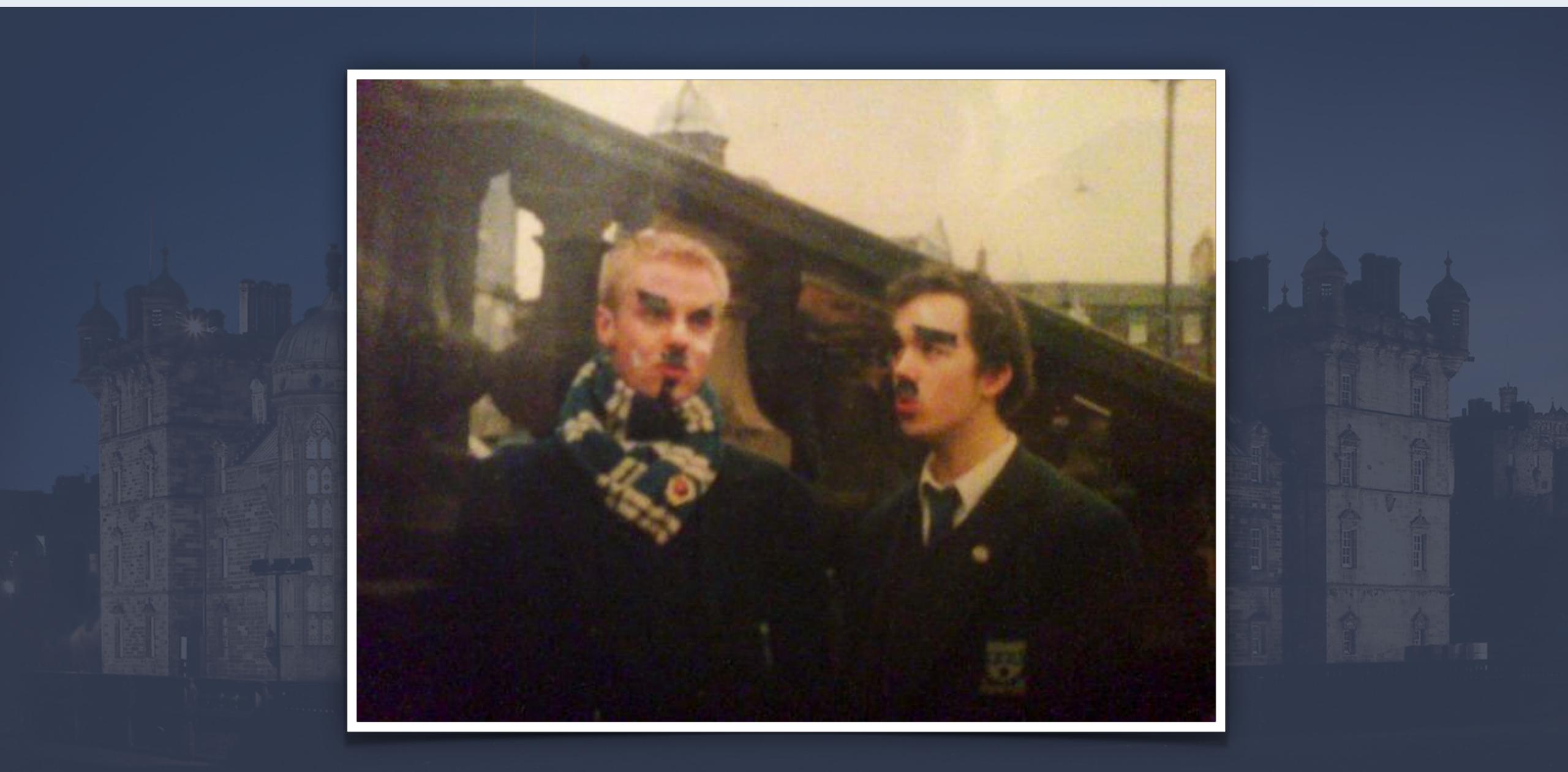
Death is the ultimate ending, and we are not good at endings



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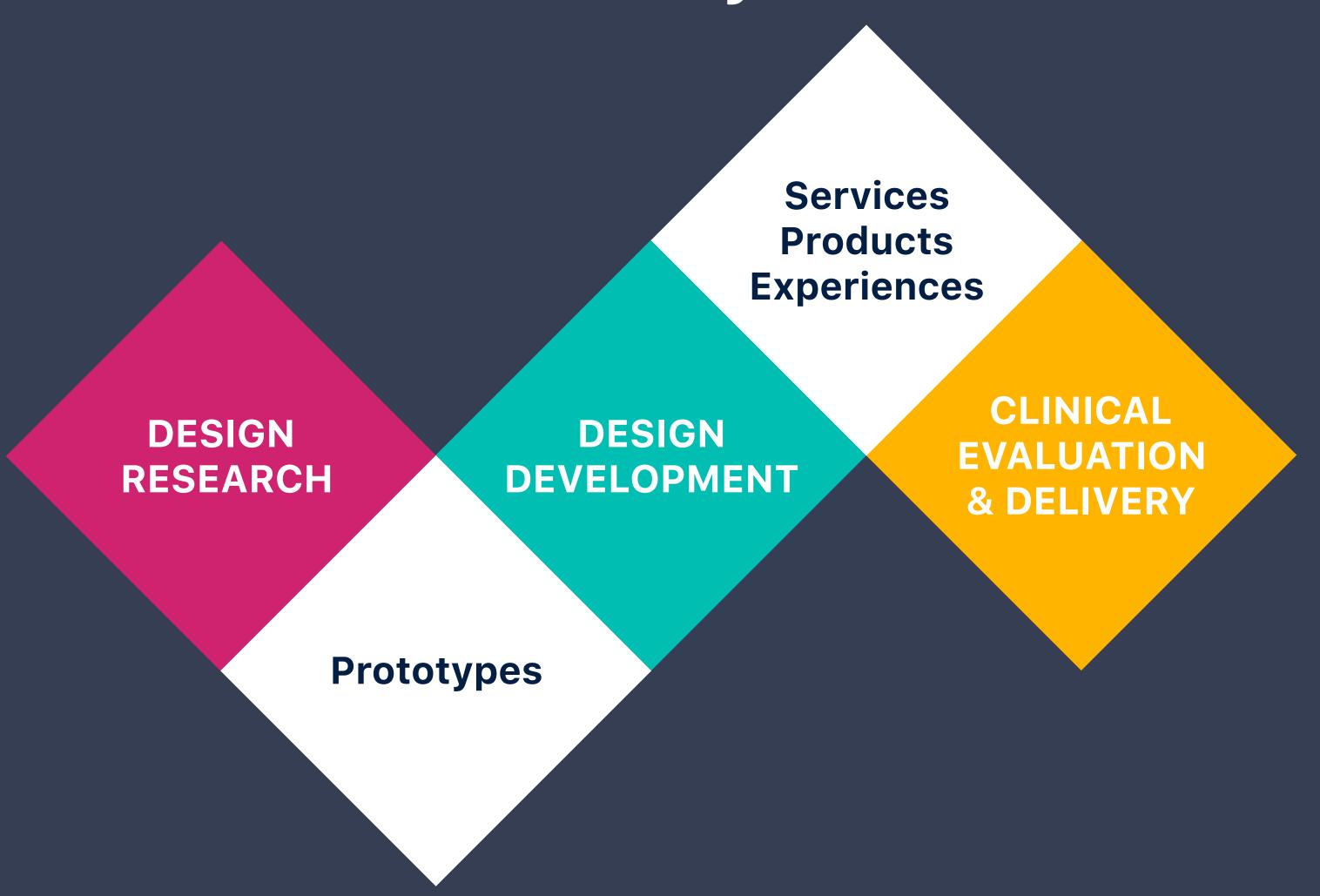
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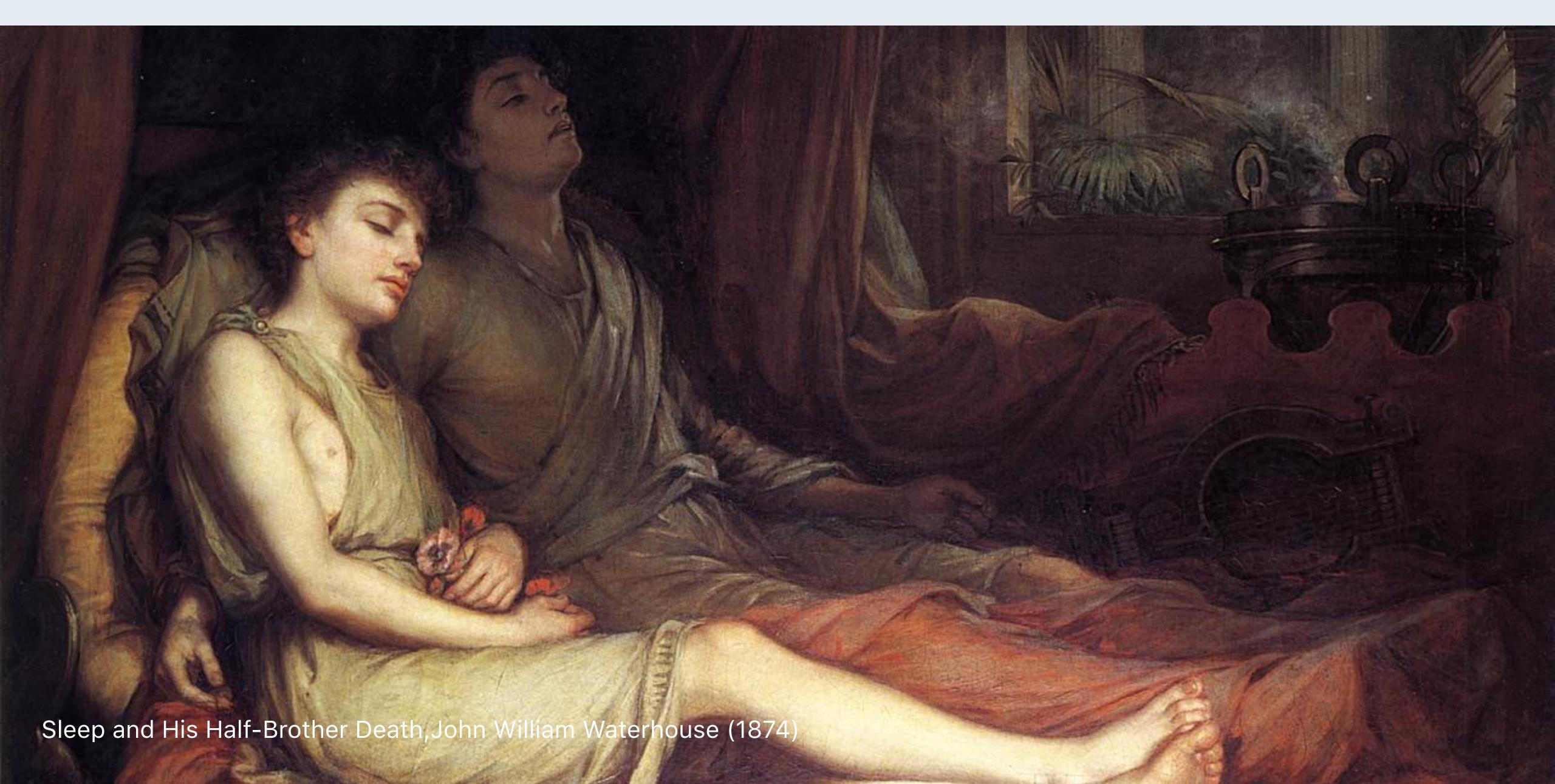
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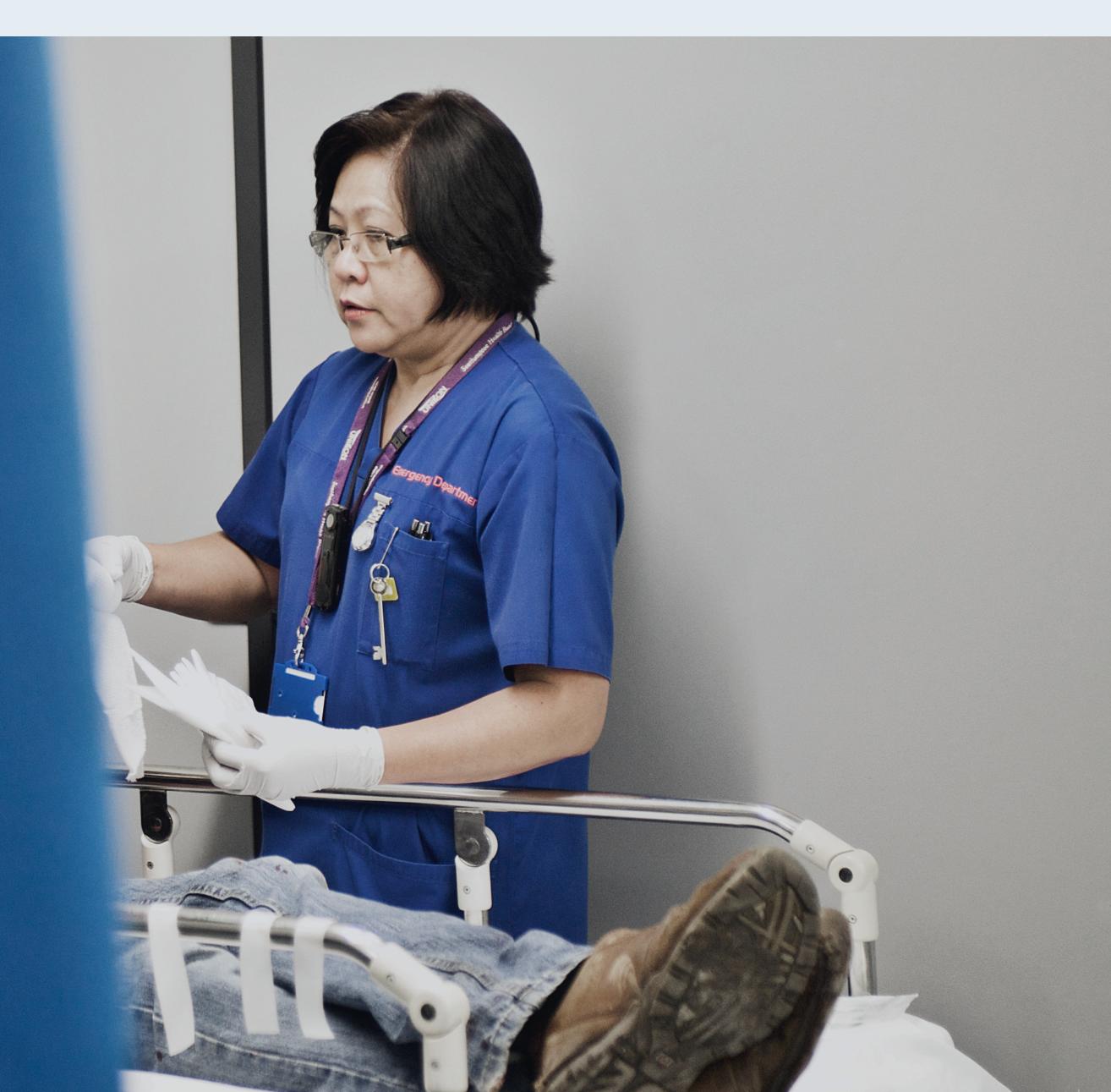
What is end-of-life care?

End-of-life care involves treatment, care and support for people who are nearing the end of their life.

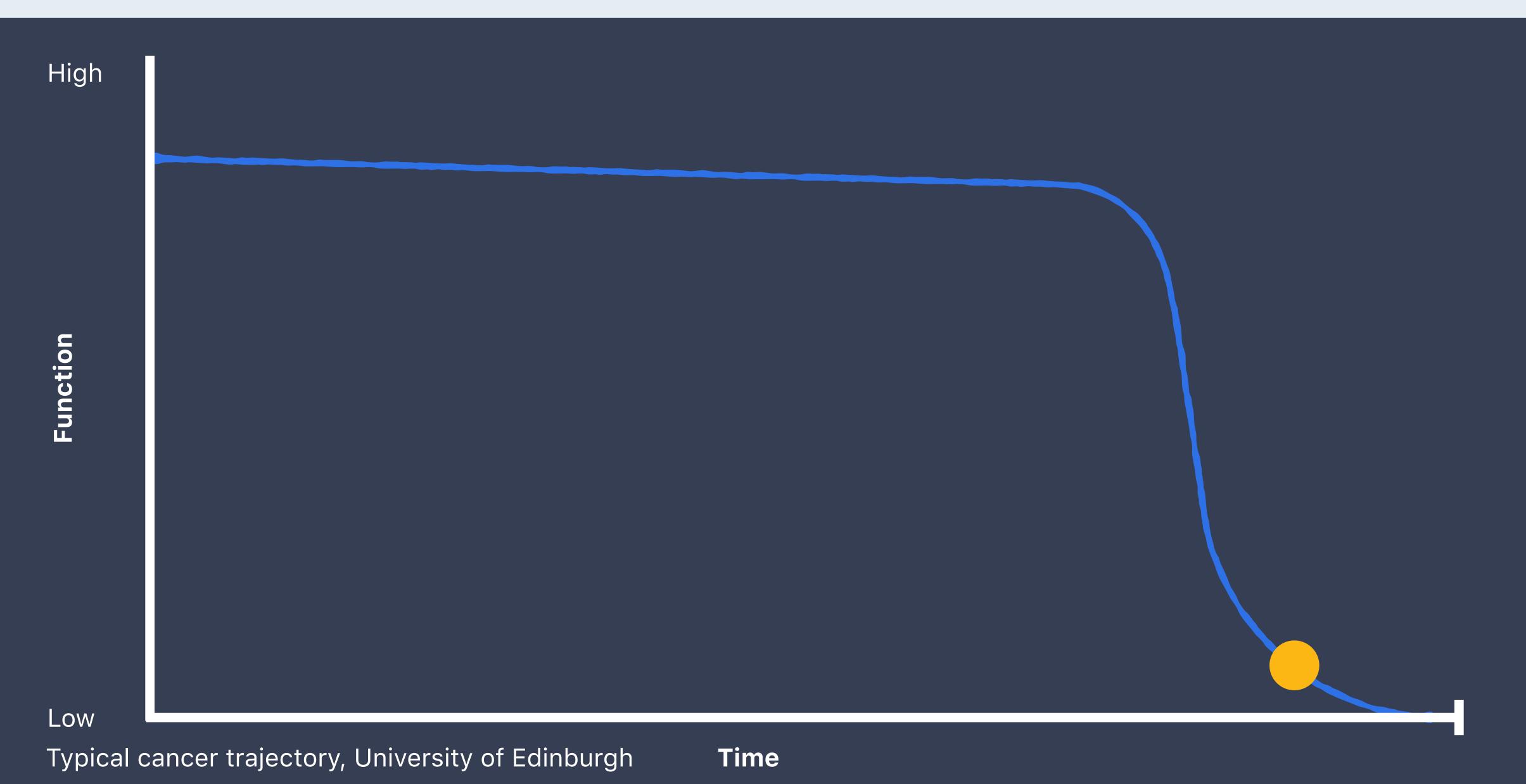
The aim is to help you to live as comfortably as possible in the time you have left. It covers all aspects of you, your life and those around you.

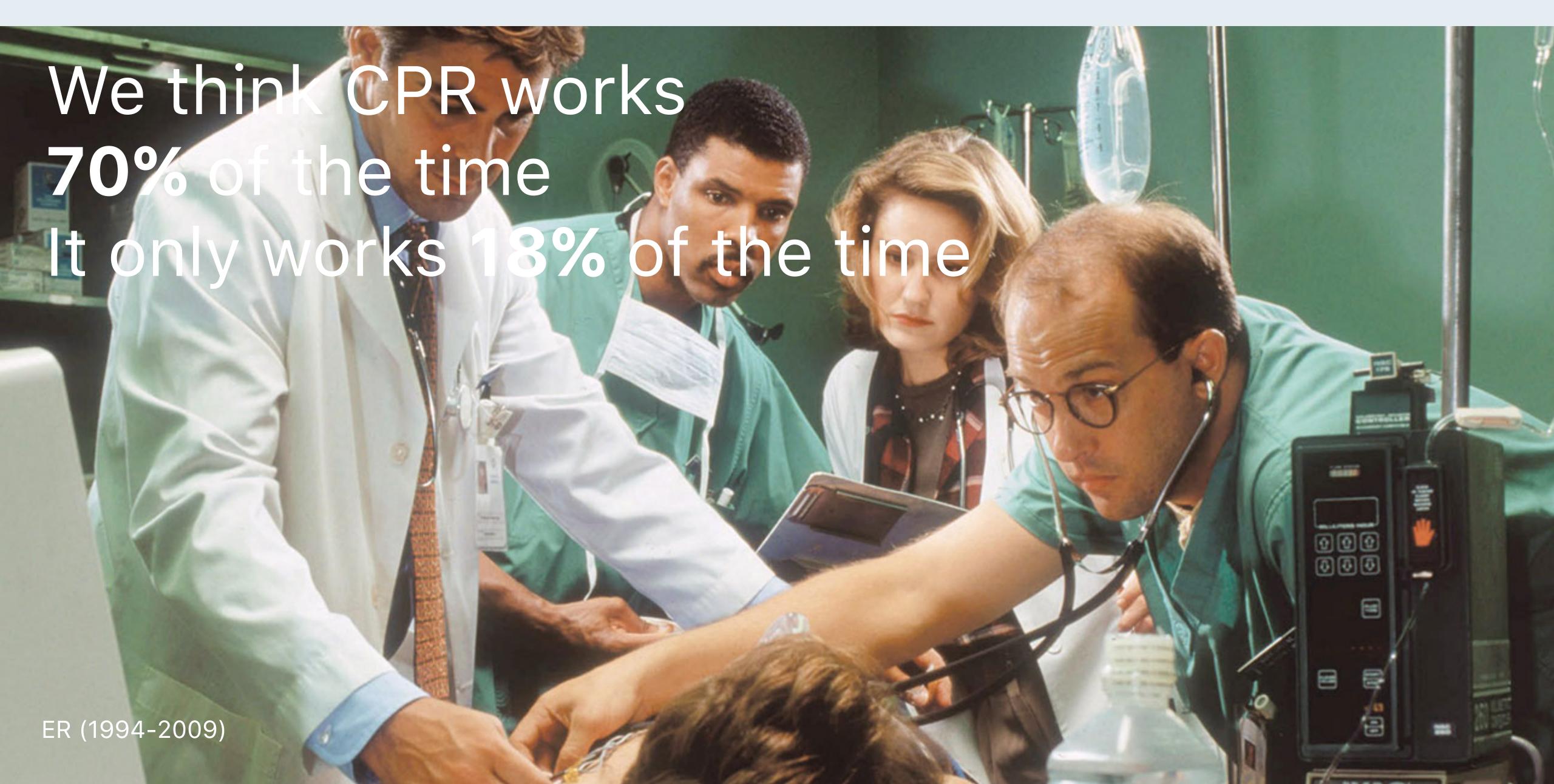


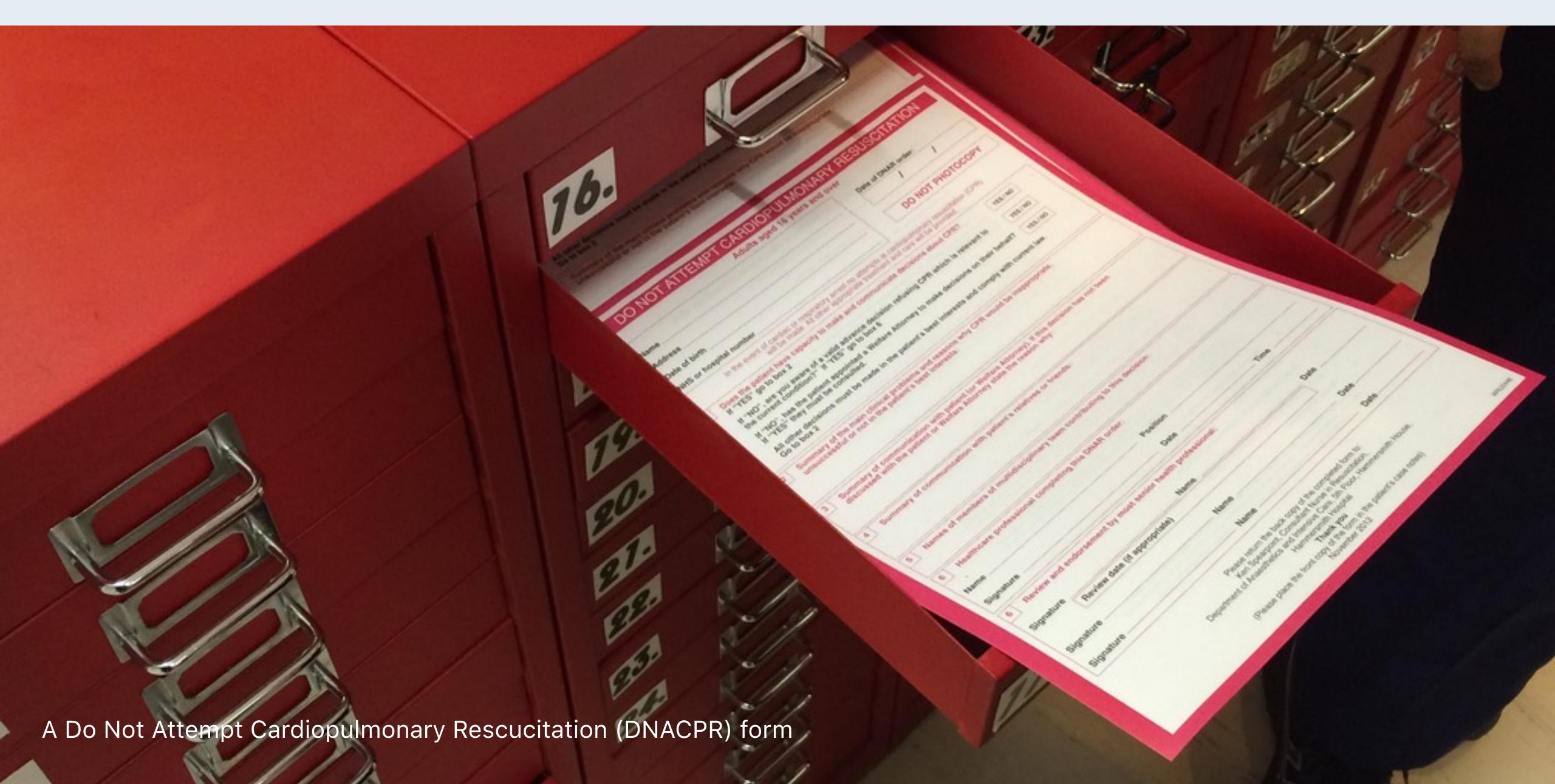
A modern death is often complicated, sometimes messy and usually involving lots of strangers











Details of other relevant planning documents and where to find them (e.g. Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment, Advance Care Plan). Also include known wishes about organ donation.

3. Personal preferences to guide this plan (when the person has capacity)

How would you balance the priorities for your care (you may mark along the scale, if you wish):

Prioritise sustaining life, even at the expense of some comfort

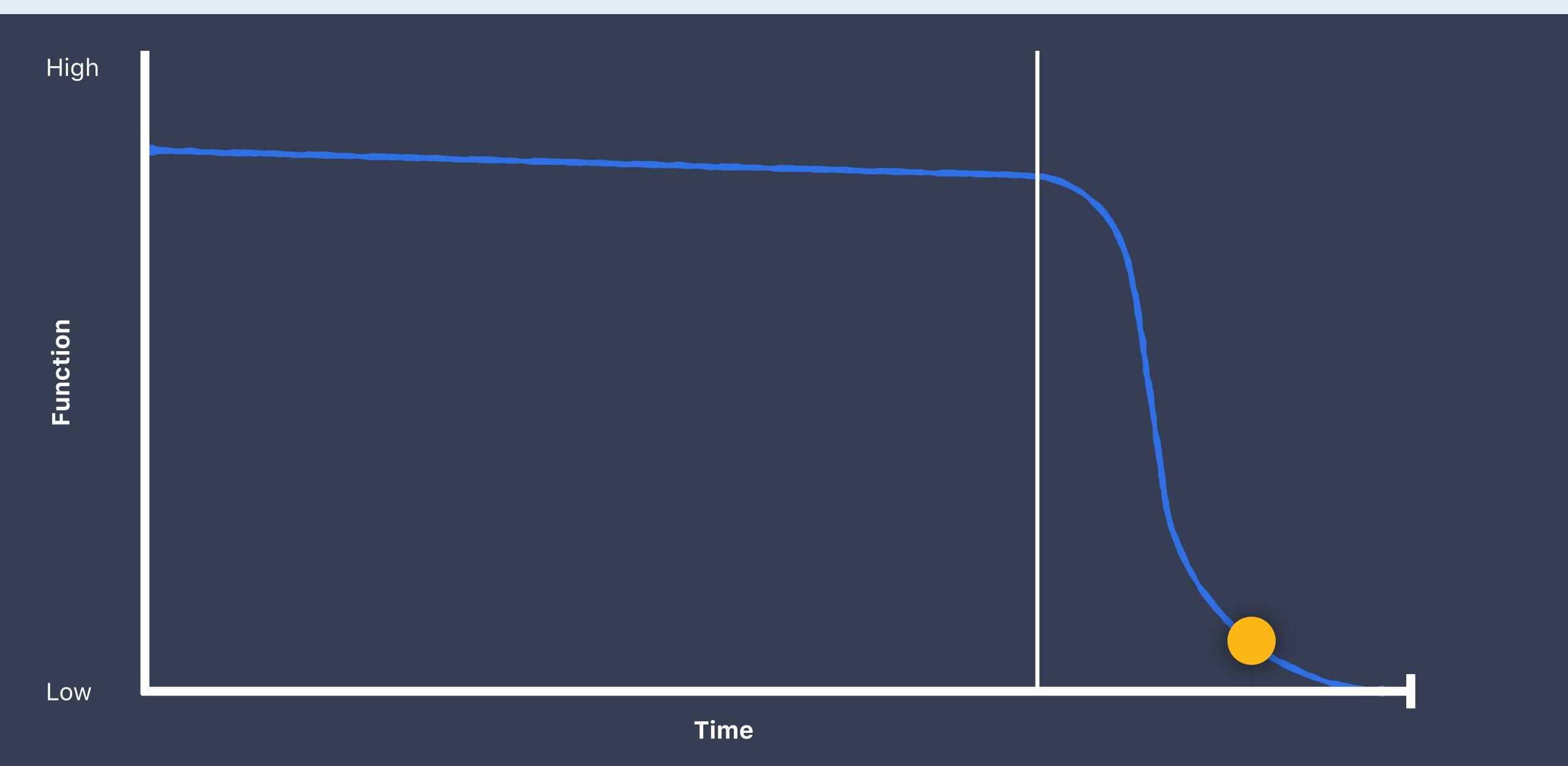
Prioritise comfort, even at the expense of sustaining life

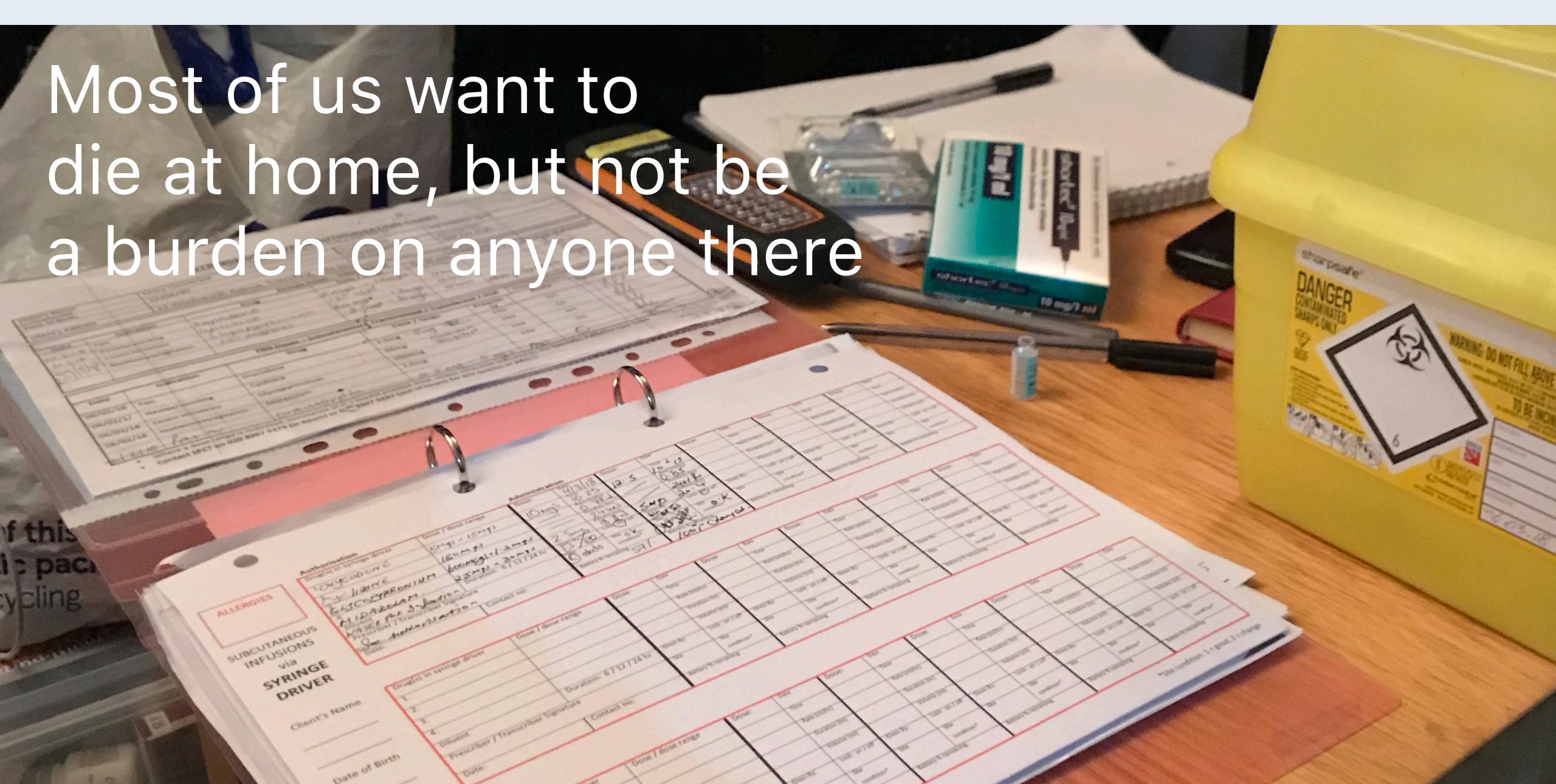
Considering the above priorities, what is most important to you is (optional):

4. Clinical recommendations for emergency care and treatment

Focus on life-sustaining treatment as per guidance below clinician signature

Focus on symptom control as per guidance below clinician signature





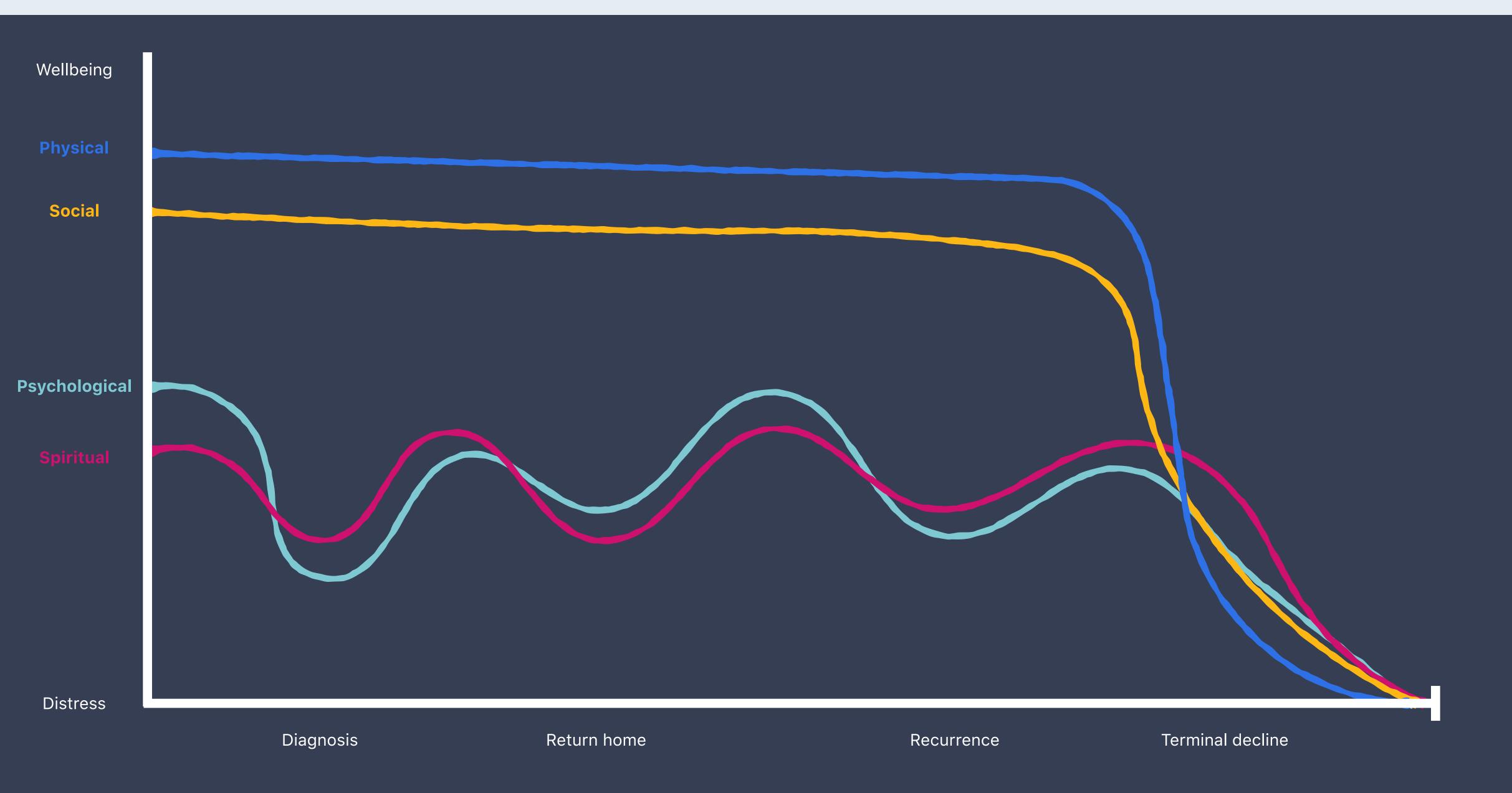
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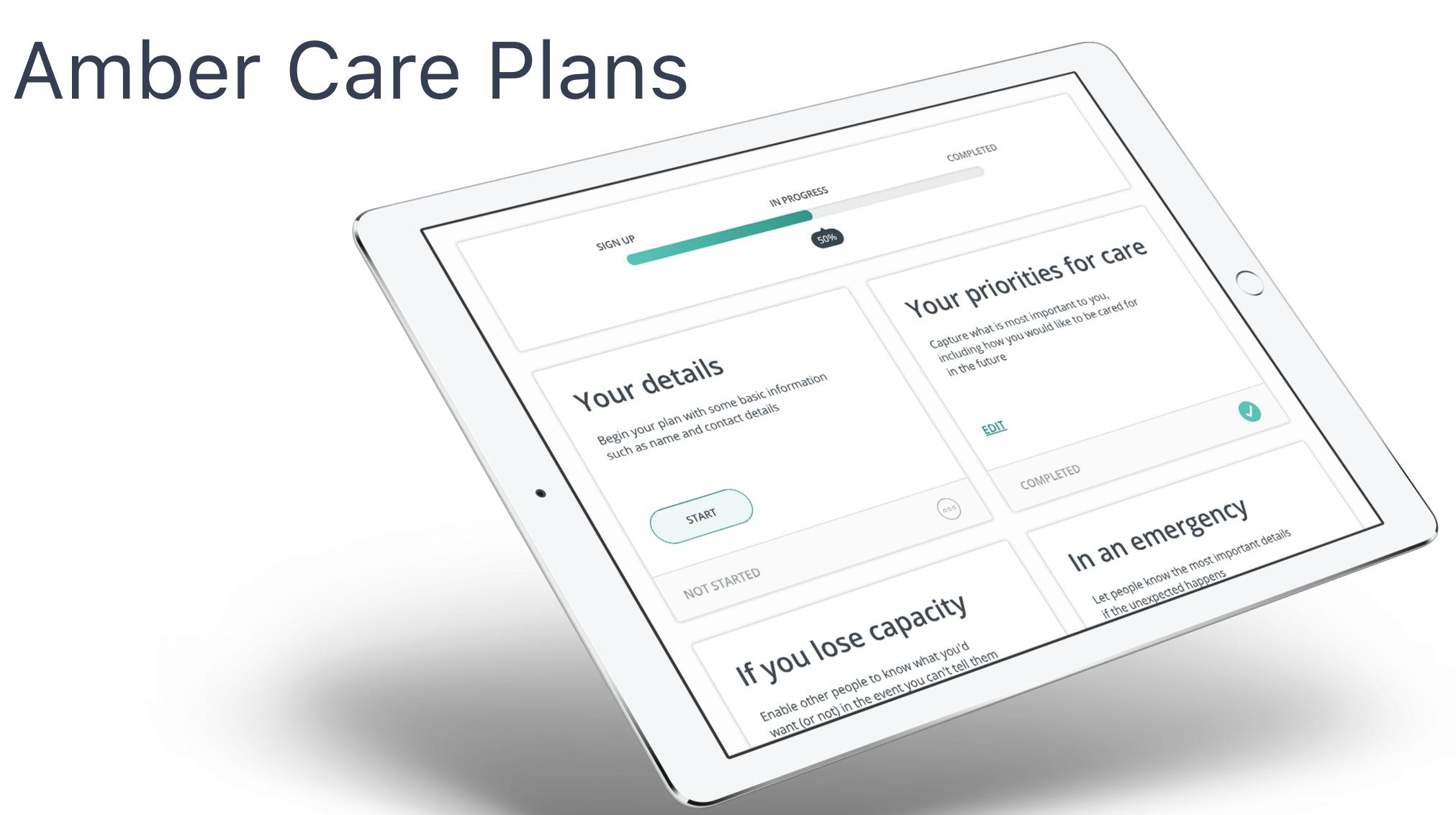
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What do we talk about when we talk about dying?

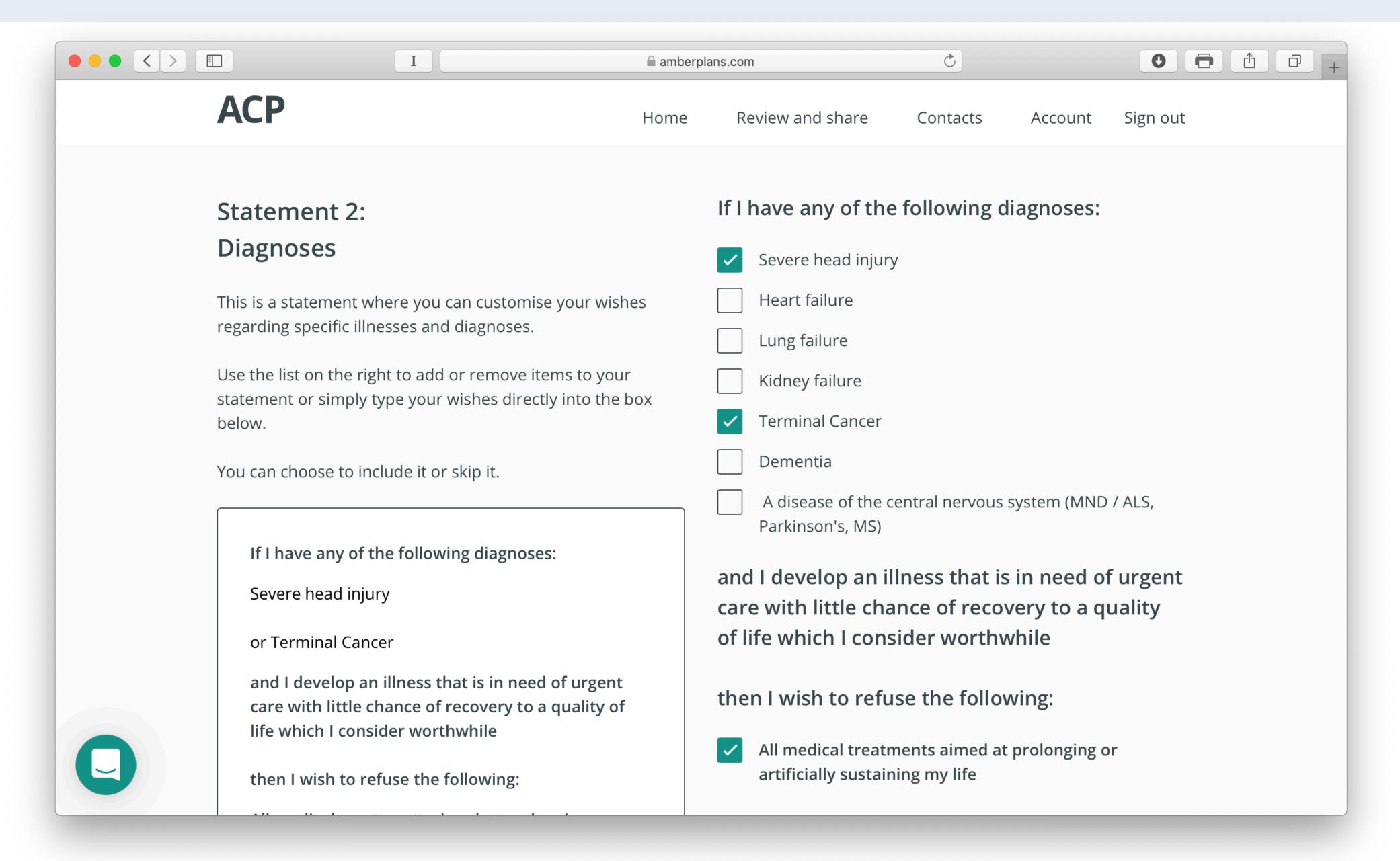
- What do you like to be called?
- Who do you want around you?
- Do you want open windows, or the A/C?
- If you had to stay in bed for a long time, what would you like to do?
- If you were permanently unconscious, would you want life-sustaining treatments?

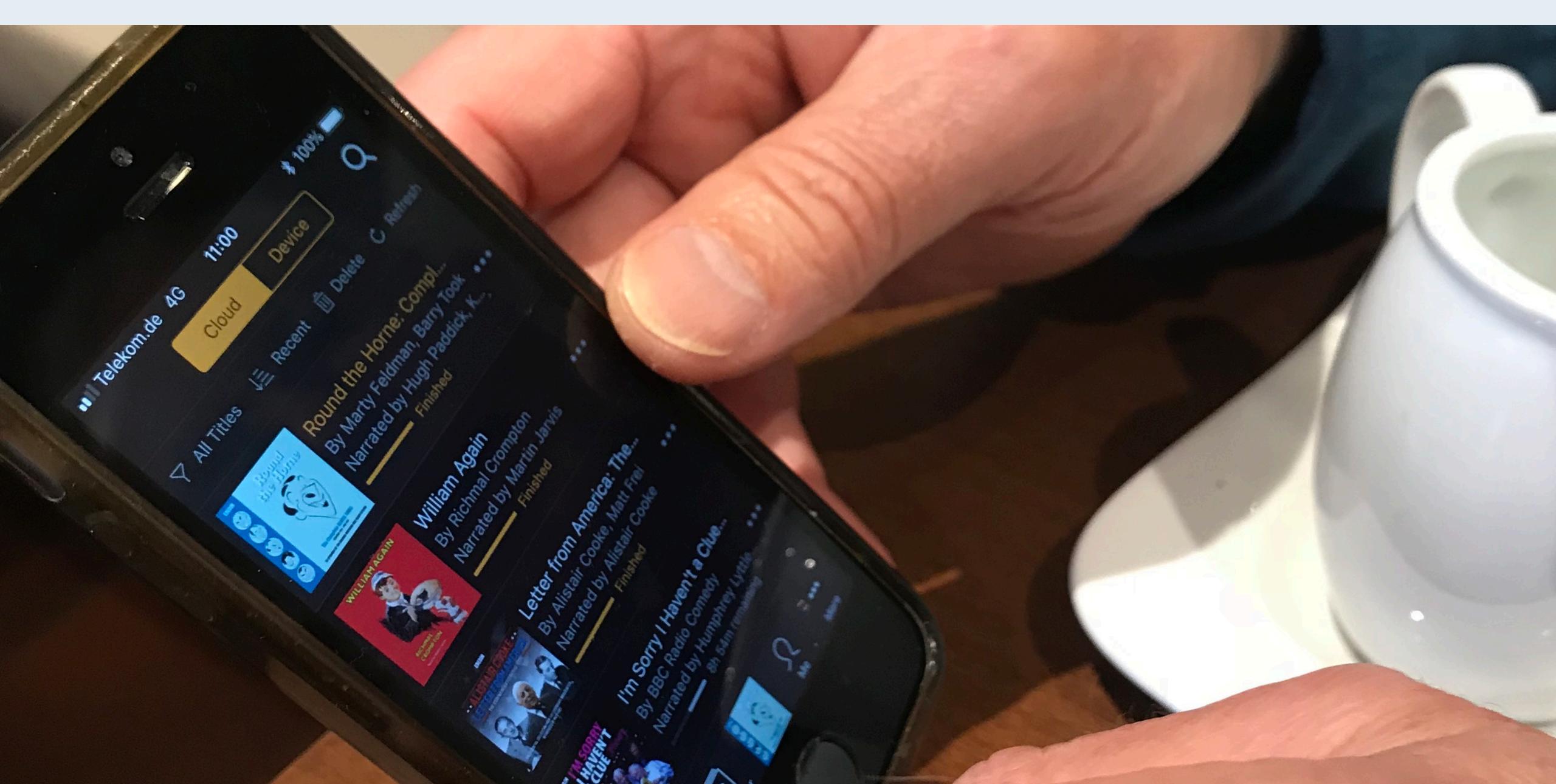




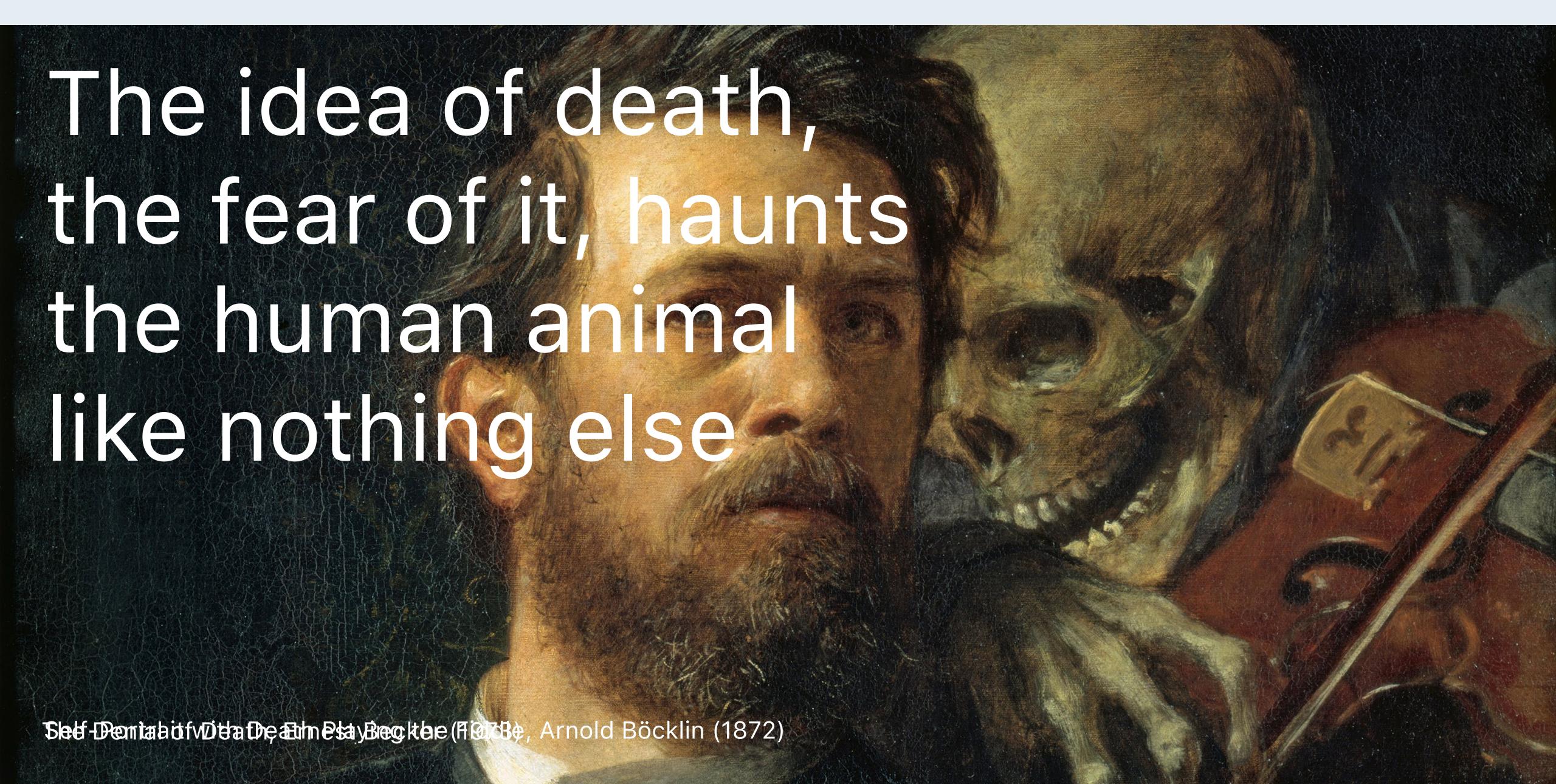
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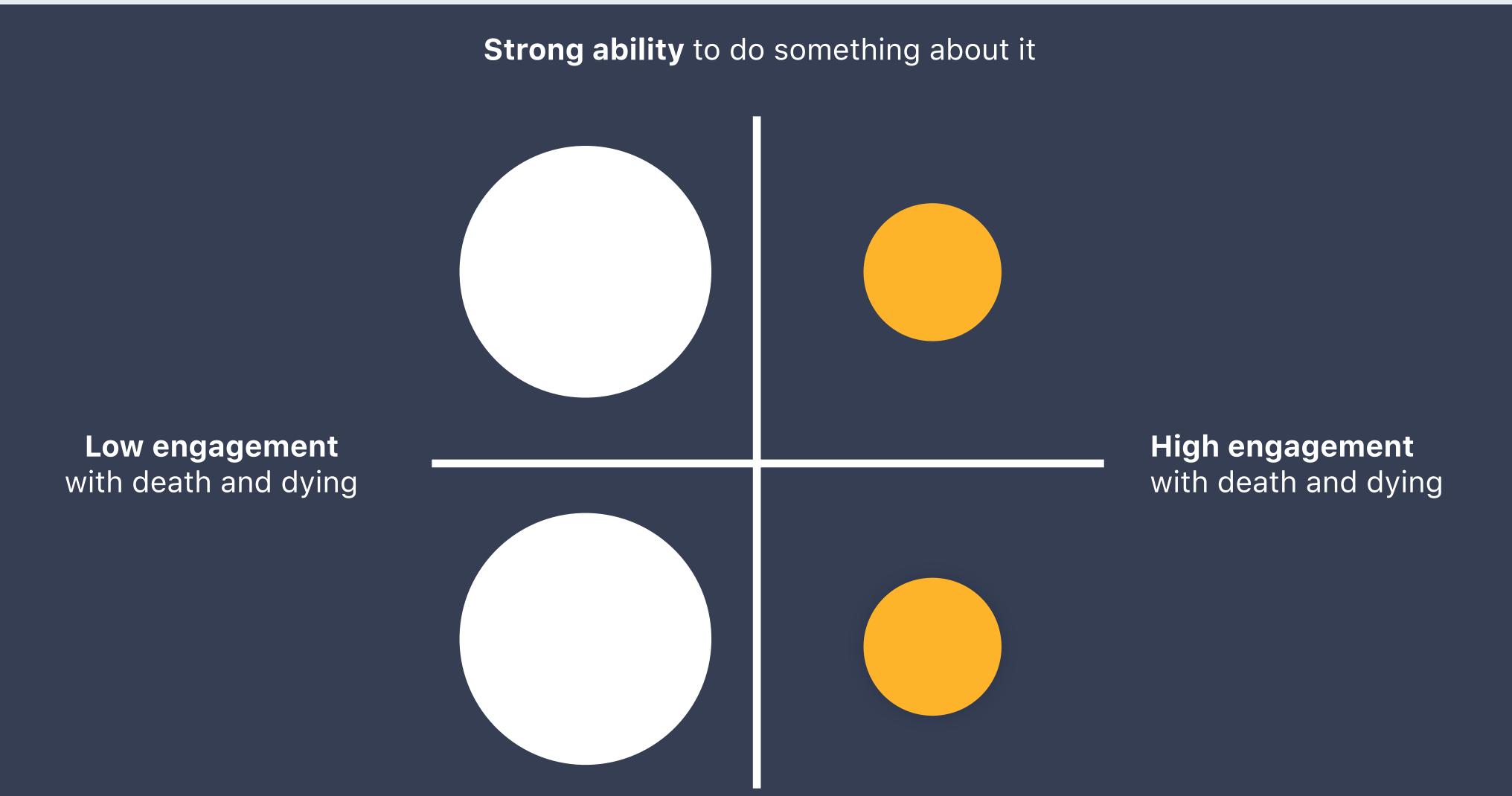


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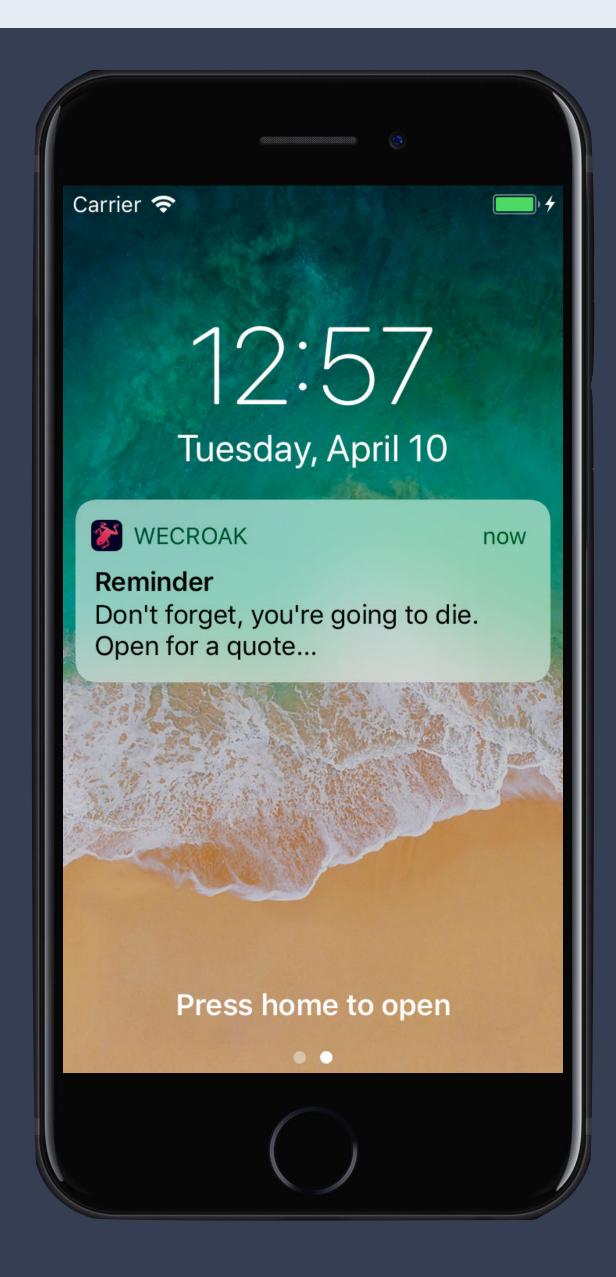


Thinking about and preparing for death is really difficult, unless you...

- Have experienced death at an early age
- Have experienced a traumatic or difficult death
- Are faced with a life-limiting or terminal diagnosis
- Care for people near the end of their lives



Poor ability to do something about it

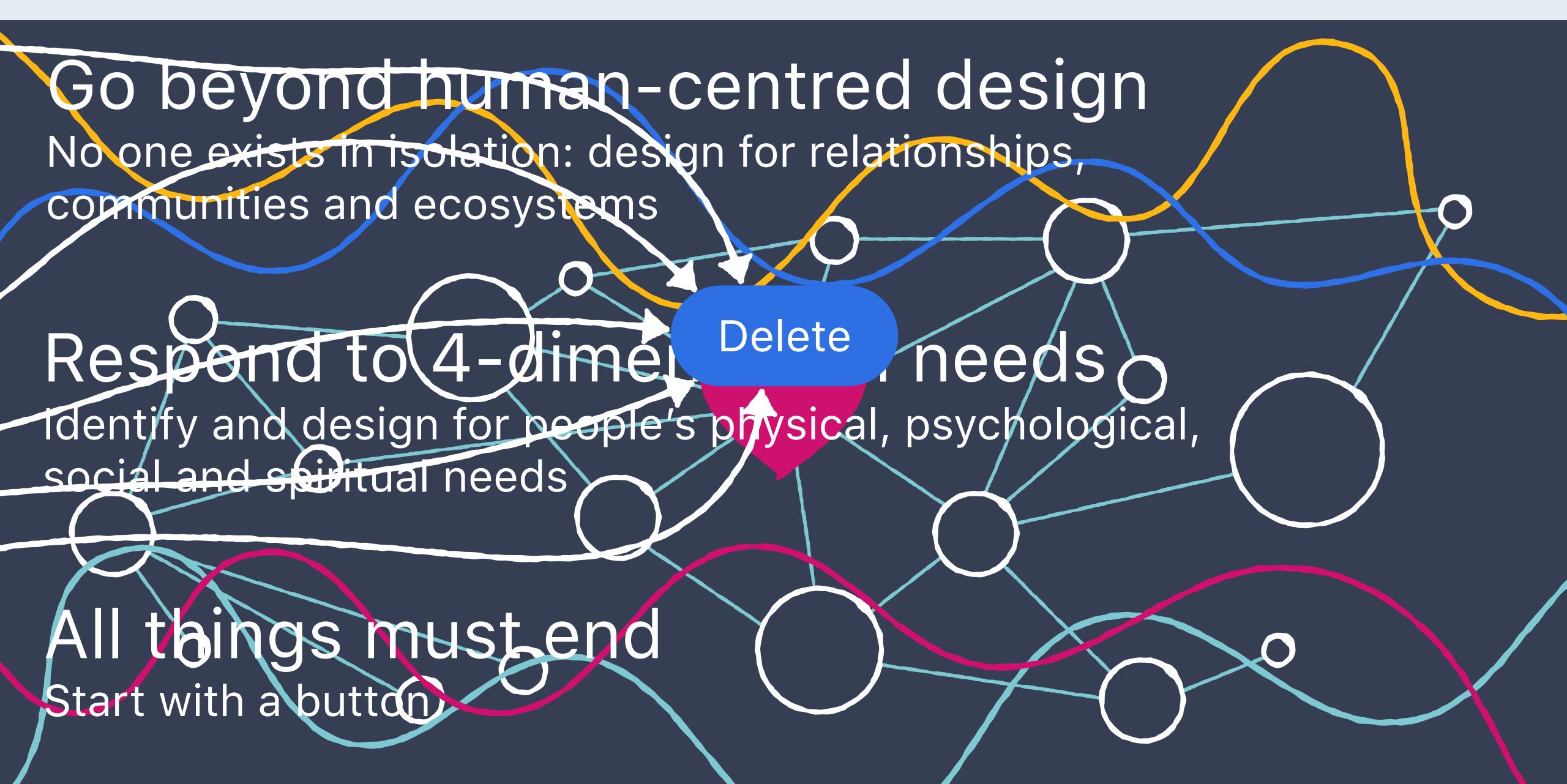


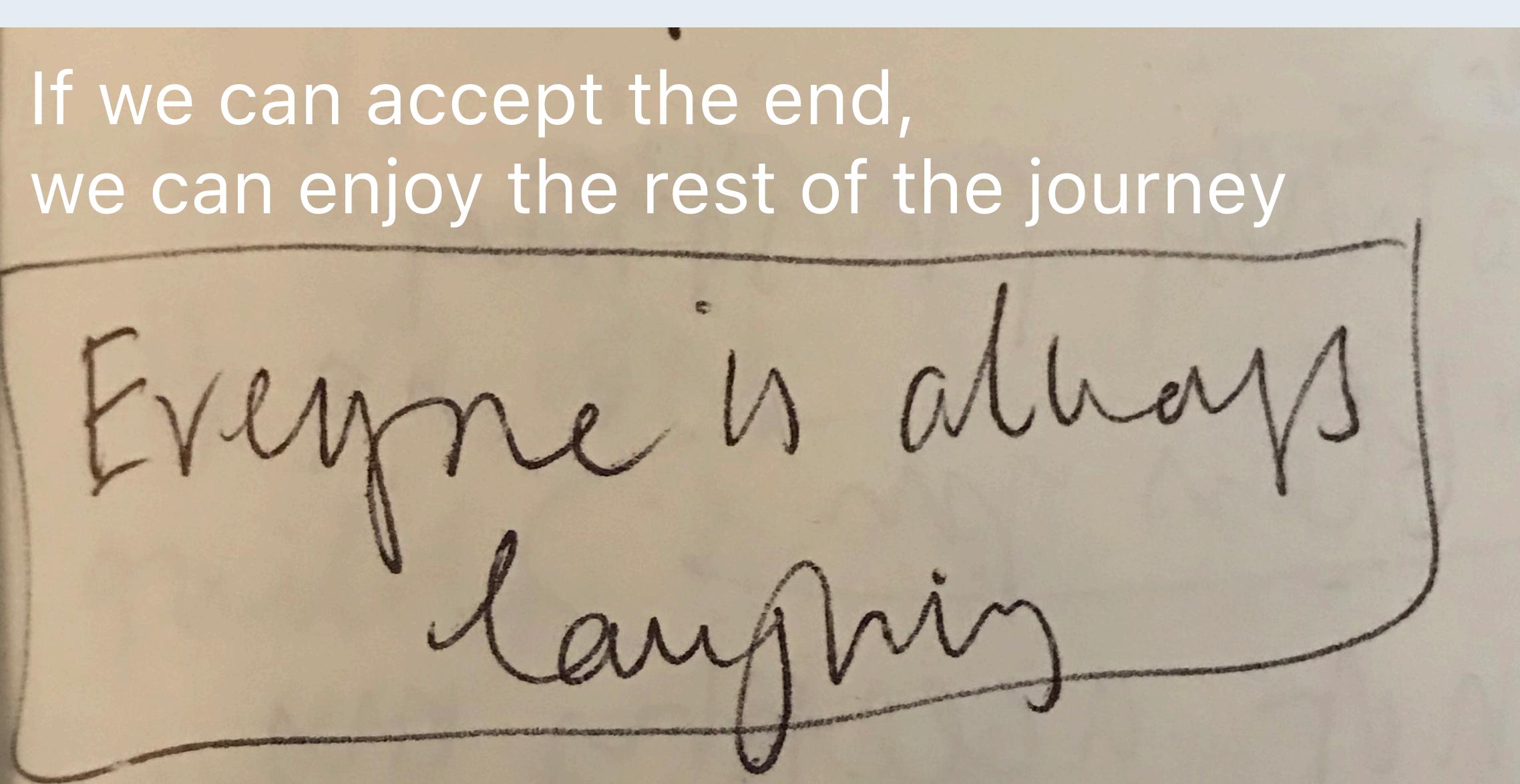


"Are you at peace?"

- 1. I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me
- 2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard
- 3. I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings
- 4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends
- 5. I wish that I had let myself be happier







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