

# visualizing data

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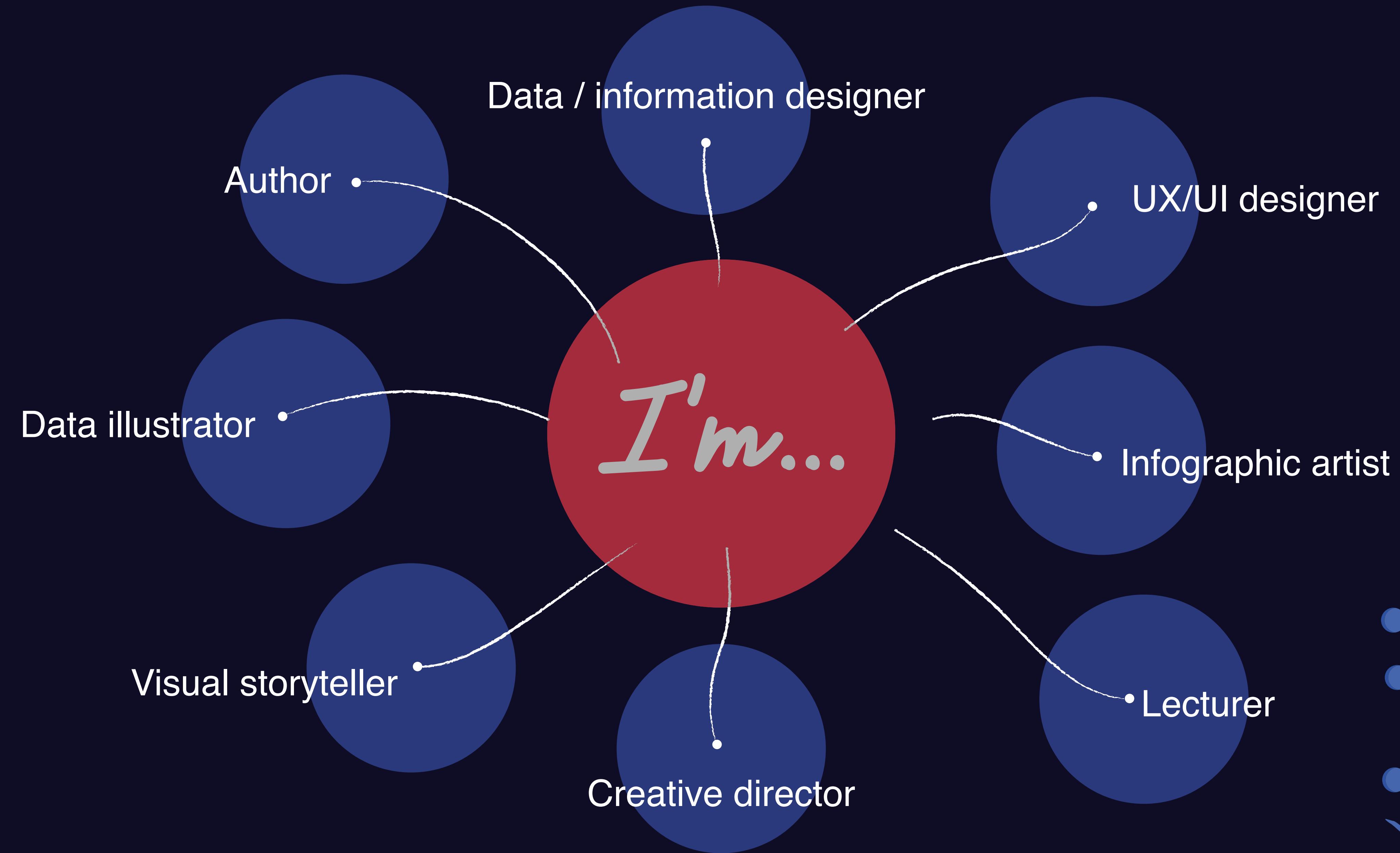
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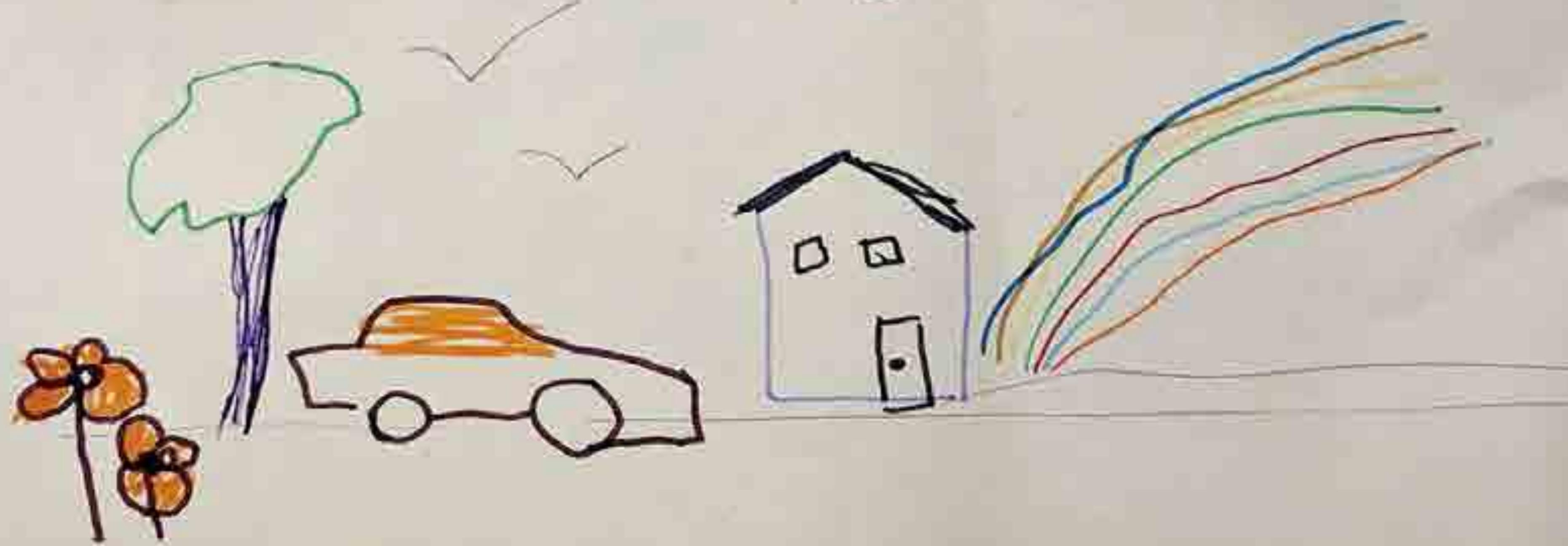
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A self portrait // circa 1990



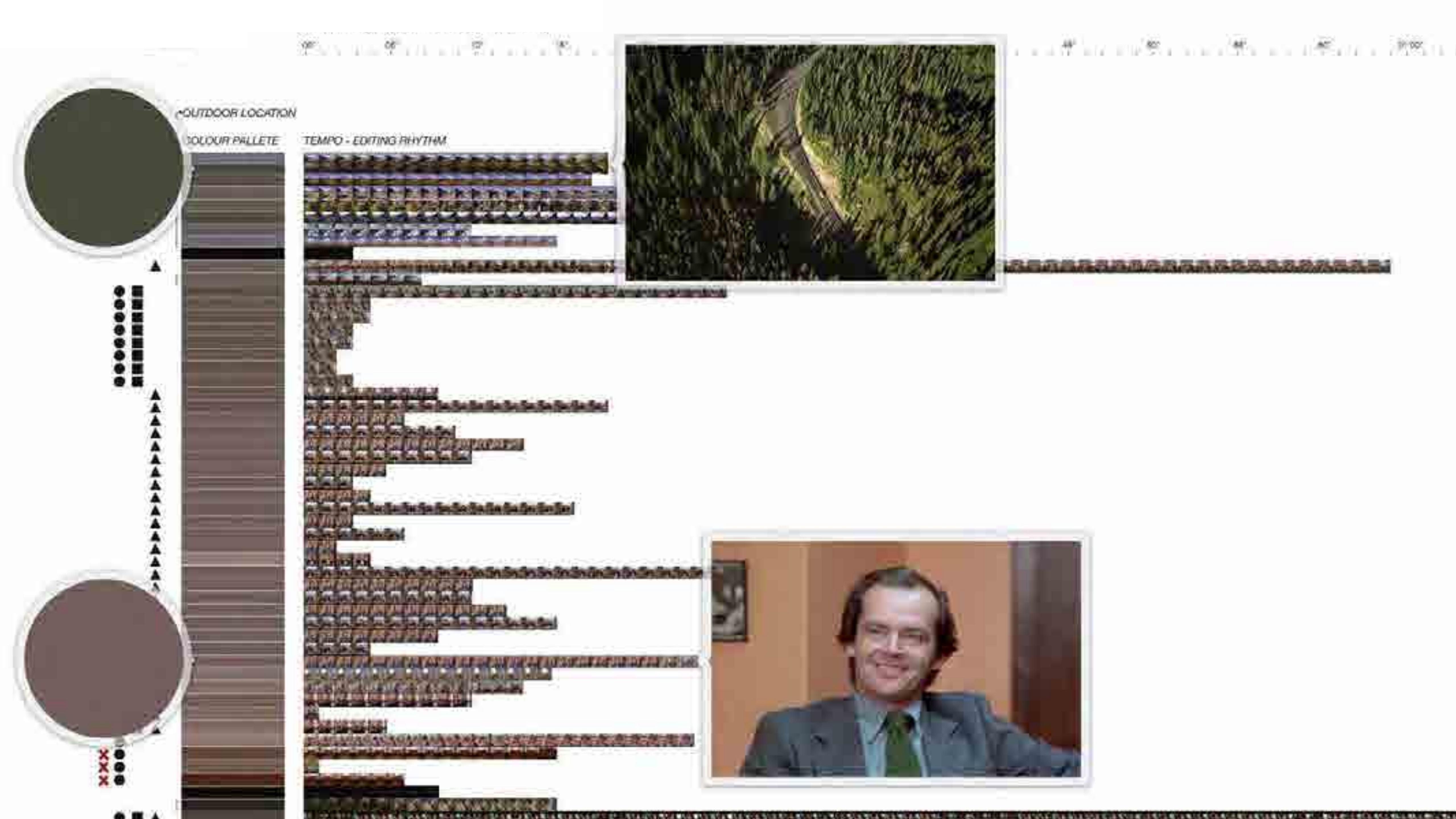
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**data**  
our world / people



# THE SHINING



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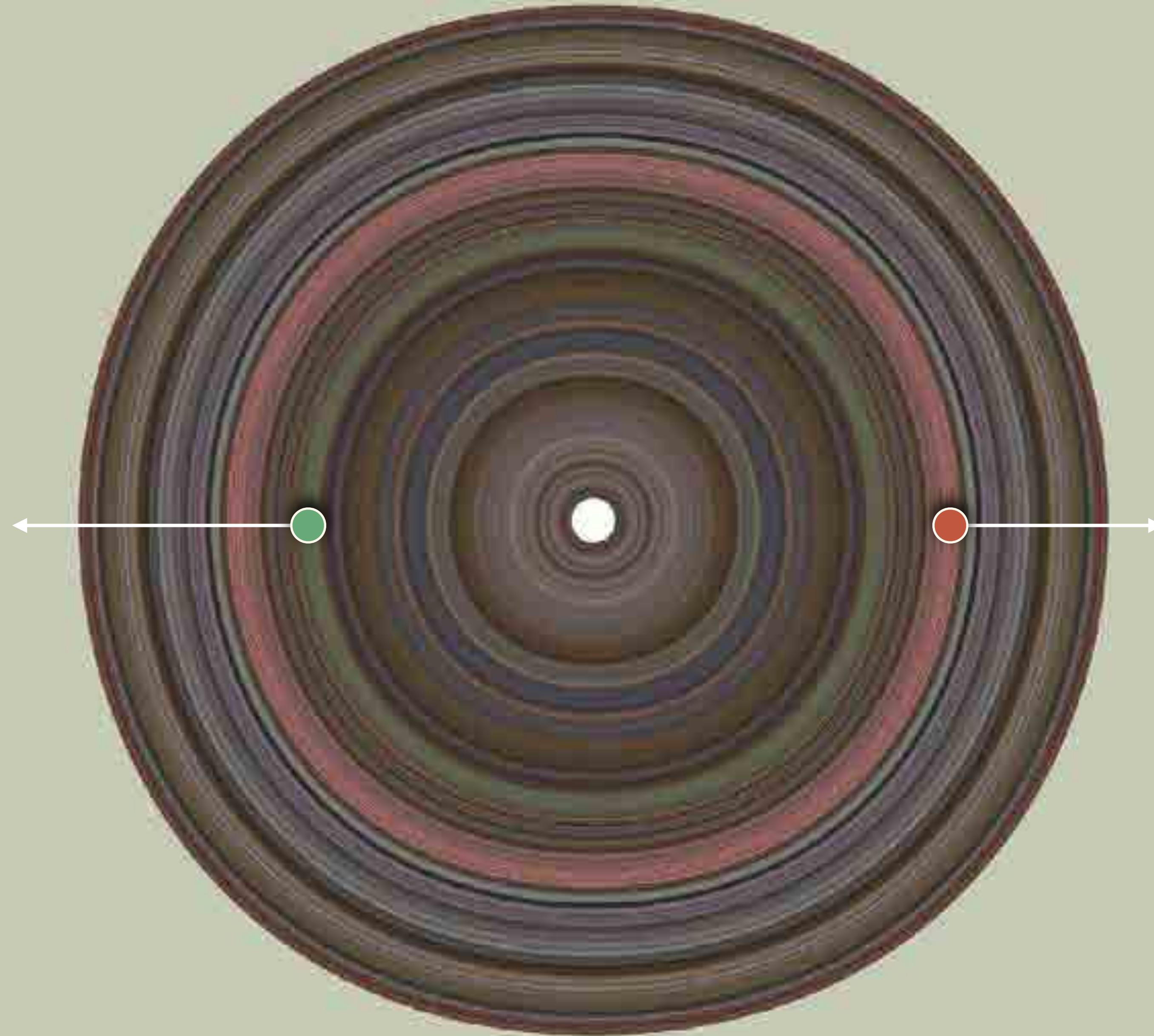
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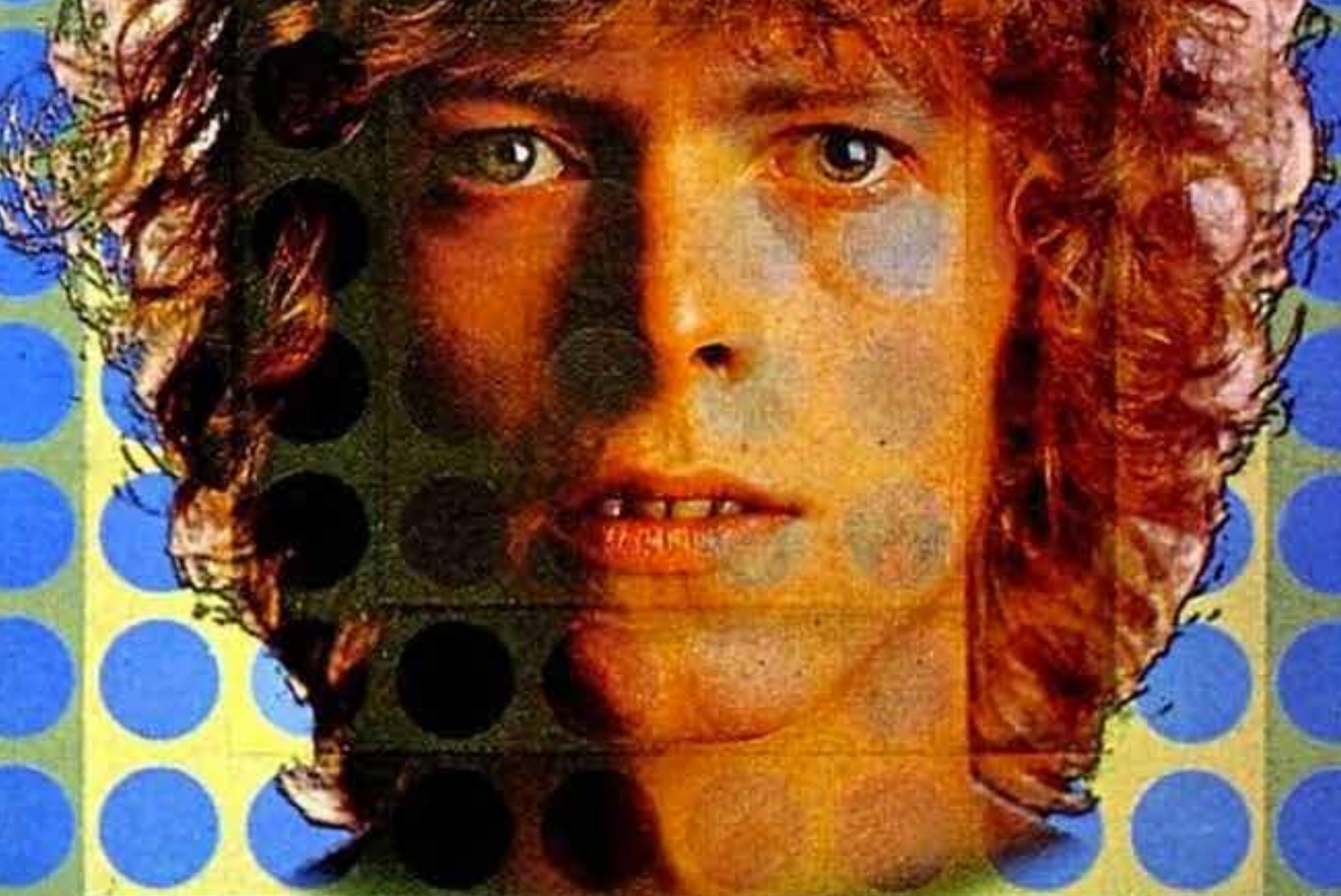
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The Shining / Stanley Kubrick





SPACE ODDITY

# data collection

musical, interpretative, emotional



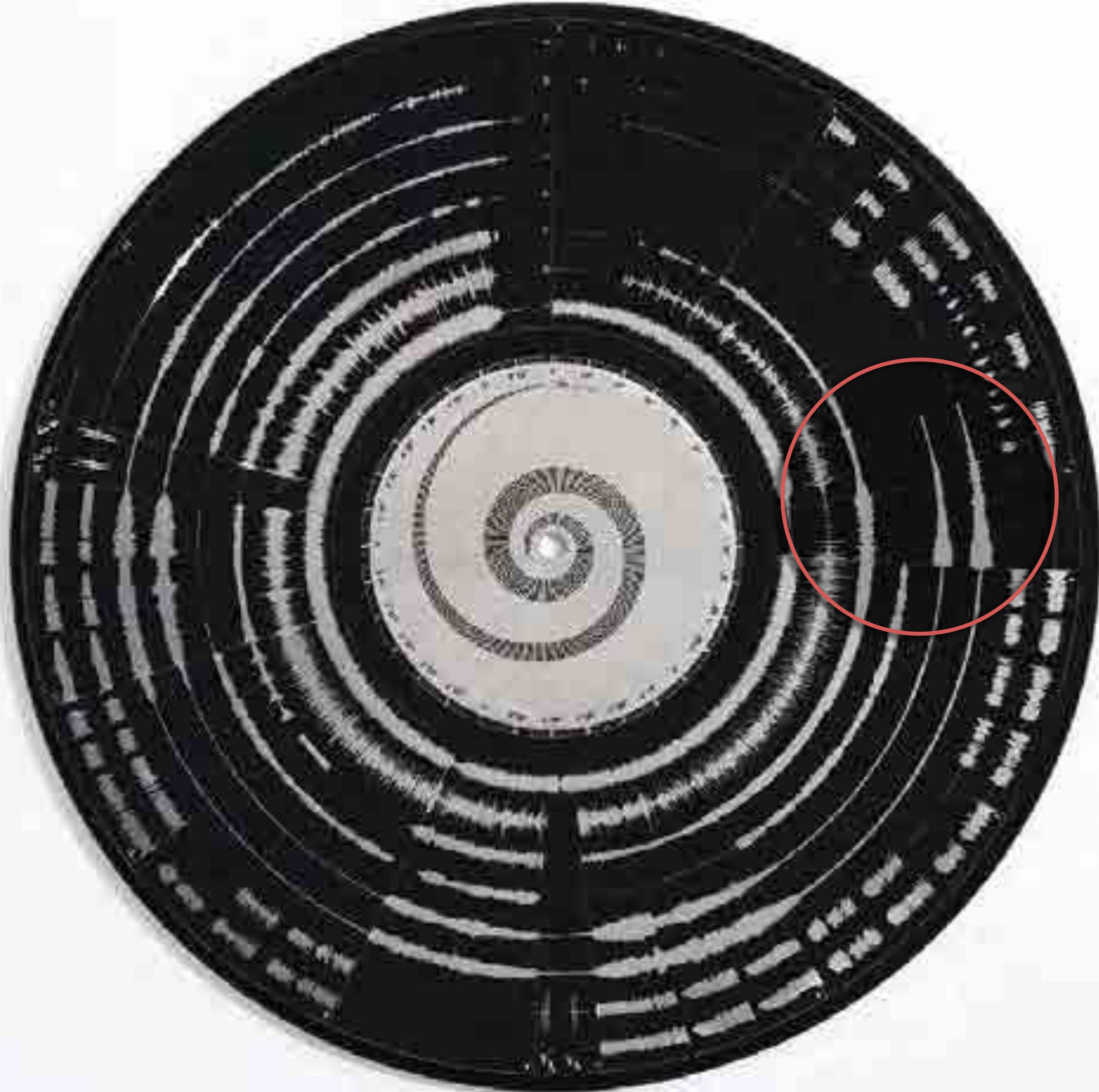
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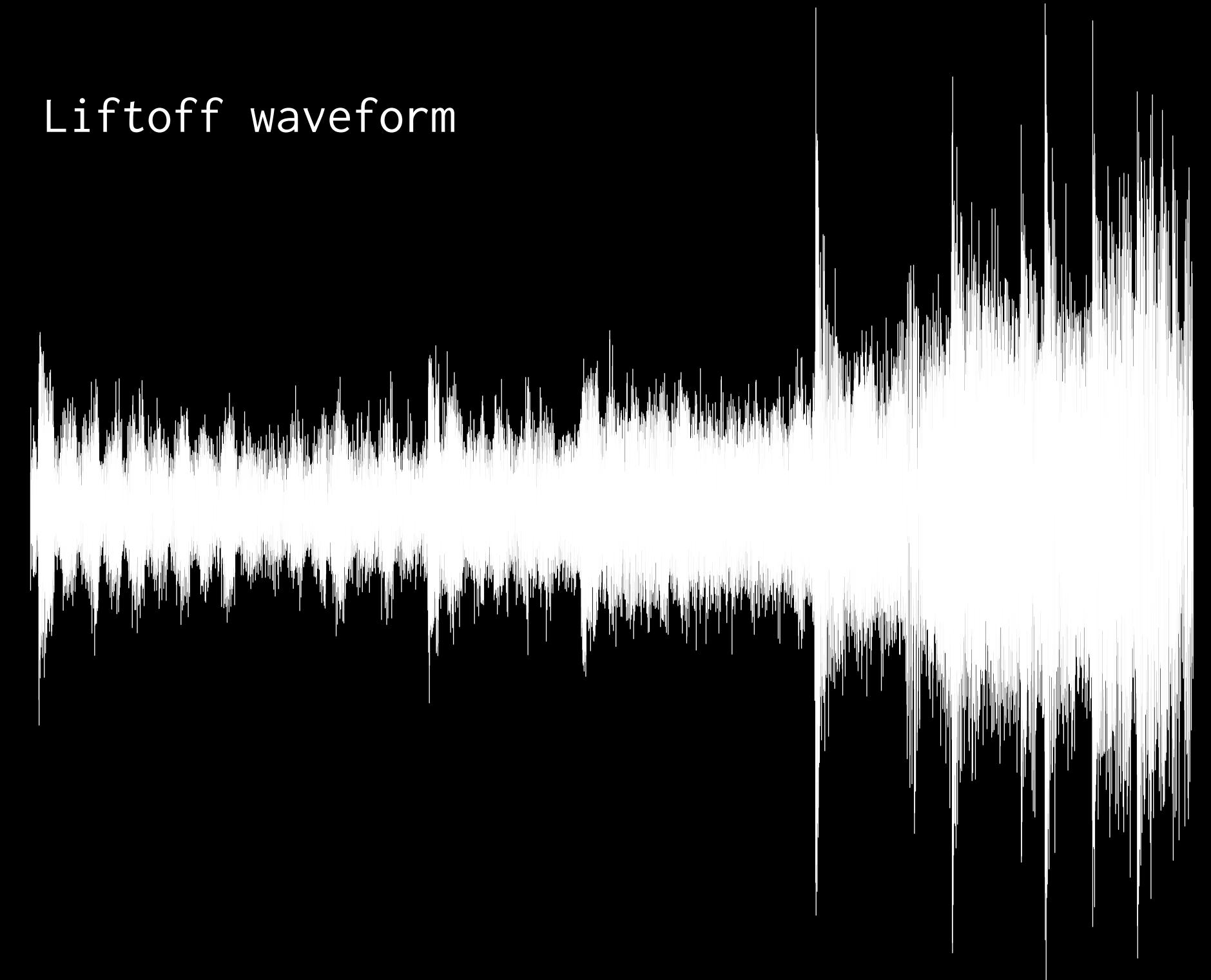
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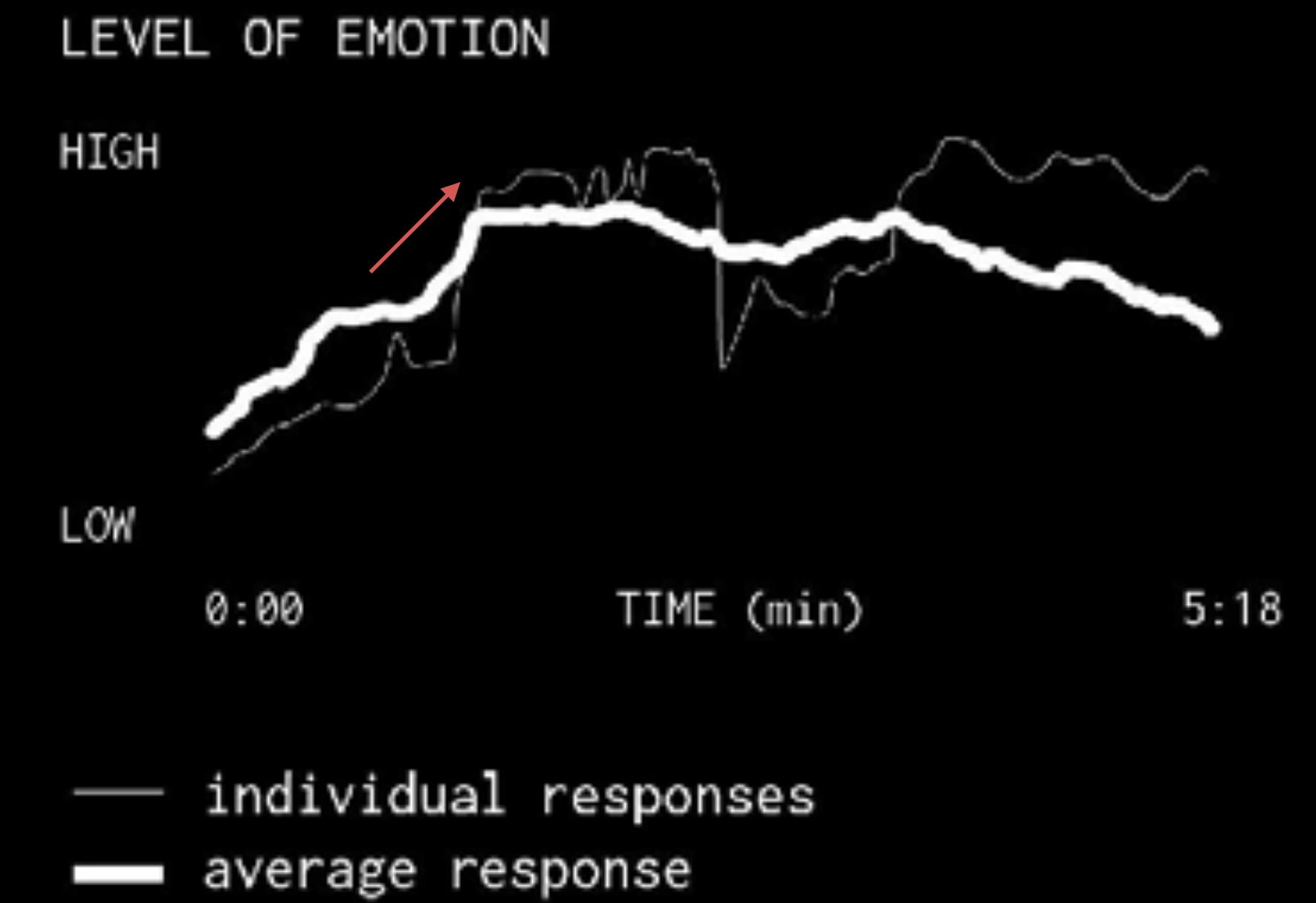
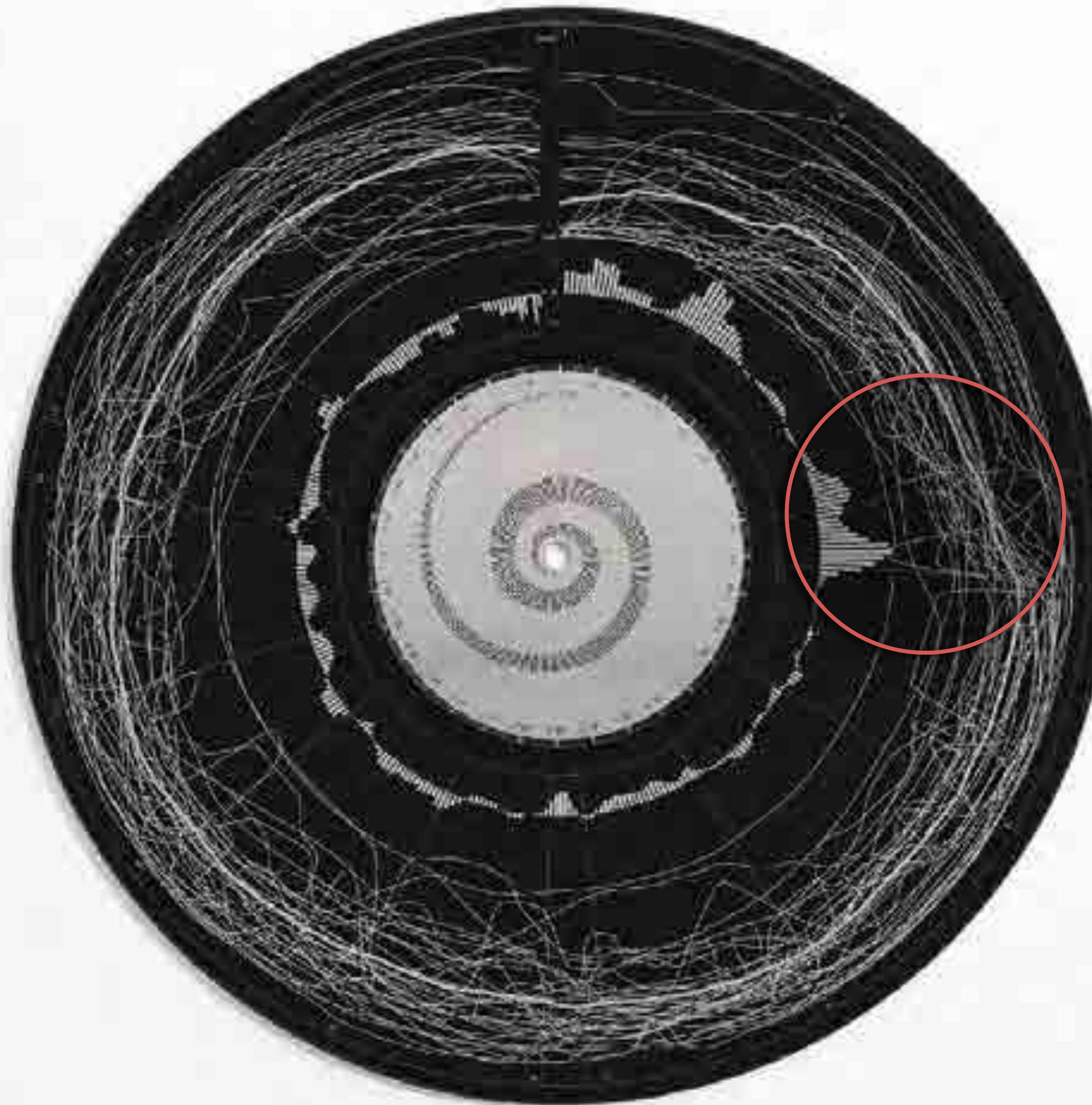
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Liftoff waveform



# Emotions





Curiosity





Physical



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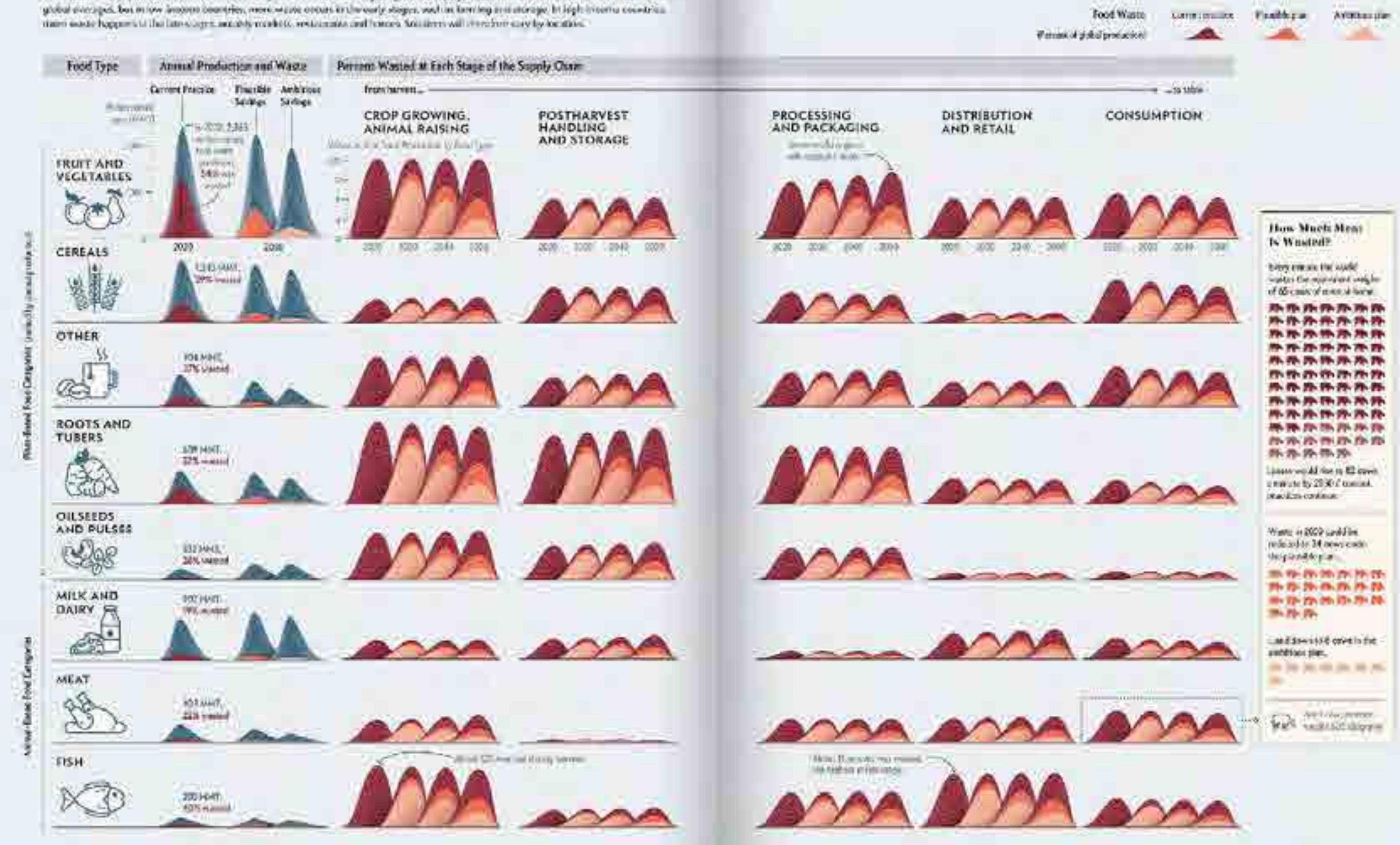
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Experiential

## Food Lost, and Possible Reductions, across the Supply Chain

Plant and animal feed intended for human consumption is lost across the supply chain, from field to fork. The numbers have global averages, but in low-income countries, more waste occurs at the early stages, such as harvesting or storage. In high-income countries waste happens at the later stages, notably processing, retail sales and homes. Solutions will therefore vary by location.



# How to Reduce Maternal Mortality

To prevent women from dying in childbirth, the first step is to stop blaming them.

TEXT BY MONICA R. MCLEMORE, GRAPHICS BY VALENTINA D'ERILOPO

The shaming never let up. Although the number of women who die in childbirth globally has fallen in recent decades, the rates in the U.S. have gone up. Since 1987 maternal mortality has doubled in the U.S. Now approximately 800 maternal deaths occur every year. One of the most striking takeaways from examining the data is racial disparity. Black women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy-related conditions such as comorbid issues and hemorrhage and to bear the brunt of serious complications as well. That risk is equally shared by all black women regardless of income, education or geographical location. In other words, the factors that typically protect people during pregnancy are not protective for black women.

Fortunately, most of these deaths are considered preventable—and since—much more can be done to stop them. Just every one—from doctors to the media to the public—needs to stop blaming women for their own deaths. Instead we should focus on better understanding the underlying contributing factors.

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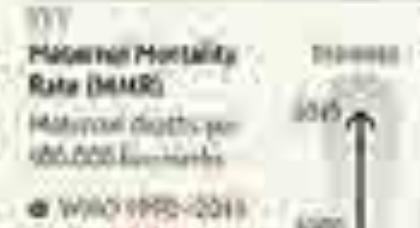


These include a lack of data; not educating patients about signs and symptoms—and not believing them when they speak up across medical health care providers; and poor communication among different health care teams. Finally, studies have shown that interventions such as wider access to midwives, social programs, and social and family support are effective in improving maternal health outcomes.

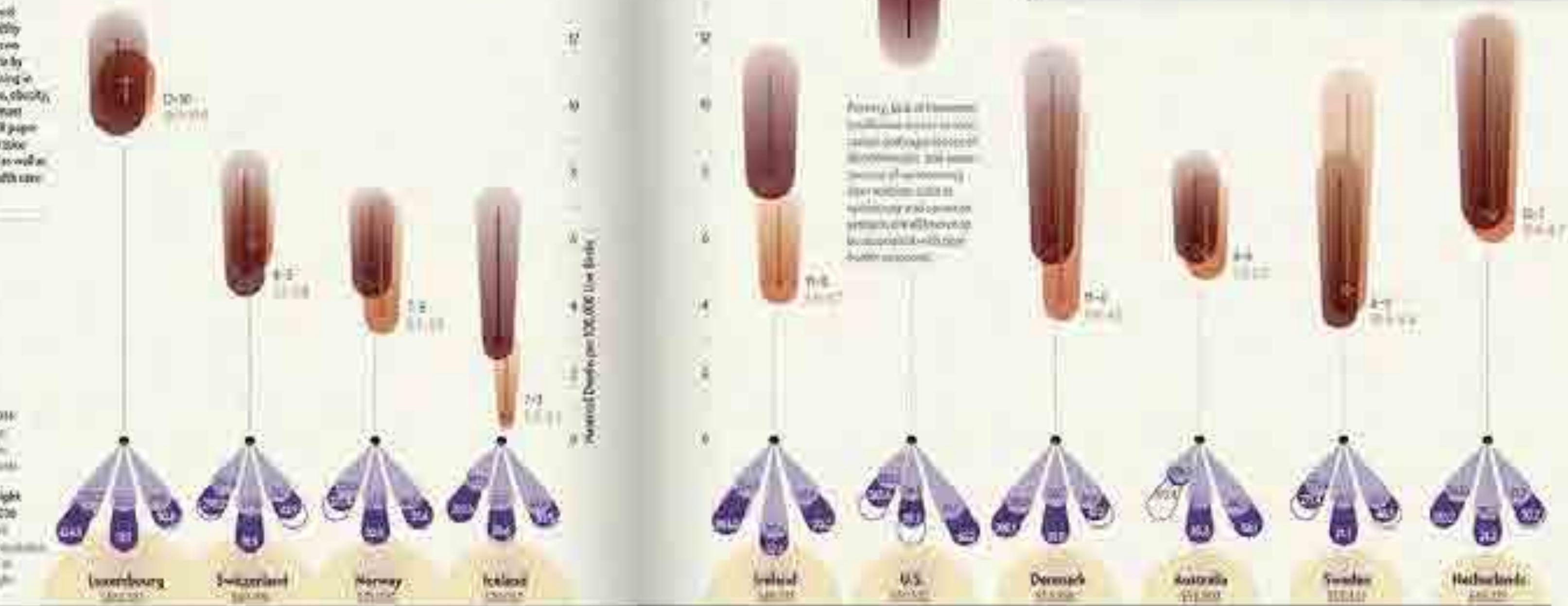
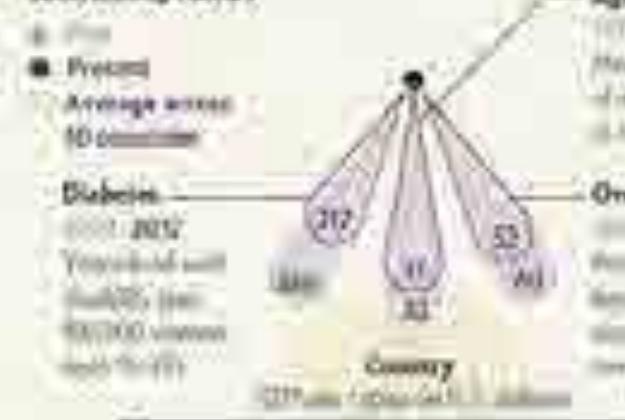
Progress has been slow and uneven. Deaths from hemorrhage, for example, have been reduced by half in some states because of standardized tool kits for care. And California has led in the amount of understanding root causes of maternal mortality. Still, structural racism is proving to be an intractable force.

## The U.S. Is an Outlier

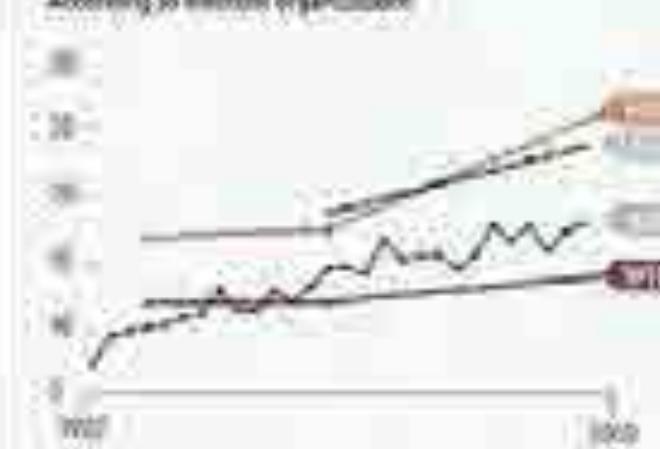
The high maternal mortality rate (MMR) in the U.S. is often blamed on the poor health of incident, but a comparison with other mostly countries underscores this argument. MMR—down here using two estimates, one by the World Health Organization (WHO) and one by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)—is not unique to countries with similarly increased rates of cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes and other conditions during pregnancy. Other factors must therefore be contributing to the rise in MMR in the U.S. As a 2018 paper in *Obstetrics & Gynecology* concluded, “the elevated mortality rate seen in the United States in recent years reflects significant local as well as national challenges and are closely related to lack of access to health care in the non-Hispanic black population.”



## Comparing Three Off-Clock Contributing Factors



## U.S. Maternal Mortality Rate Estimates According to Different Organizations



## Maternal Mortality Data in the U.S. Is in Unreliable Mess

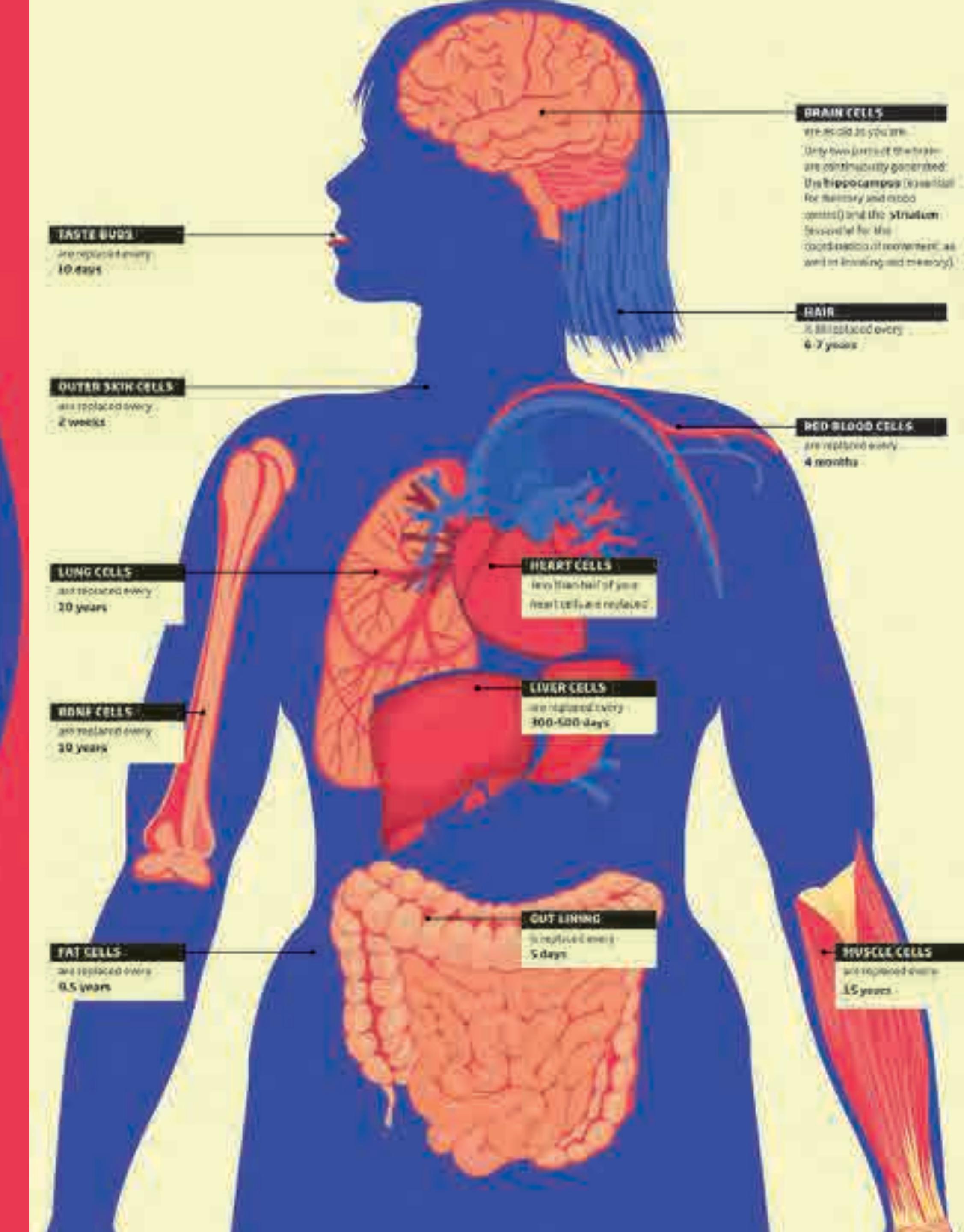
As bad as the numbers sound, the U.S. MMR is widely considered to be an underestimate. This is because different methods are used to count deaths related to pregnancy and reported inconsistently. The World Health Organization, for instance, defines maternal death as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of the end of a pregnancy. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines maternal mortality as “the death of a woman while pregnant or within one year of the end of a pregnancy.” Both these definitions exclude accidental or incidental causes of death. The difference in data frames for maternal mortality is further complicated at the state level, where data collection varies and contributes to non-comparable because of differences of the cause and time of death. States could lessen this problem by creating standardized maternal mortality review committees, which comprehensively evaluate each maternal death and discuss the factors that contributed to the outcome.

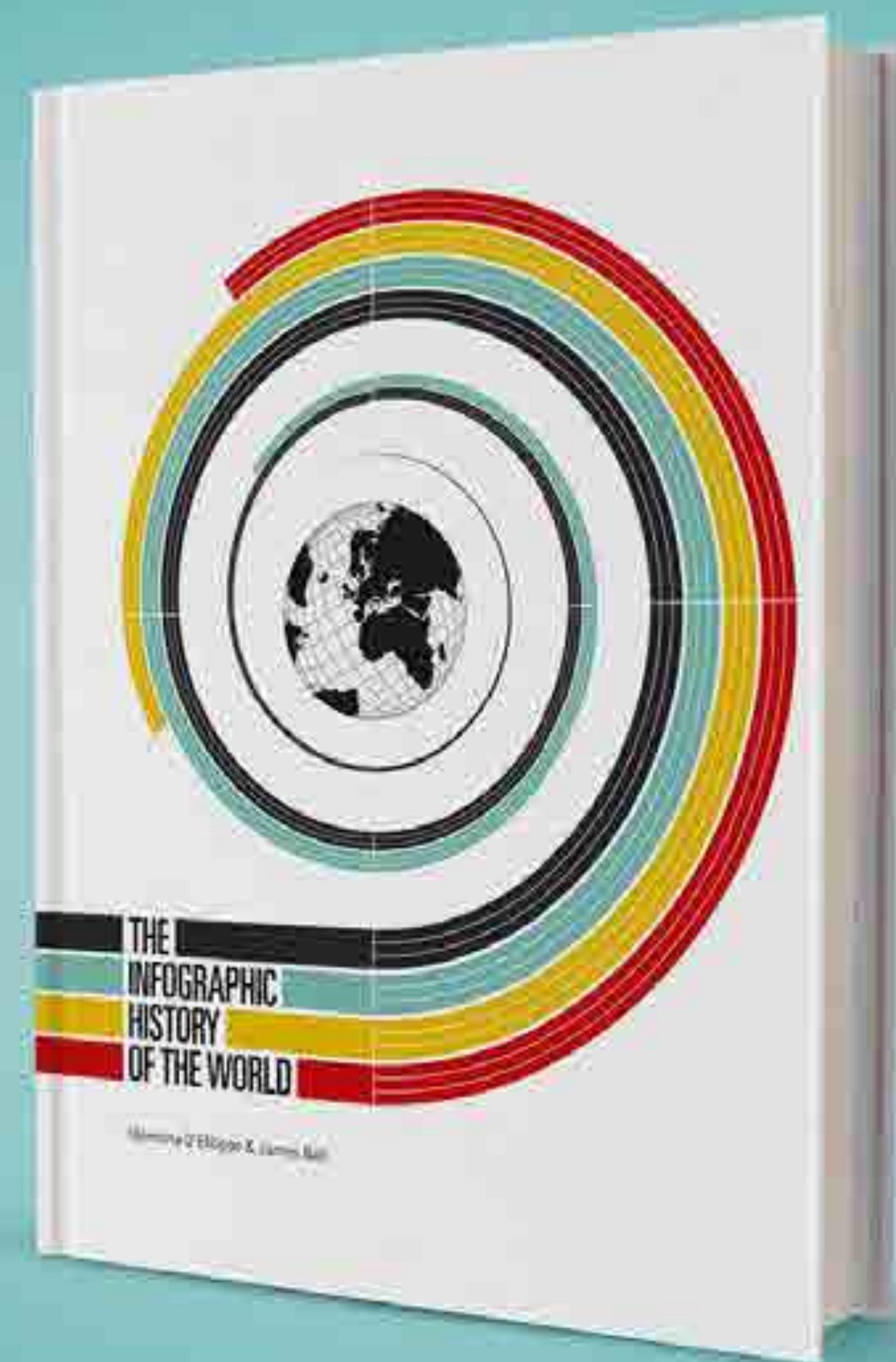
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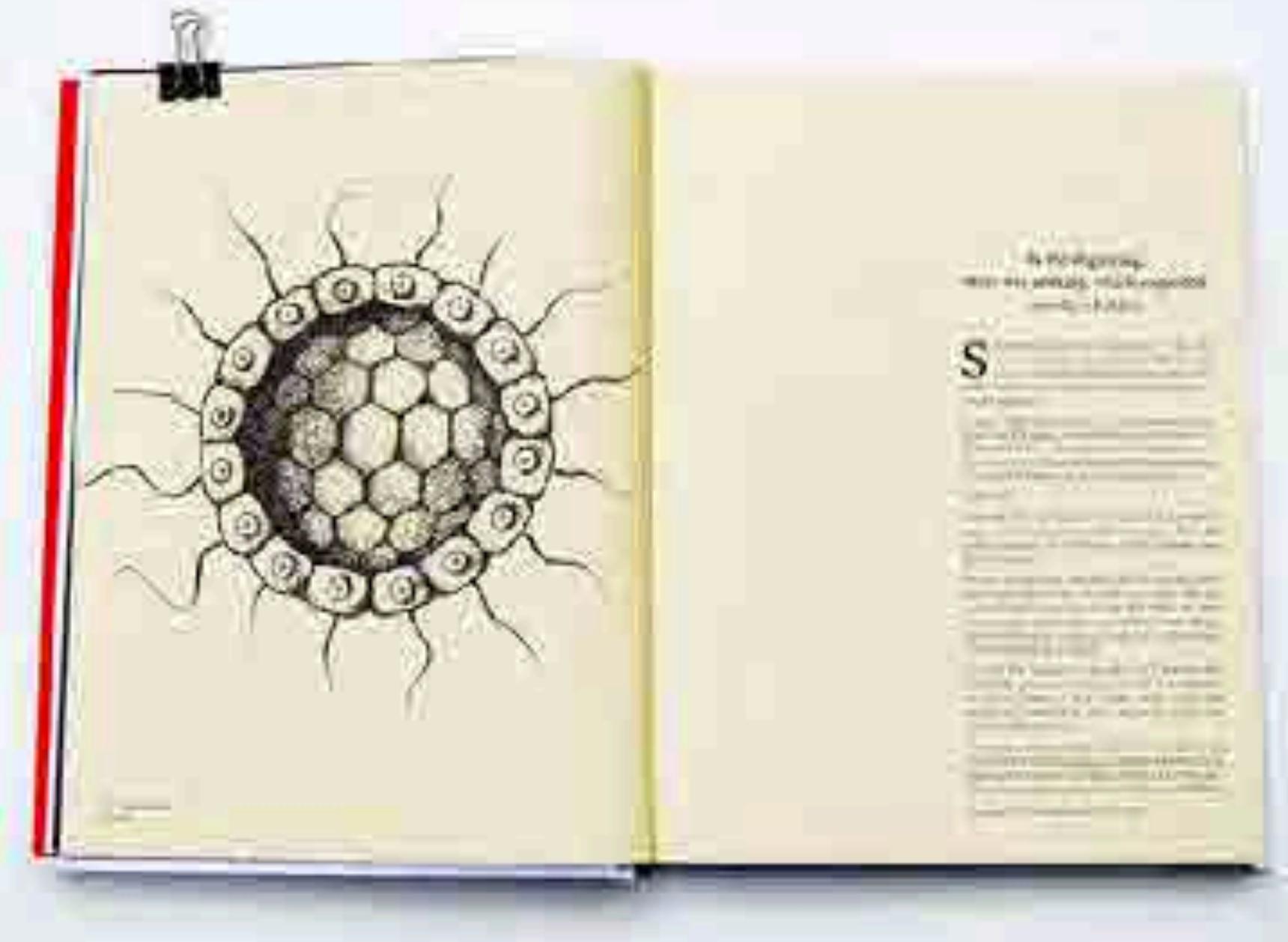
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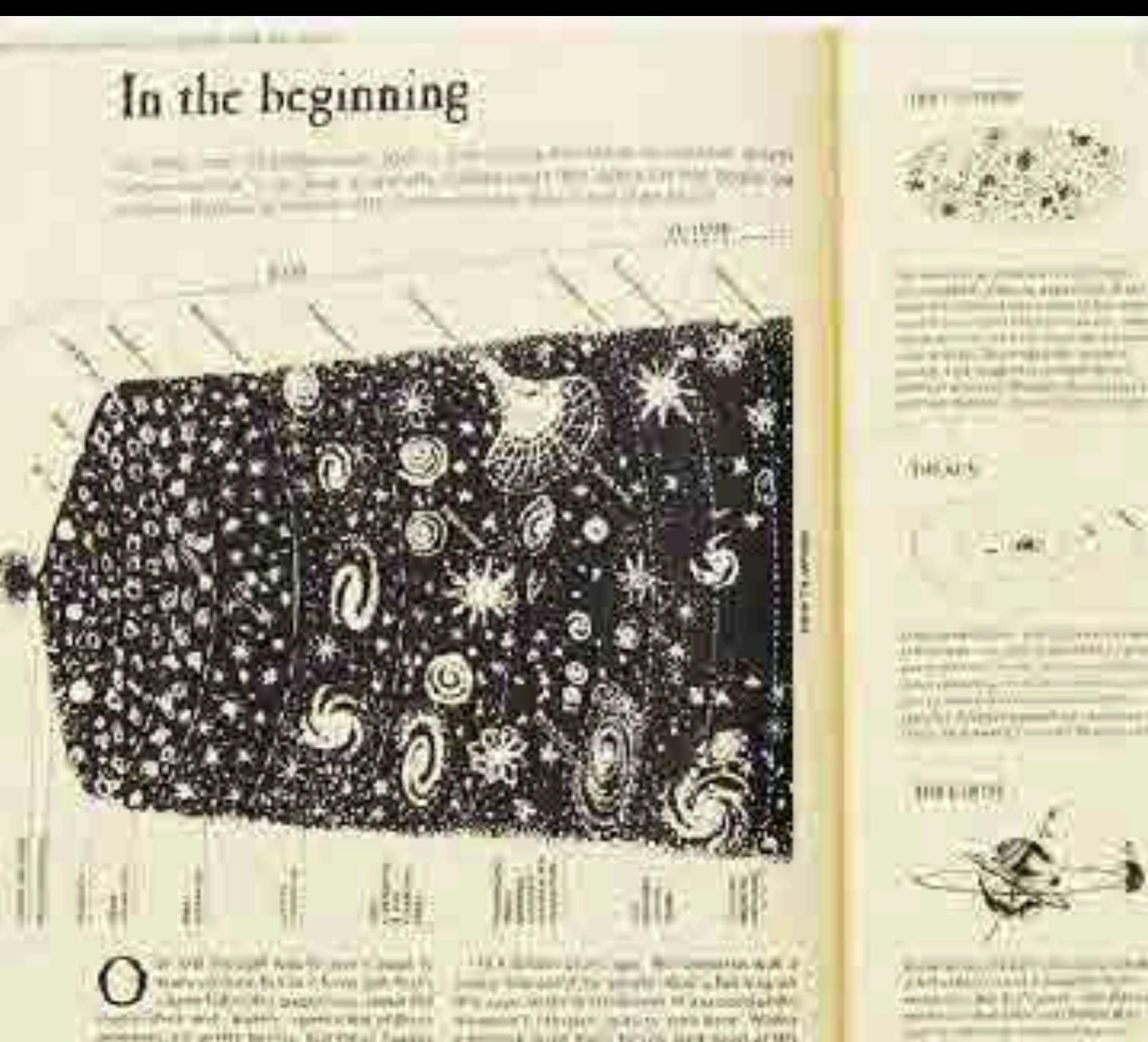
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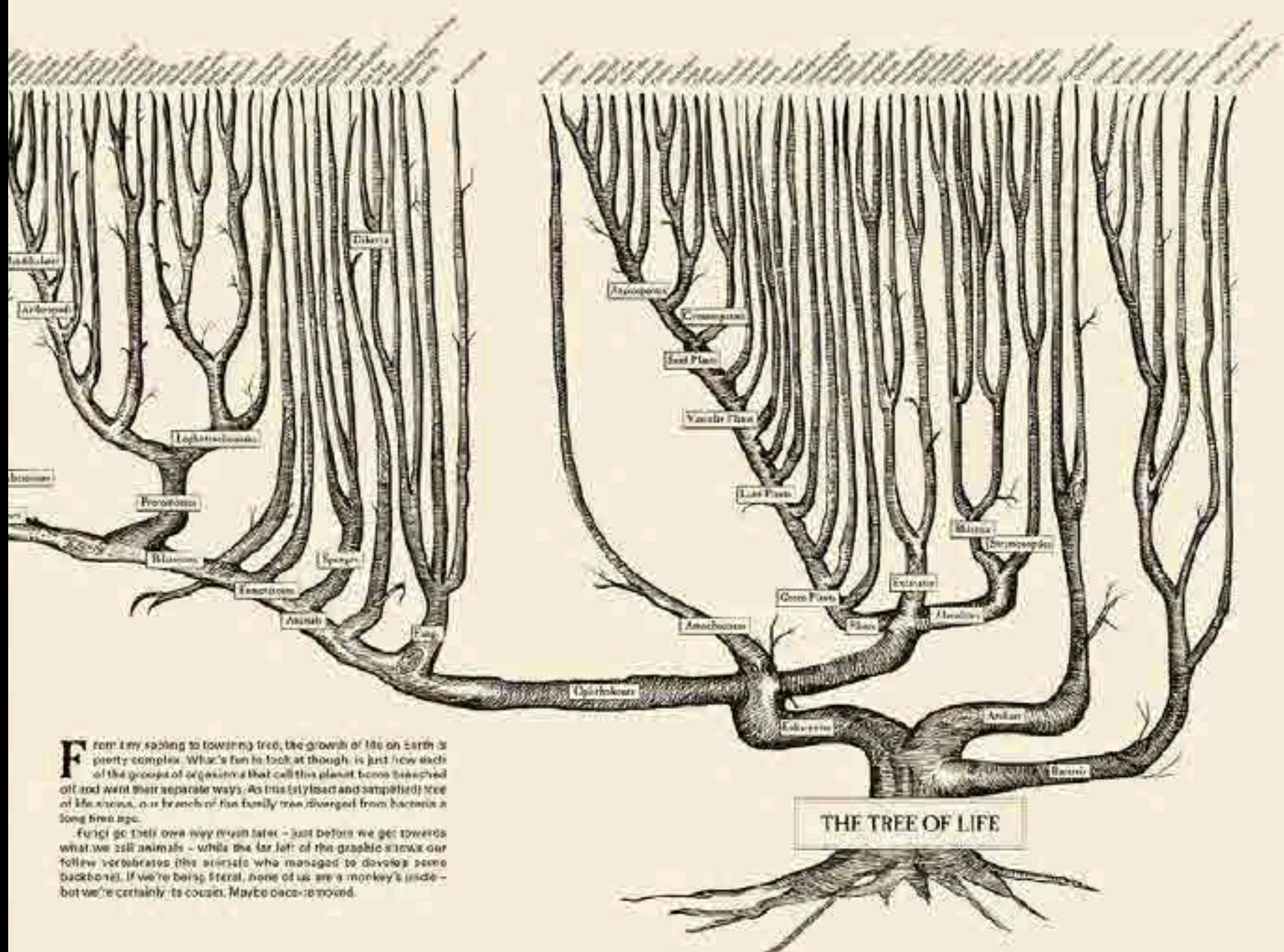




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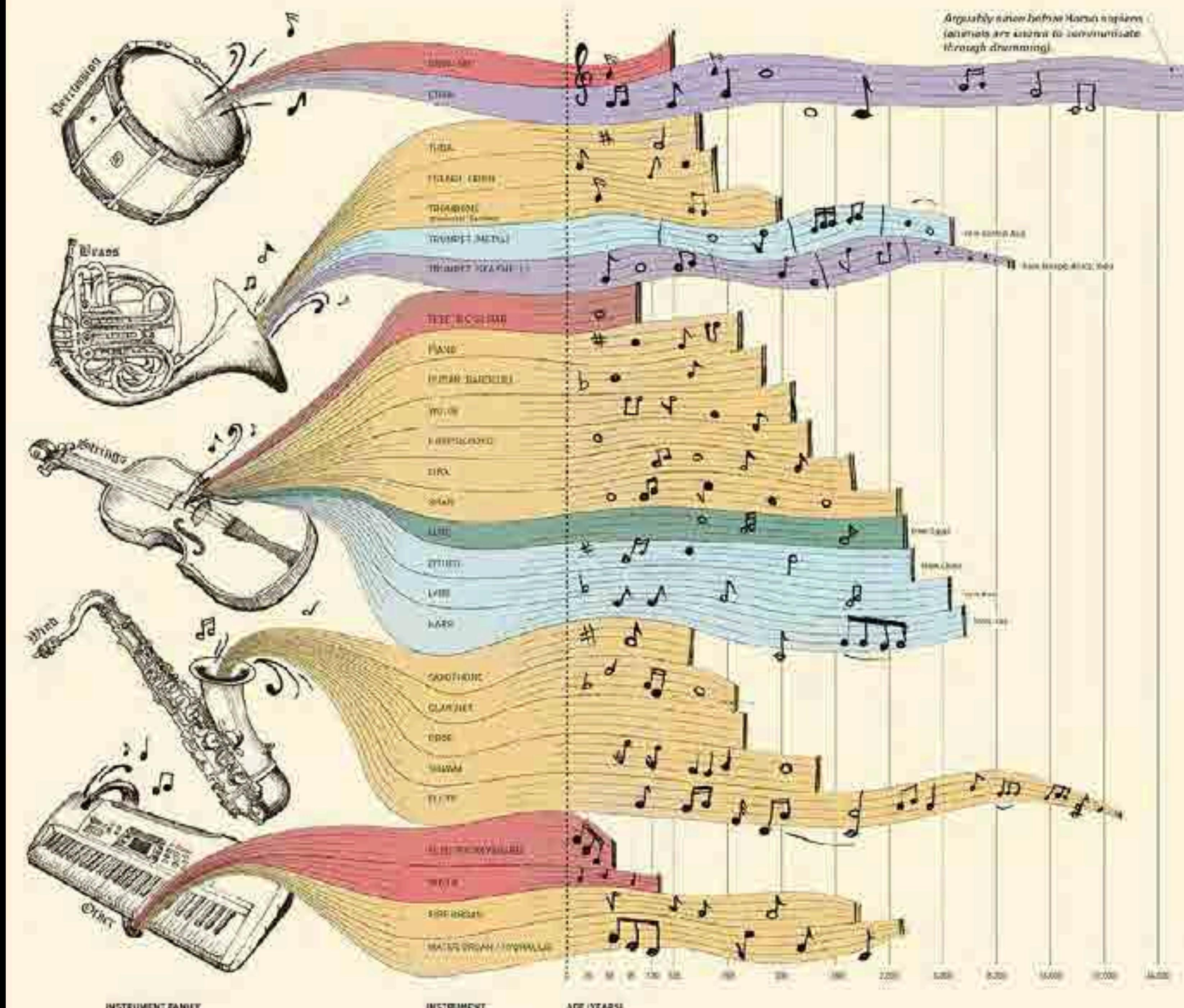
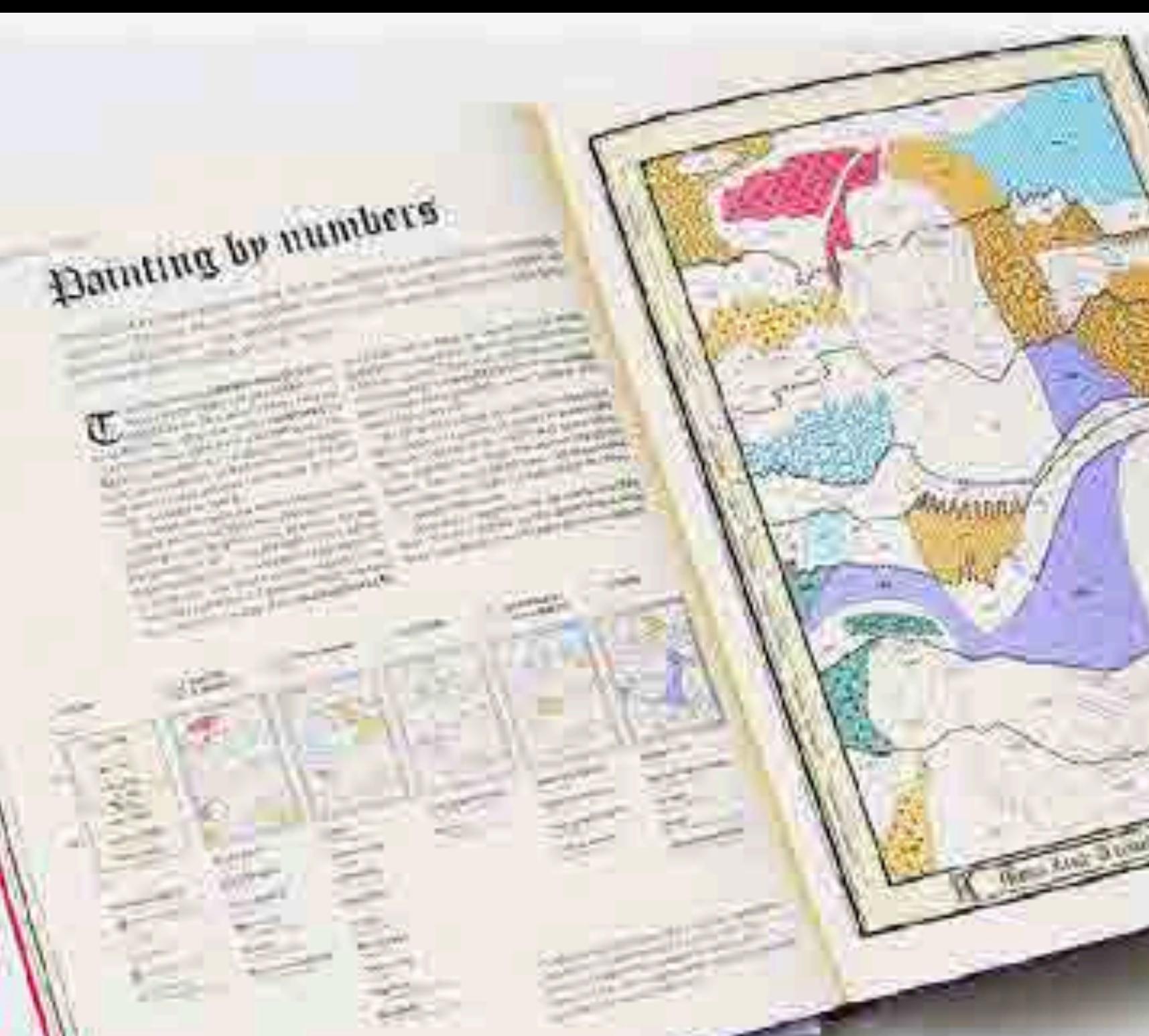


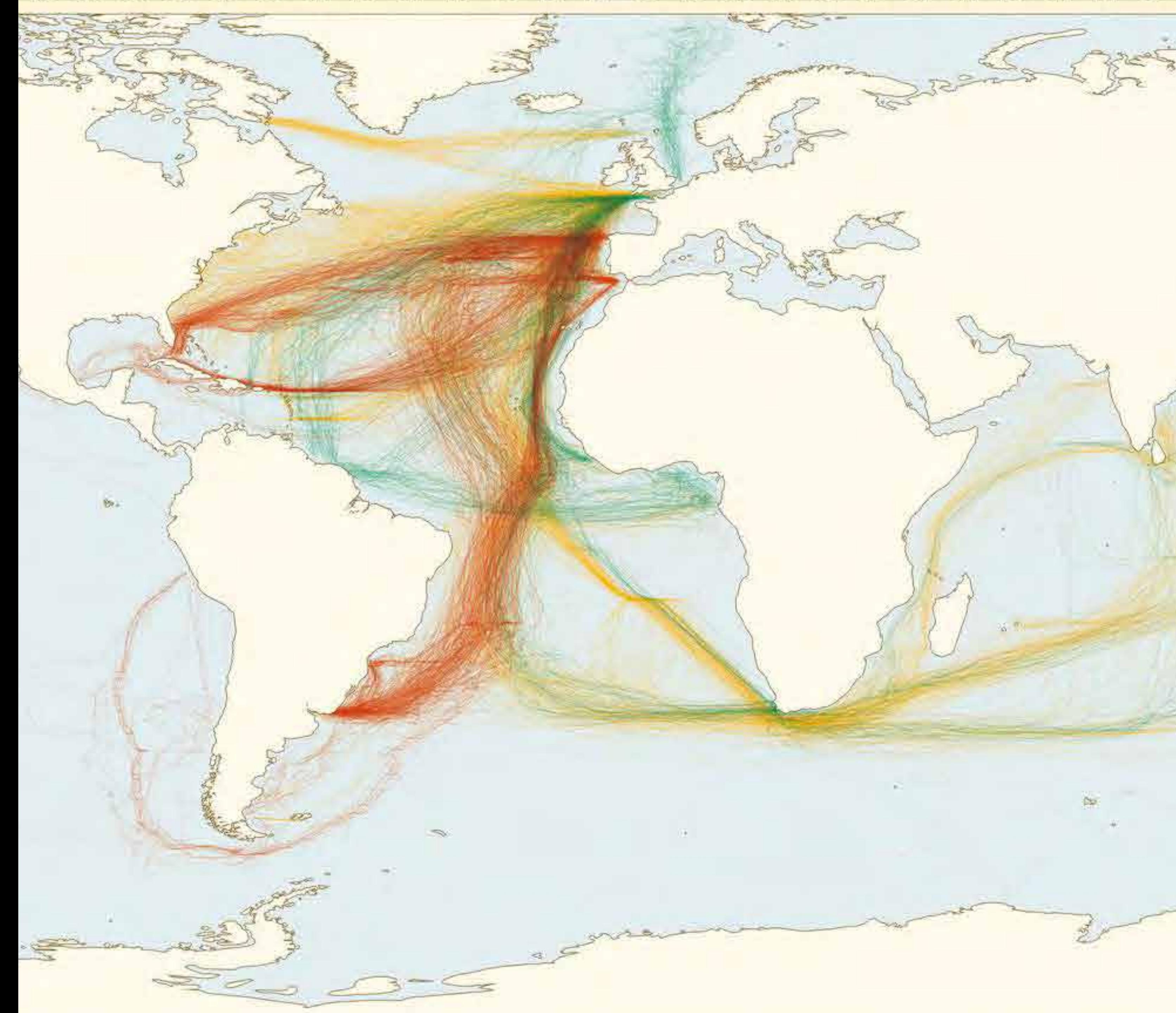
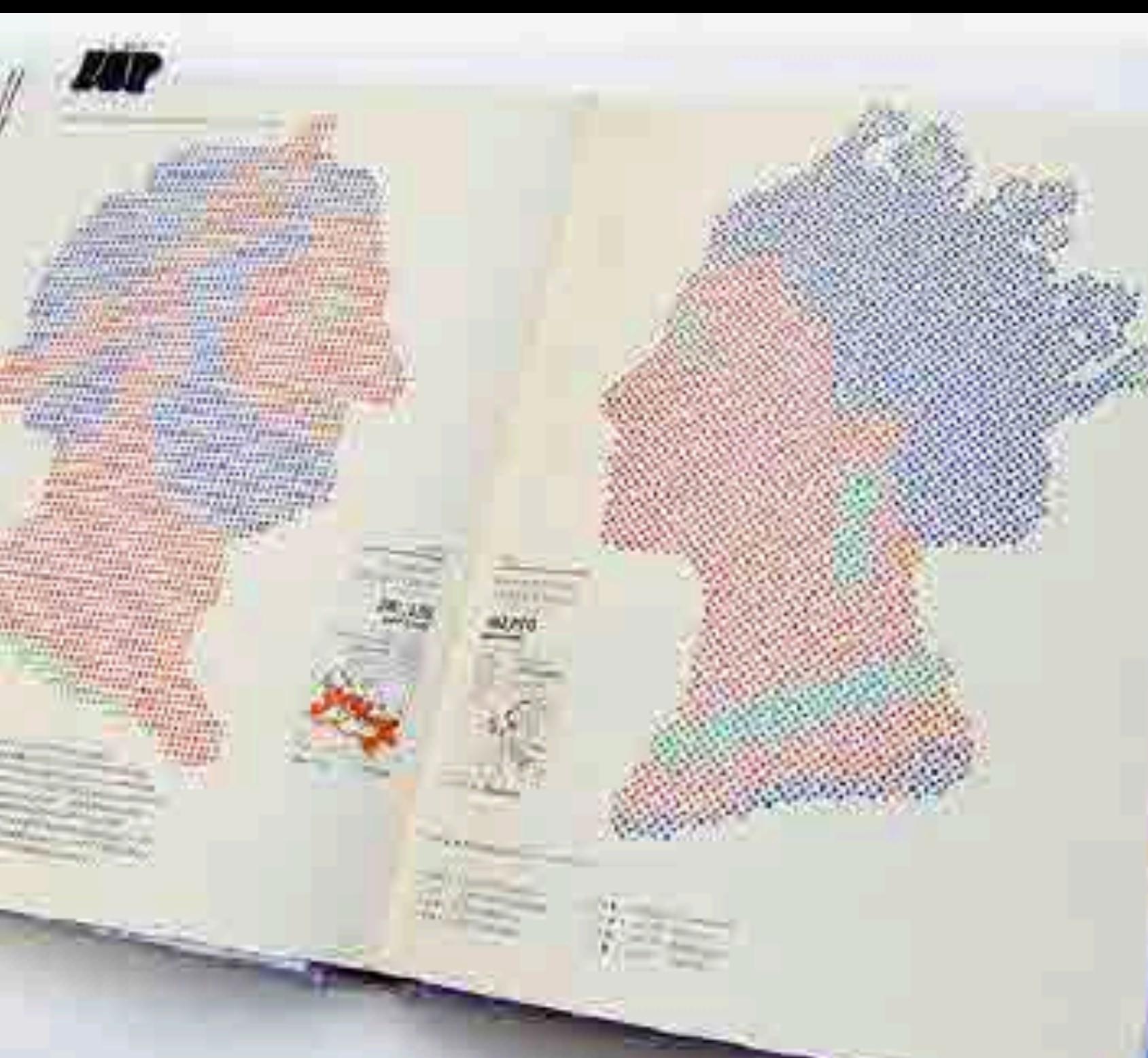
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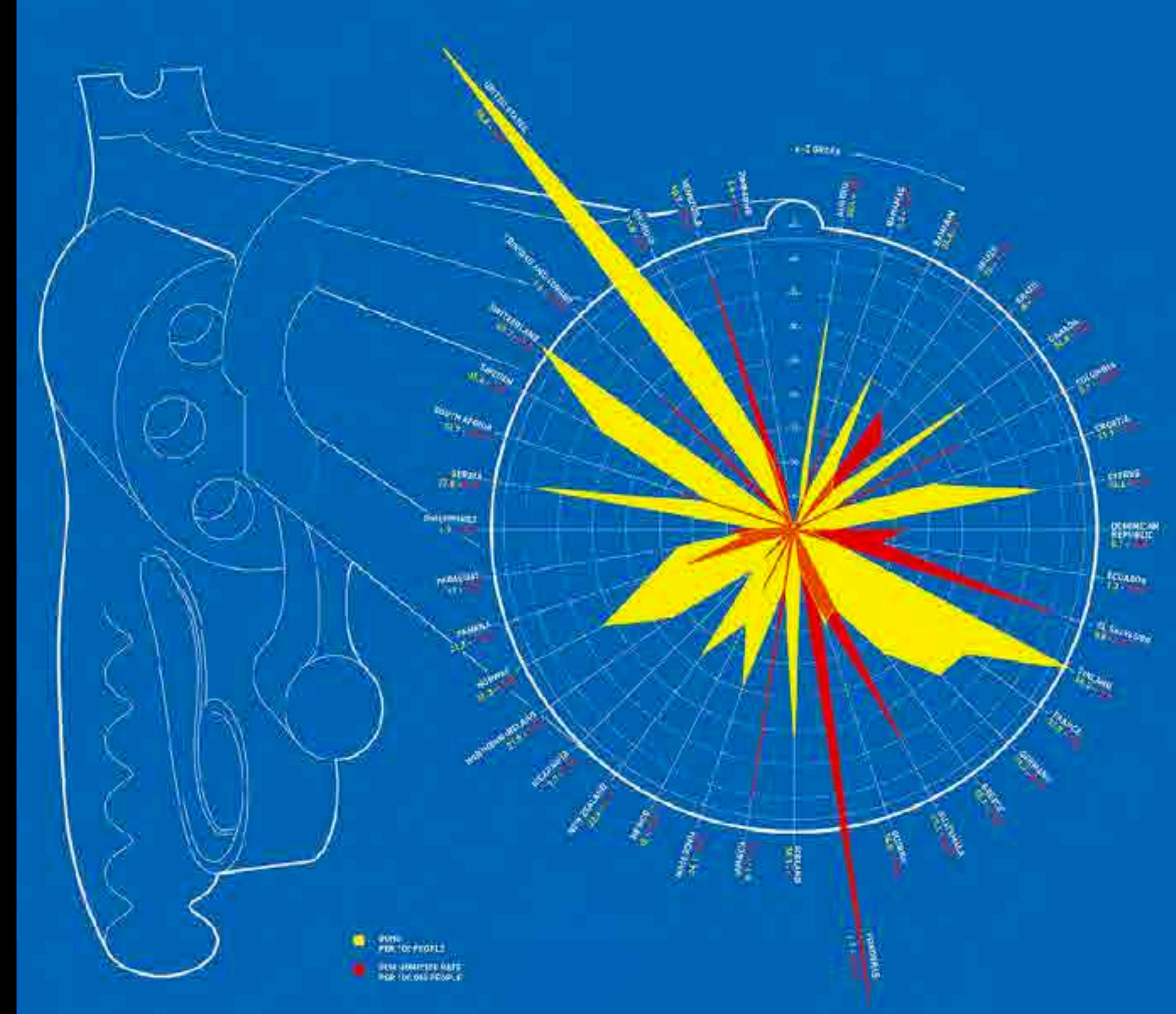
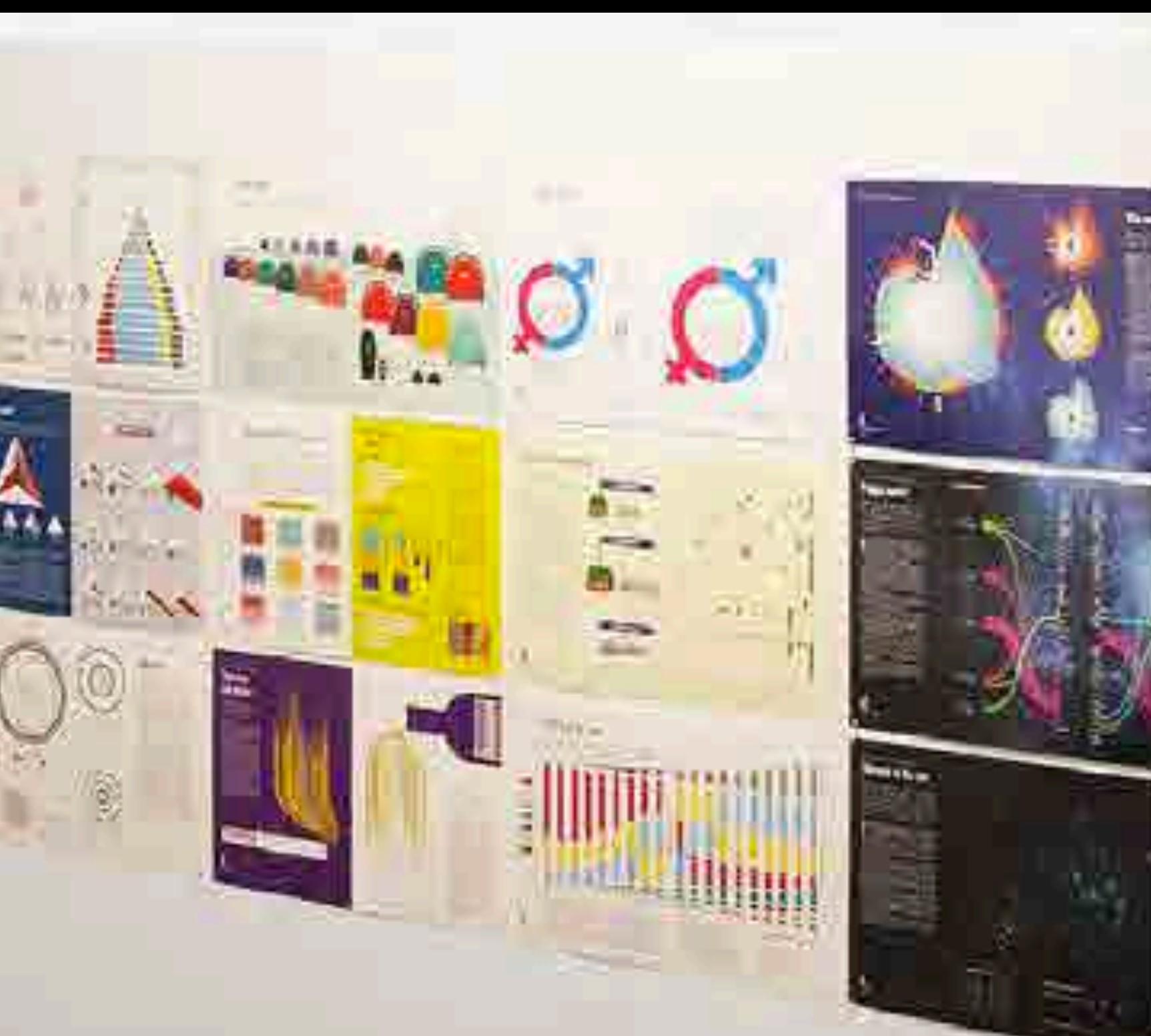


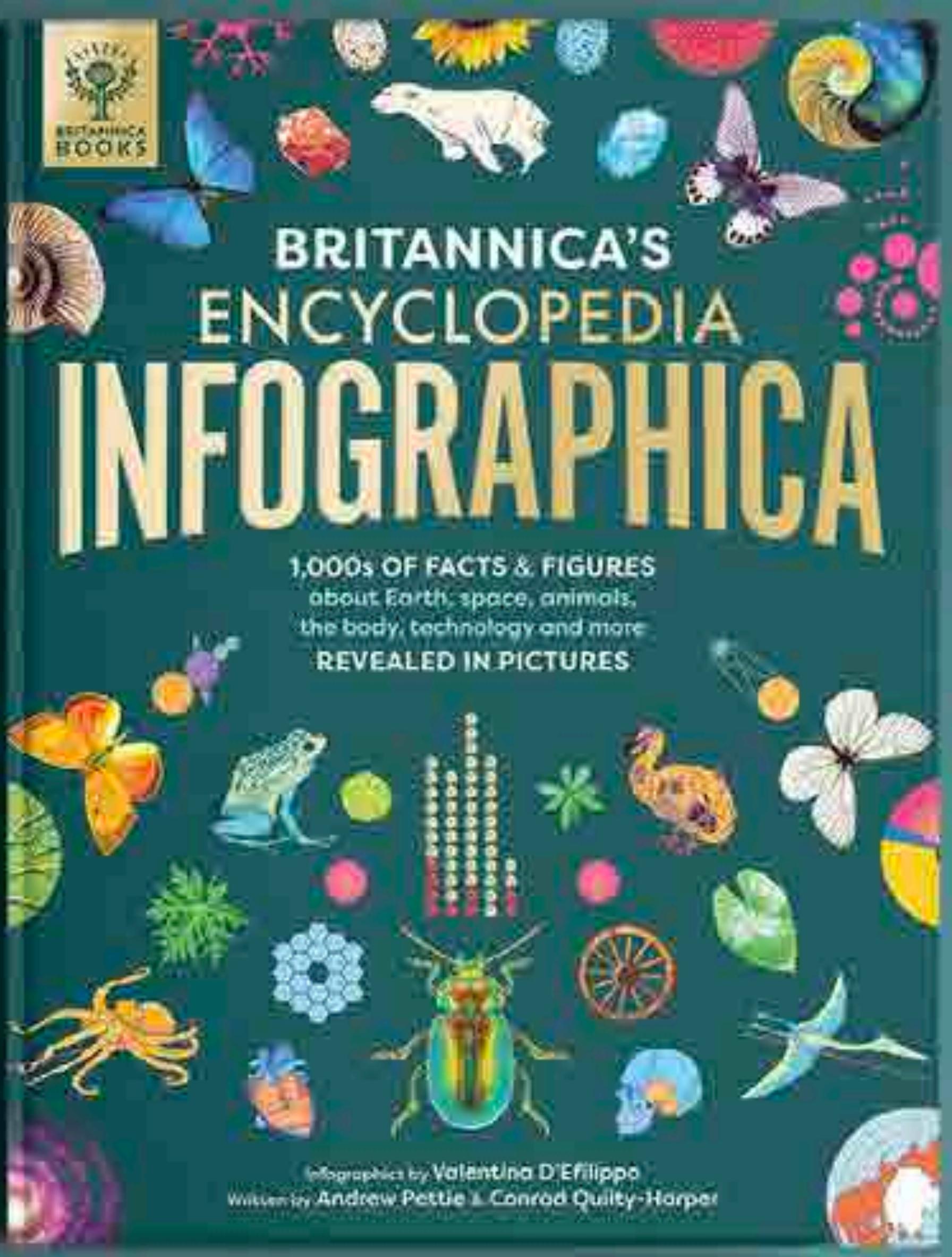
**F**rom tiny sacking to towering tree, the growth of life on Earth is pretty complex. What's fun to look at though, is just how each of the groups of organisms that call this planet home branched off and went their separate ways. As I intitlyised and sampled the tree of life above, our branch of the family tree diverged from bacteria a long time ago.

Fungi go their own way much later – just before we get towards what we call animals – while the far left of the graphic shows our fellow vertebrates (the animals who managed to develop some backbone). If we're being literal, none of us are a monkey's uncle – but we're certainly its cousin. Maybe once removed.











### LEAFCUTTER ANT

can carry **nearly 9 times** its own weight (0.02 g). This is equivalent to **human carrying a cow**.



$\times 100$



### RHINOCEROS BEETLE

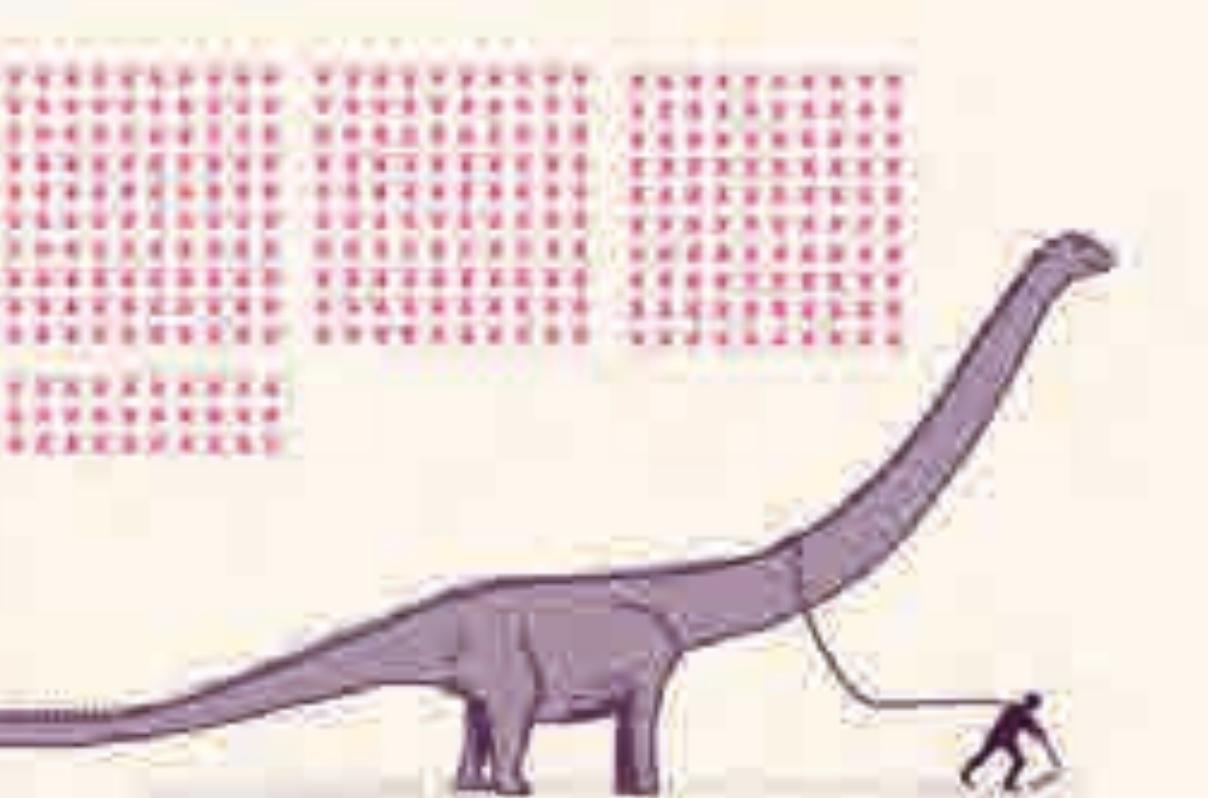
can carry around **100 times** its own weight (2.4 g). This is equivalent to a **human carrying an elephant**.



### DربATID MITE

can pull around **550 times** its own weight (0.0001 g). This is equivalent to a **human pulling the weight of a Supersaurus dinosaur**.

$\times 530$



### DUNG BEETLE

can pull **more than 1,100 times** its own weight (0.09 g). This is equivalent to a **human pulling a tank**.

$\times 1,141$



WHAT IS THE STRONGEST JELLY YOU CAN EAT? Honey and Amanita are possibly the strongest foods consumed in the same of the strongest animals on Earth.

### MICROSCOPIC ANIMALS

Microscopic organisms like amoebae, paramecia, and rotifers are tiny, but they're strong.

#### PARAMECIUM

Paramecia are

tiny, but

they're

strong.

They can

pull

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which

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#### ROTIFER

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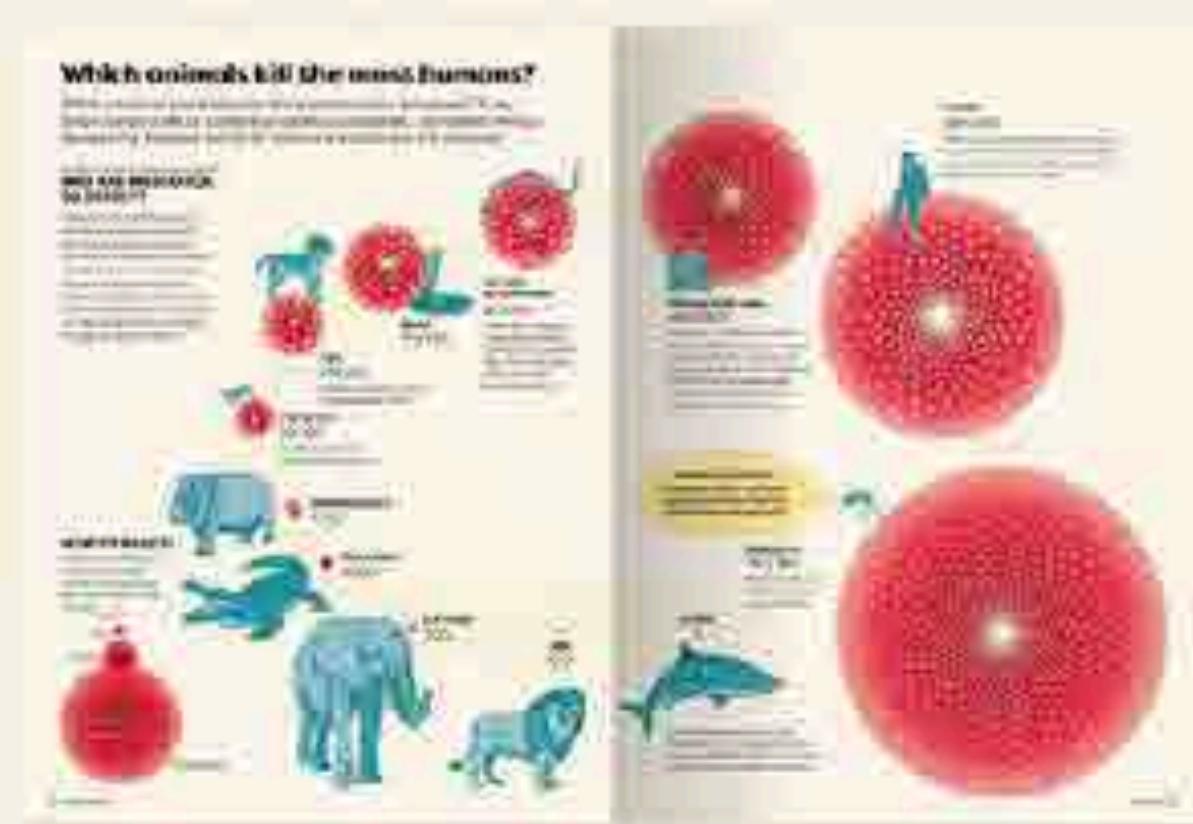
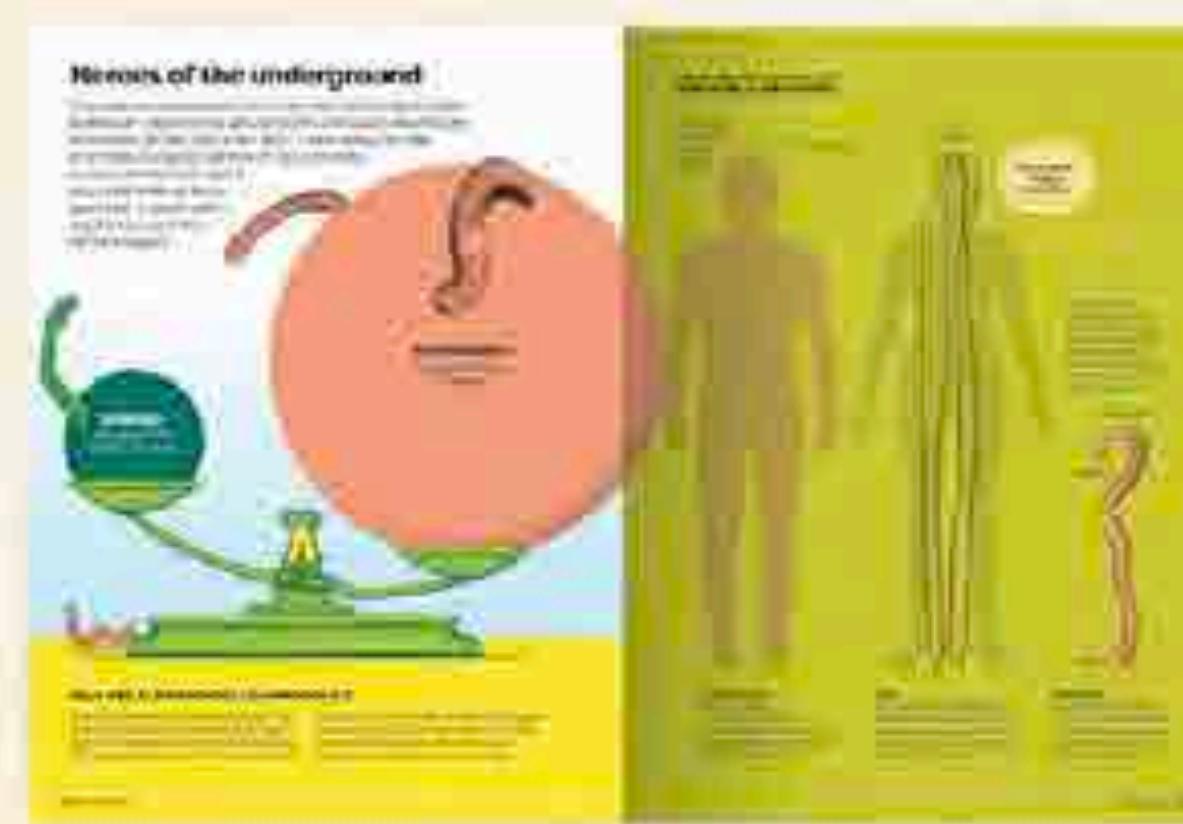
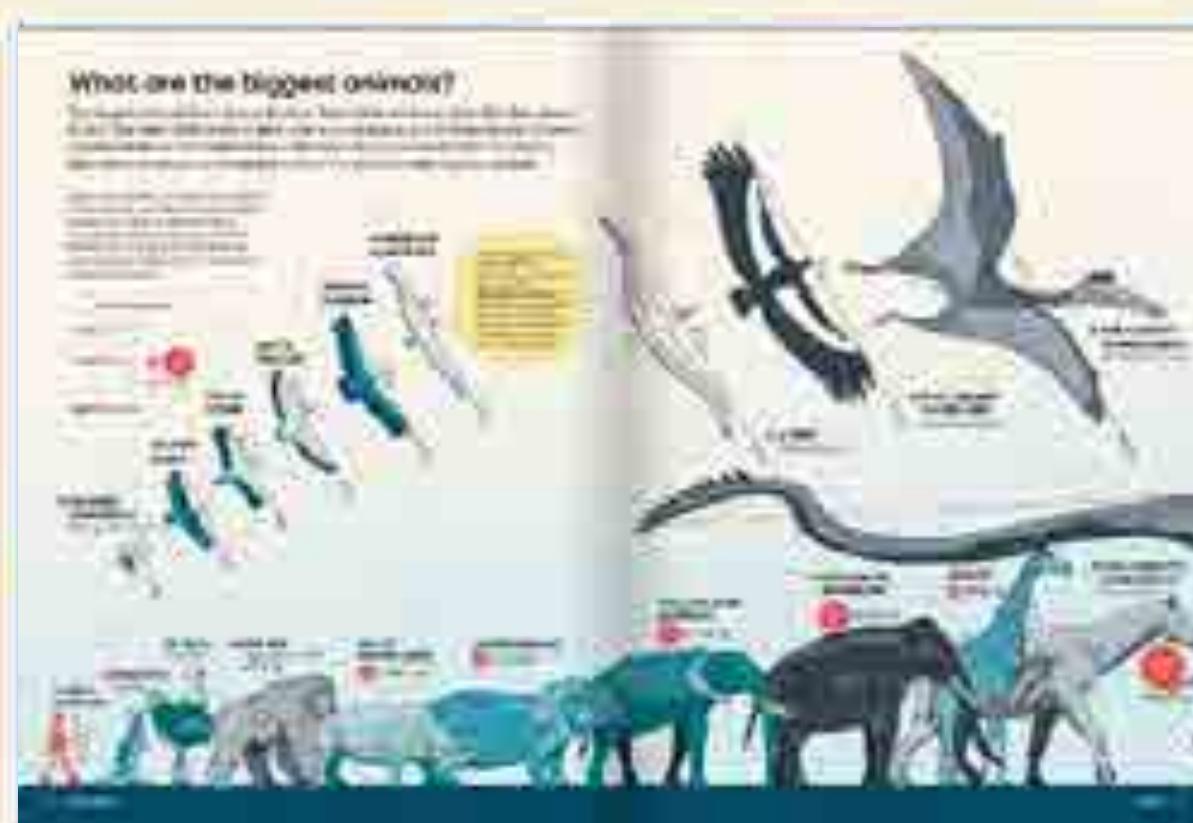
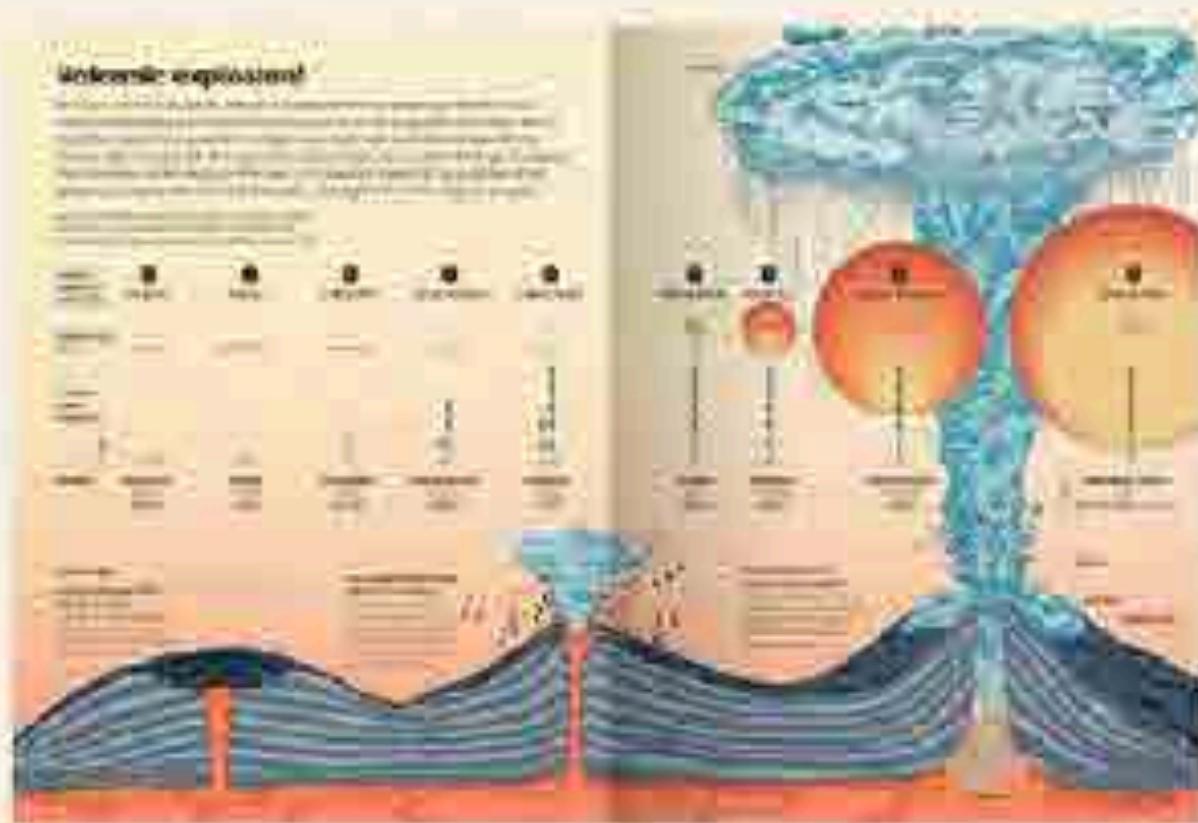
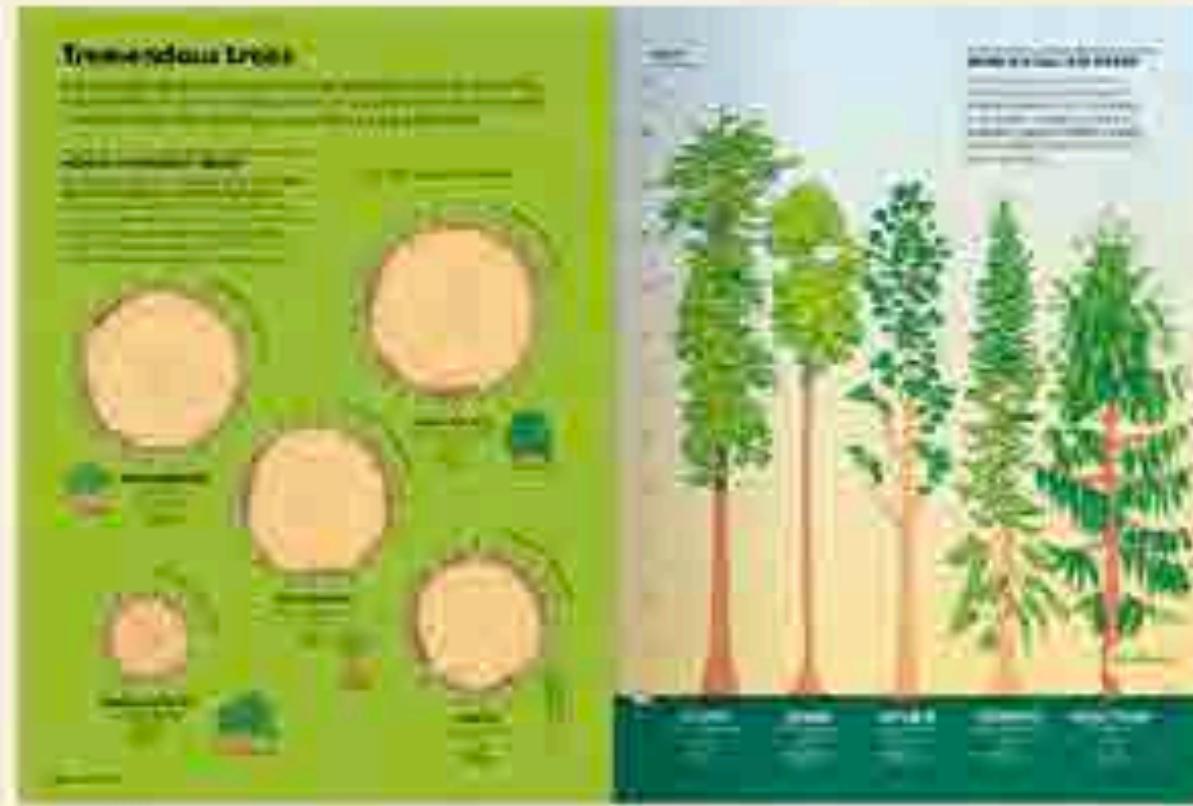
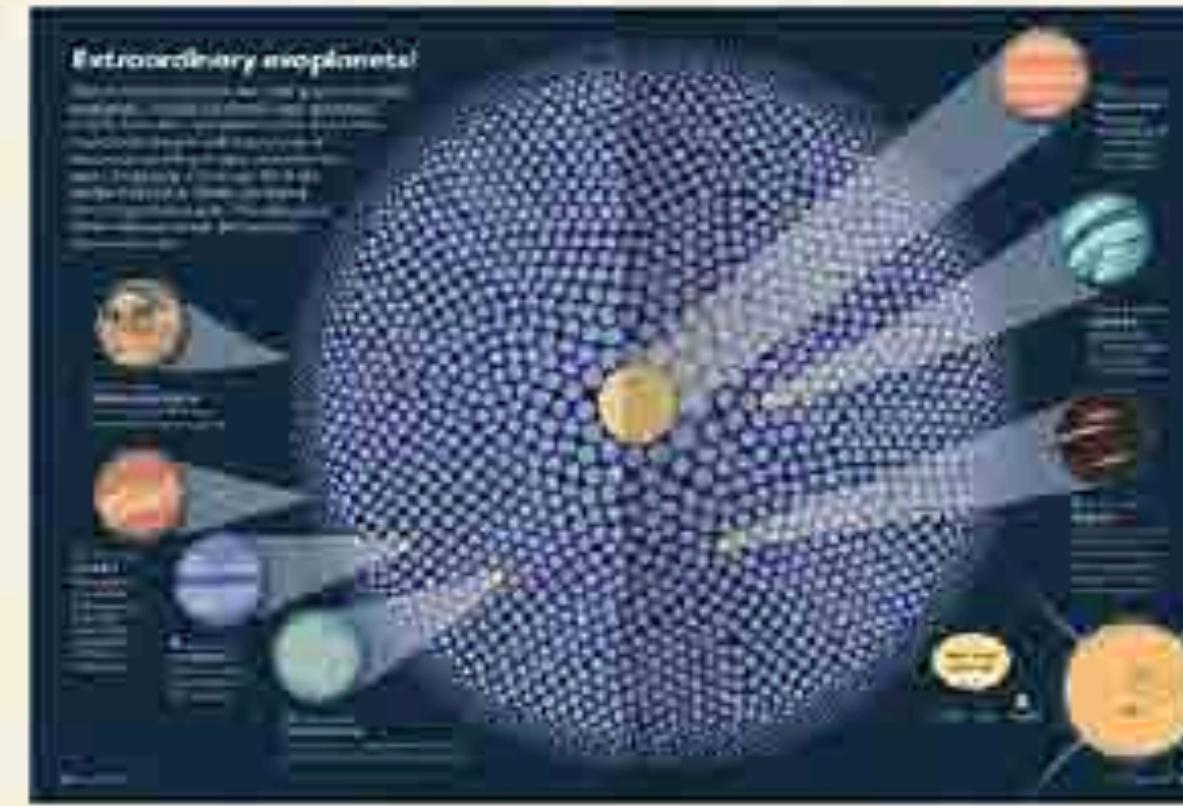
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#### AMOEBAE

Amoebae are



# Everything is an event on the skin

Your skin responds to it or ignores it and you decide what's happening next.

[Each dot represents a response, observed and caused by skin living]

Explore the responses by

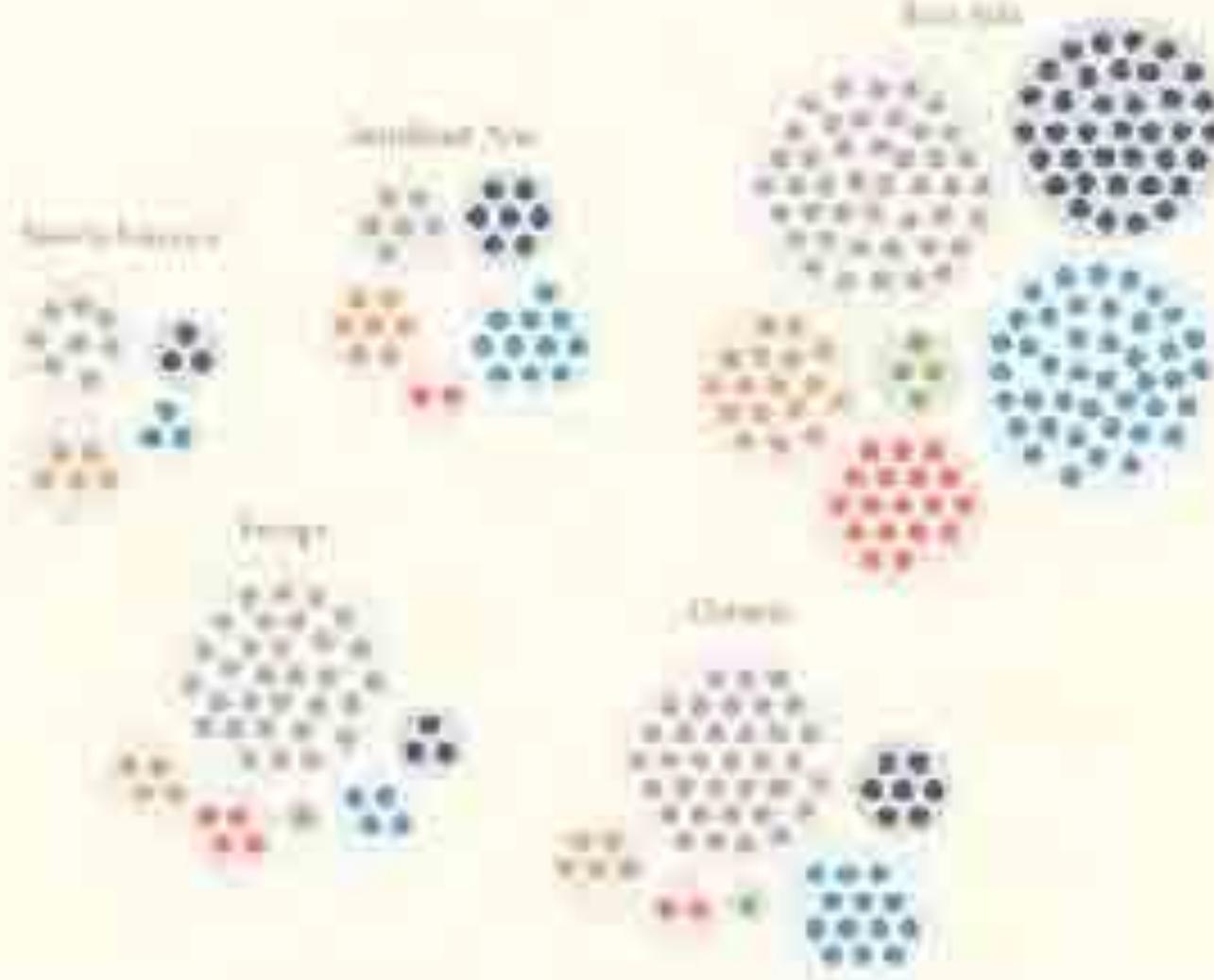
Date of review  
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Weather condition

**Humidity**

[Low humidity](#) [View all](#)

Skin types



Most popular ritual

- Cream**  
Fotolia Facial Cream
- Tone**  
It's You Babying Toner
- Hydrate**  
Mandarin Facial Hydrating Cream
- Brighten**  
Glowing Dewy Skin Brightening Moisturizer
- Tone**  
Blue Diamond Facial Hydrating Moisturizer

# Everything is an event on the skin

Explore your skin responses to the weather and how your product helps to do the same.

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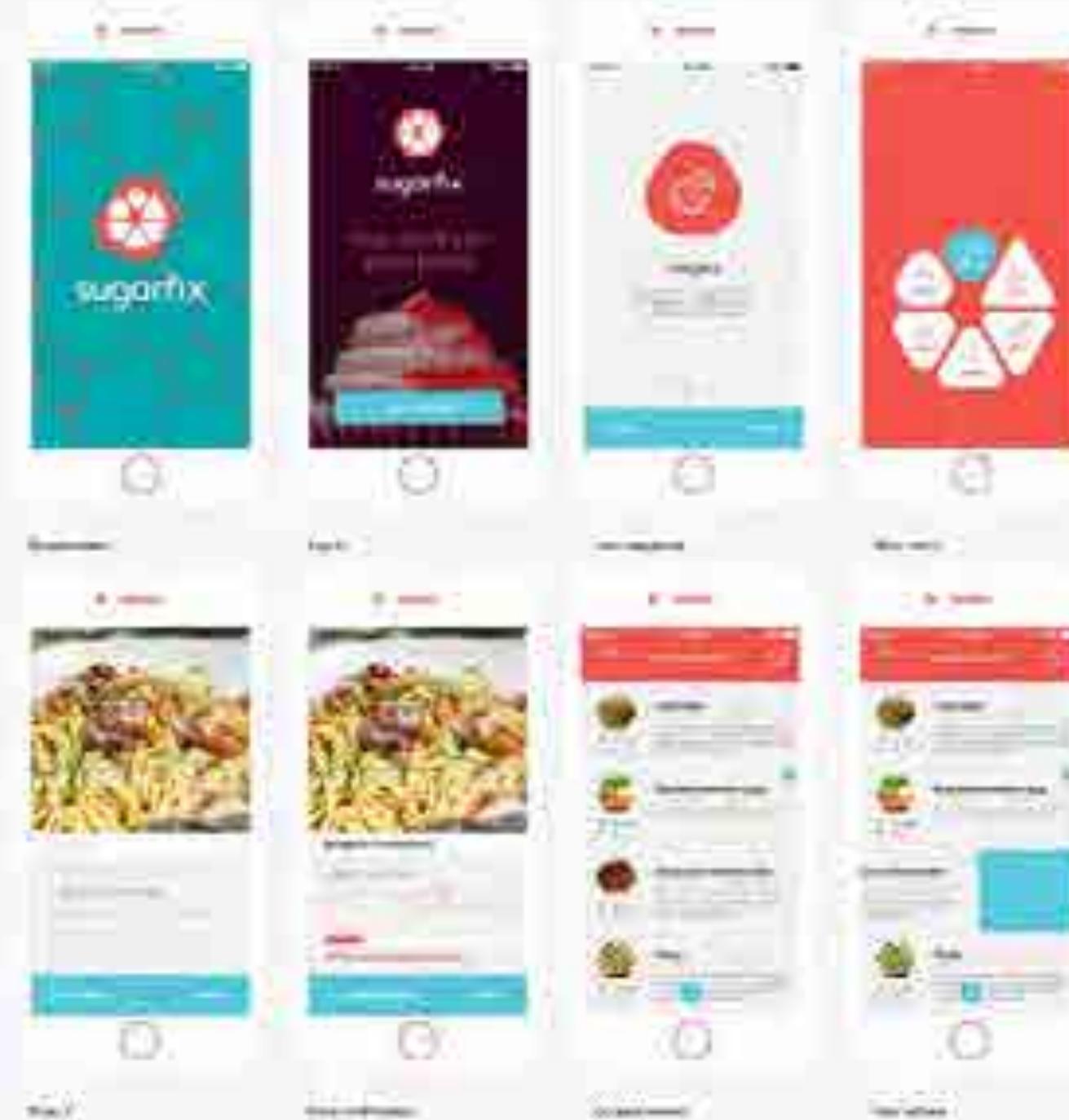
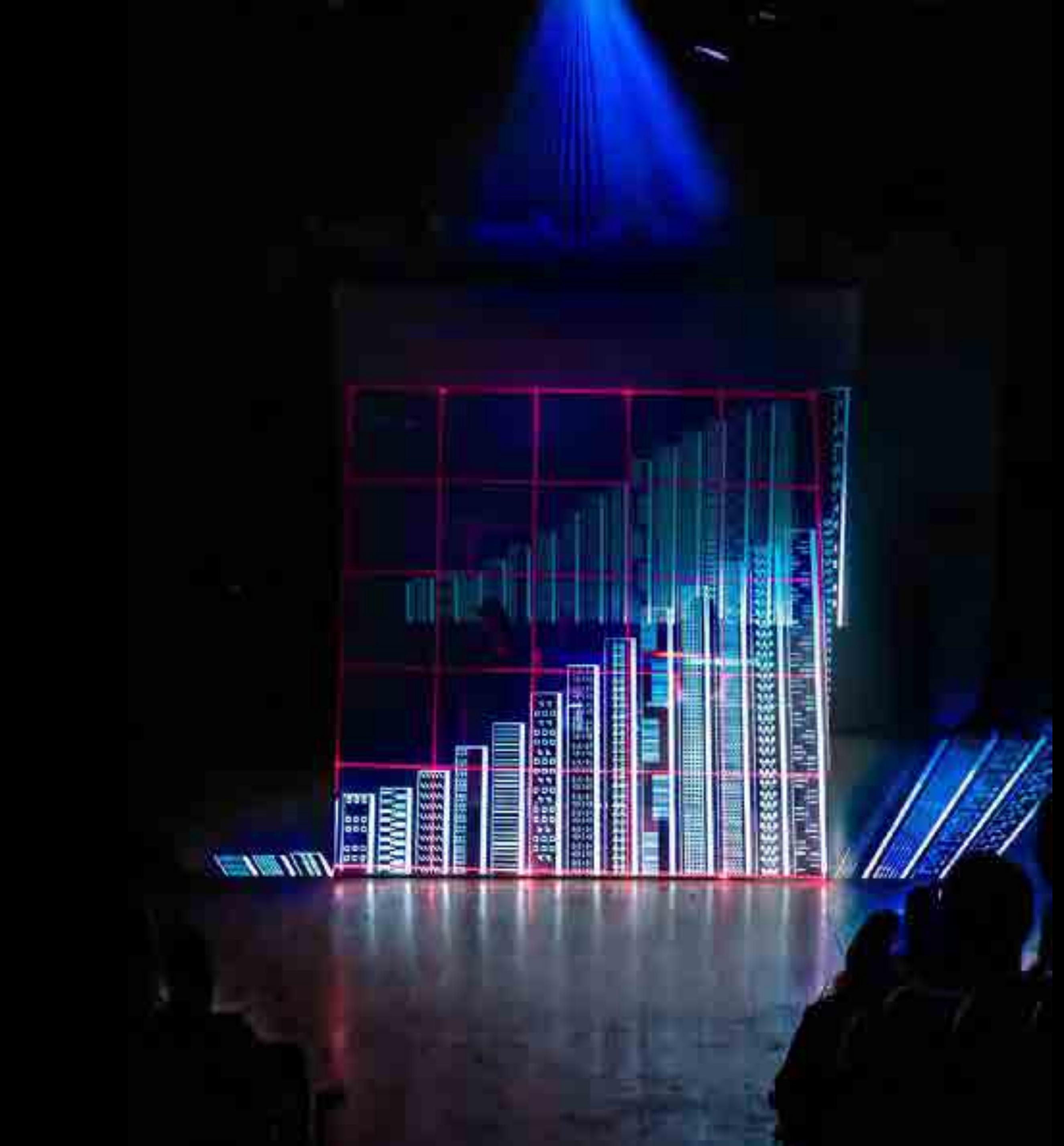






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**TEDx Parma**



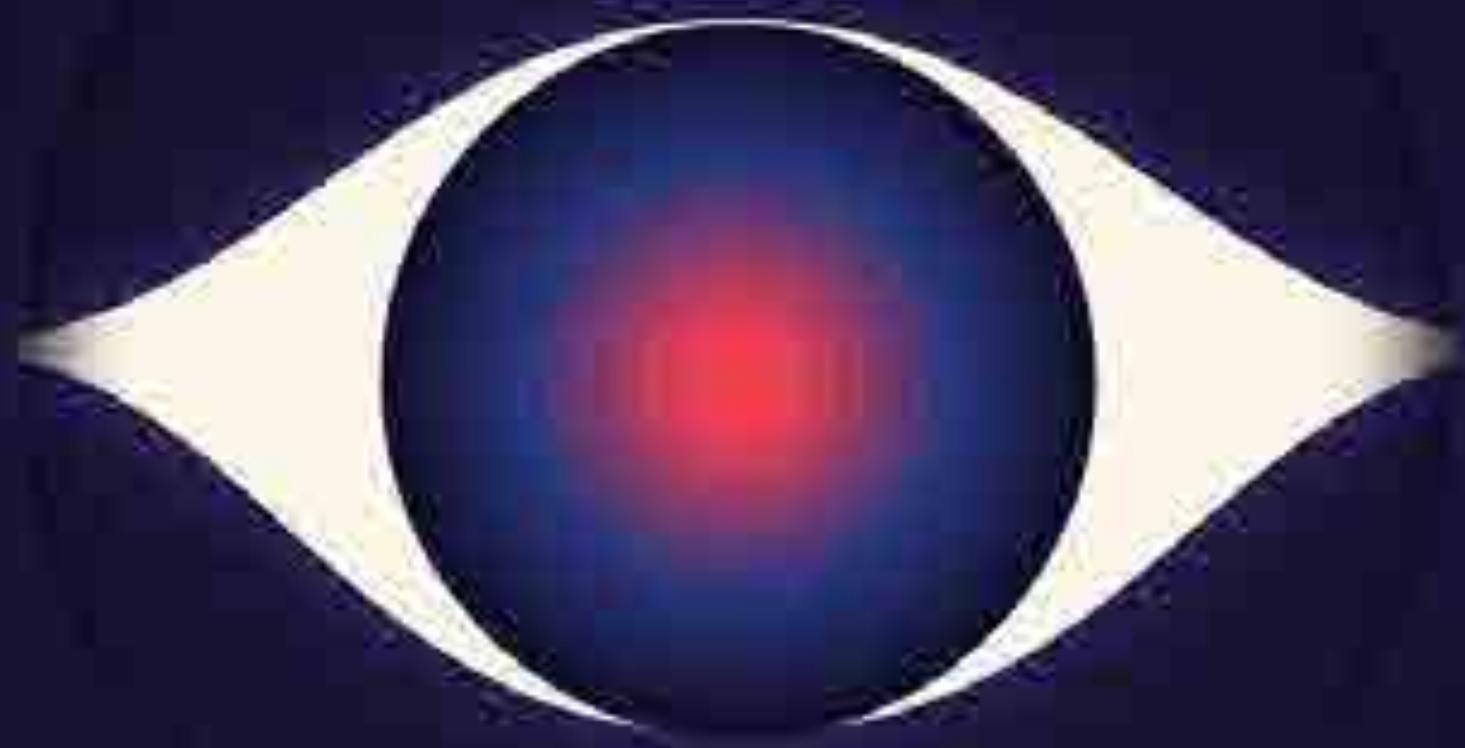
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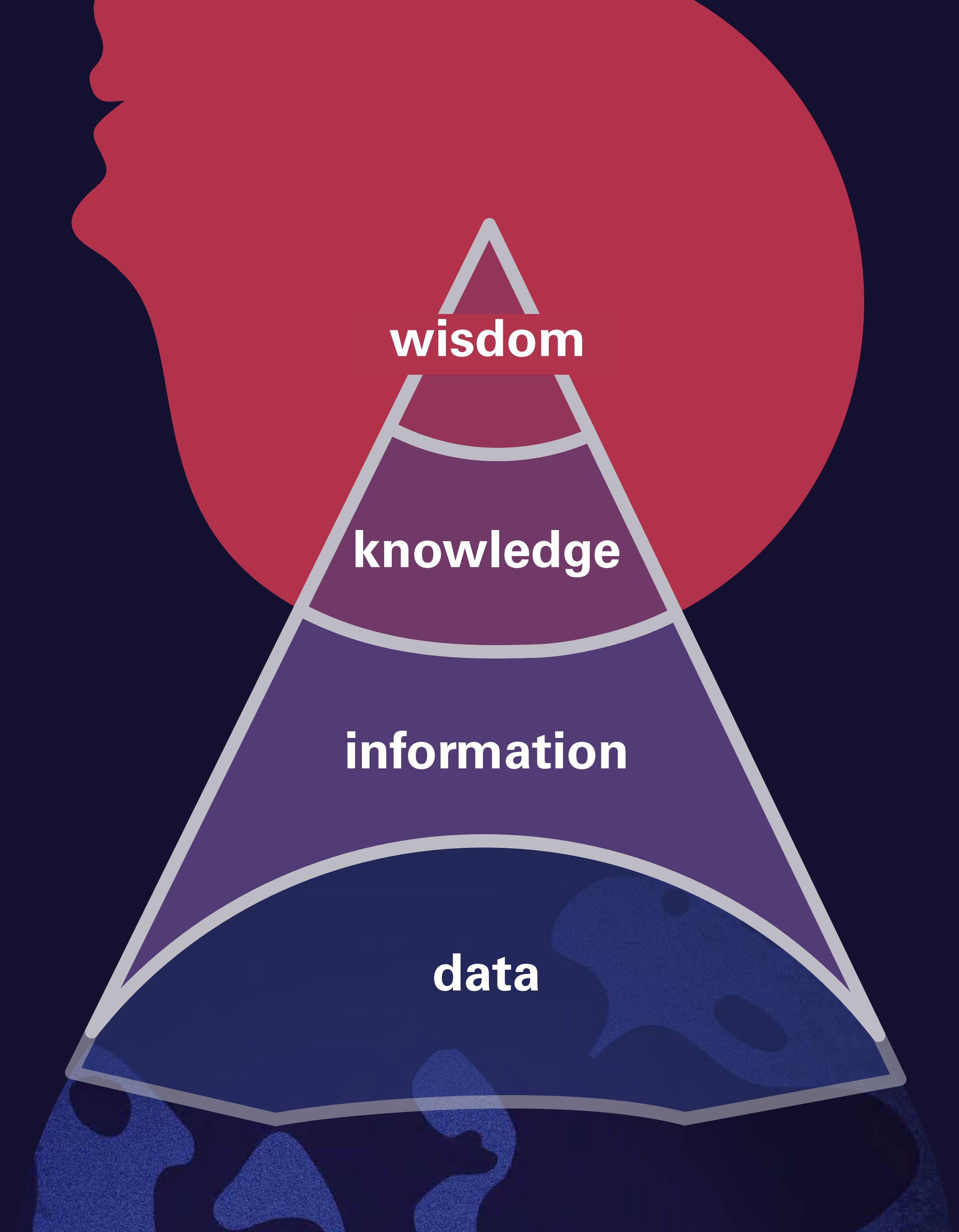


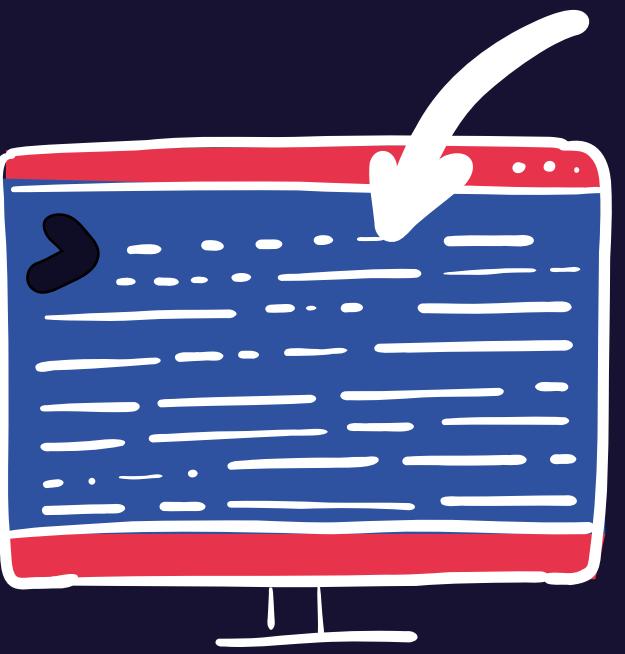
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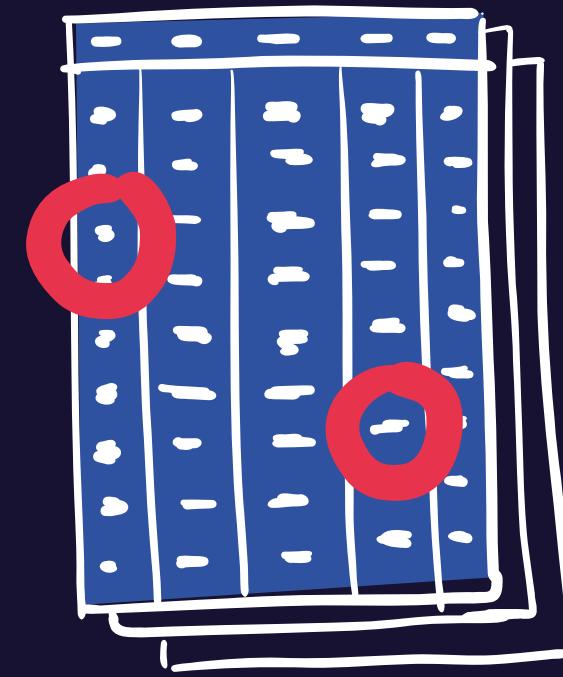


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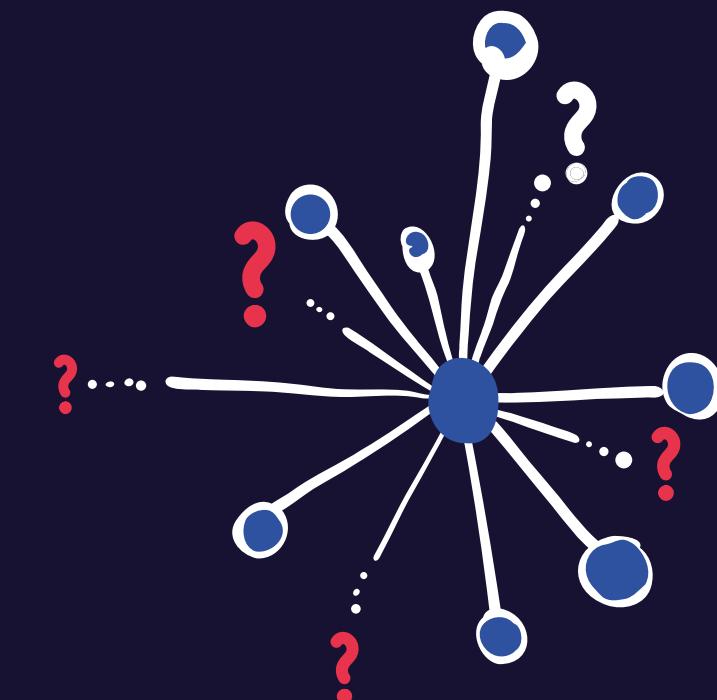




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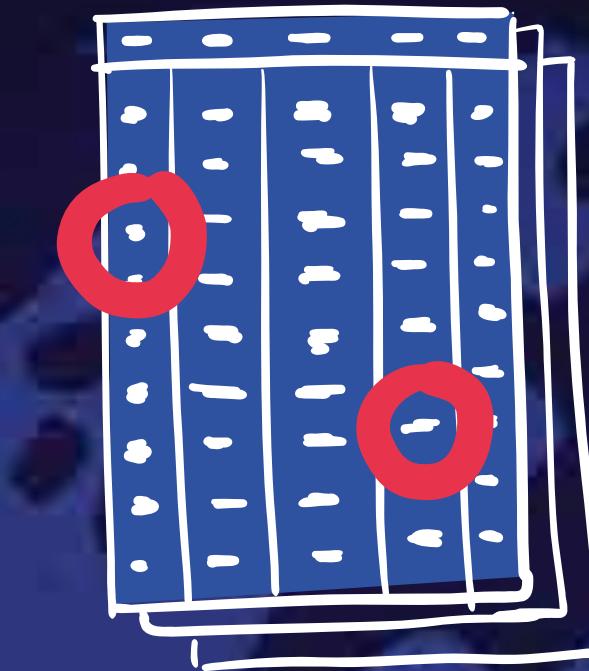


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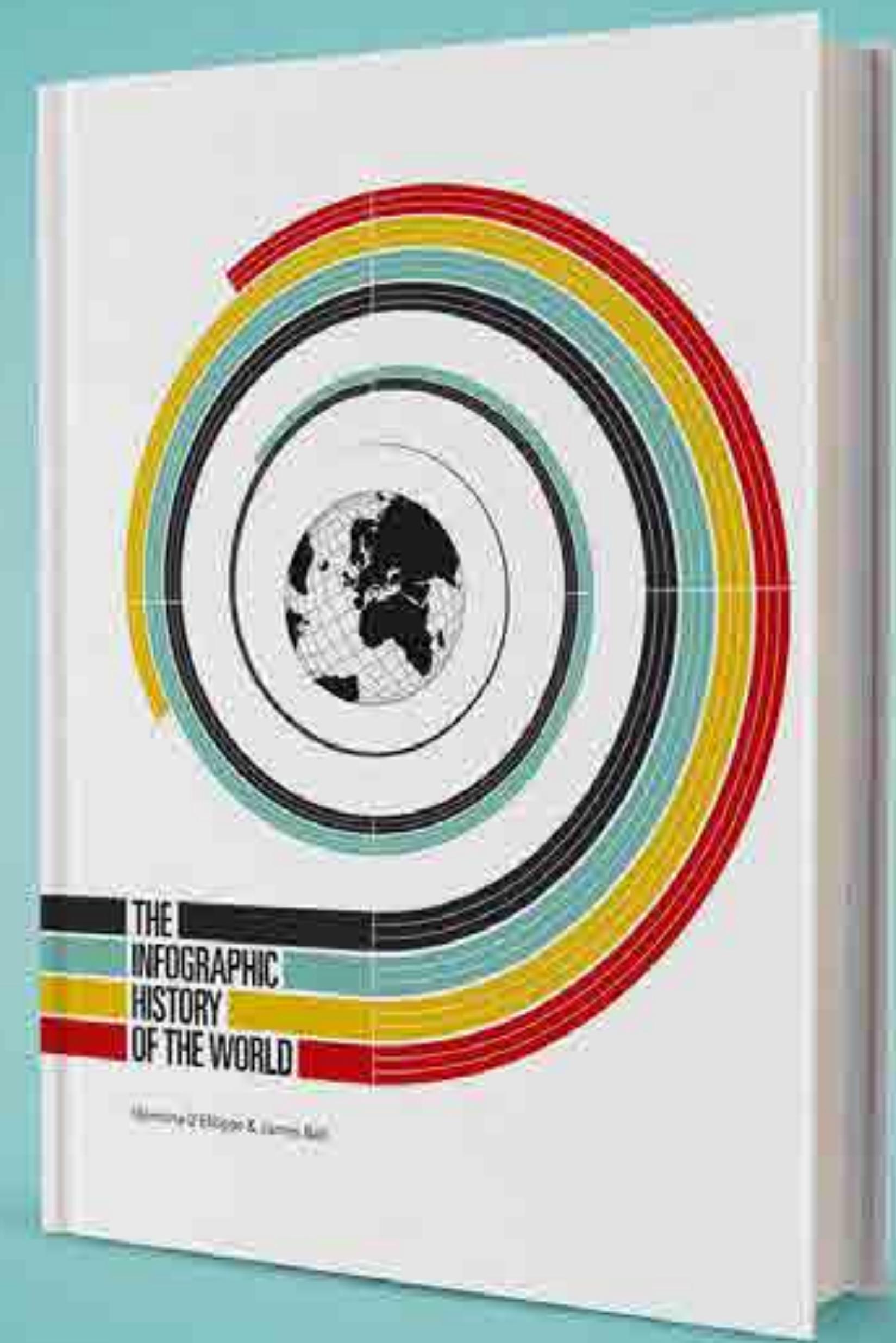
Experiences

*knowledge comes from...*



**studies**

identify the insight



The Infographic History of the World // Valentina D'Efilippo & James Ball

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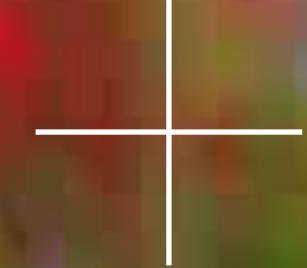
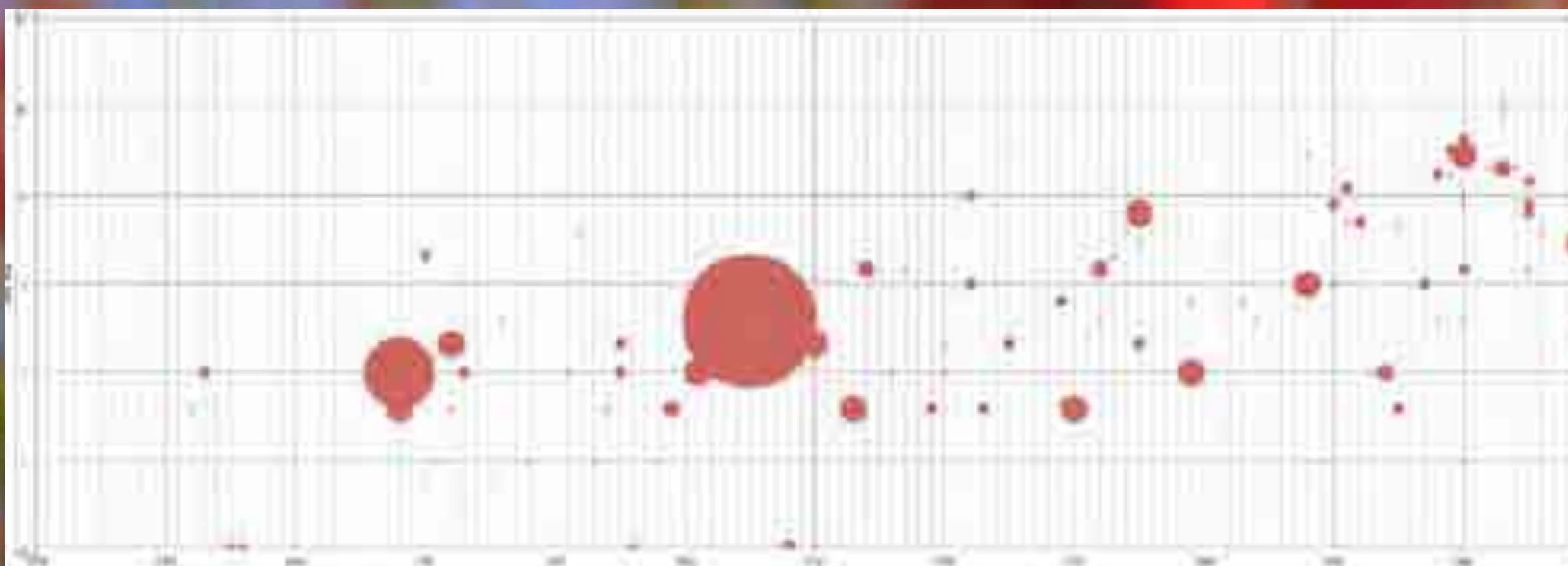
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wars	from	to	where	deaths
Dutch-Achinese War	1904	1907	Africa	24,000
Russo-Japanese war	1904	1905	Asia	152,000
Southwest African Revolt	1904	1905	Africa	13,000
Second Yemen Rebellion	1904	1904	Asia	30,000
Korean guerilla war against Japanese occupation	1907	1910	Asia	18,000
French Conquest of Wadai Sultanate	1909	1911	Africa	12,000
The second Rif War	1909	1910	Africa	10,000
Mexican Revolution	1910	1920	North America	125,000
Italo-Turkish War	1911	1912	Africa	20,000
1st Balkan War	1912	1913	Europe	82,000
2nd Balkan War	1913	1913	Europe	61,000
Moro Rebellion	1913	1913	Asia	15,000
World War I	1914	1918	Asia, Europe, Nc	10,671,000
Russian Revolution and Civil War	1917	1922	Europe, Asia	802,000
Estonian Liberation War	1918	1920	Europe	12,000
Latvian Liberation	1918	1920	Europe	13,000

# Pattern recognition | Semiotics

Data

Story





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Conflict duration →

Timeline (1900–2014) →

# life/death

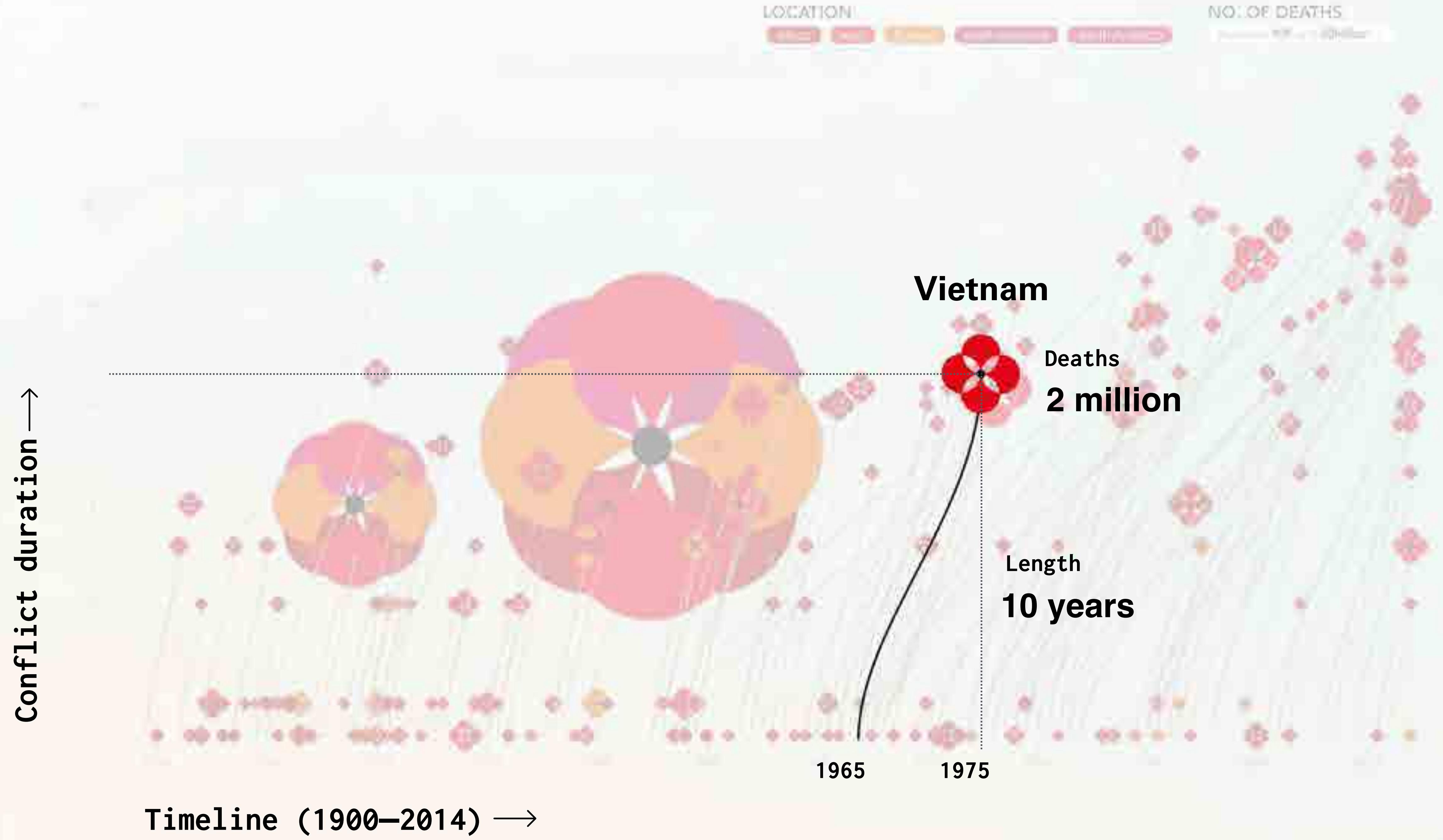
Oxymoron or antithesis

LOCATION

Africa Asia Europe North America South America

NO. OF DEATHS

0 to over 50 Million



Conflict duration →

**The Great War**

**The Second World War**

Timeline (1900–2014) →

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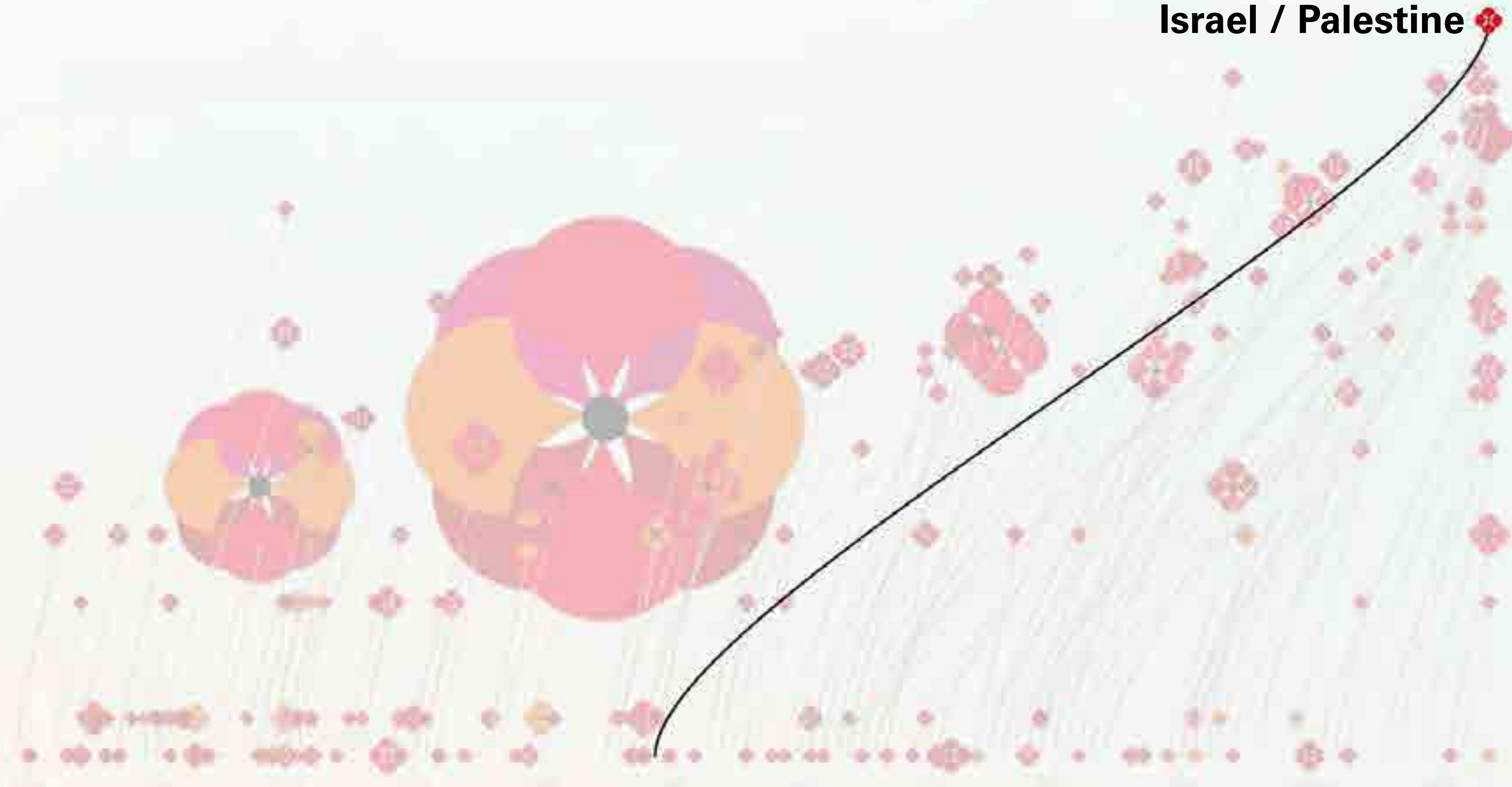
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**Israel / Palestine**



## LOCATION

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Asia

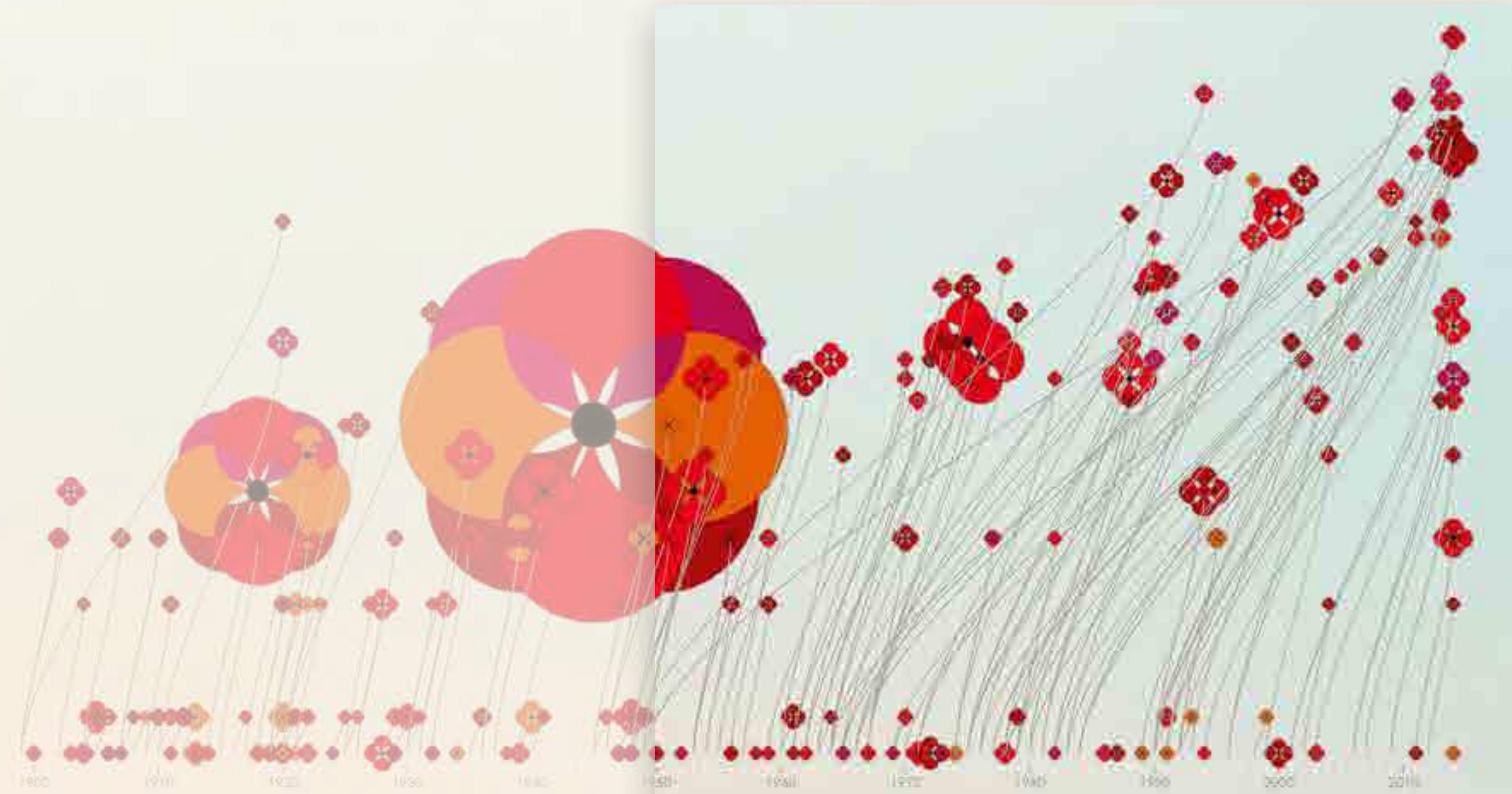
Europe

North America

South America

## NO. OF DEATHS

909 million

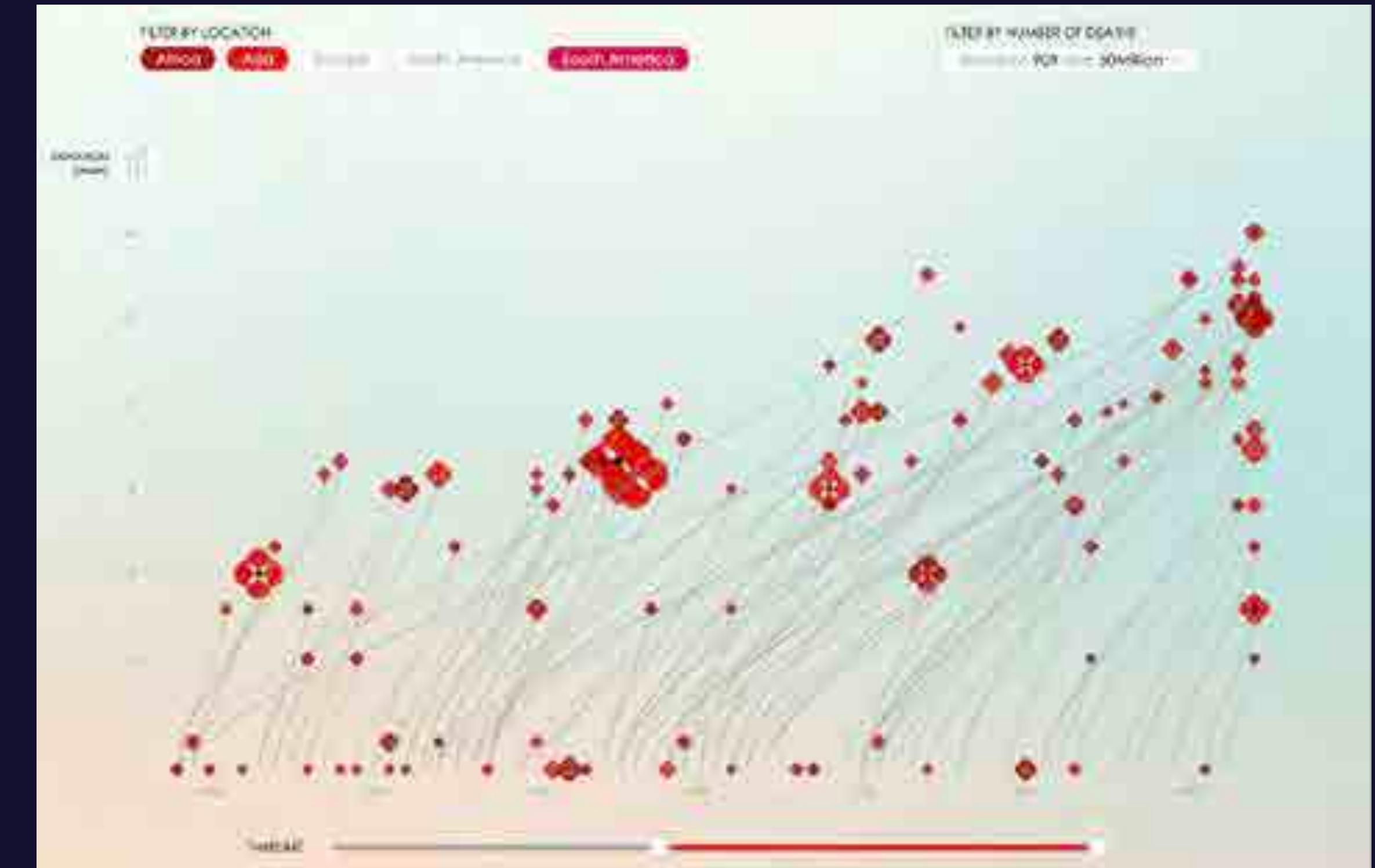


1950–2014

## Europe & North America



## Rest of the world

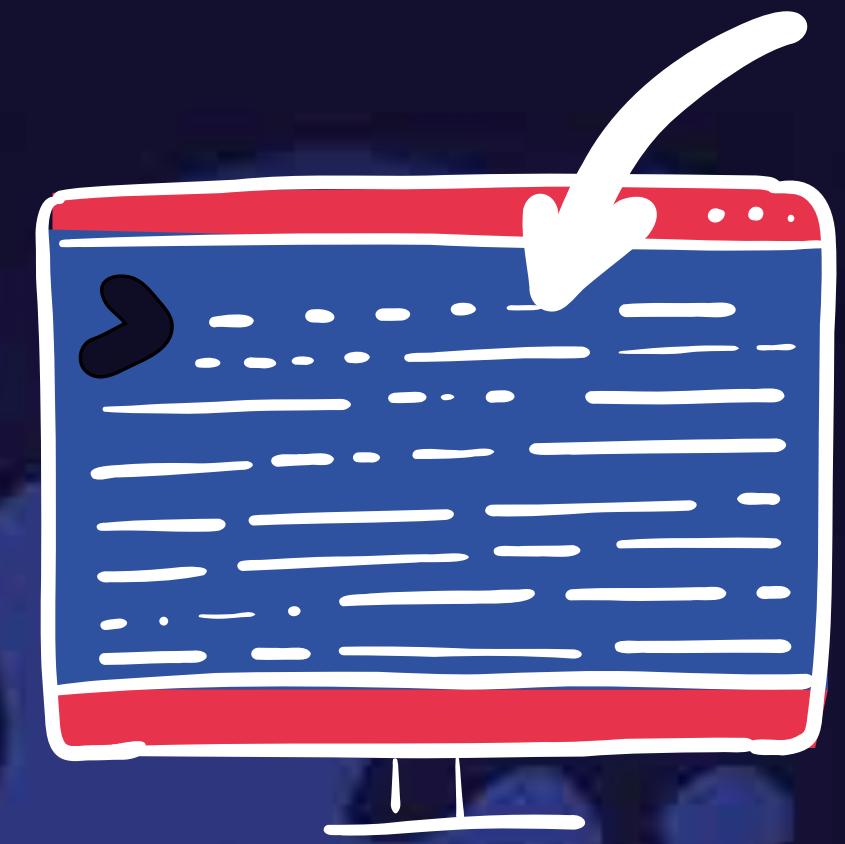


SEARCH FRIEDEN  
SUCHE  
WAR AND THE SEARCH  
FOR PEACE

A photograph of three people looking at a museum exhibit. The exhibit features large red poppies and text in German and English. The German text includes "SUCHE", "WAR AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE", and "NO GAB IS DÄLLT ODER WILDSCHÄFTIG". The English text includes "SEARCH FRIEDEN", "SUCHE", "WAR AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE", and "NO GAB IS DÄLLT ODER WILDSCHÄFTIG".

**to foster understanding  
and to create empathy**

*knowledge comes from...*



# databases

extract stored data

# **Can social media become a catalyst for social change?**

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If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet.

Me too.

Suggested by a friend: "If all the women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too.' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

9:21 PM - 15 Oct 2017

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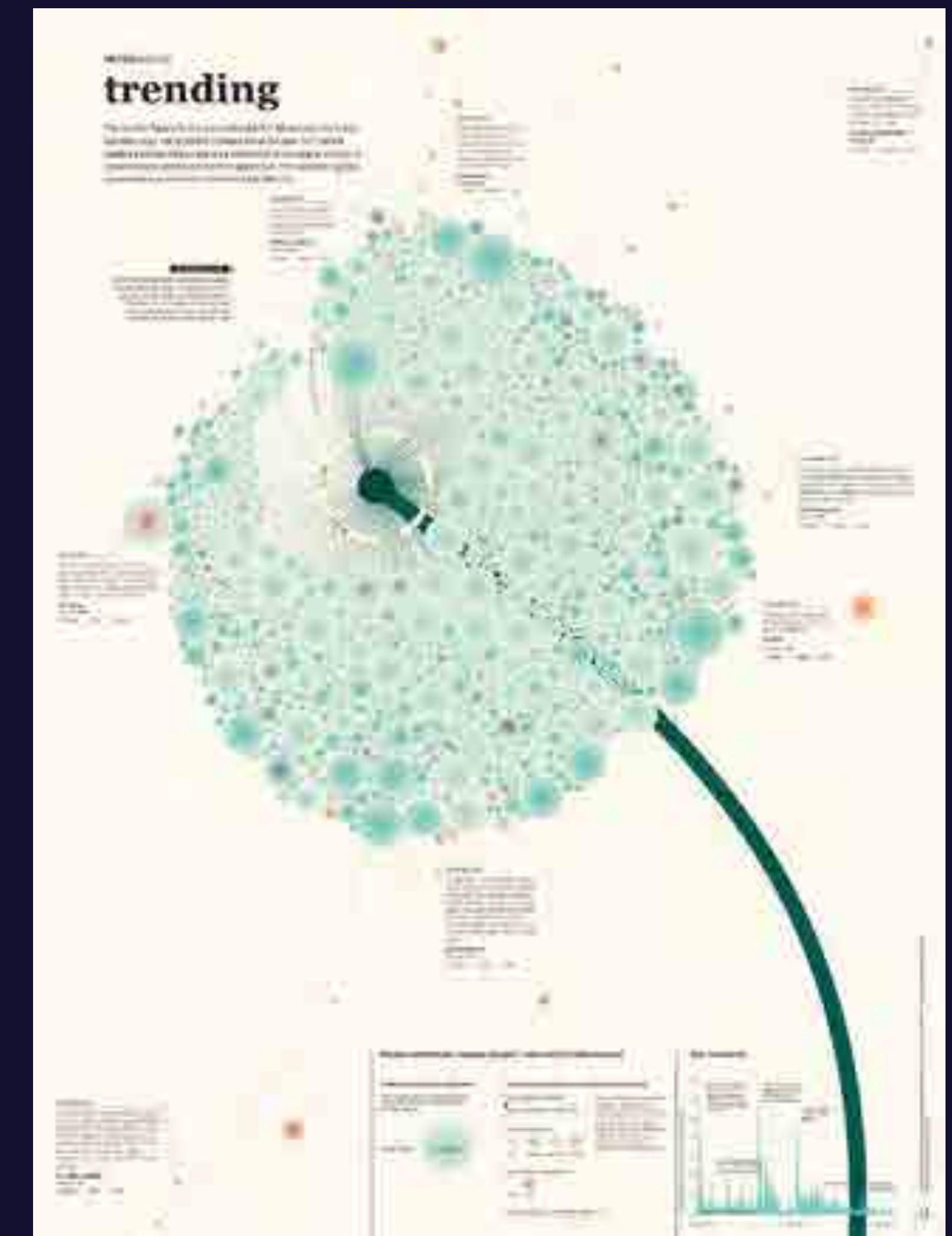
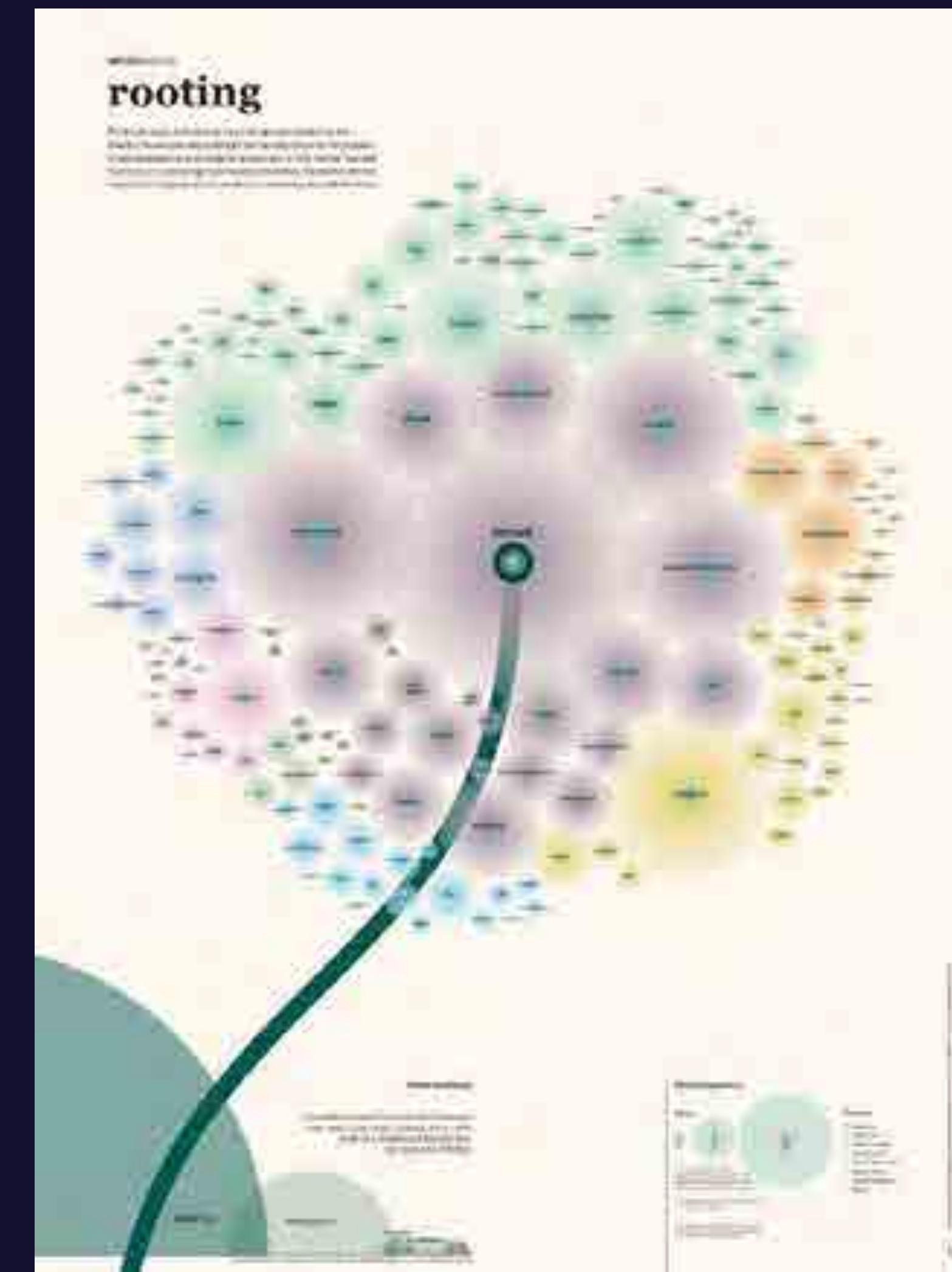
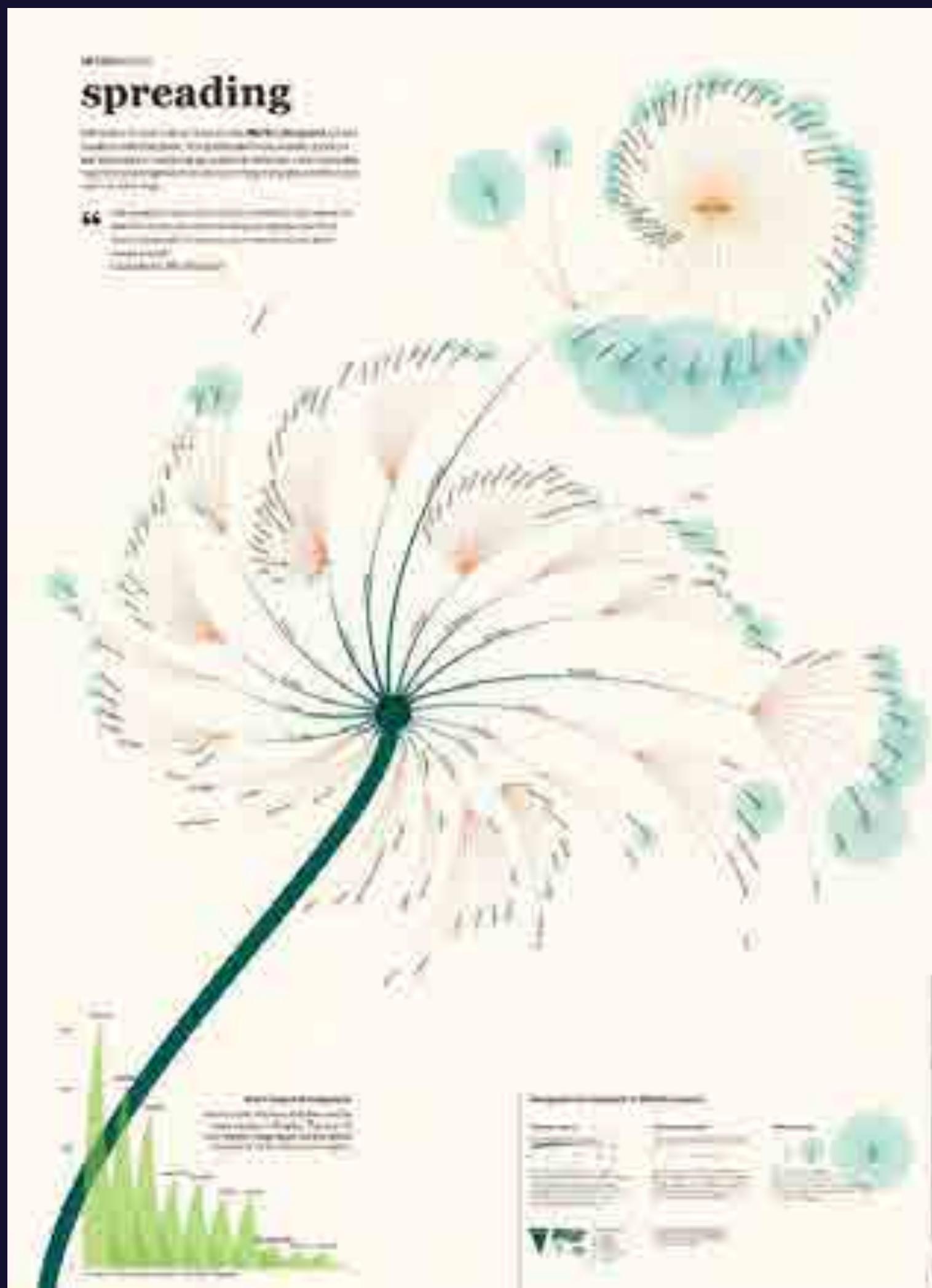
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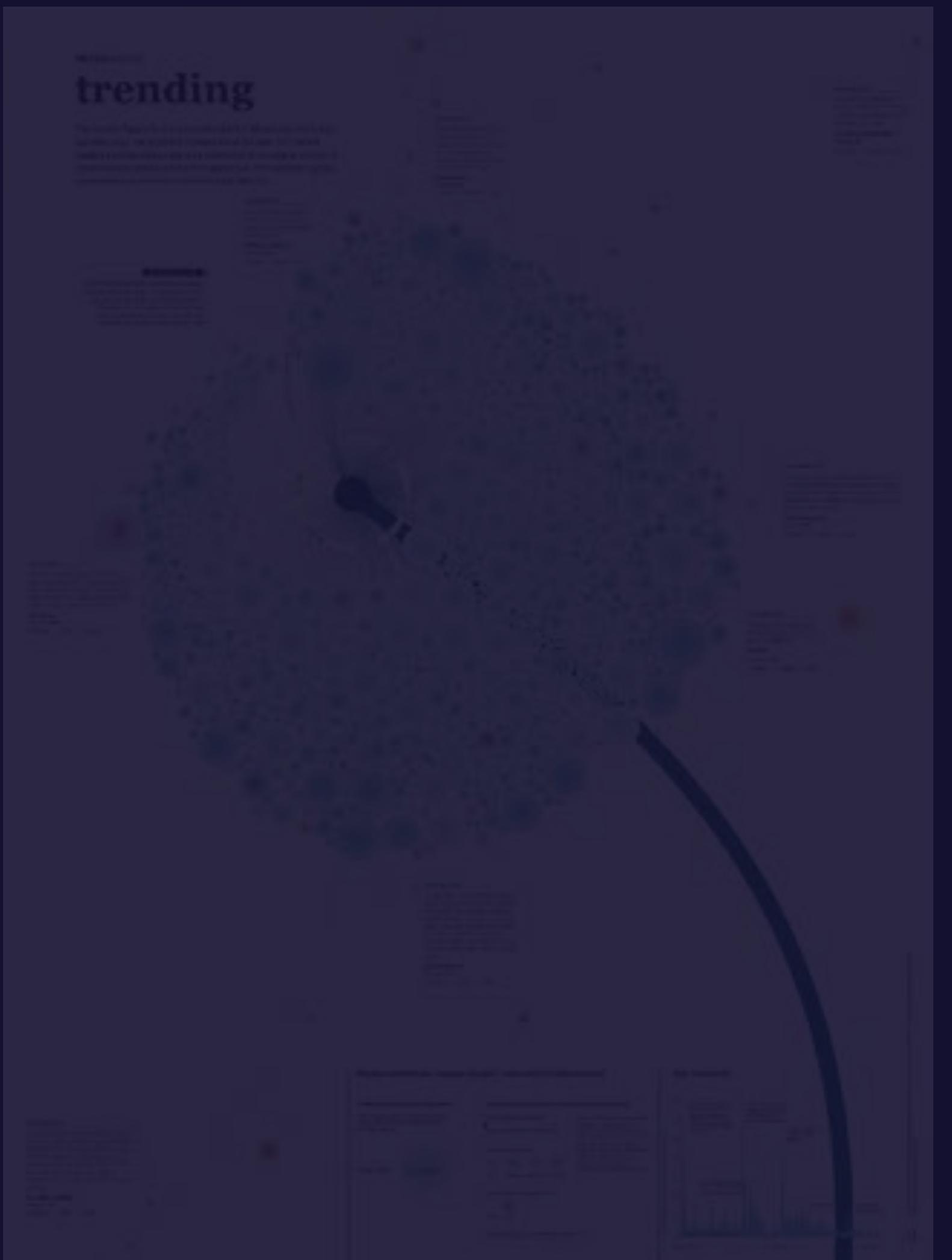
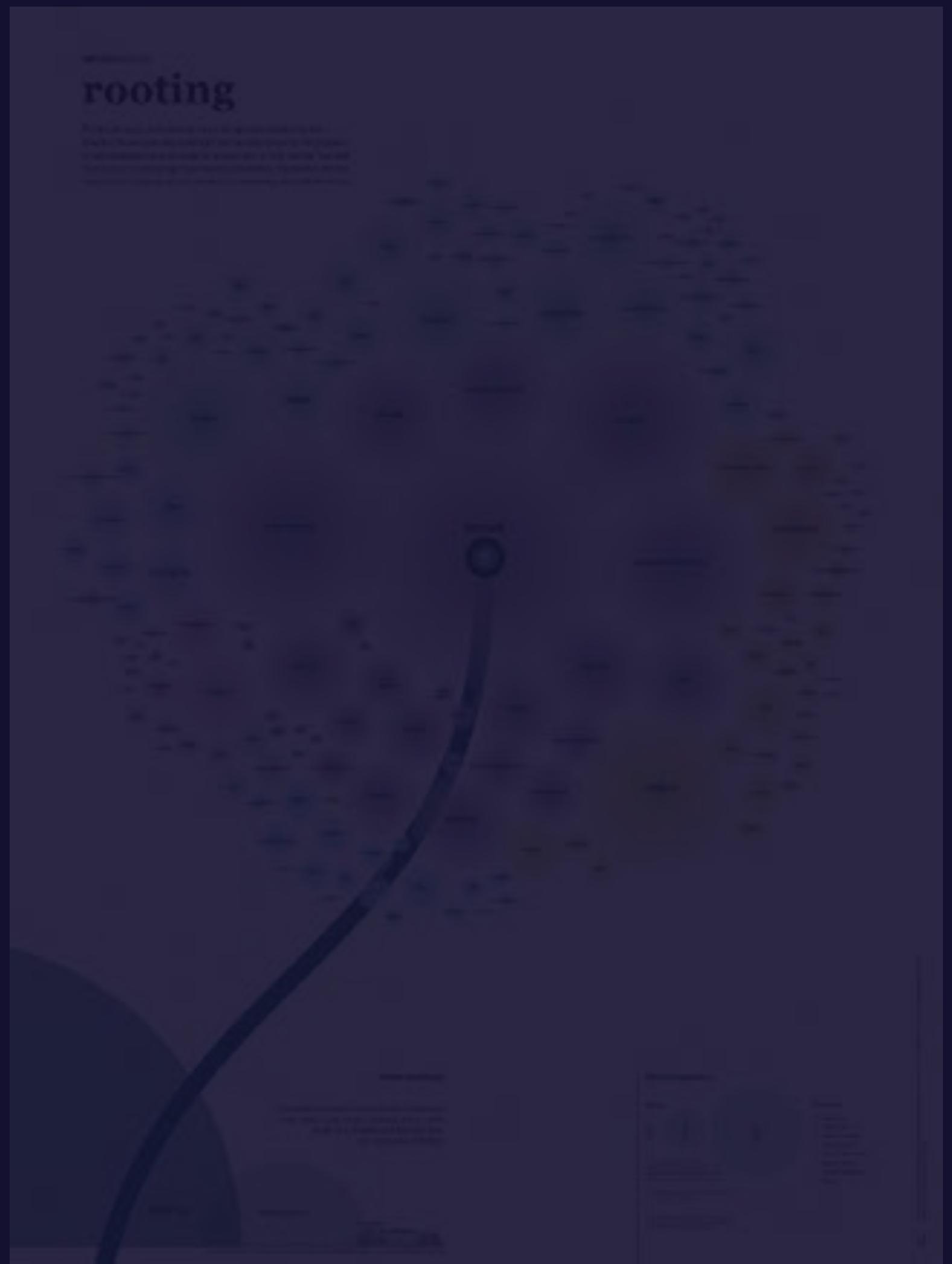
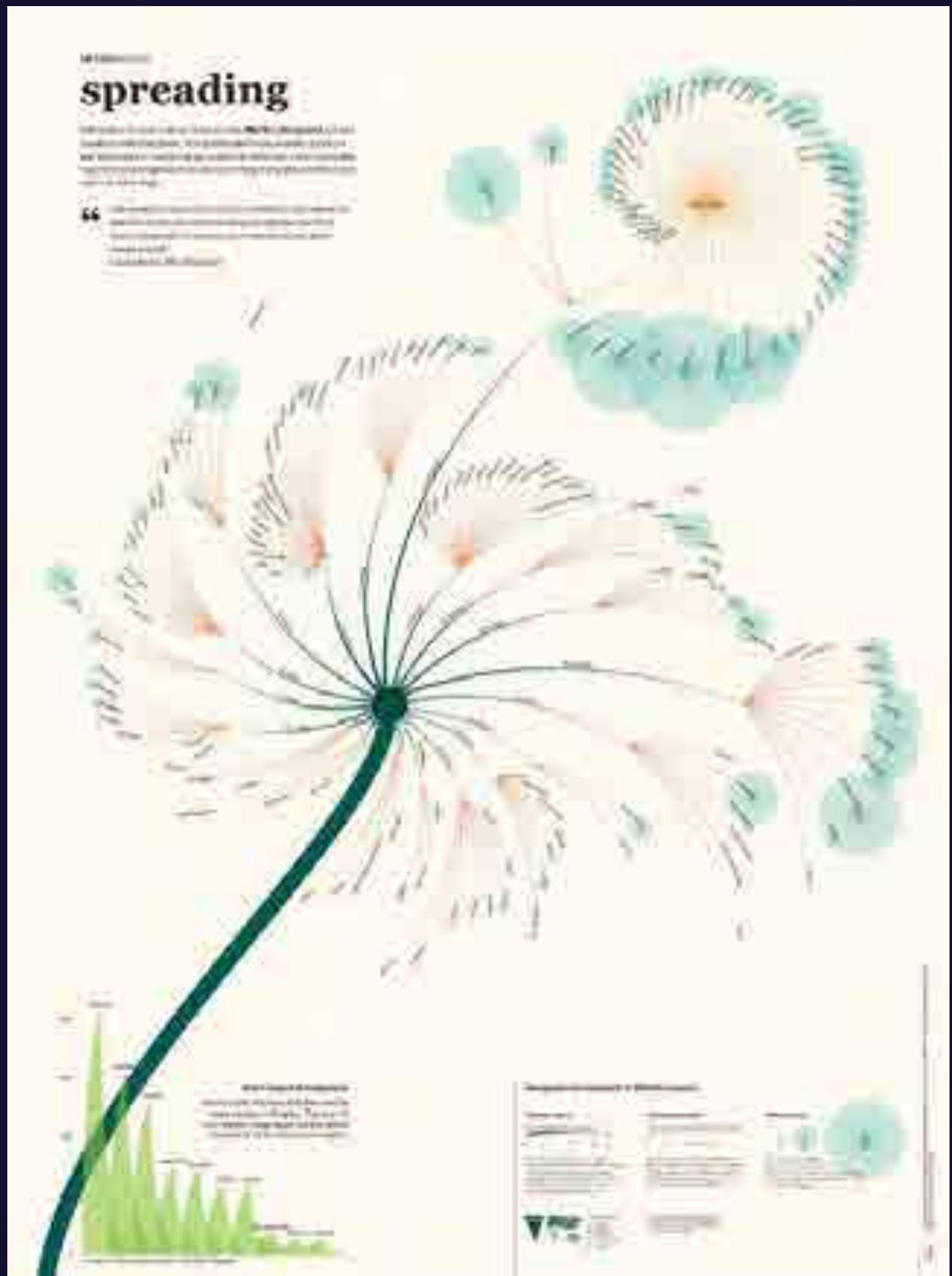
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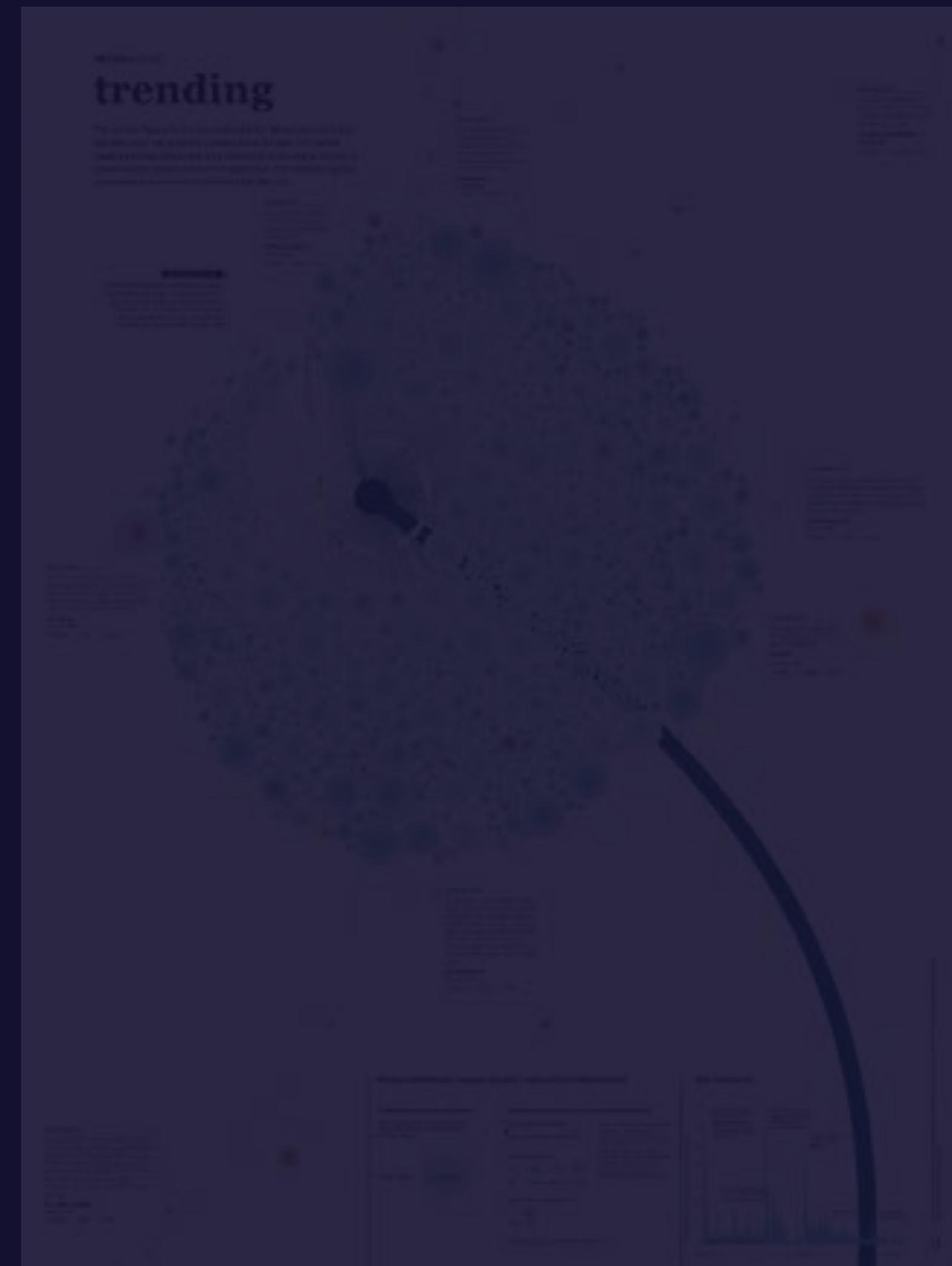
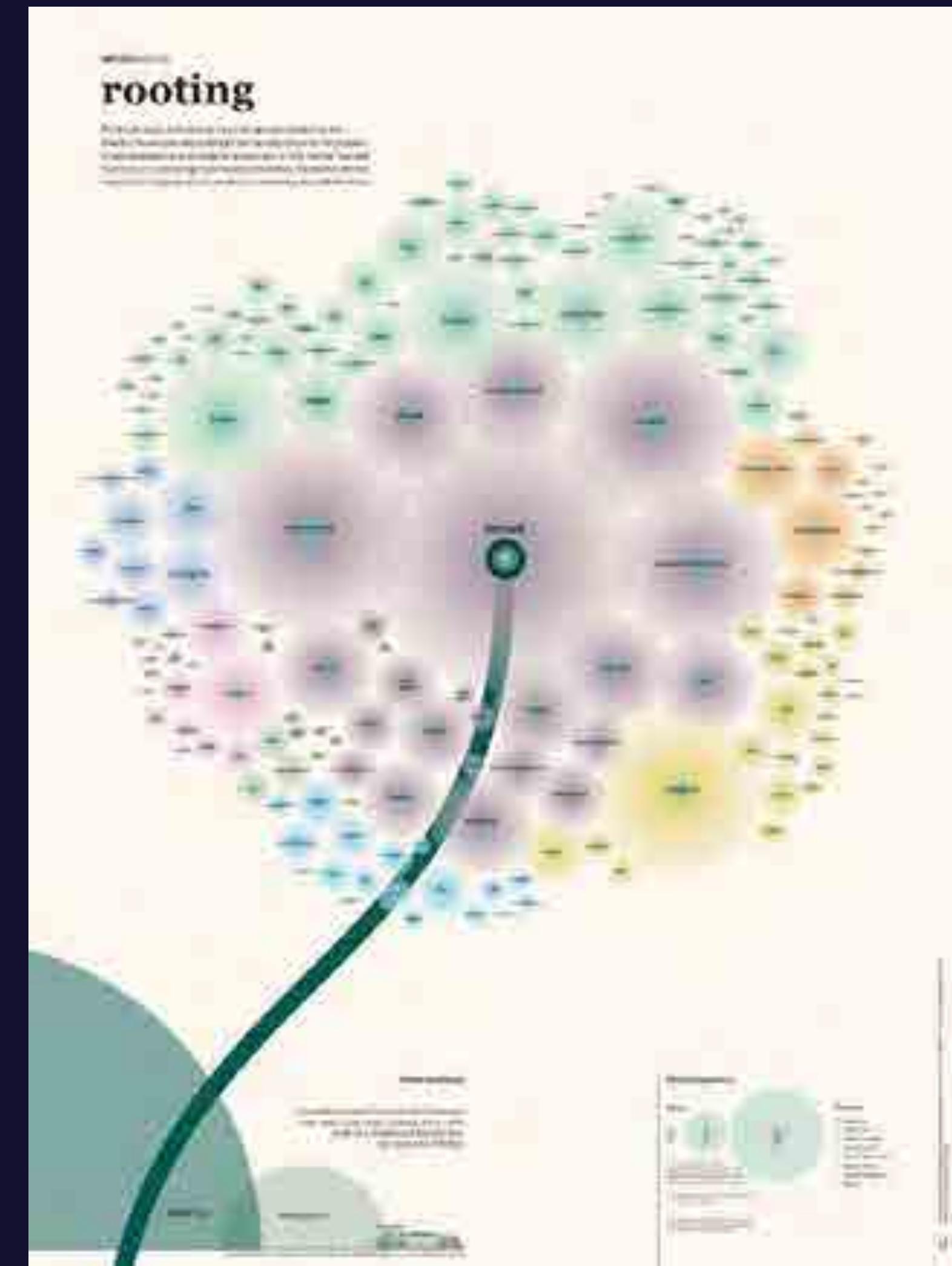
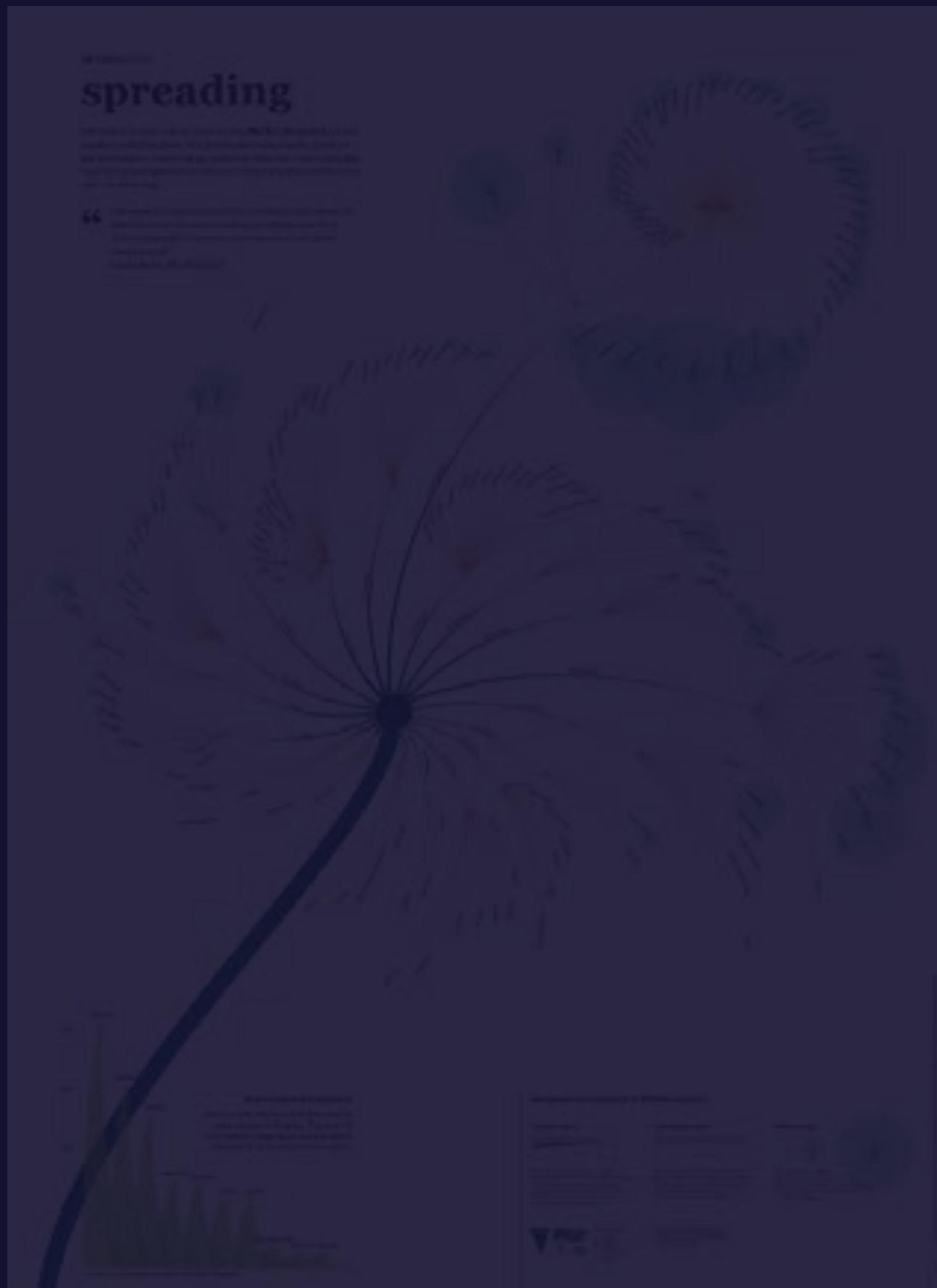


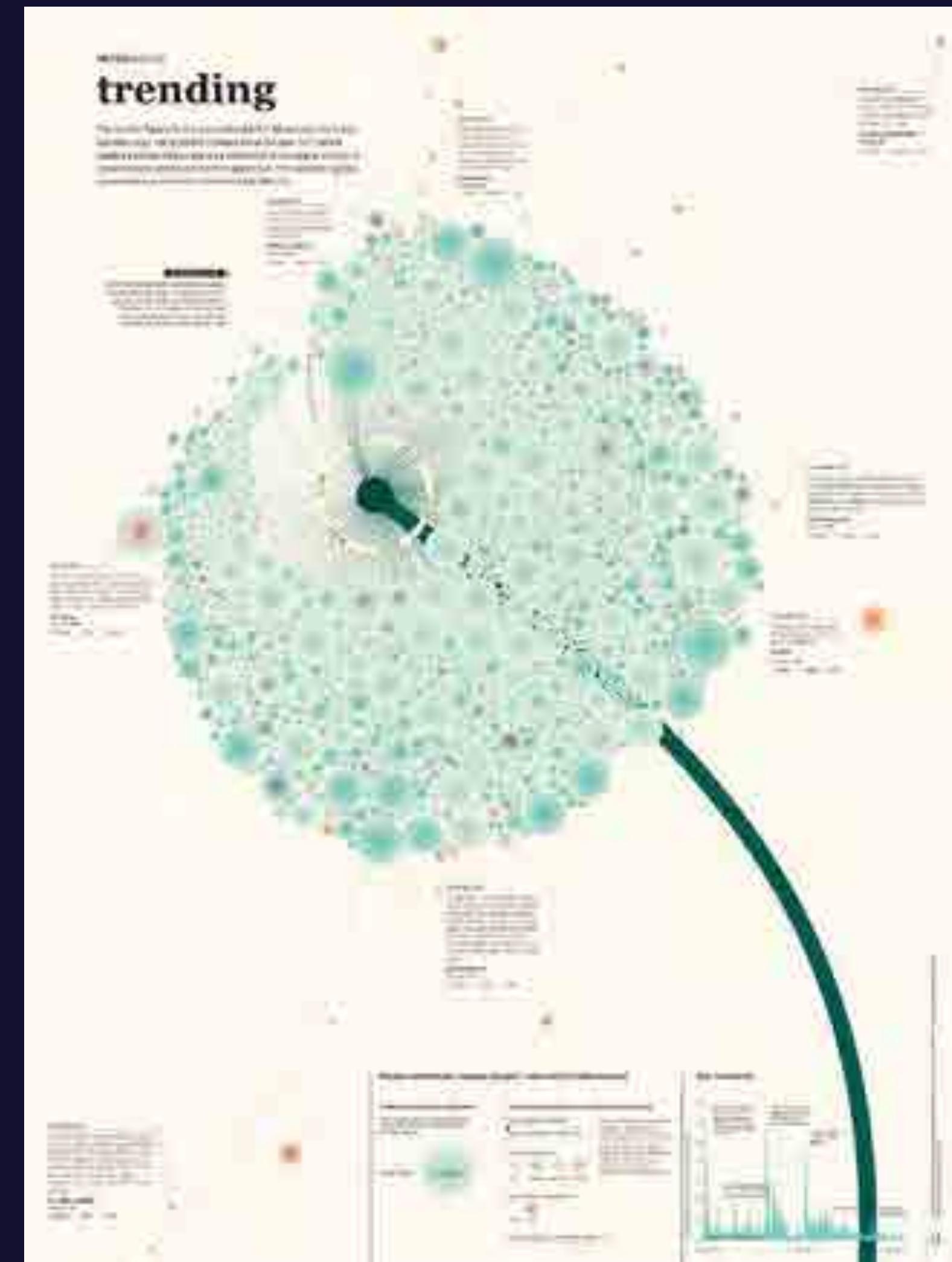
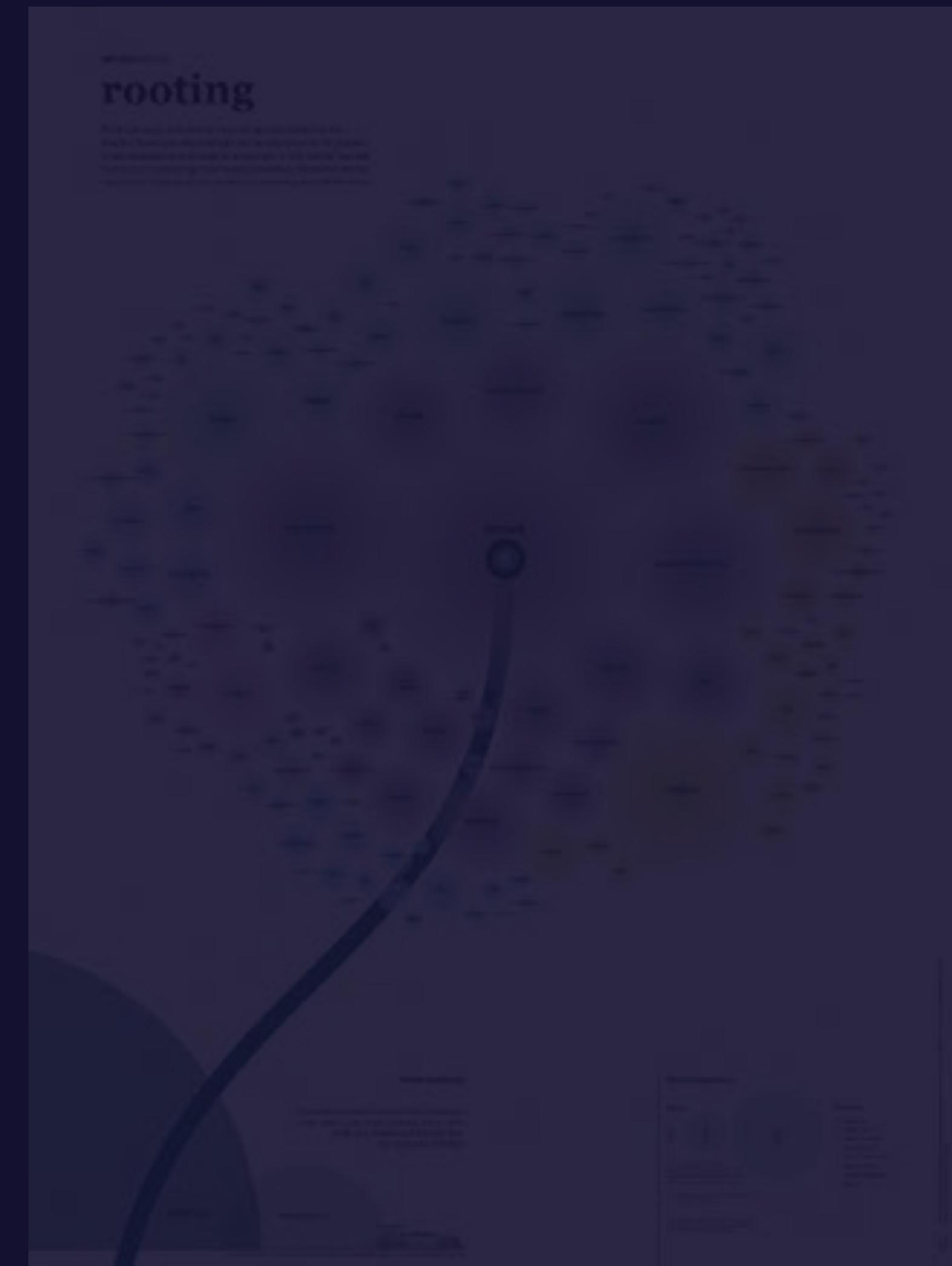
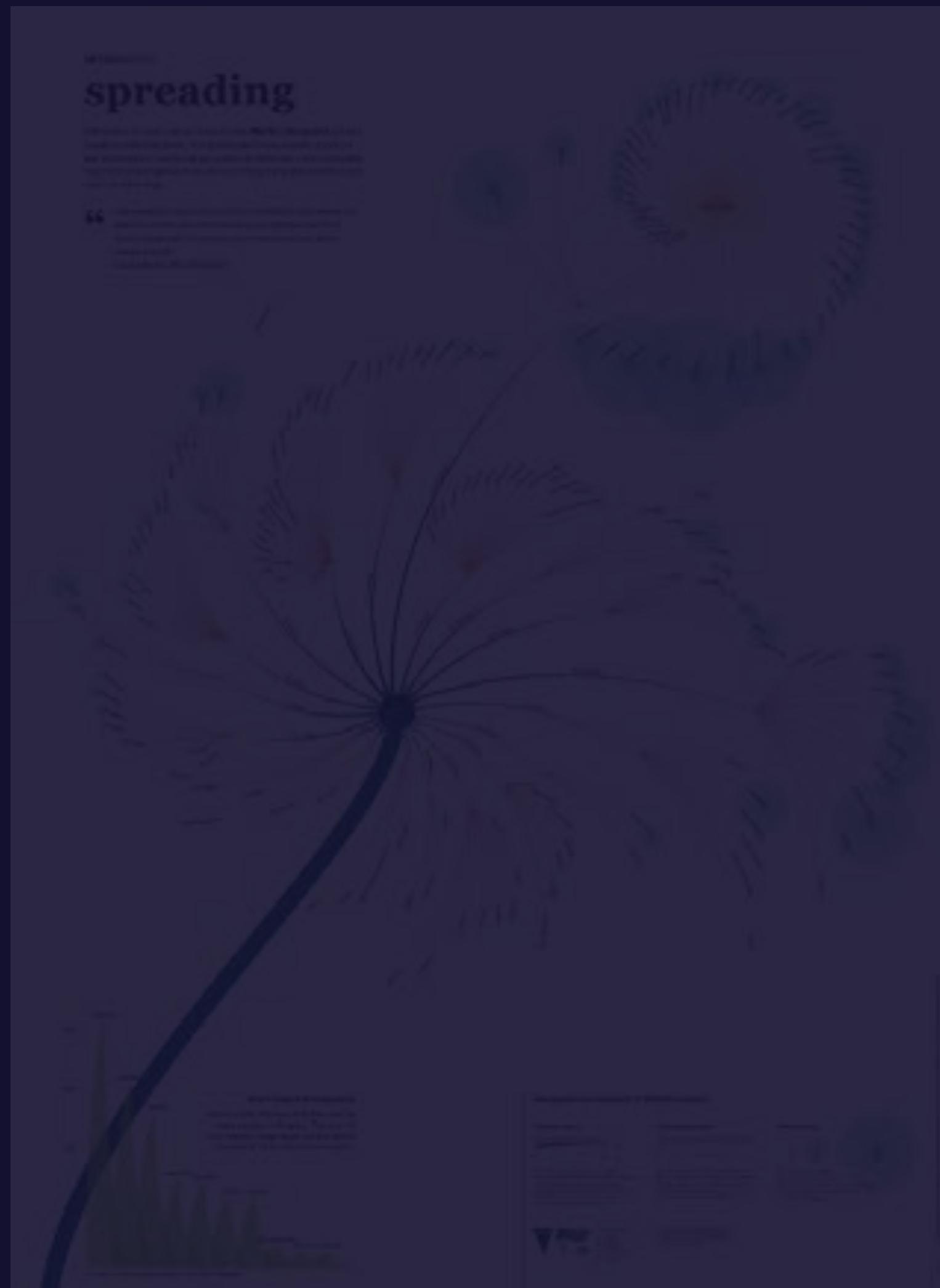


**fragility** | **endurance**

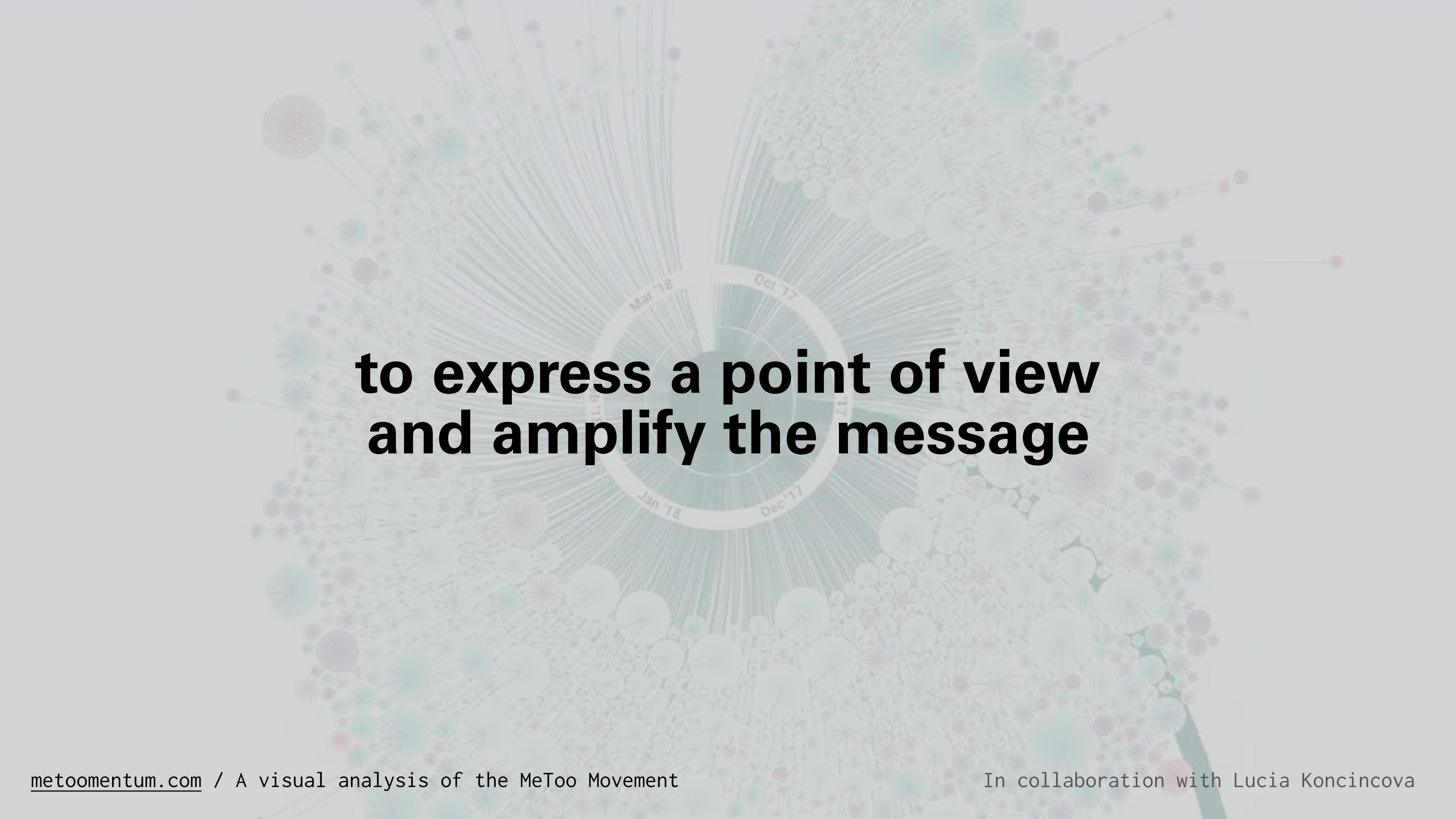












**to express a point of view  
and amplify the message**

*knowledge comes from...*



# experiences

record and collect the data

**How can we celebrate the role  
that Siemens plays in making  
our cities smarter?**

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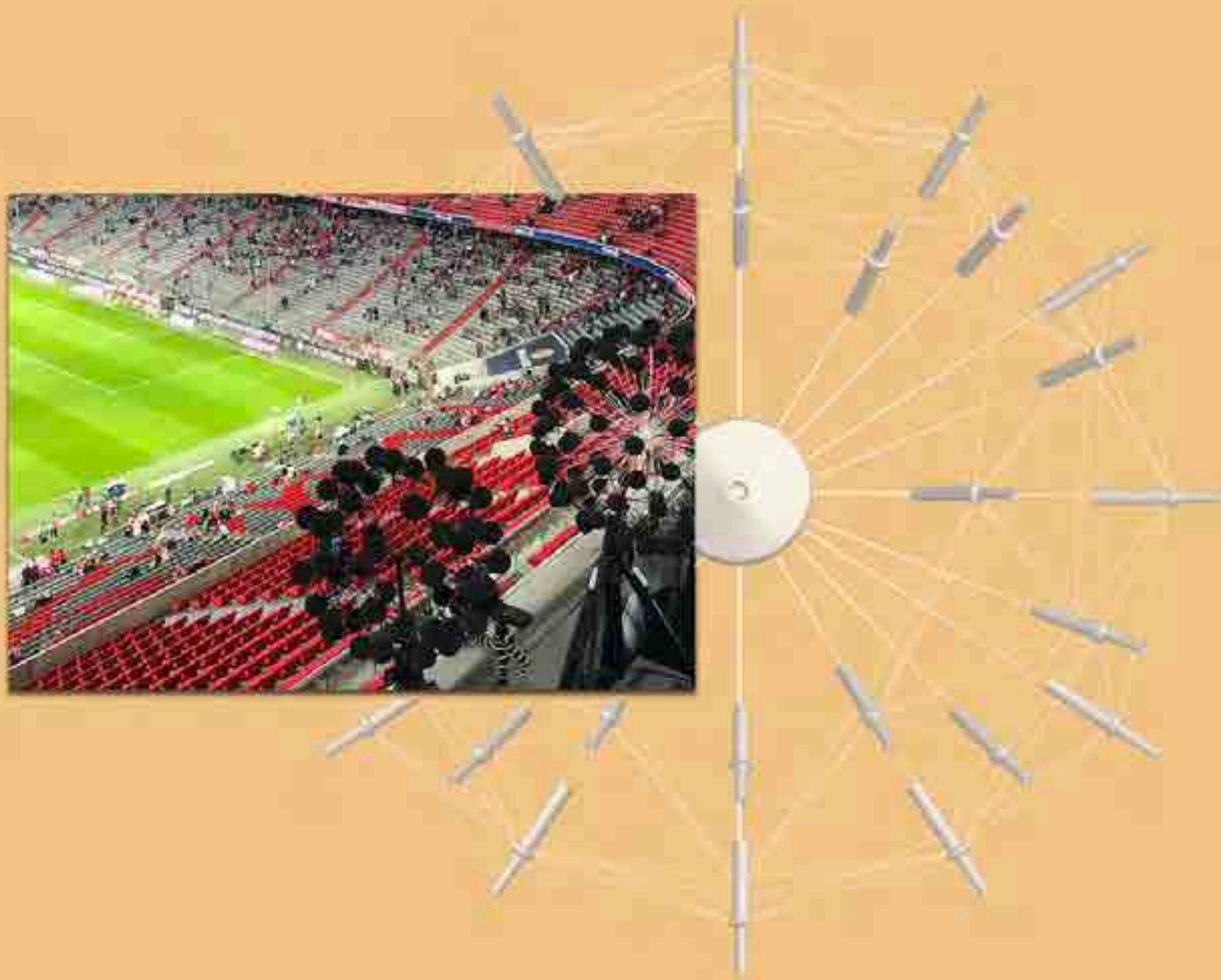
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MATCH TIMELINE

TOP MOMENTS

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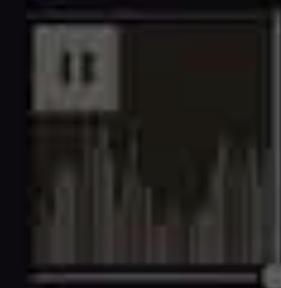
PLAYERS

SOCIAL RANKING

• FCB 4-0 BVB • =

38'

ONE-NIL!

NIKLAS DORSCH  
FRANCK RIBERY  
ALEX

to offer a new perspective  
and to make the invisible visible

Bayern break the deadlock just before half-time with a strike by Niklas Dorsch.

With his first goal of goal in the Bundesliga season, the 20-year-old showed great composure to the ball by beat Lukas Hradecky at close range.

38'

1-0

NIKLAS DORSCH

*knowledge comes from...*



# missing data

showing or filling the blanks

# **How has the Coronavirus transformed London during the first year of the pandemic?**

London Under the Microscope



# LONDON MICROSCOPE

UNDER THE

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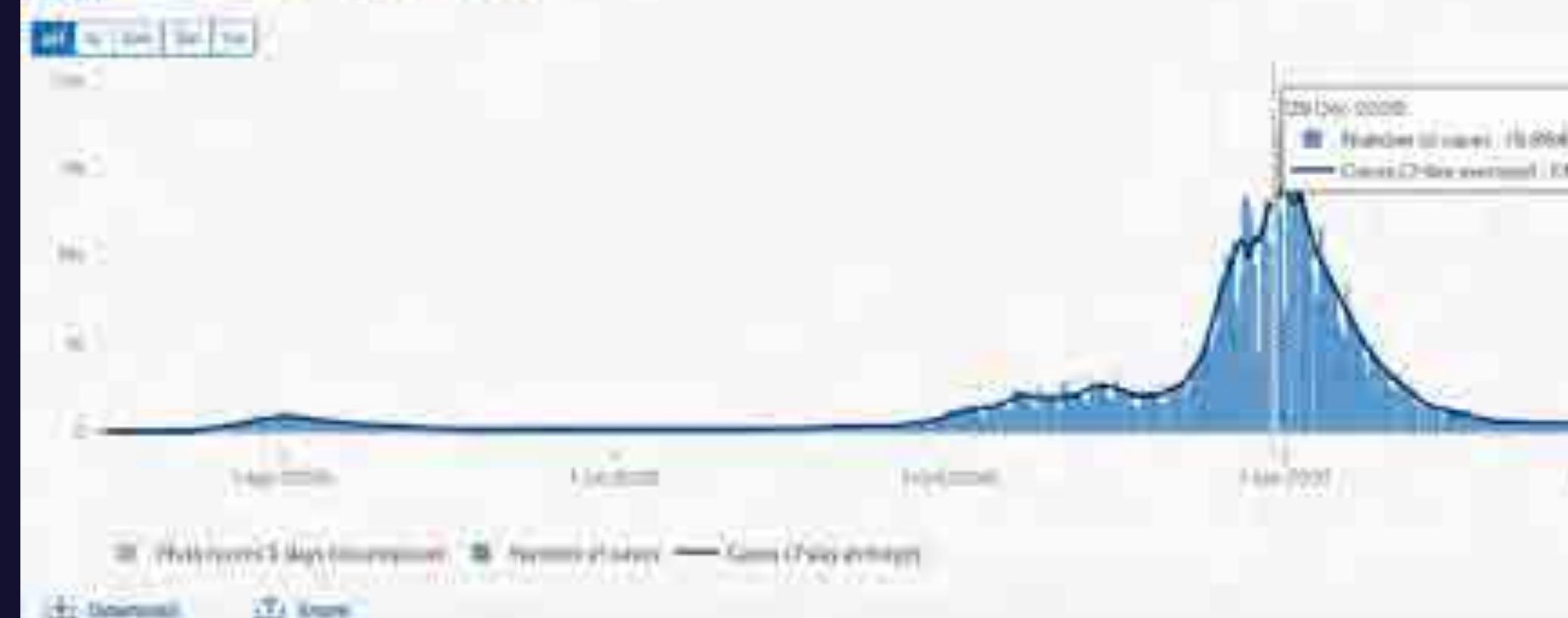


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## Cases by specimen date

Number of cases (people who have had at least one positive COVID-19 test result), by specimen date. Data for the most recent 8 days before the date when the metric was last updated is shown by the colored area. Previous data is grey, as it's less reliable.

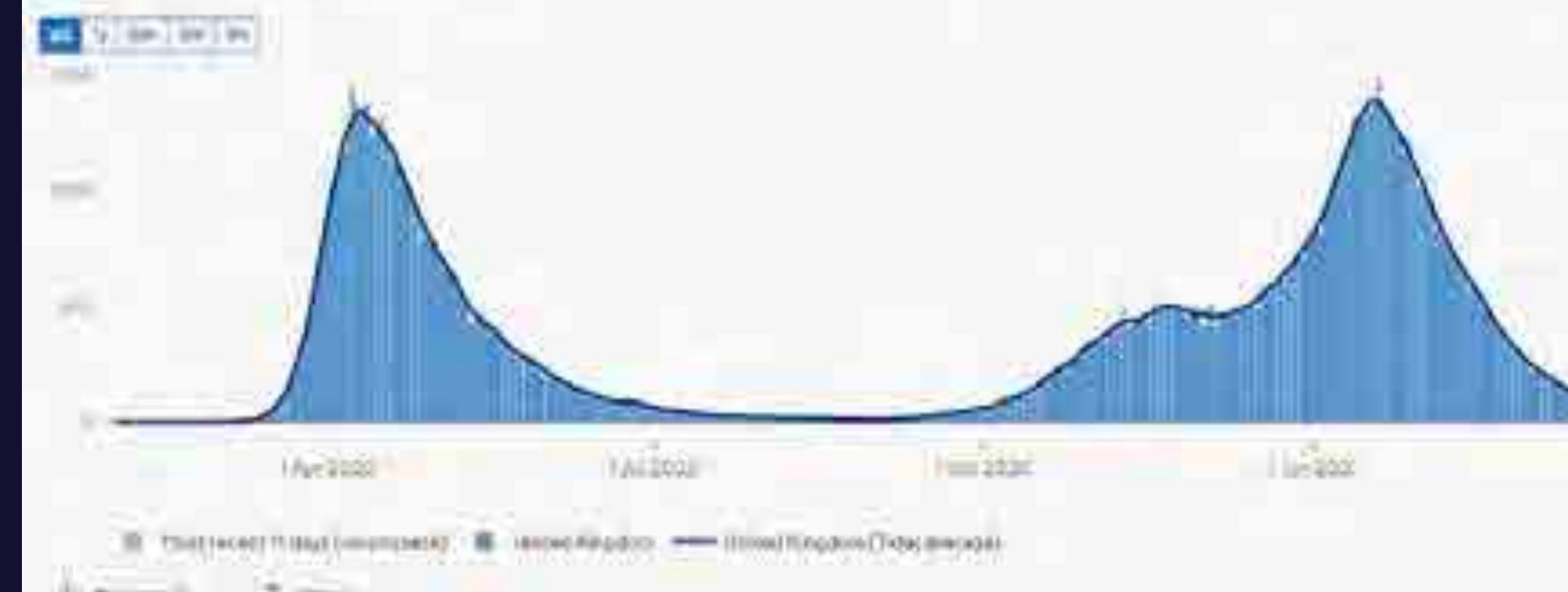
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## Daily deaths with COVID-19 on the death certificate by date of death

Daily numbers of deaths of people whose death certificates mentioned COVID-19 as the cause of the death, and daily counts of people whose death certificate mentioned COVID-19 as the cause based on death registration.

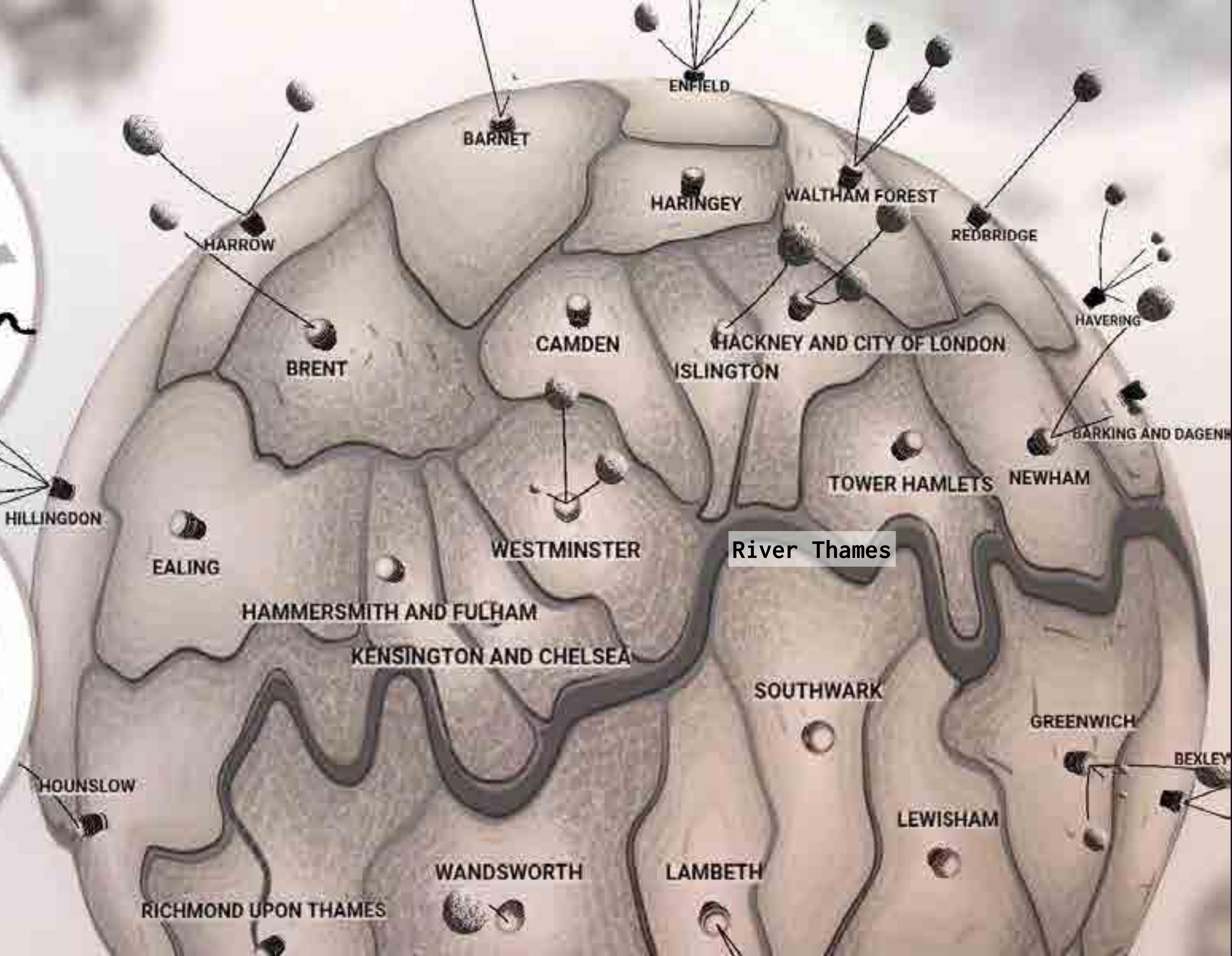
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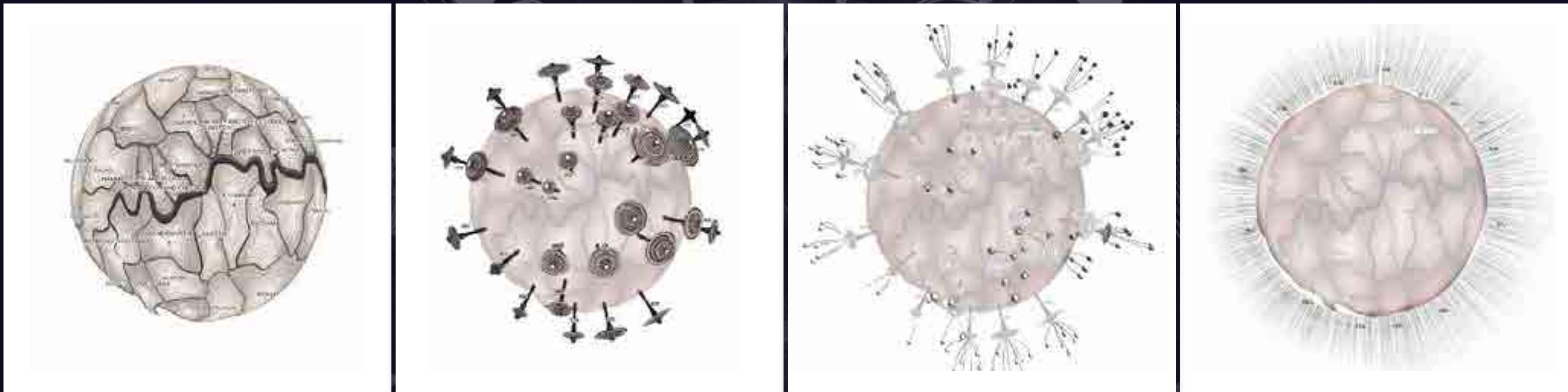


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4 Mar 2020	Data	First confirmed death		ONS data
9 Mar 2020	New mutant	15 Mutants_Physics		<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7200000/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7200000/</a>
11 Mar 2020	Quote	Covid-19 declared a pandemic	World Health Organization	<a href="https://www.who.int/directories/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19">https://www.who.int/directories/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19</a>
12 Mar 2020	Buzzword	Self-isolate		<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-self-isolation">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-self-isolation</a>
17 Mar 2020	Event	Working from home advised		<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-work-from-home-idUSKBN23L0JU">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-work-from-home-idUSKBN23L0JU</a>
18 Mar 2020	Buzzword	Panic buying		<a href="https://www.att.org.uk/covid-19">https://www.att.org.uk/covid-19</a>
20 Mar 2020	Buzzword	Furlough		<a href="https://www.att.org.uk/covid-19">https://www.att.org.uk/covid-19</a>
21 Mar 2020	Event	Schools and pubs close		<a href="https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements">https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements</a>
24 Mar 2020	Timeline	First lockdown		<a href="https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements">https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements</a>
26 Mar 2020	Event	Clap for Carers brings Londoners together		<a href="https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-clap-for-carers-brings-londoners-together">https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-clap-for-carers-brings-londoners-together</a>
1 Apr 2020	Event	Wimbledon cancelled		<a href="https://www.espn.co.uk/tennis/coronavirus/coronavirus-wimbledon-2020">https://www.espn.co.uk/tennis/coronavirus/coronavirus-wimbledon-2020</a>
3 Apr 2020	Event	NHS Nightingale Hospital opens		<a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/</a>
5 Apr 2020	Quote	We will meet again	Queen Elizabeth	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgXyfzDwvIw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgXyfzDwvIw</a>
8 Apr 2020	Data	Highest daily death toll (327)		<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/apr/08/coronavirus-london-death-toll-reaches-327">https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/apr/08/coronavirus-london-death-toll-reaches-327</a>
18 Apr 2020	Data	Mortality rates highest in poorest areas		<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/apr/18/coronavirus-london-death-toll-reaches-327">https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/apr/18/coronavirus-london-death-toll-reaches-327</a>
23 Apr 2020	Data	Cases constantly decreasing		<a href="https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-cases-decreasing">https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-cases-decreasing</a>
26 Apr 2020	Event	London Marathon postponed		<a href="https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-marathon-postponed">https://www.mylondon.news/coronavirus-london-marathon-postponed</a>
6 May 2020	Quote	Black Britons four times more likely to die from Covid-19	Office for National Statistics	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/may/06/black-britons-four-times-more-likely-to-die-from-covid-19">https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/may/06/black-britons-four-times-more-likely-to-die-from-covid-19</a>
11 May 2020	Buzzword	Quarantine		<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-quarantine">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-quarantine</a>
20 May 2020	New mutant	15 Mutants_Physics		<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7200000/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7200000/</a>
28 May 2020	Event	Black Lives Matter protests begin		<a href="https://www.theweek.in/news/politics/black-lives-matter-protests-begin">https://www.theweek.in/news/politics/black-lives-matter-protests-begin</a>
1 Jun 2020	Event	Schools reopen		<a href="https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements">https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements</a>
10 Jun 2020	Quote	Earlier lockdown would have halved death toll	Professor Neil Ferguson	<a href="https://www.standard.co.uk/">https://www.standard.co.uk/</a>
13 Jun 2020	Buzzword	Support bubble		<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news</a>
17 Jun 2020	Buzzword	Shops reopen		<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news</a>
23 Jun 2020	Quote	Our national hibernation is coming to an end	Boris Johnson, Prime Minister	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/jun/23/boris-johnson-says-national-hibernation-is-coming-to-an-end">https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2020/jun/23/boris-johnson-says-national-hibernation-is-coming-to-an-end</a>
4 Jul 2020	Event	Hospitality reopens		<a href="https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements">https://data.london.gov.uk/datasets/coronavirus-covid-19-government-announcements</a>
11 Jul 2020	Data	Increased public transport use, but numbers travelling far below pre-pandemic levels		<a href="https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/">Google Mobility Dataset</a>
14 Jul 2020	Quote	We must prepare for a second wave of infections	Professor Stephen Holgate	<a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/health/coronavirus-second-wave-infection-what-is-it-and-how-can-we-avoid-it-a9303110.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/health/coronavirus-second-wave-infection-what-is-it-and-how-can-we-avoid-it-a9303110.html</a>



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**Mobility**

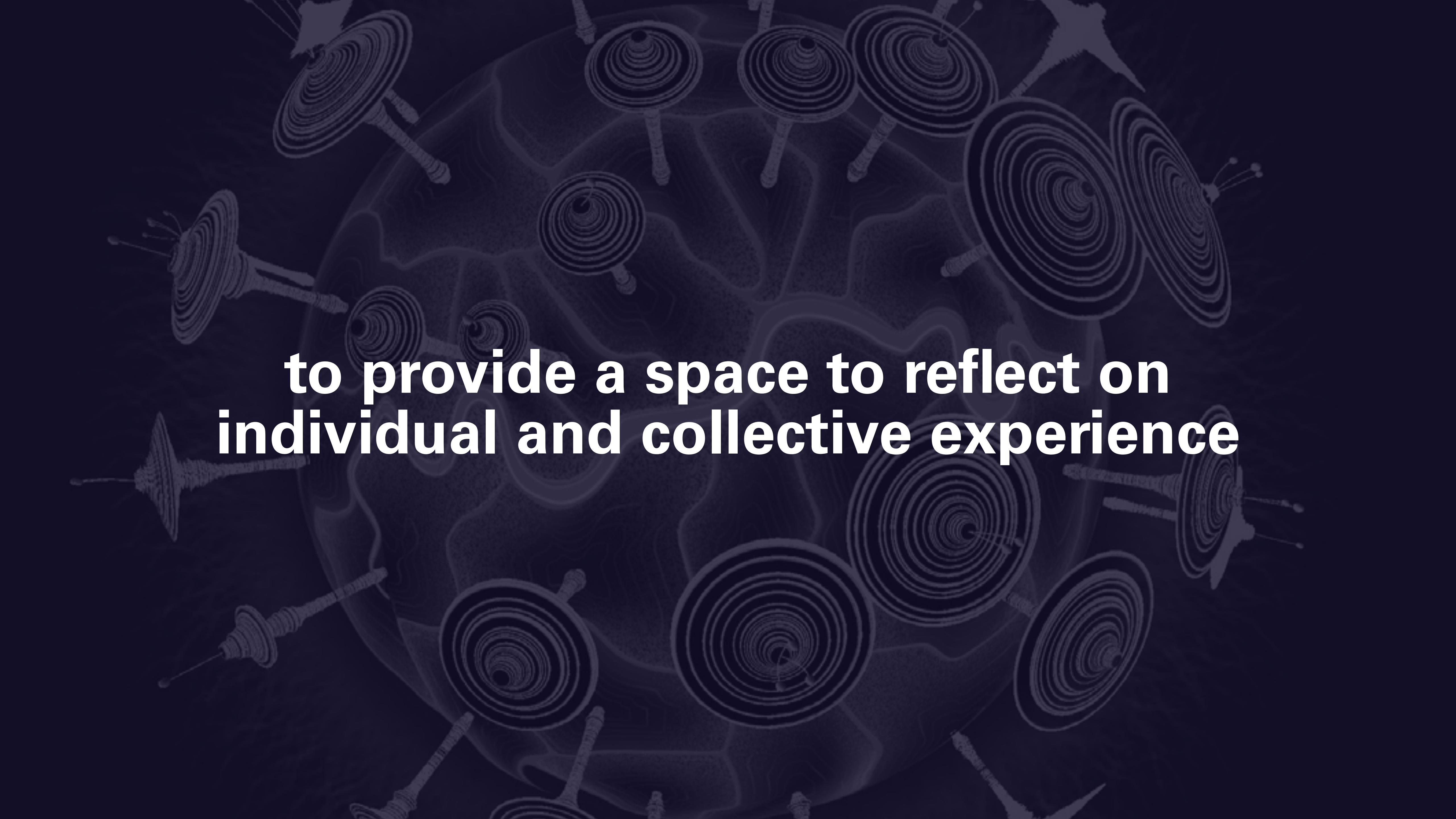
**Covid-19 Cases**

**Covid-19 Deaths**

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**to provide a space to reflect on  
individual and collective experience**

# visualizing (communicating) ~~knowledge~~ data



Seeing  
**visualisation**

Sensing  
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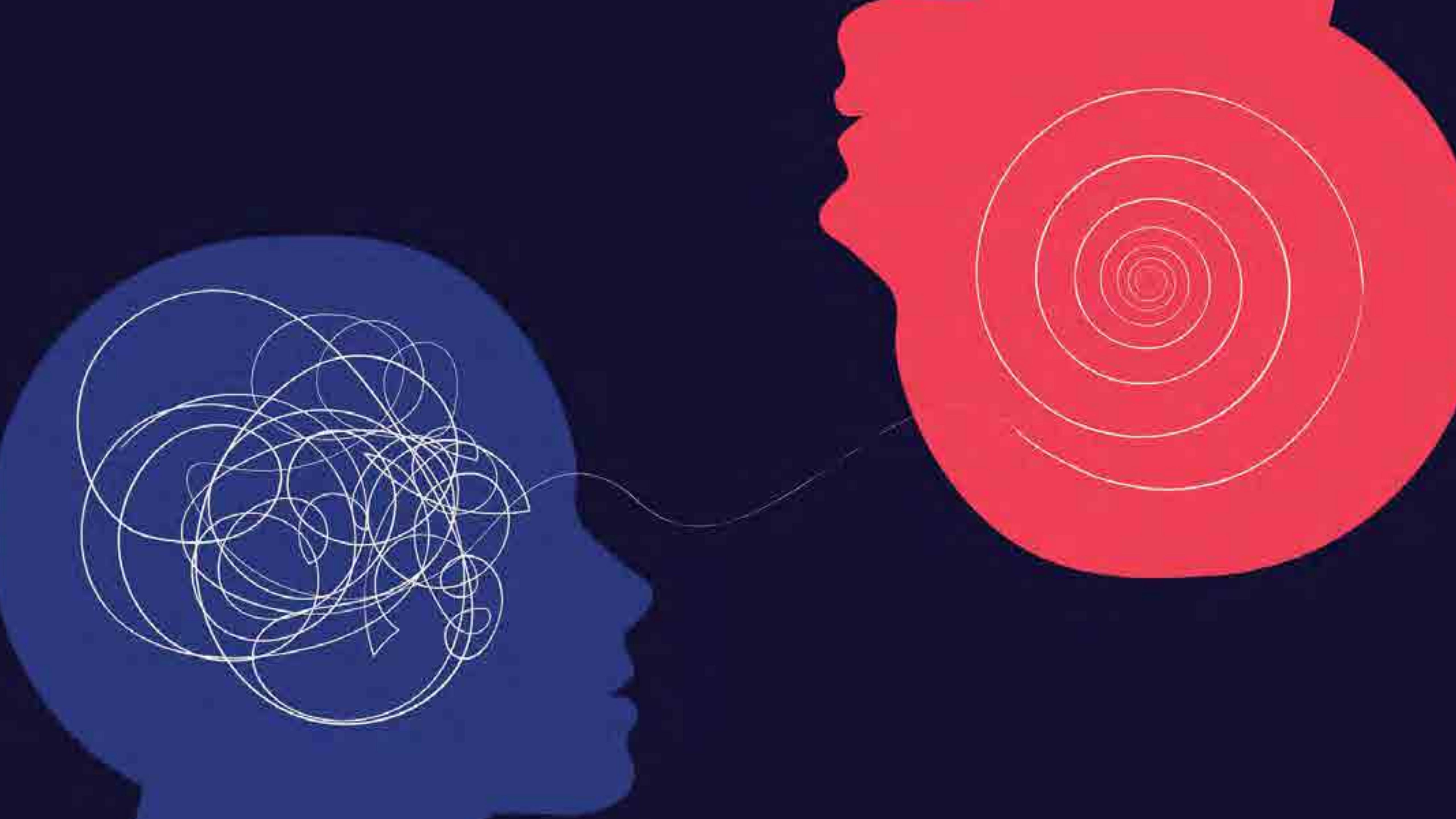
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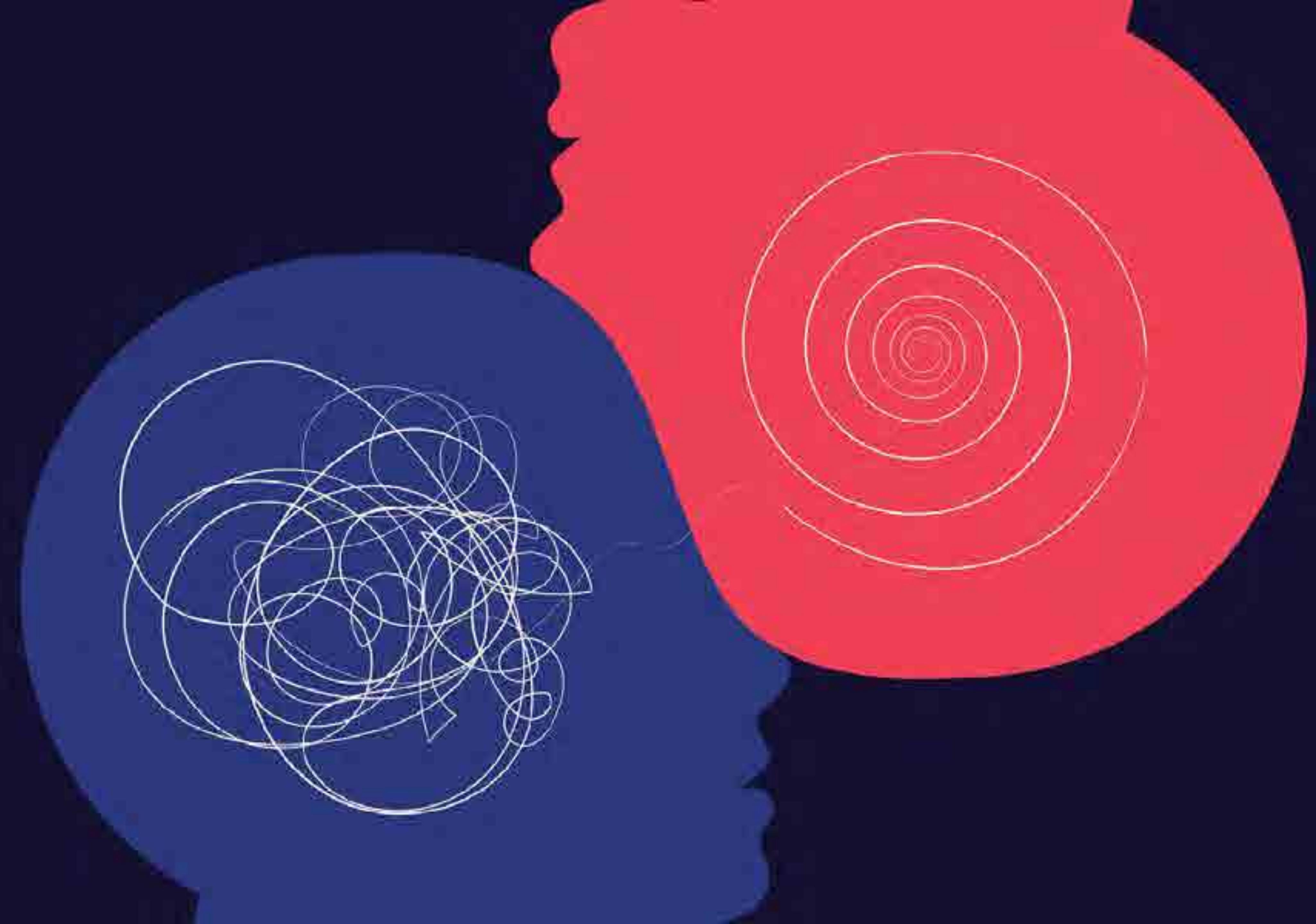
DA GRANDE ...

VALE VITIMA



A self portrait // circa 1990







**We have the power  
to influence/shape  
how other people  
understand the world**



to get us closer to the truth  
and to one another

*j*gracias!

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