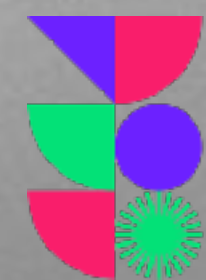


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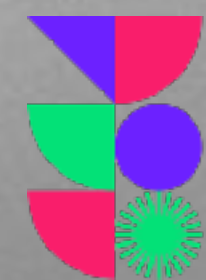
TECH CHECK

Please set yourself on
MUTE

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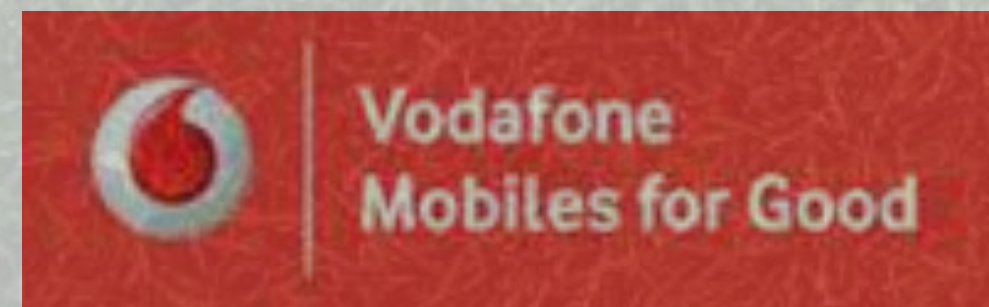
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Coached 1100+ Startups **RAISED OVER €295MILLION**



29 Countries

TRAINED 16,000+ PEOPLE



**GREAT IDEAS
NEED A VOICE**



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QUESTIONS?

Please ask
IN THE CHAT

You will receive

SLIDES AND MANY MATERIALS

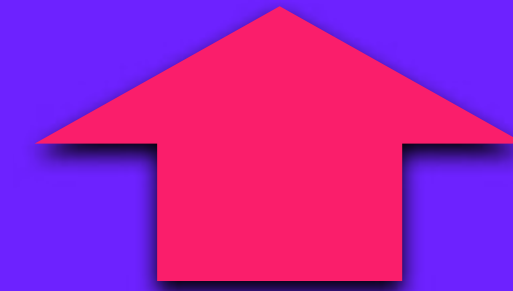




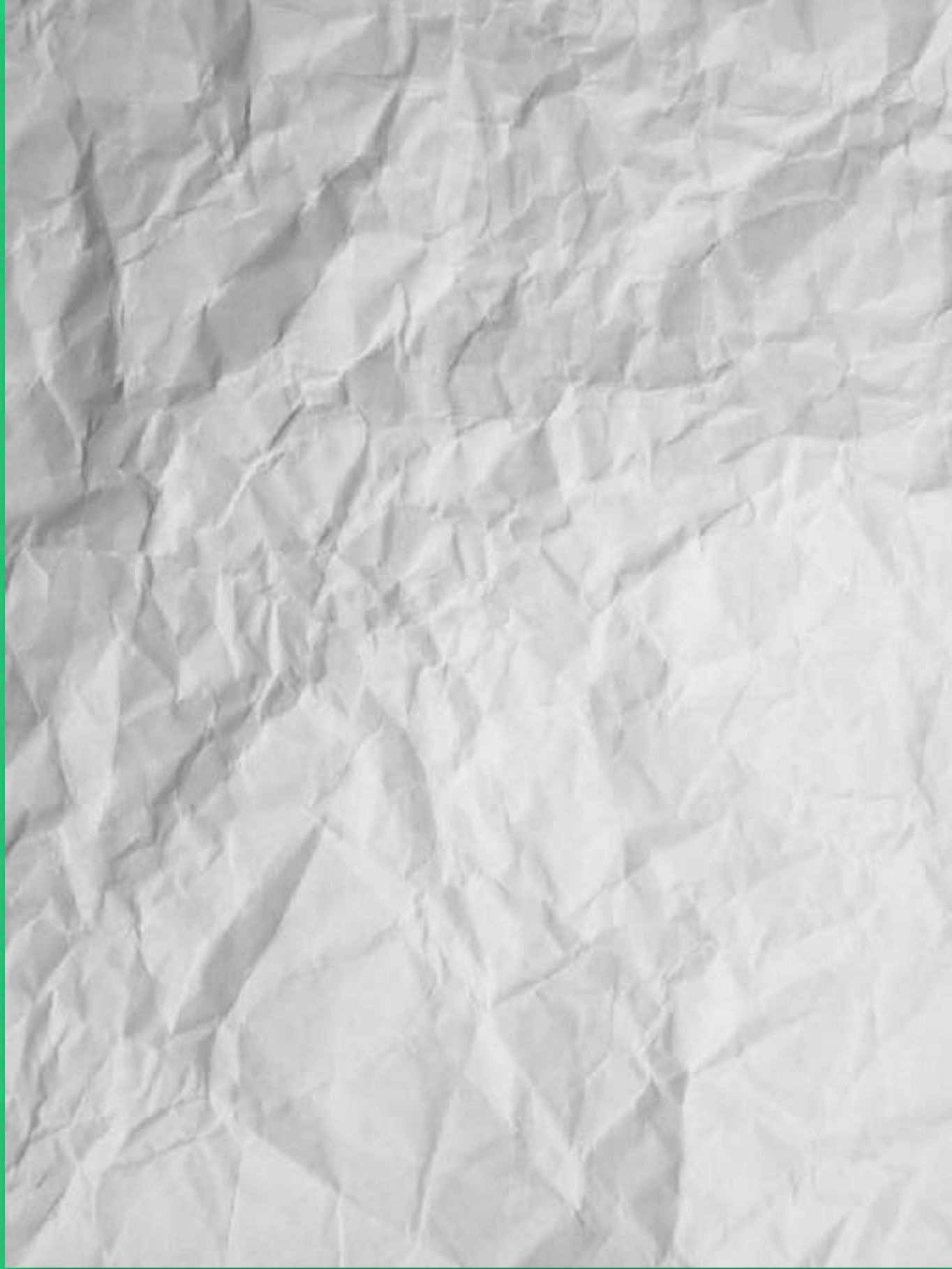
This is a **DO**
workshop
not just a think session



ACTION STEP



this means
I'm going to ask you
to do something!





ACTION STEP

IMAGINE:

You join an online call with a new team and are asked:

"Give us a brief introduction"

Pitch yourself in

30 Seconds

No Other Instructions

LET'S DO IT!



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Who are we
pitching to?

Why are we
pitching?

What should we
pitch?

Prepare you for your **1-MINUTE PITCH**

How many **WORDS PER MINUTE?**

People can
listen at
150 Words
Per Minute



Make a
SCRIPT

130-140
Words
9 Sentences





OPEN-3-CLOSE©

Pitch Model

The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model



Who is your
AUDIENCE



Establish your
OBJECTIVE



BRAINSTORM
with Post-It Notes

Opening



THE POWER OF THREE

Closing



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Who is your
AUDIENCE



Who is your

AUDIENCE

What do they

CARE ABOUT?

Check the **JURY CRITERIA**



ACTION STEP

Write down who the **audience** is for your pitch

What is their biggest **challenge**?

Conservative or **Innovative**?

Money focused? Environment, Social?

Detail focused, or **headlines** only?

Theoretical or doers?

What might be their biggest **objection**?

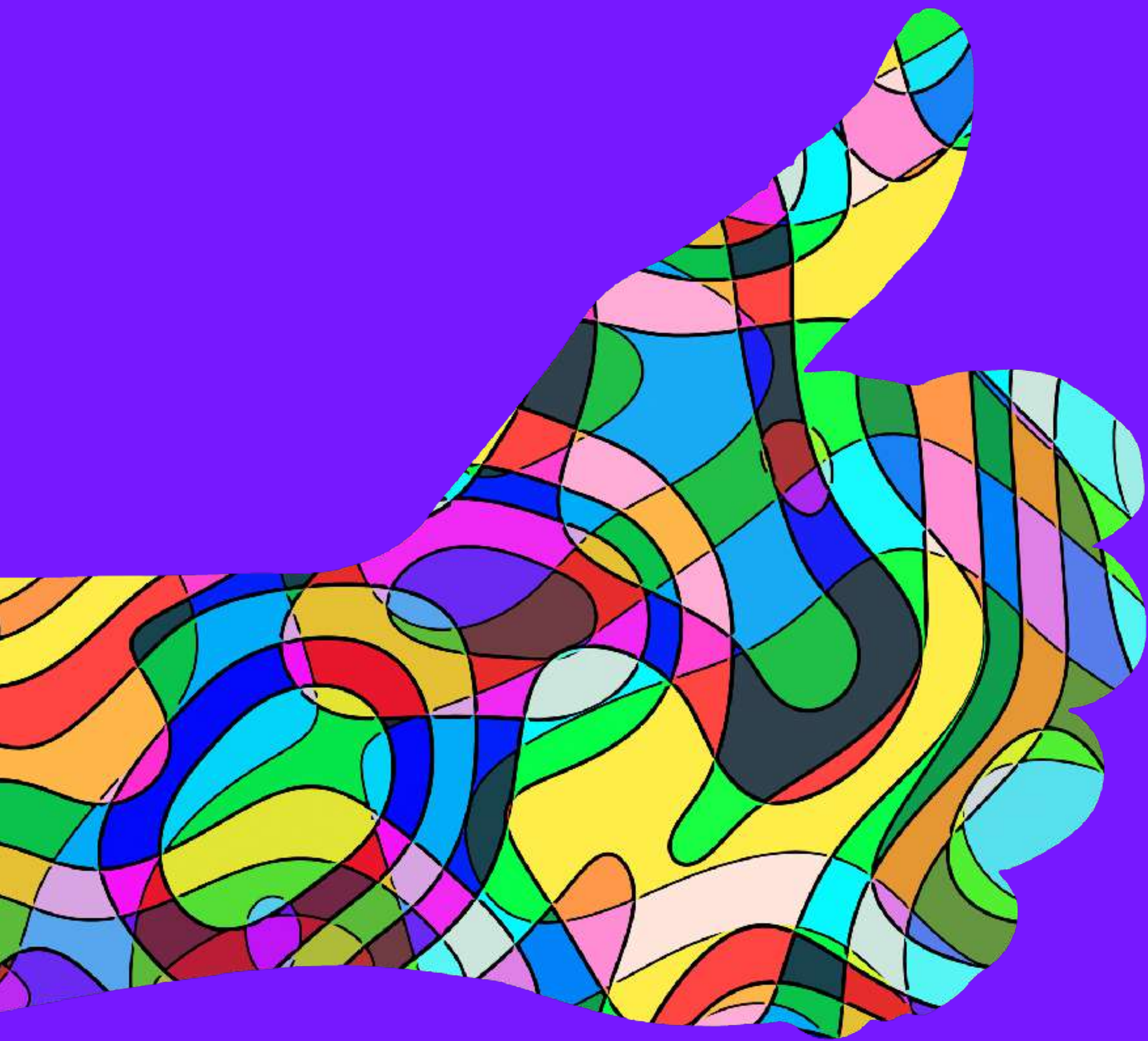
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What do you
want them to
do?

ACTION



Give them
something they
can say
YES!
to



ACTION STEP

Write down in what you want the audience **to do** as a result of the pitch

Focus on **Action** – not just thinking differently

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QUESTIONS?

Please ask
IN THE CHAT

How do you create
YOUR STORYLINE?



STOP!!!



Don't Open **POWERPOINT**



Use
**POST-IT
NOTES**
To Build Your
Storyline

BRAINSTORM

Get the ideas out of
your head

Take a step back:
what are the

BIG ISSUES?

Organise around

**CHAPTER
HEADINGS**

Which topics should be in **YOUR WINNING PITCH?**

The Pitch Canvas®

An entrepreneurial brainstorming tool that helps you structure and visualise your pitch on one page.

Simple Statement of what change you and your product are making in the world.

A memorable one-sentence explanation of what you do for customers.

Pain (+ Gain)

What problem are you solving for your customers?
What does the pain result in?
Can you make the pain a human problem, that everyone can relate to?
How many people need this problem solved - market size?
Have you validated that people will pay to have it solved?

Product

As simply as possible: How does it work?
What does your product do for customers?
What can your customers do as a result of your product?
What opportunities do you provide for people to be faster, more cost-effective, more efficient, happier, safer?
How have you tested it with customers?
(Be sure not to let the product dominate the pitch)

Product Demo

Live demo! (always risky, but powerful if it works...)
A screenflow movie of a working app convinces this is for real. Physical product convinces you can execute.
Screenshots are also OK, but can look like a mock-up - nothing product on screen is better.
Can you show a real customer using it?

What's Unique

technology/relationships/partnerships.
How do you help your customers get results differently to your competition, or alternatives?
What's new and innovative about your solution?
Show you have researched the market and know what competition is out there.

Customer Traction

Success so far?
Pilot customers? Major brands?
Progression in users or downloads?
Customer reference quotes or reviews?
PR coverage? Competition wins?
Use data and facts to strengthen your case.

Business Model

How do you get paid?
What's the opportunity for growth?
How can you scale beyond your current scope: new industries, territories, applications of partnerships and technology?

Investment

Have you invested money yourself?
Have you raised money so far?
How much are you asking for now?
What big next steps will you use the investment for?
What milestones will you reach with the money?
How many, and what type of investor are you looking for?
What expectations do you have of your investors: network, expertise?

Team

What relevant experience and skills does your team have that supports your story?
Brands worked for? Achievements? Sales success?
What binds you together as people and as entrepreneurs to fix this problem?
What's special about the character of your team, that will make you stand out and be memorable?

Call To Action and End Statement

Finish the pitch strongly with a clear request for the audience to take action - what is their first next step?

Why You?

NOTE: Why you? can show up in any part of the pitch.
Why do you care about solving this problem for your customers? How has your life been affected by this industry?
Why should your audience have confidence that you are driven to do what you promise, no matter what?

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Check the **JURY CRITERIA**



PAIN

What is the **problem**
you solve?

What is the **HUMAN**
RESULT?



Lost time?

More cost?

Complex steps?

Irritation?

Lost customers?

Bad reputation?



PRODUCT

How do you **solve** the problem?

NOTE: **Start** with the **Pain**, then introduce the product



TRACTION or VALIDATION

Partnerships?
Paid **pilots?**

Growth? Users?

Customer **Interviews?**

WHY YOU?

What's your
personal motivation to
offer this proposition?

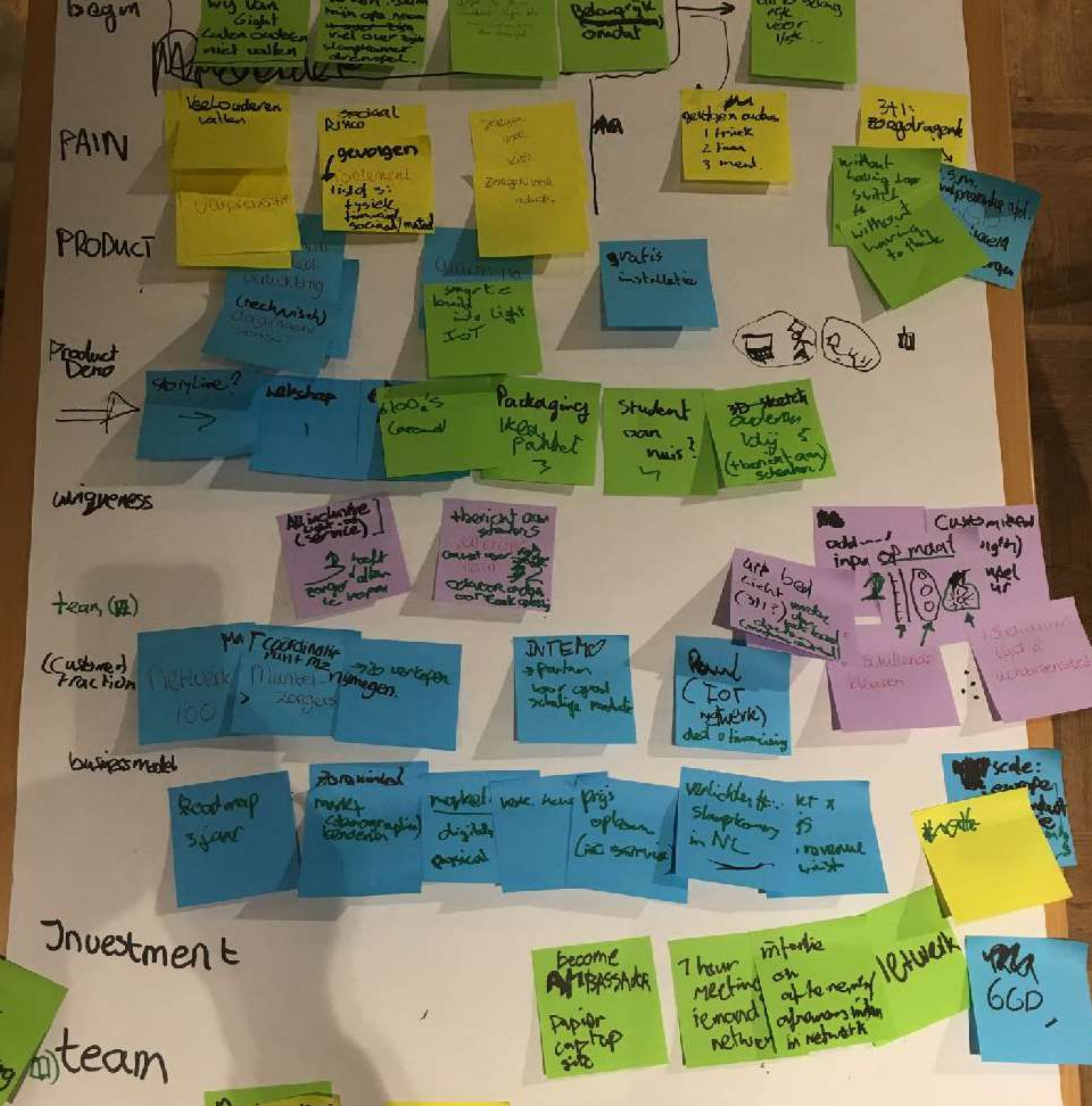
Your **Enthusiasm**
Counts!

ACTION STEP

Brainstorm content on Post-Its

Quickly write down
key words and phrases,
not full sentences

Don't think too much:
just write



WHY IS
PITCHING
SO IMPORTANT?

50%
OF OUR
SUCCESS.

RIG
MOMENTS
MATTER.

BUILDING
CONFIDENCE.

WHAT DO YOU
NEED?
GREAT
SCRIPT.

BRAINSTORM
WITH
POST-ITS.

POWER OF
THREE

CONCRETE
FACTS +
ACTION.

GREAT
VISUALS.

LESS
CONTENT =
MORE
FOCUS.

USE
VISUALS
+ 1 STATEMENT

SPREAD
INFO ACROSS
MORE
SLIDES.

GREAT
DELIVERY

HANDS,
EYES,
LEGS,
FEET.

VOCAL
VARIATION

DO YOU
REALLY
MEAN IT?

SUMMARY
+ CALL
TO ACTION

WRITE
DOWN 3
IMPROVEMENTS.

CLOSE

I BELIEVE
YOUR VOICE
SHOULD
BE HEARD.

ACTION STEP

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Build a **storyline** targeting 3 mins,
hitting each judging criteria

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Say it **out loud** - have you got
spoken language or **written**
language?

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Who is your
AUDIENCE



Establish your
OBJECTIVE



BRAINSTORM
with Post-It Notes

Opening



Make the first word count
OPEN POWERFULLY



The first 20
seconds buys
ATTENTION

Is this person
PROFESSIONAL?

Do I want or need to
KNOW MORE?

Quantify the **PROBLEM**



mobypark



mobypark

20

Minutes

30

Percent

1

Year

Quantify the **PROBLEM**



BELIEVE

KNOW
WHAT
WE
KNOW



KNOW
WHAT
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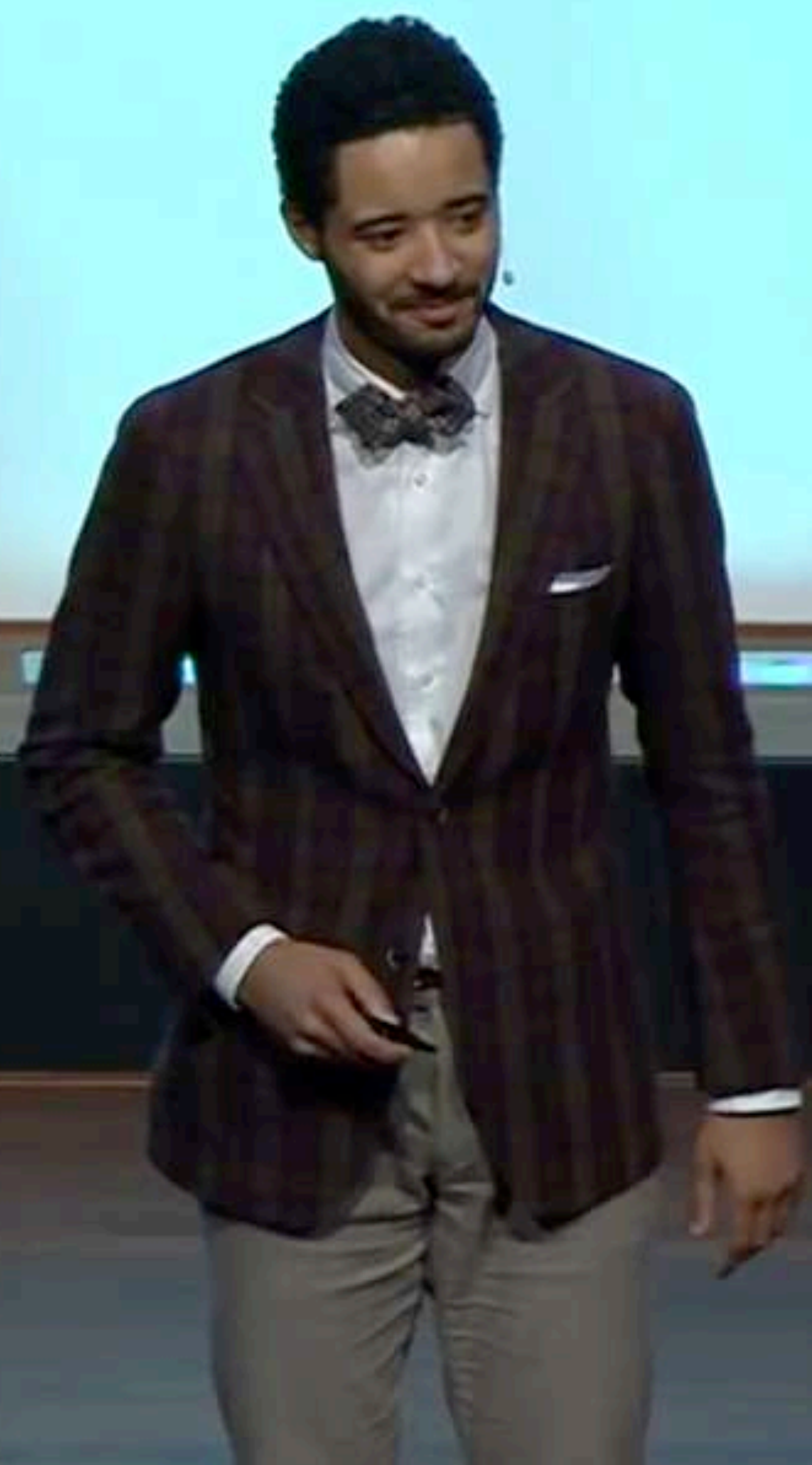
WE
BELIEVE



4:35

Simply be
PROFESSIONAL

SADDL



Is this person
PROFESSIONAL?

Do I want or need to
KNOW MORE?



ACTION STEP

Review your brainstorm

Write down your
opening 3-4 sentences



FEEDBACK

Which **ONE** thing stood out?

Which **ONE** thing did you
NOT understand?

One **FRIENDLY** piece of
advice for improvement

ACTION STEP

Review your brainstorm

Write down your
opening 3-4 sentences

Test them **out loud** on
someone else

Think it
through

Write it
down

Say it
out loud

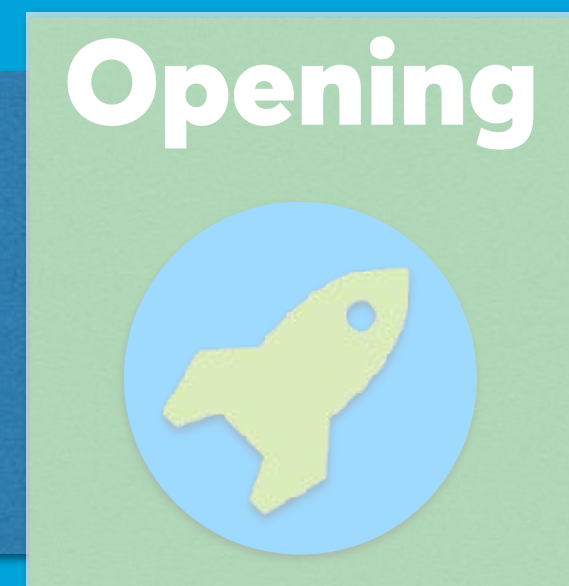
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THE POWER OF THREE

Making your story

FOCUSED & MEMORABLE

The Power of **THREE**



The Threes are
IN THE AIR

READY, STEADY, GO



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION



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THE THREE MUSKETEERS

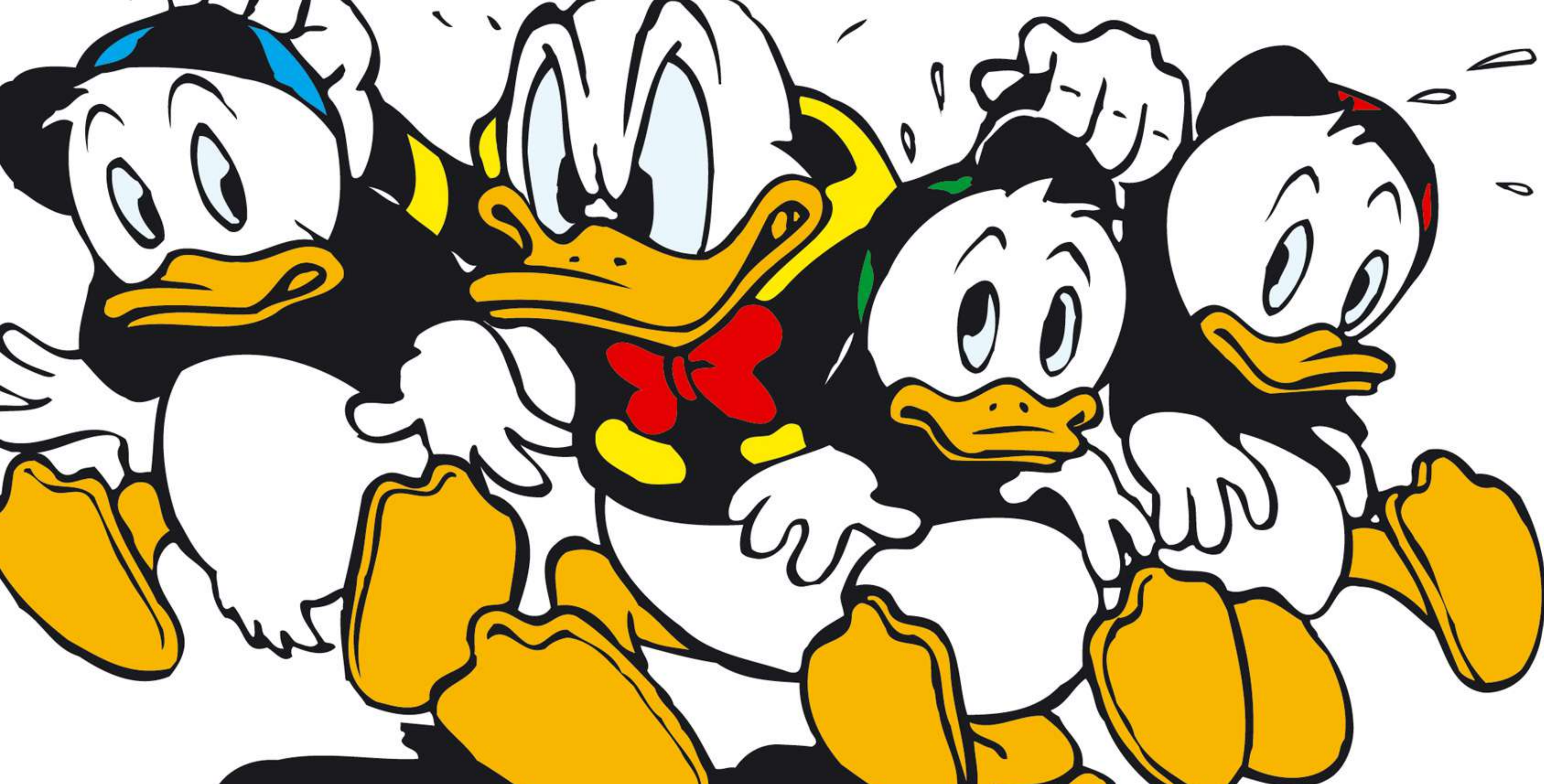


A photograph of three male sprinters standing on a podium during a medal ceremony at the Rio 2016 Olympics. The athlete on the left, wearing a USA track suit, holds a bronze medal. The athlete in the center, wearing a Jamaica track suit, holds a silver medal. The athlete on the right, wearing a Canada track suit, holds a gold medal. The background shows a large stadium filled with spectators.

BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD

BEGINNING, MIDDLE, END





How do you apply
THE POWER OF THREE?

Break your product down into **THREE BIG QUALITIES**

FASTER

**LOWER
COST**

**MUCH
EASIER
TO USE**

Break the whole pitch into

THREE BIG CHAPTERS

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

**EASY TO
IMPLEMENT**



ACTION STEP

If you could only tell them **three** things, what would you tell?

STEP ONE

Choose **THREE** big things you want them to remember.

STEP TWO

Write down **1-2 sentences** for each item

The Open-3-Close© Pitch Model





Finish like a true
PROFESSIONAL

Make a plan for the
LAST THIRTY SECONDS

What you've seen is...

(a 3-point, one sentence summary)

What we ask you to do is...

(remind them of the call to action)

I believe this matters because...

(a personal statement of what you believe)

THANK YOU!

=

I've finished, you can clap now!

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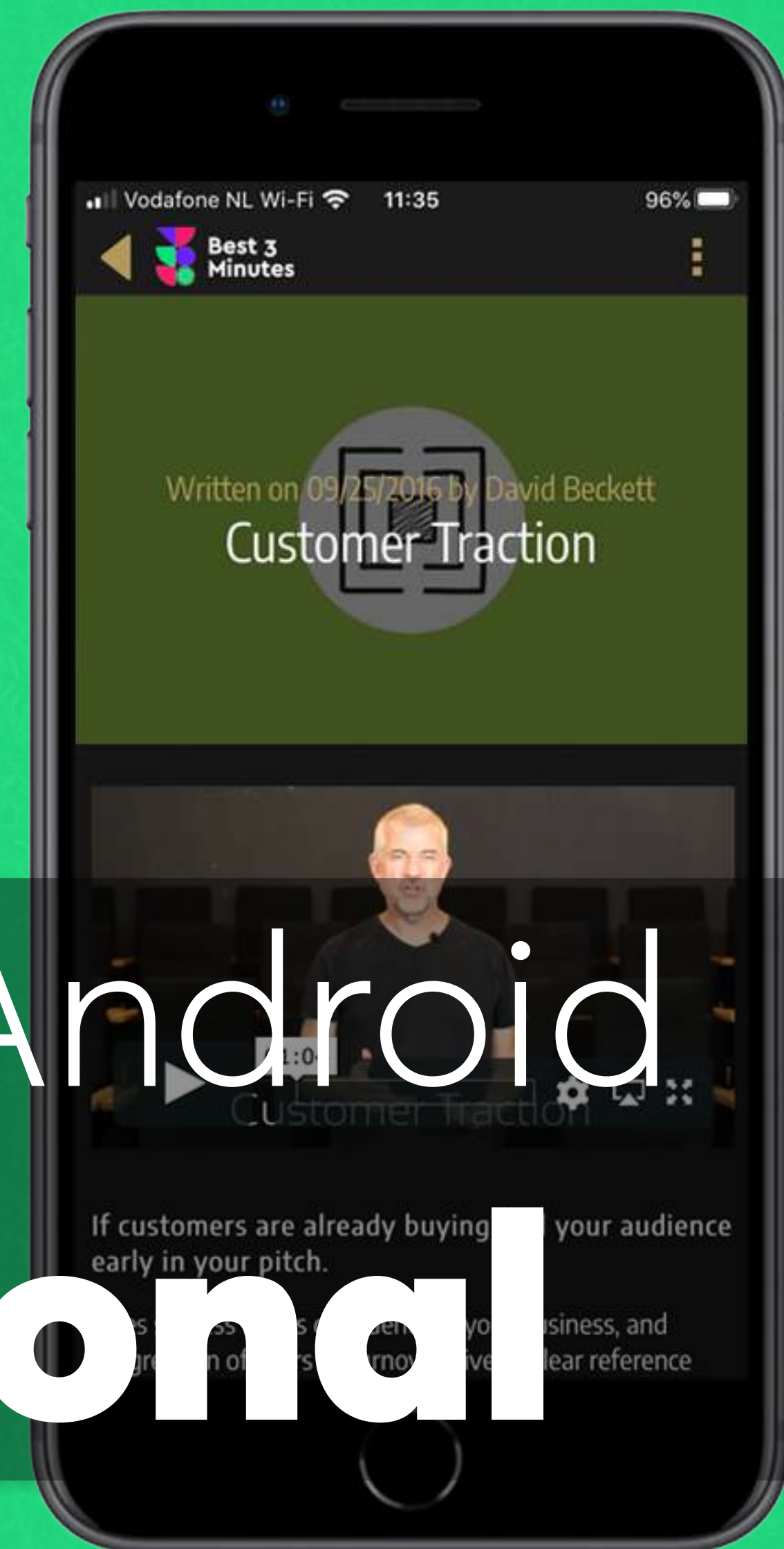
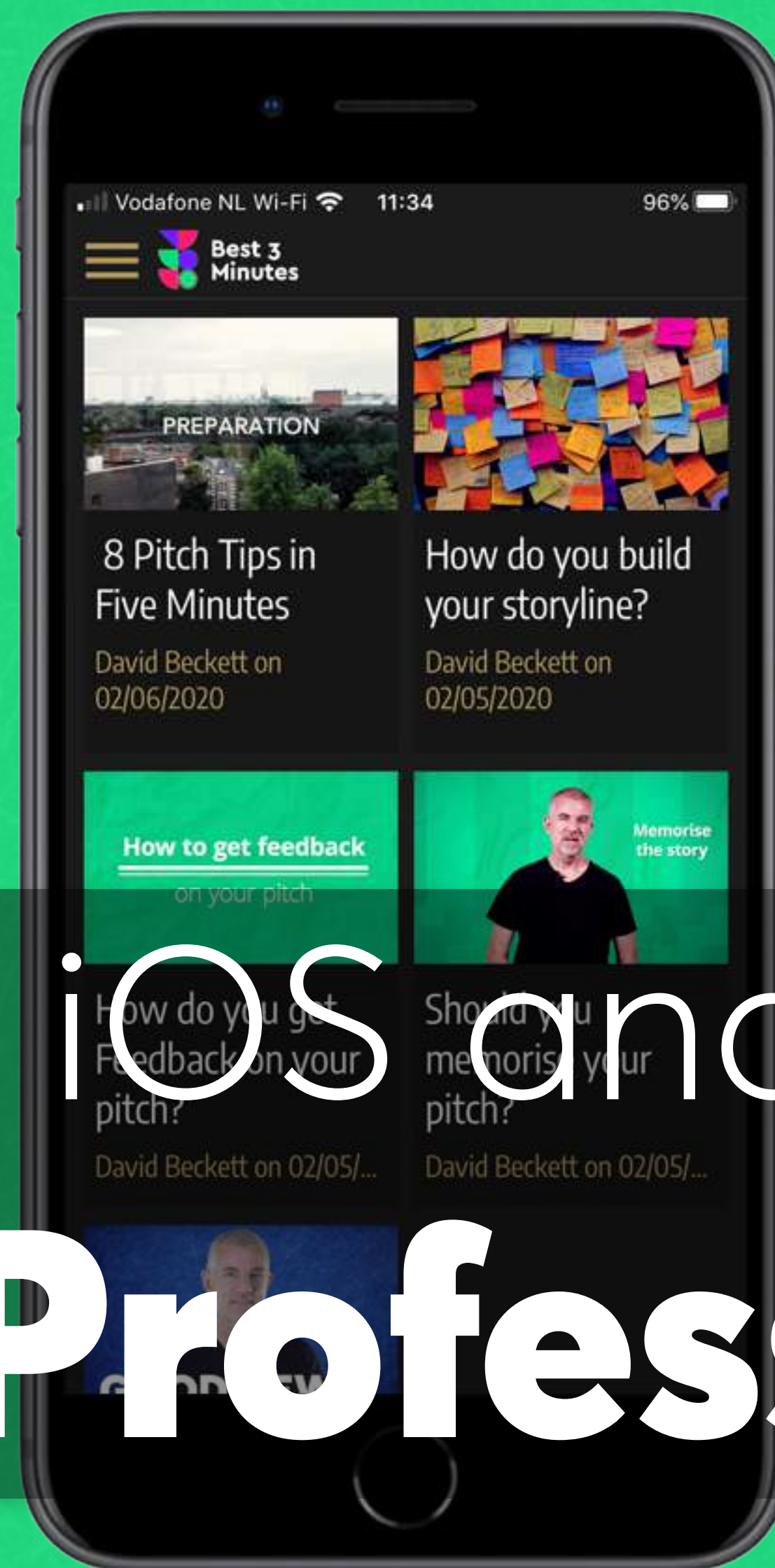
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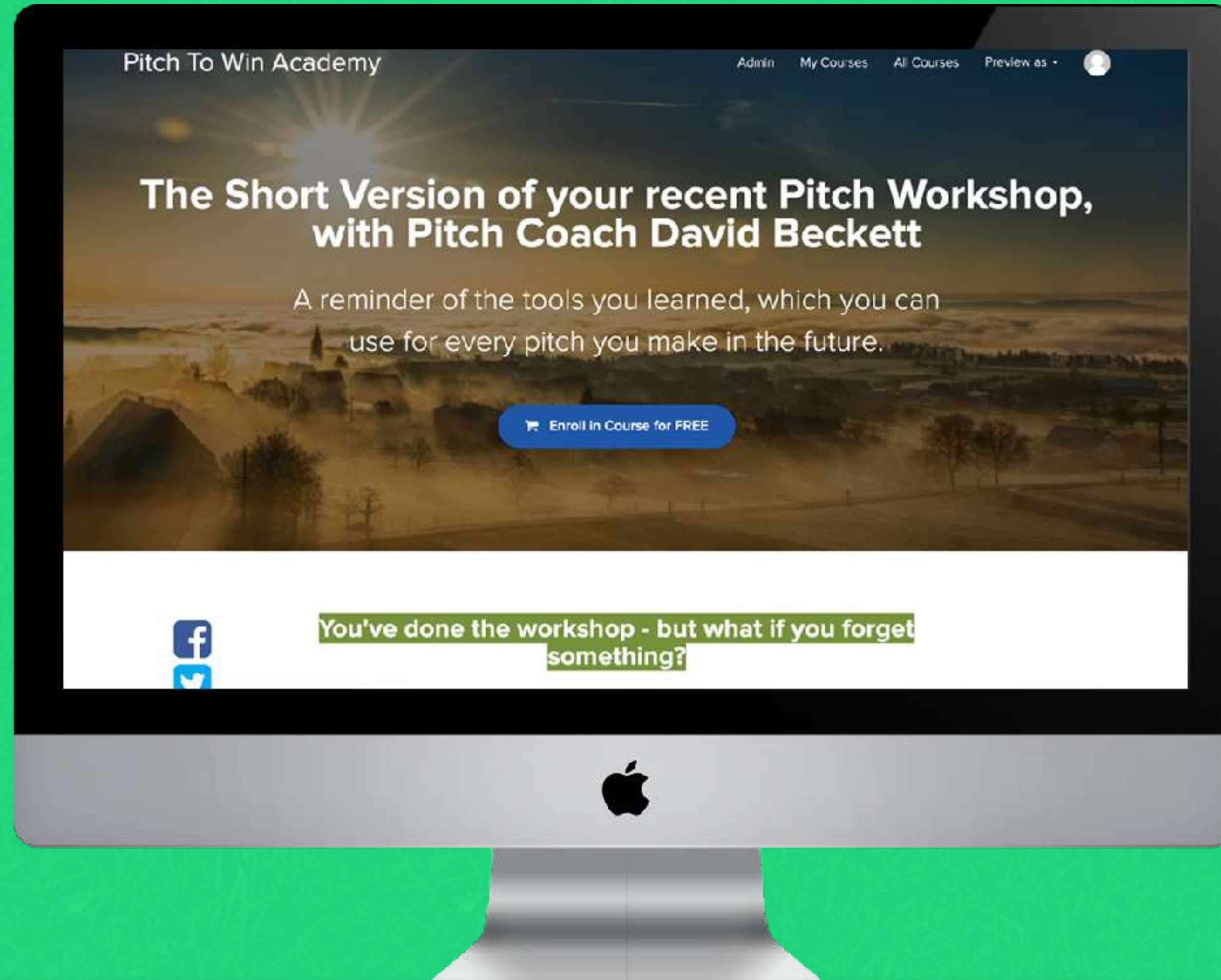
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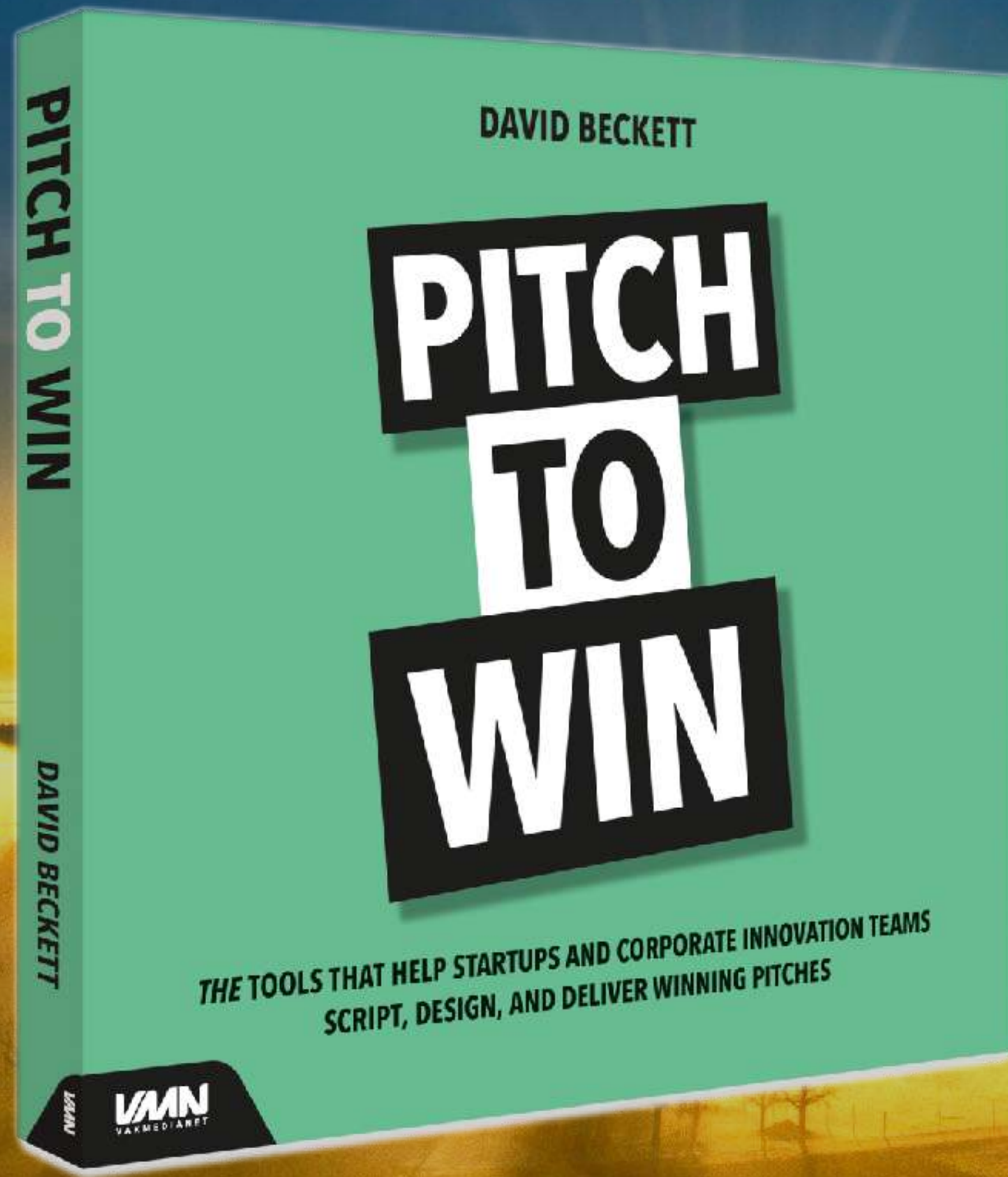
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