

UNSAFE THINKING

How to be nimble and bold when you need it most



Anxiety

Expertise

Conflict

Intuition

Rules





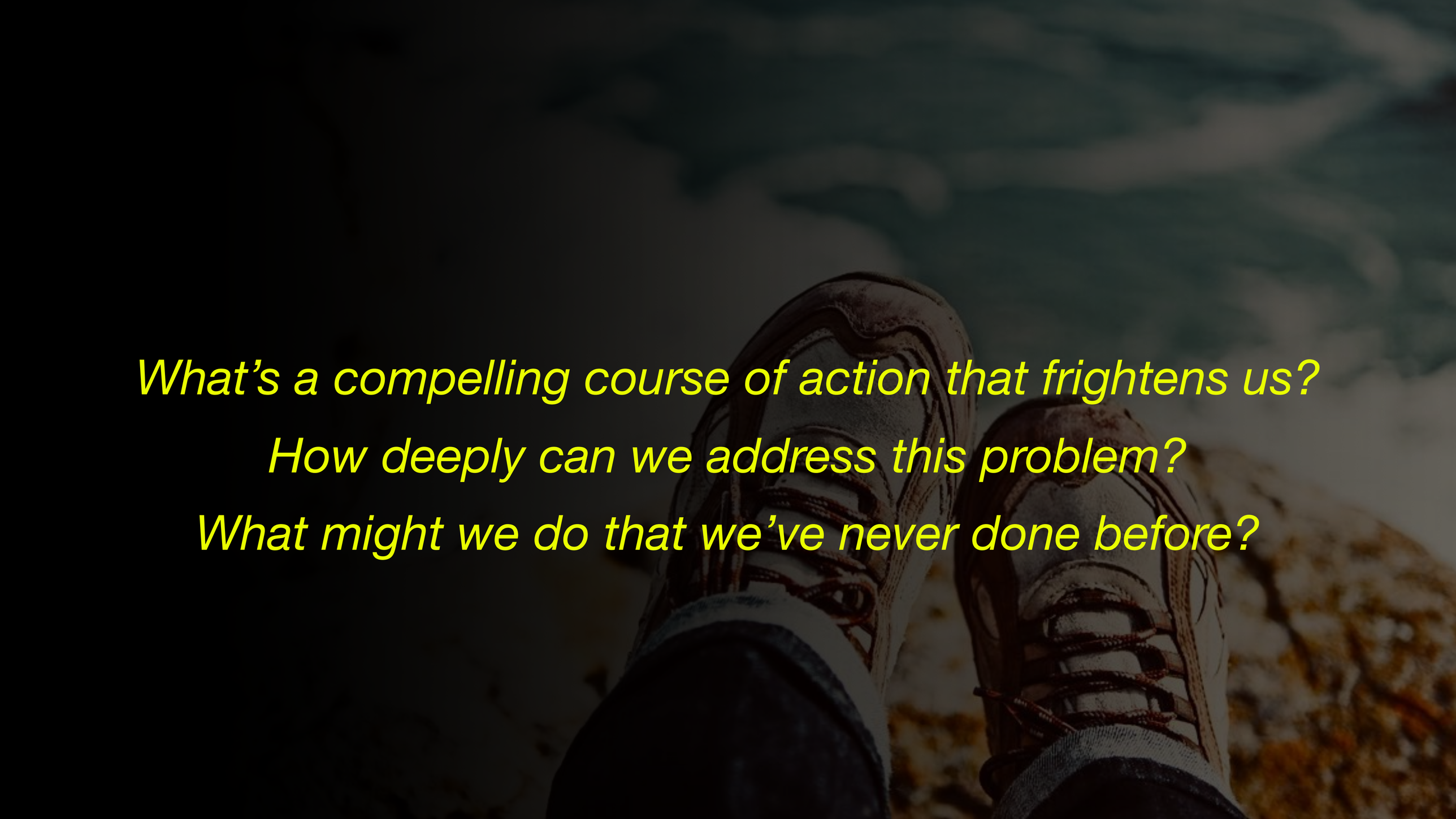

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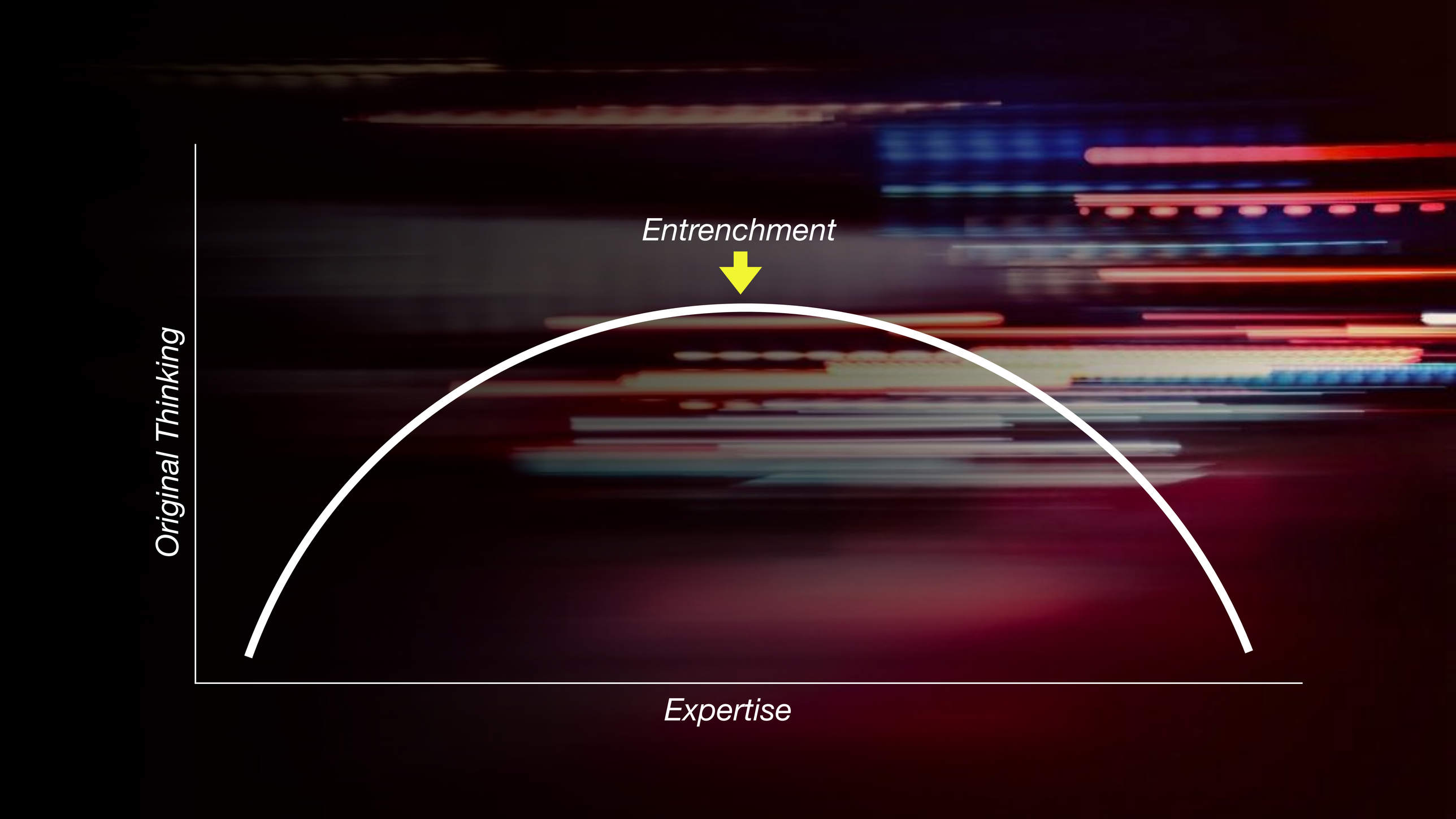
Anxiety → fuel for creativity


What's a compelling course of action that frightens us?
How deeply can we address this problem?
What might we do that we've never done before?





Agreeability ➔ embrace your challengers


Entrenchment
Original Thinking
Expertise



Expertise → identify as an explorer

Give a man a fish, feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.

– OR –

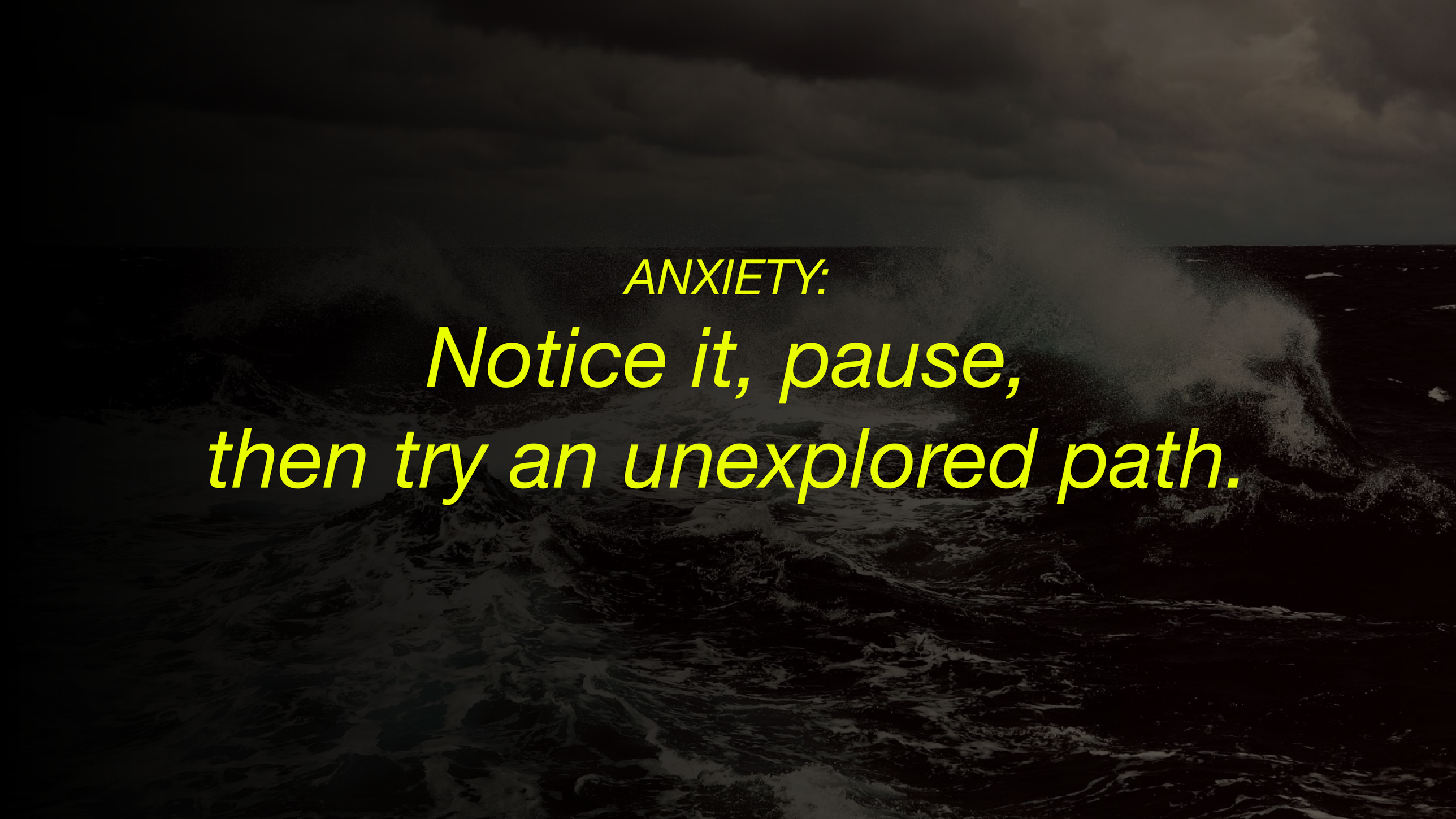
The best way to help the world's poorest people
is just give them money, no questions asked.

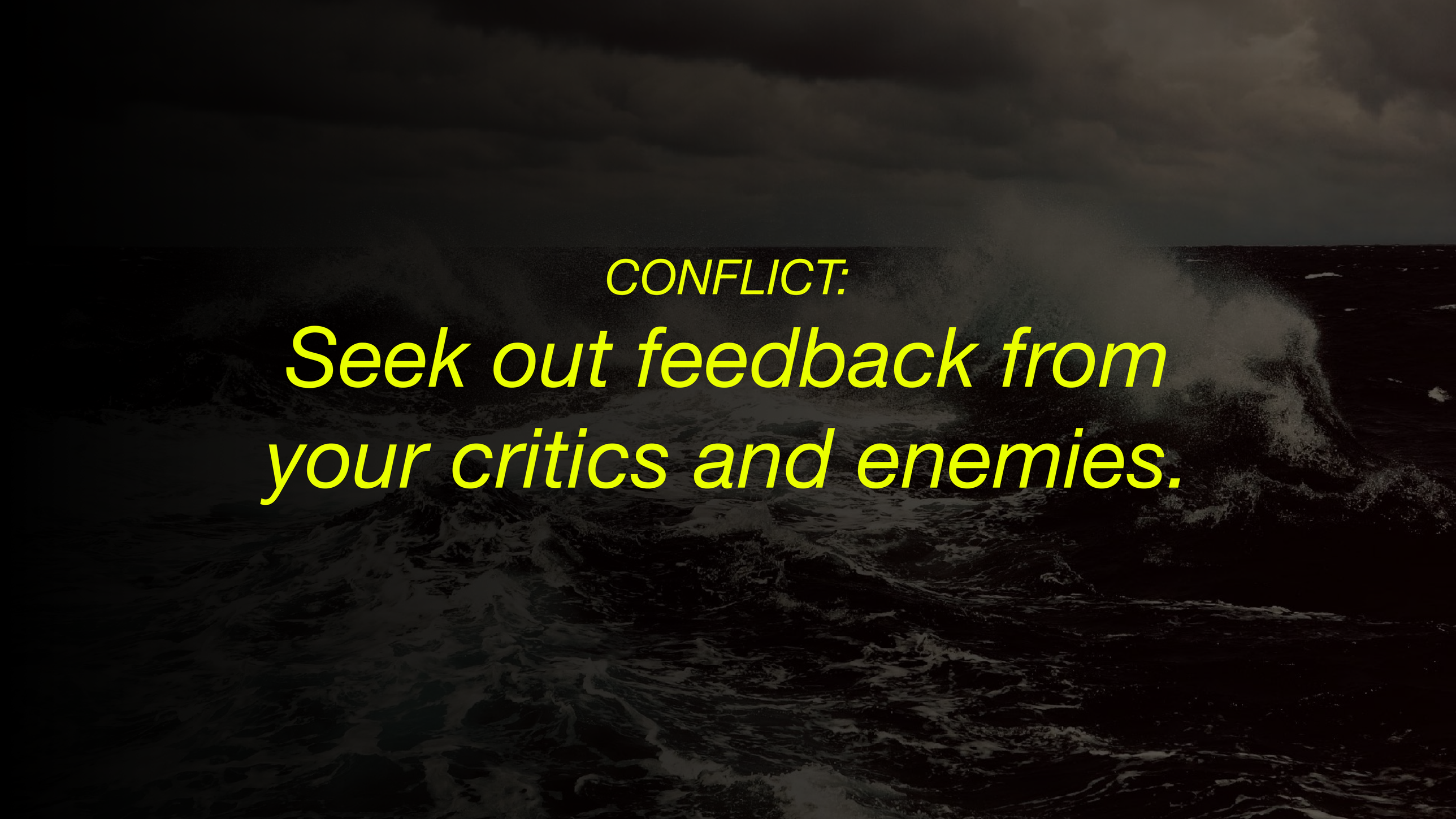

Positive
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Intuition → trust but verify

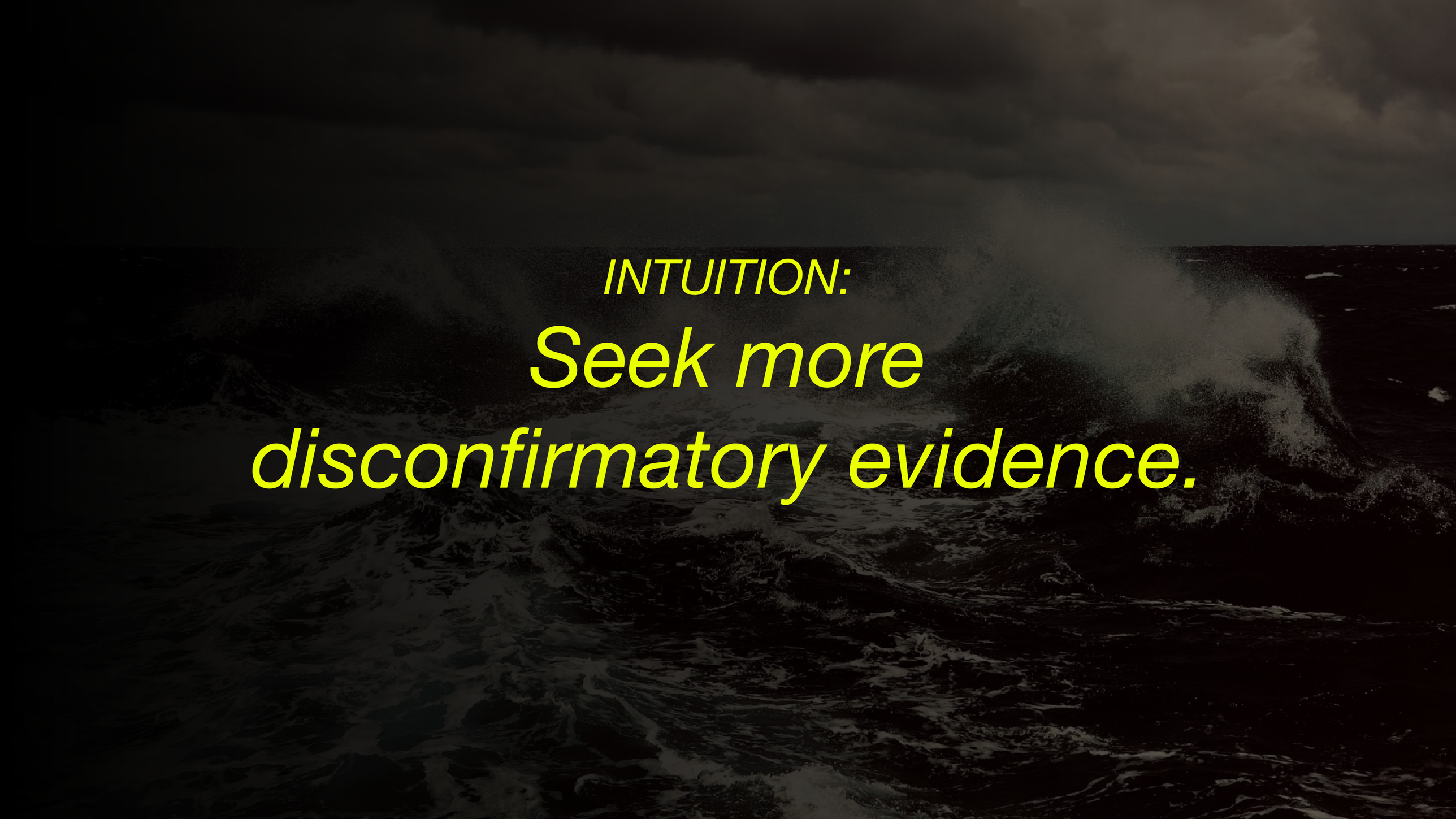


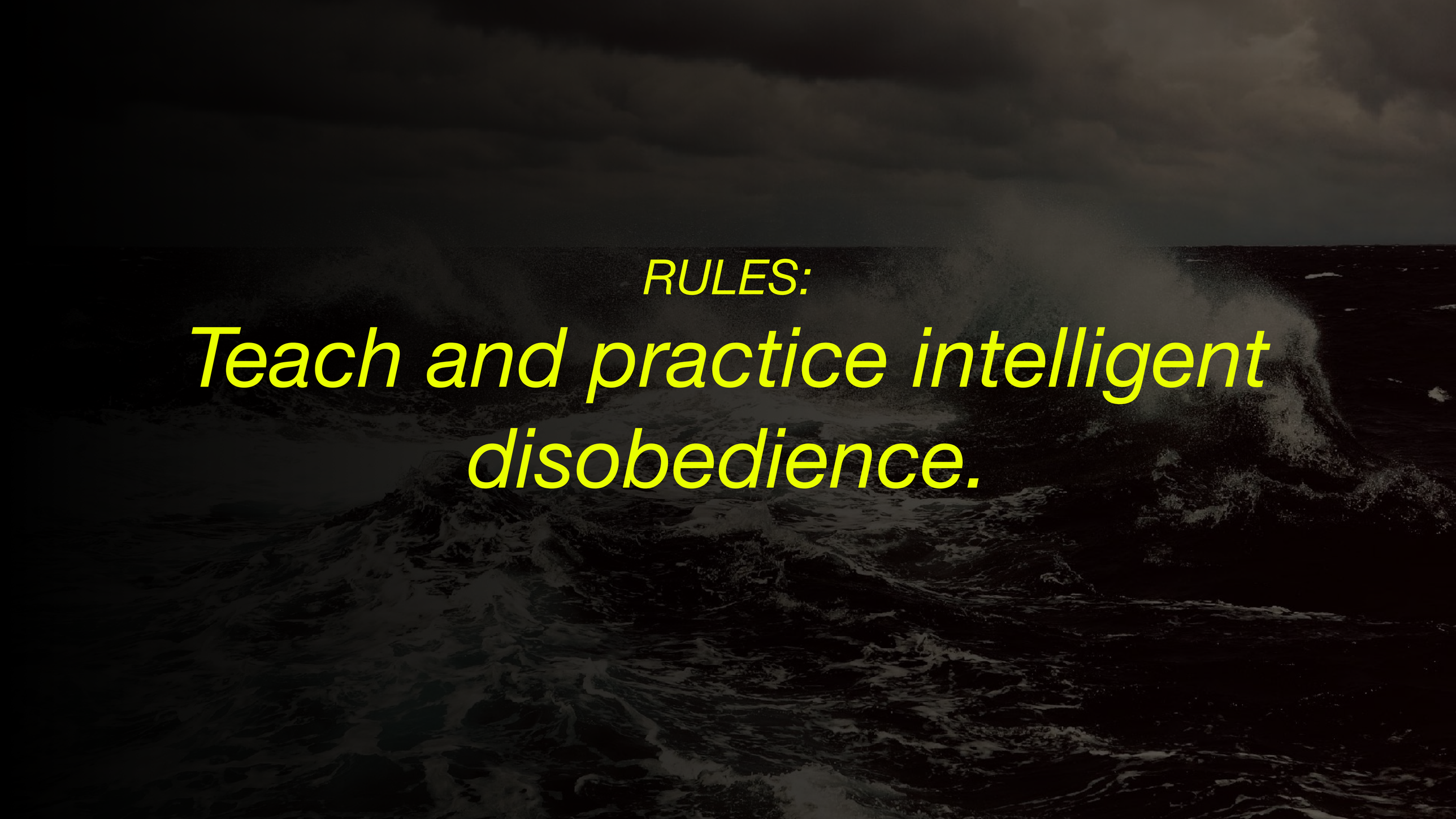
Obedience → Intelligent Disobedience

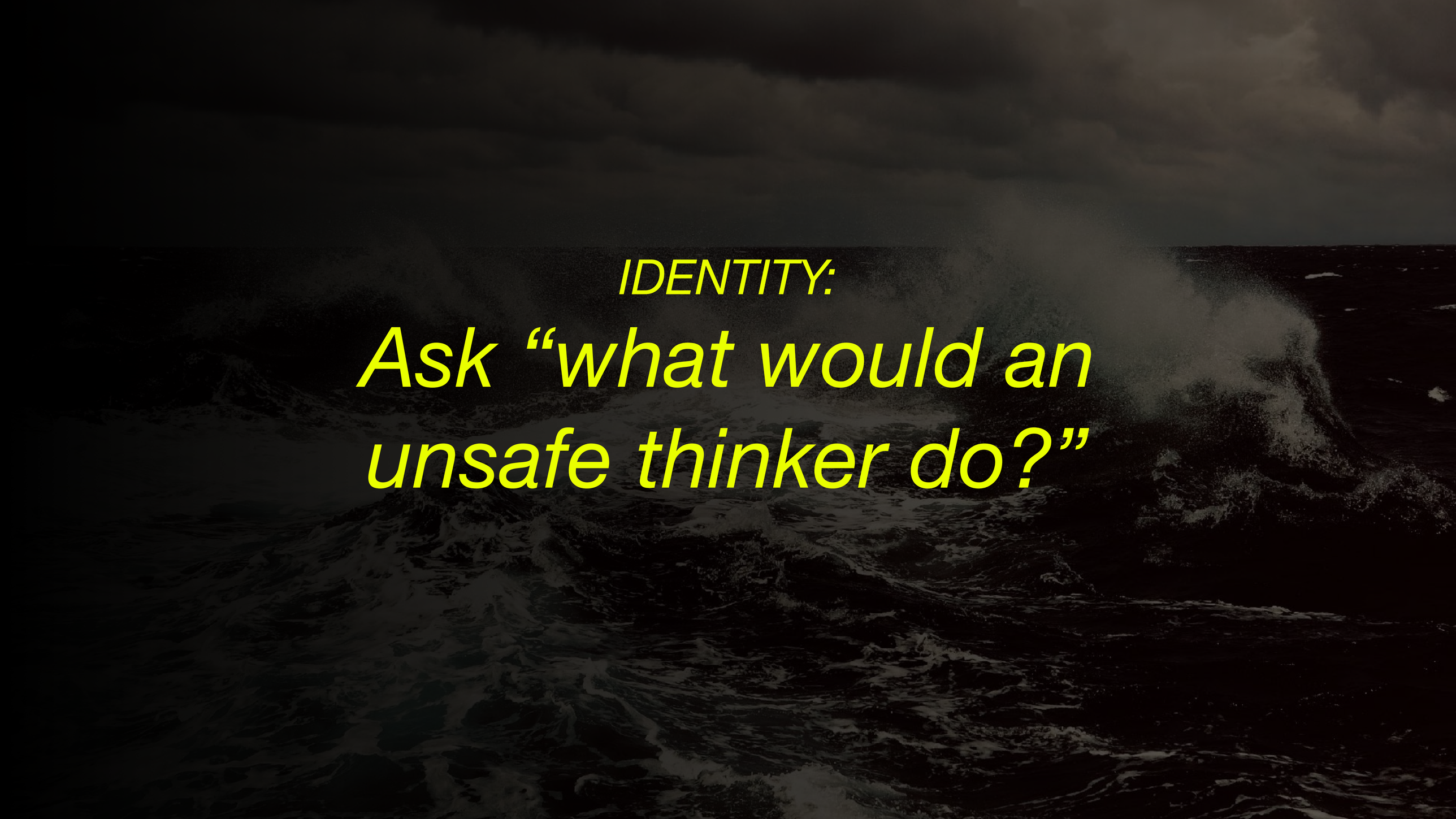

ANXIETY:
Notice it, pause,
then try an unexplored path.


CONFLICT:
Seek out feedback from
your critics and enemies.


EXPERTISE:
Spend time once a week doing something you're terrible at.


INTUITION:
Seek more
disconfirmatory evidence.


RULES:
Teach and practice intelligent disobedience.


IDENTITY:
Ask “what would an unsafe thinker do?”



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