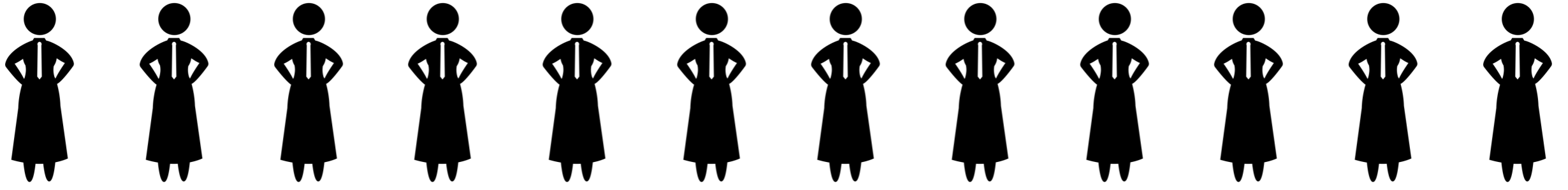
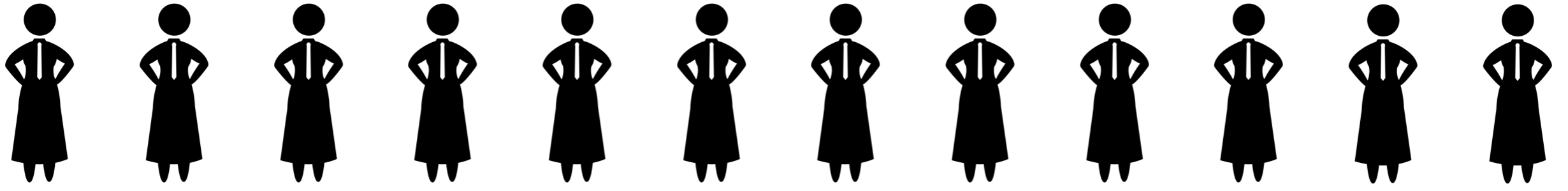
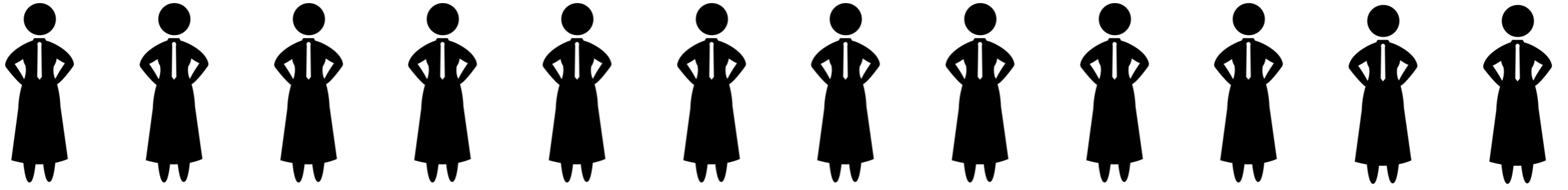
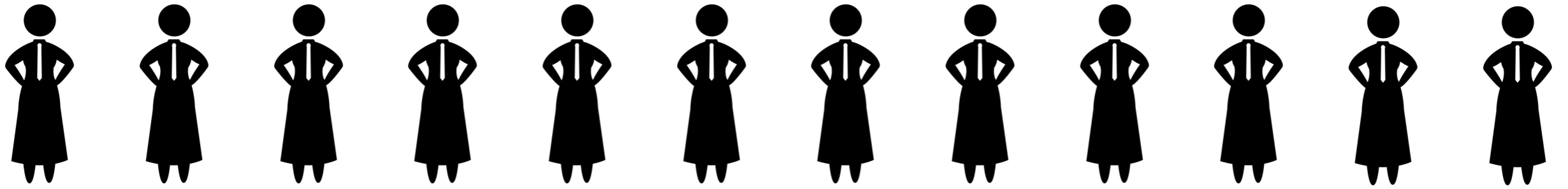
Moved to Town: birth

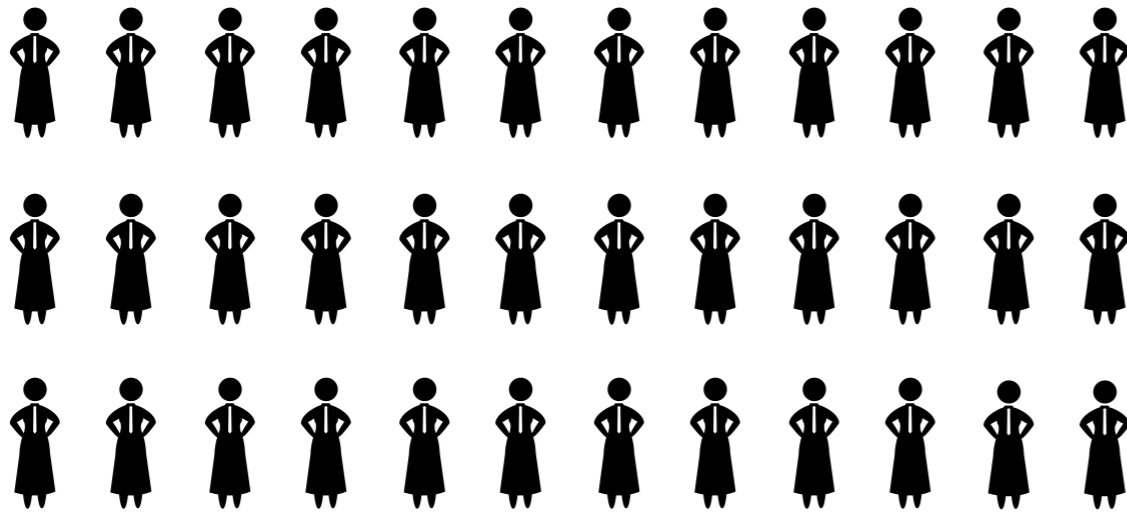
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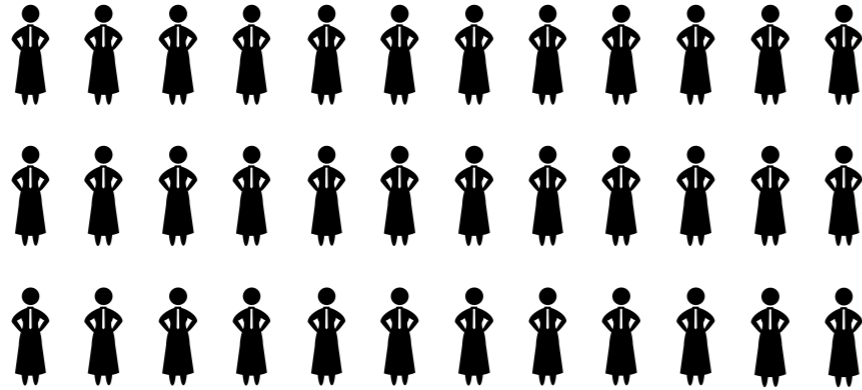
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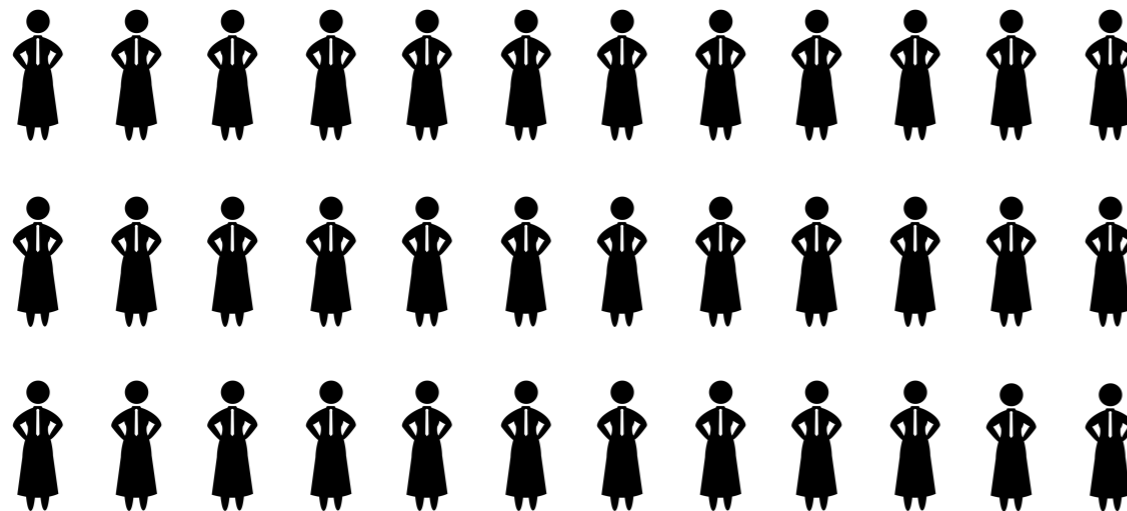




1850



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2010



Knows About Self

Name: Mary Gold

Parents: Eli and Mandana Gold

Born: ...

Lives: ...

Knows About Soraya Winters

Name: Soraya Winters (100%)

Parents: ???

Born: ...

Lives: 22 Adelaide Ave (75%)

Tattoo: Wario (40%)



Wizard

Actor

My Name is: Cecil Jack Senn

Town Name: Ketchikan *Current Date:* Day of August 20, 1979 *My Location:* Chodlates *Address Here:* 608 Cardiff Avenue
Next of Kin: !Rosemary Thies (my neighbor; at Schoettle residence)

Me

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Subject of Conversation

First name: Rolland (positive)

Last name: Thies (positive)

Status: alive (positive)

Death year: None (pretty sure)

Departure year: None (pretty sure)

My sources: myself (100%)

Relations to me: neighbor

Charge: -

Spark: -

Age: 19 (somewhat sure)

Job status: employed (sure) secretary (positive)

Job shift: day (sure)

Workplace: Wartrace Street Realty (positive)

Skin color: light (positive)

Hair color: black (sure)

Hair length: long (sure)

Facial hair: none (somewhat sure)

Tattoo: no (positive)

Scar: no (positive)

Birthmark: no (somewhat sure)

Freckles: no (not confident)

Glasses: yes (not confident)

Spouse: single (positive)

Parents: !Rosemary Thies (alive), Herman Thies (dead)

Kids: ?

Siblings: Nancy Thies (alive), James Thies (alive), Sharon Thies (alive), Andrea Thies (alive)

Extended family: Donald Lemberg (uncle; alive)



The End?

More



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See Also: Sheldon County and Juke Joint

II

Wearing Your Choices
On Your Sleeve



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And we love to tell people about it



How can AI mix the digital with the physical?

Loominary



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You are in a room. The tile floor is cool beneath your feet. Tall arches reach above you, disappearing into the misty heavens. A fountain is before you, its clear waters overflowing its basins and flowing out the open arches where sunlight streams in. Beside the fountain, on the ground, is a golden cup.

What will you do?

Approach the fountain.

Gaze upwards to the clouds.

Peek outside, through the arches.

Turn around and walk away.



Choices displayed on screen

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Player responds by weaving the colour of their chosen option

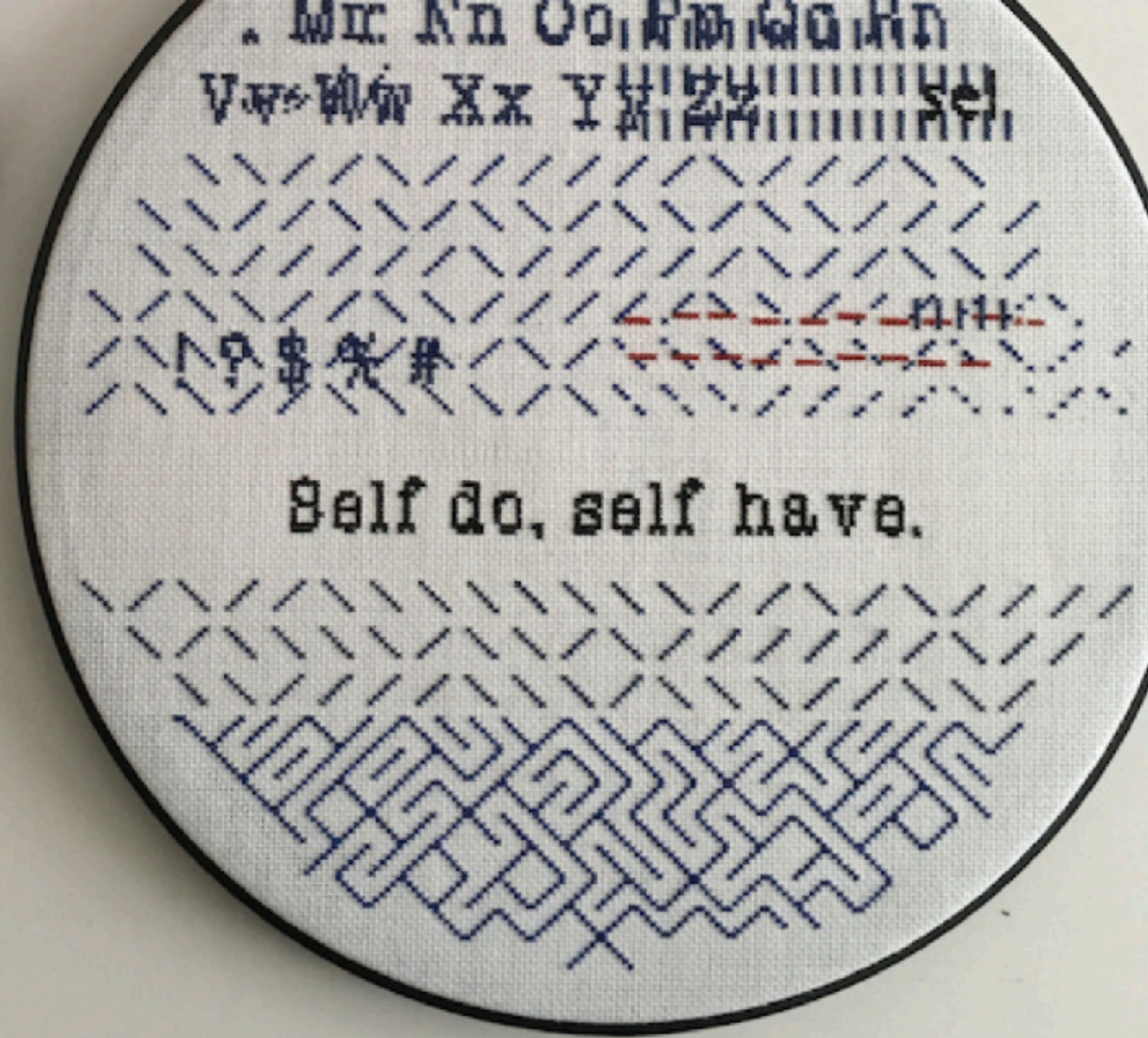
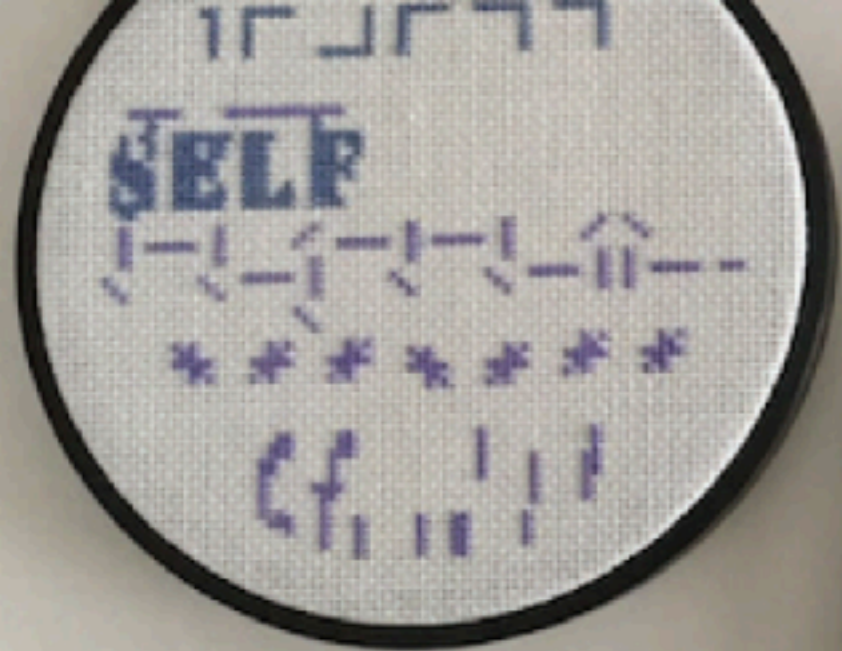




Discovered an
underground river

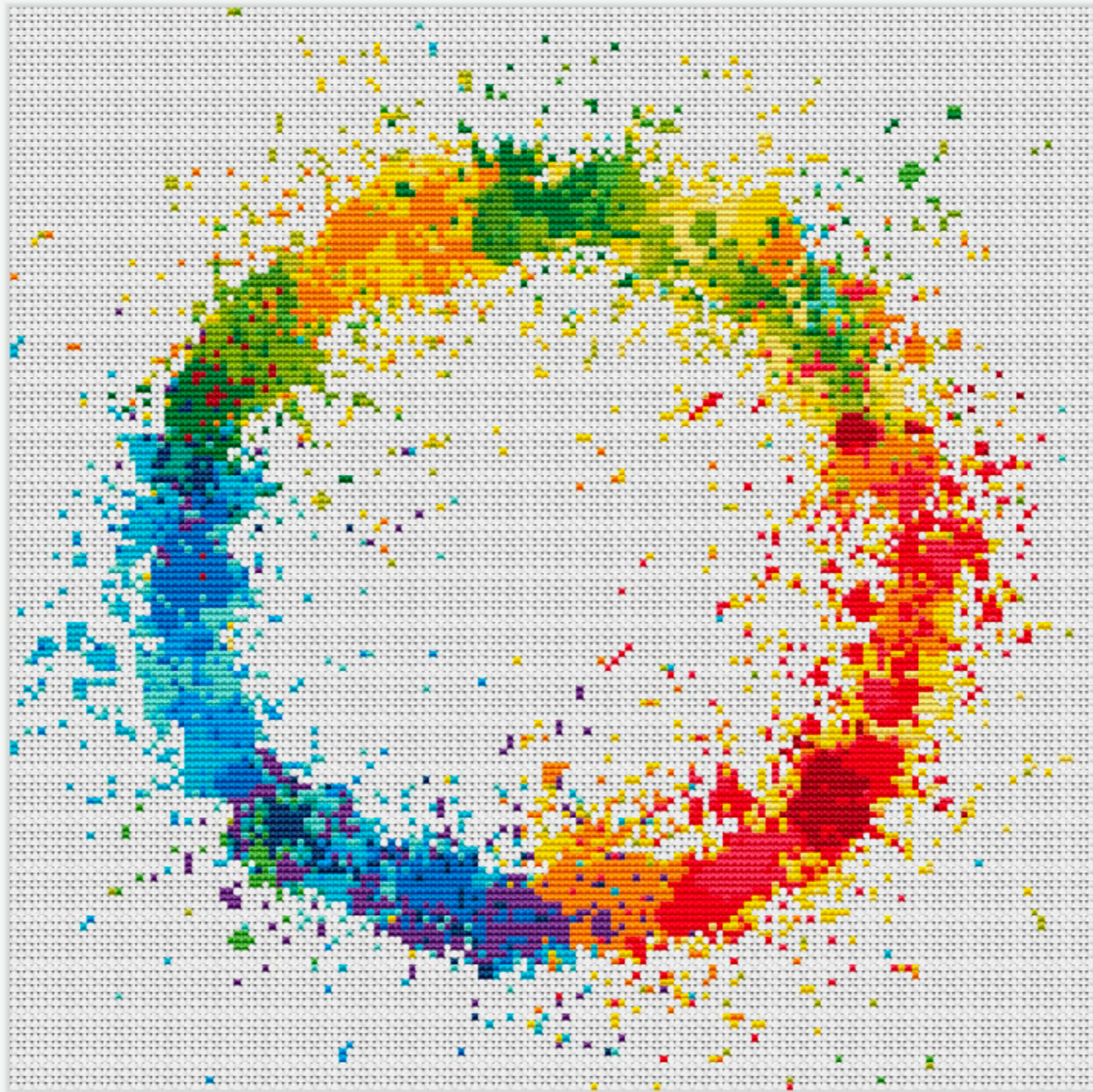
Bountiful harvest,
community celebrates

Fortress destroyed by
lava overflow



Hoopla (Gillian Smith)





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Digital Necromancy



It's easy to lose games forever



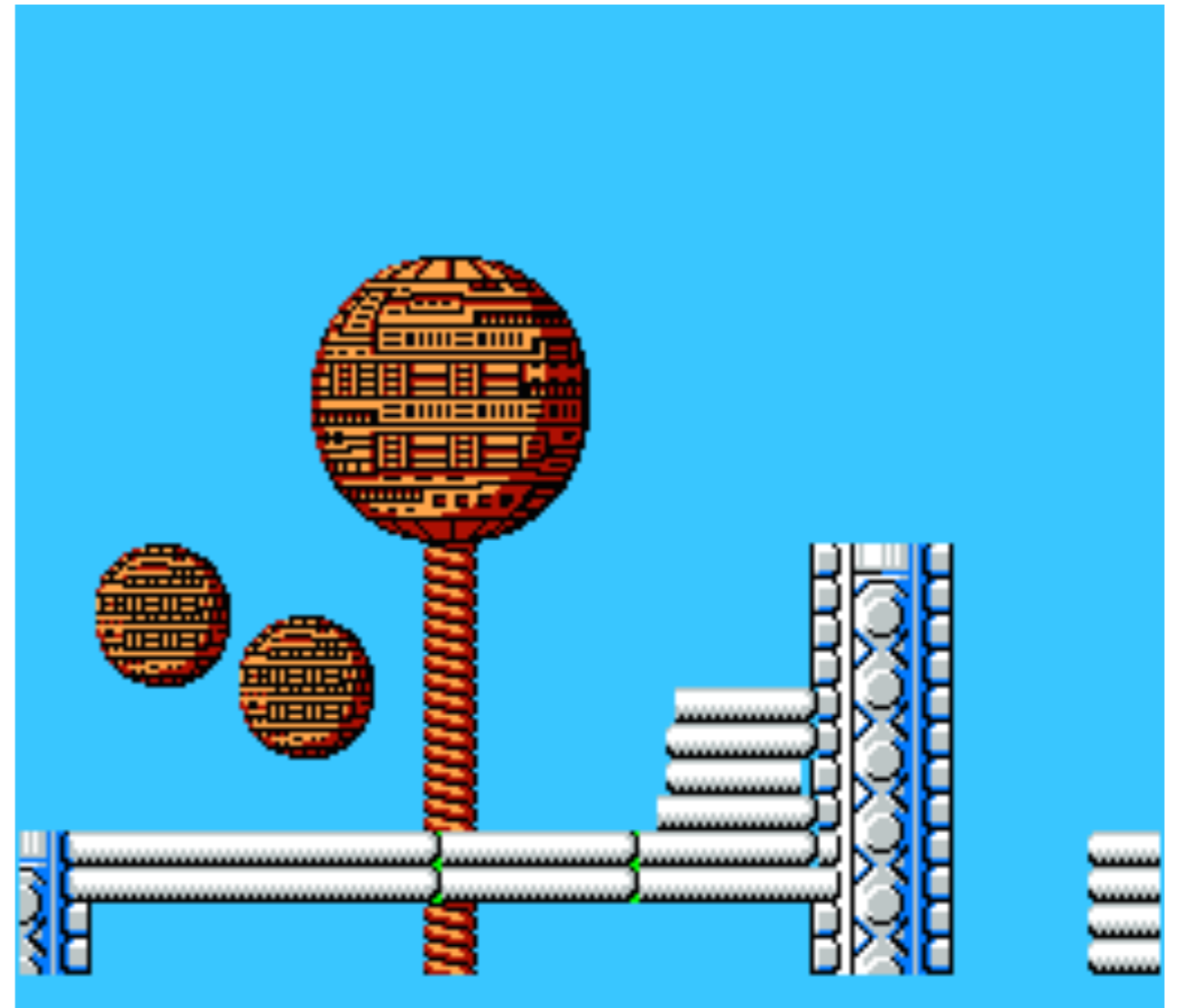
Especially from small communities



Or brief cultural moments

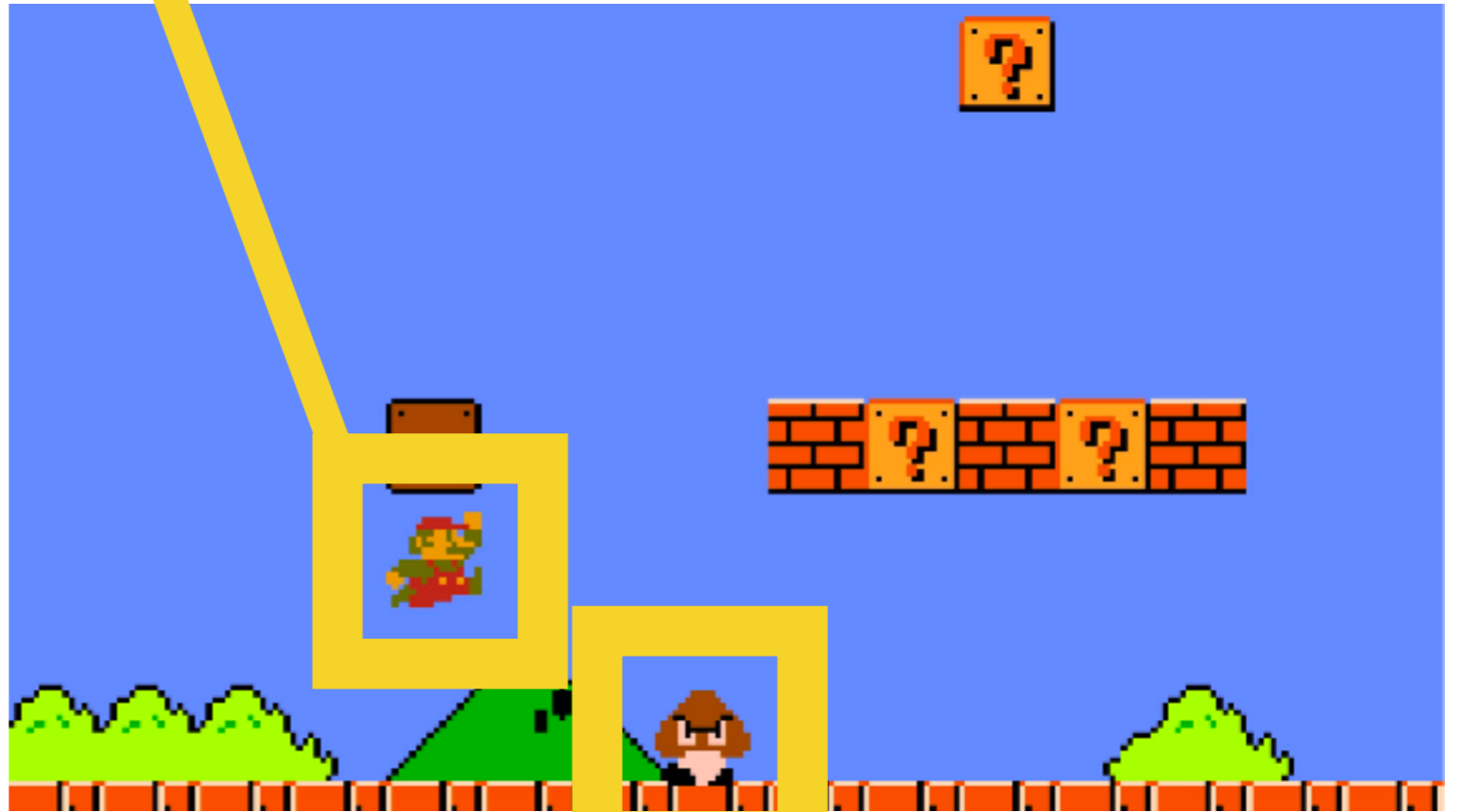


Video footage of
MegaMan playthrough



Emulated version made
from watching video

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goomba_walk



The system looks at each frame, and compares it to the previous one.

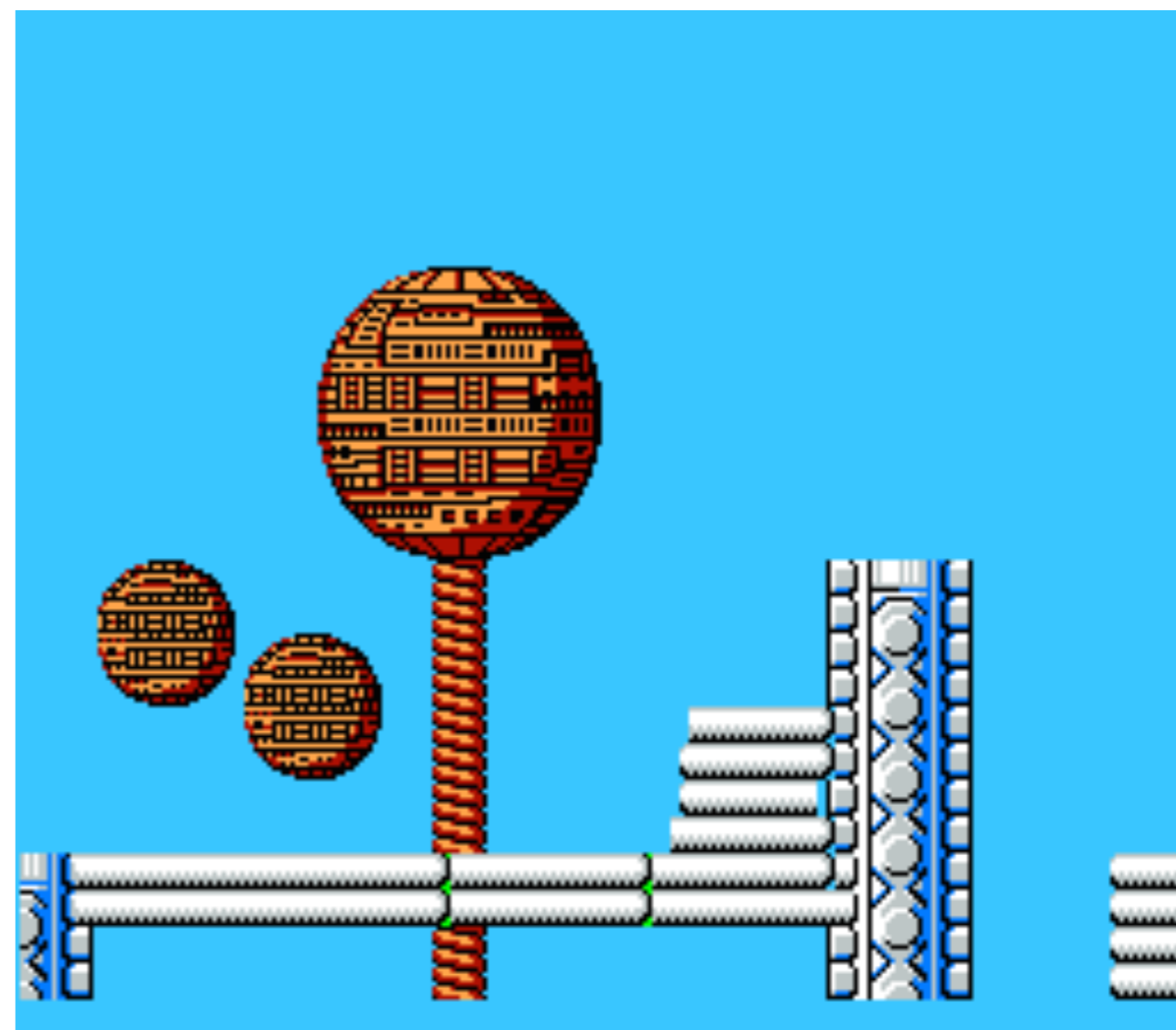


Major changes become potential
rules in the game engine





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Zool (Amiga CD32) 50FPS longplay

4,874 views

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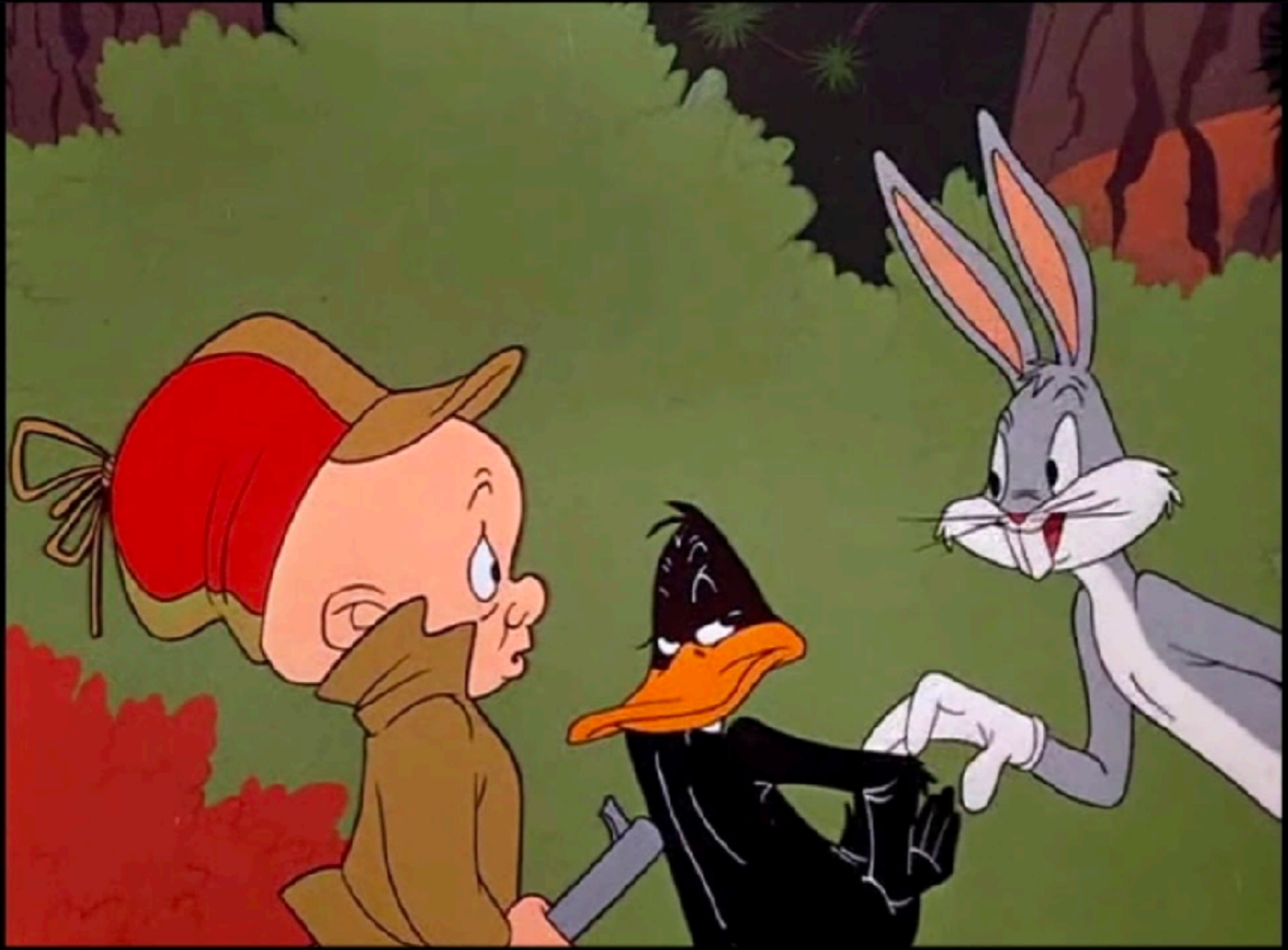


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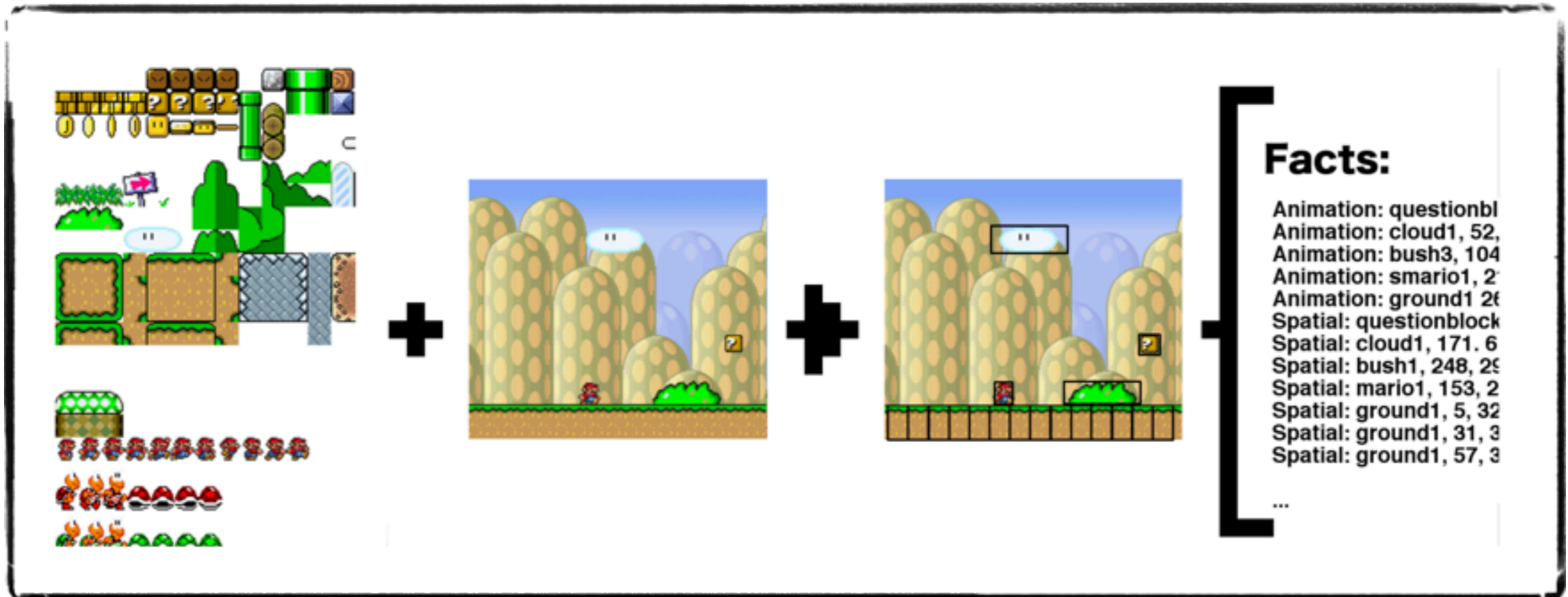
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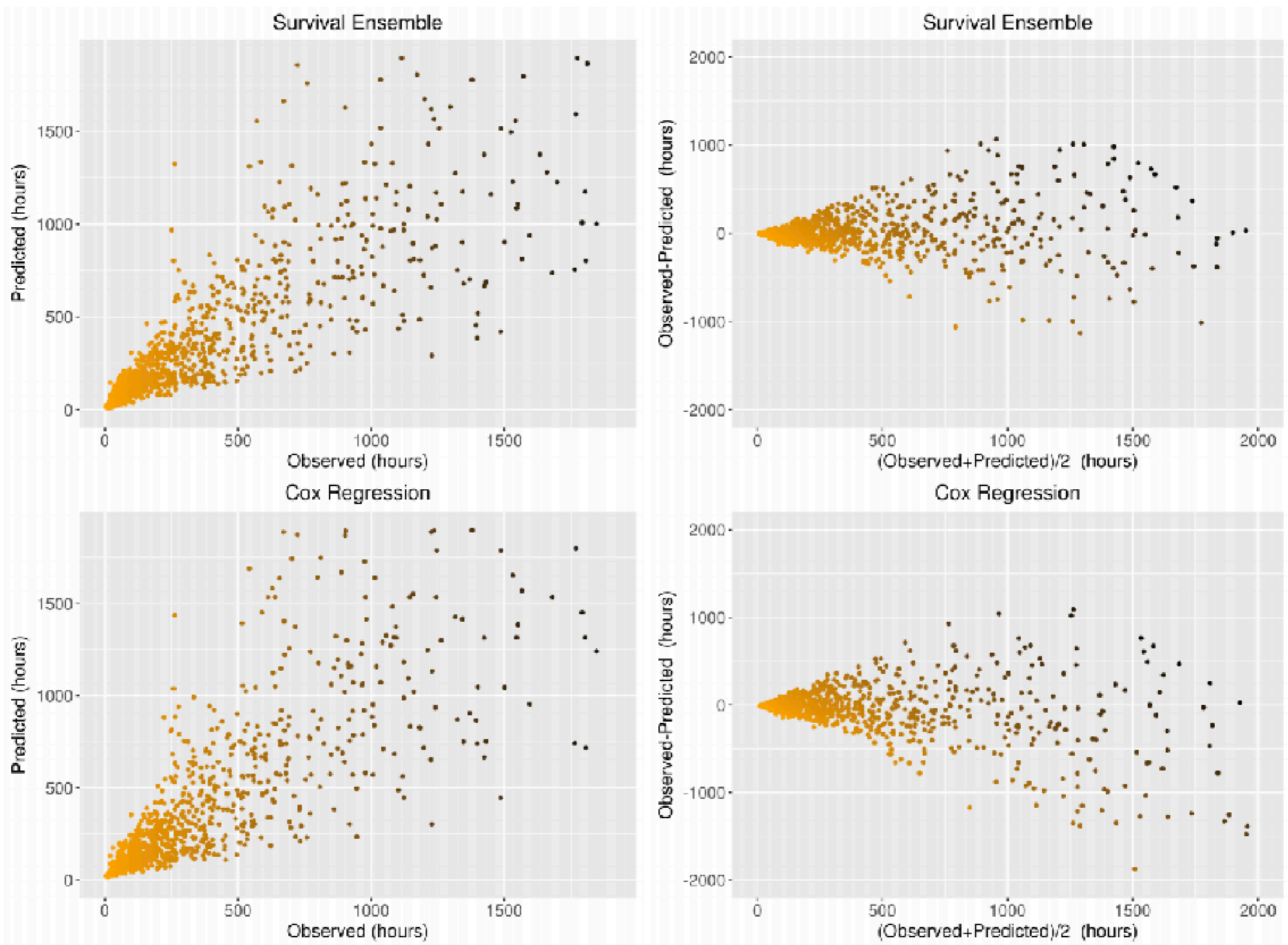
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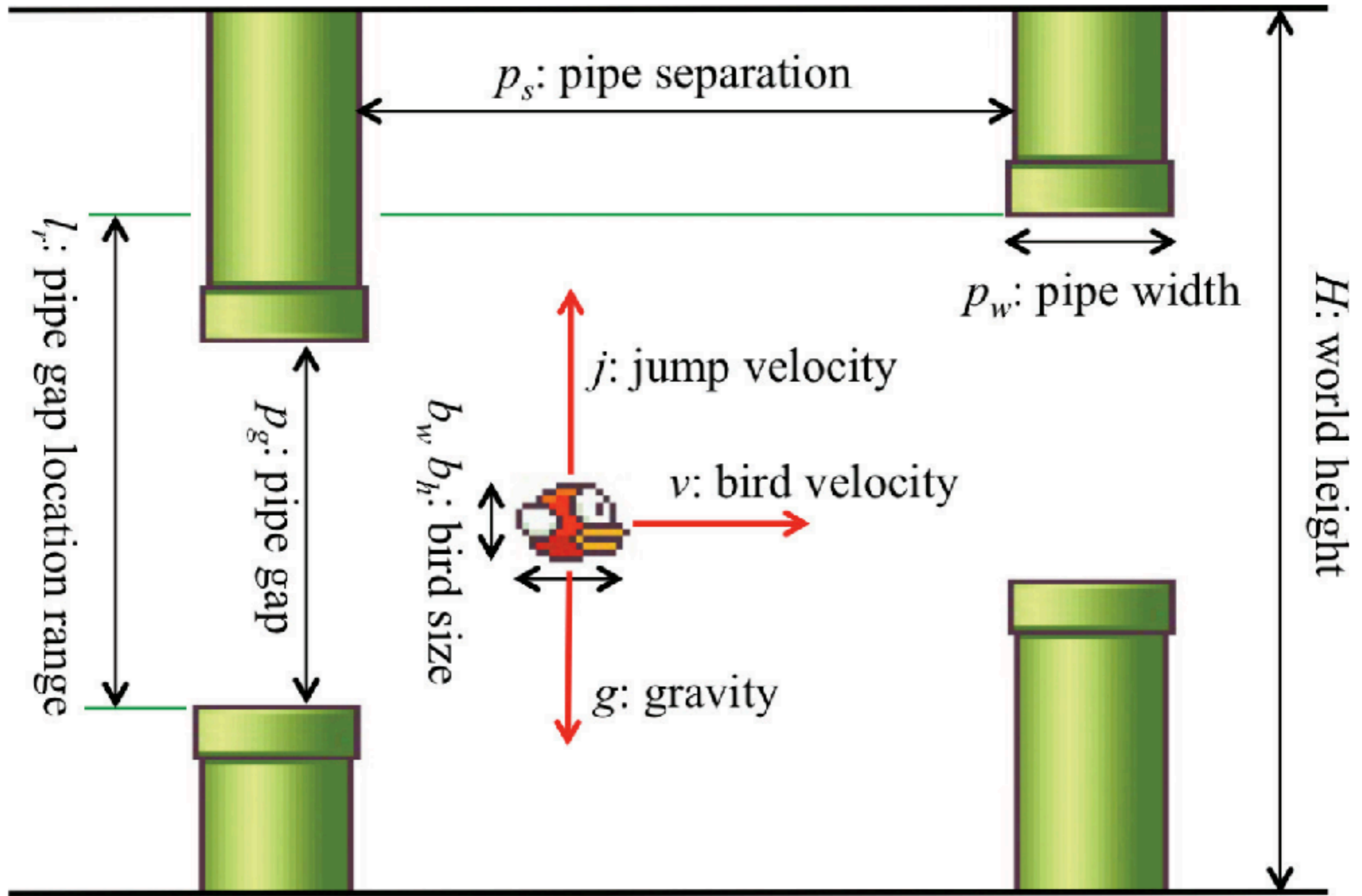
“Economic Success”



“New Business Models”



AI techniques are improving predictions



And is helping us tweak games



PLAYERUNKNOWN'S

BATTLEGROUNDS

MOBILE

GLOBAL LAUNCH



Tencent Games



LIGHTSPEED & QUANTUM STUDIOS

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FPS: 45
TMP: 74 C
VRM: 5.14 HB
PM2: 96 HS
RTT: 194 HS
INC: 97 HS

COMPETITIVE

TEAM 1

2782

4062 SR

TEAM 2

VS

CRITLYN		
APPLEMAZER		
BLIZZERAC		
CAIXUREN		
FERZEN123		
HAPPYPANTS		

B4BYVINZ		
CRUSADE		
K3N		
MITCH		
PEARBOMBS		
XDARKSILENT		

[NightRaven] started playing Overwatch.
[Blizzerac]: what.
[HappyPants]: thanks blizzard

PRESS ENTER TO CHAT

LOADING...
 KING'S ROW





Same As The Old Business Models



Technology amplifies



As we know, this always ends well



inquiry :: Silicon Valley

A Basic Lack of Understanding

by **Mike Cook** in **Technology and The Worker (#2)**

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AI In The Community



Despite the hubbub, AI is far off



But we can still ask questions

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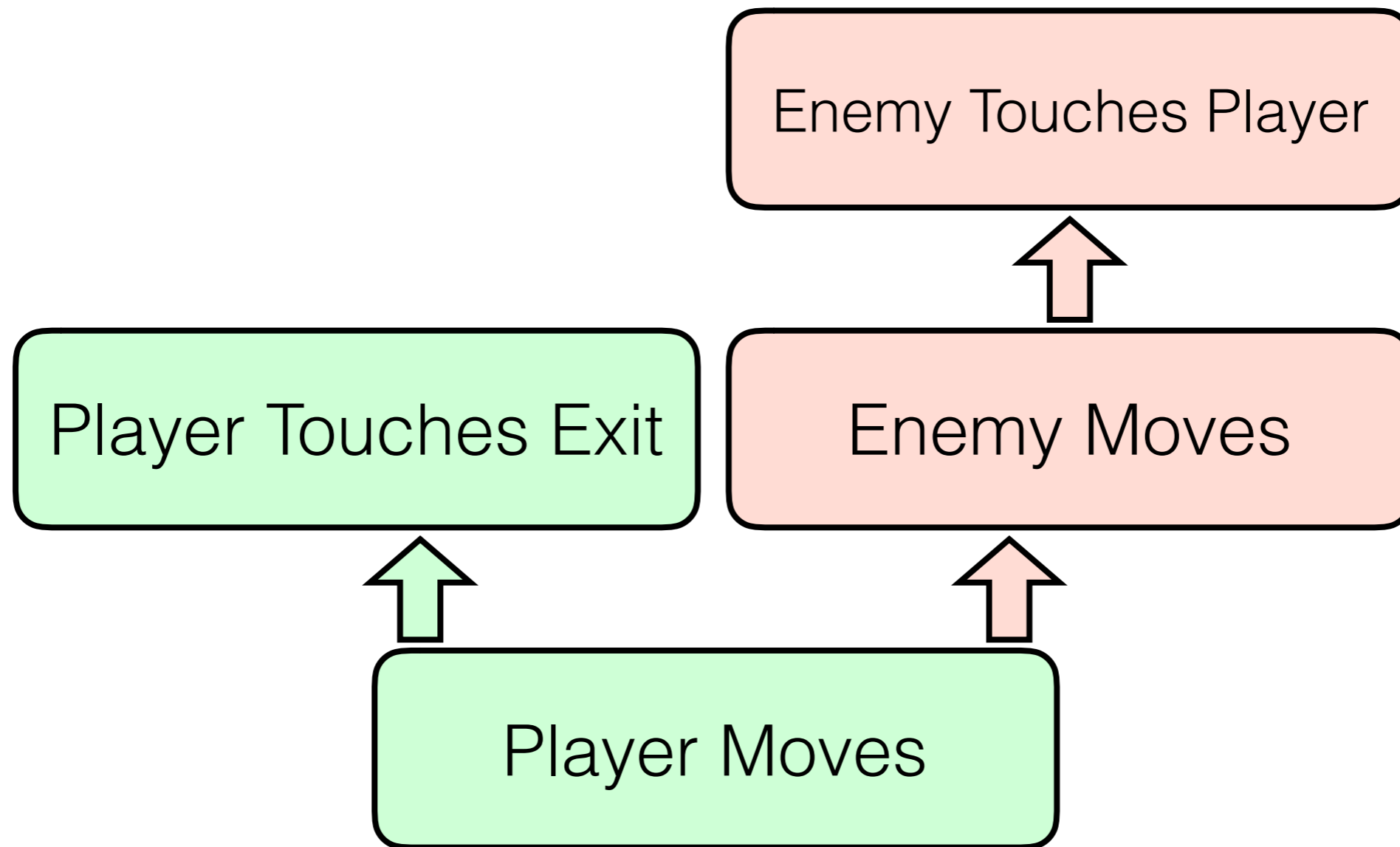
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In our communities?



As influential figures?



As creative collaborators?

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