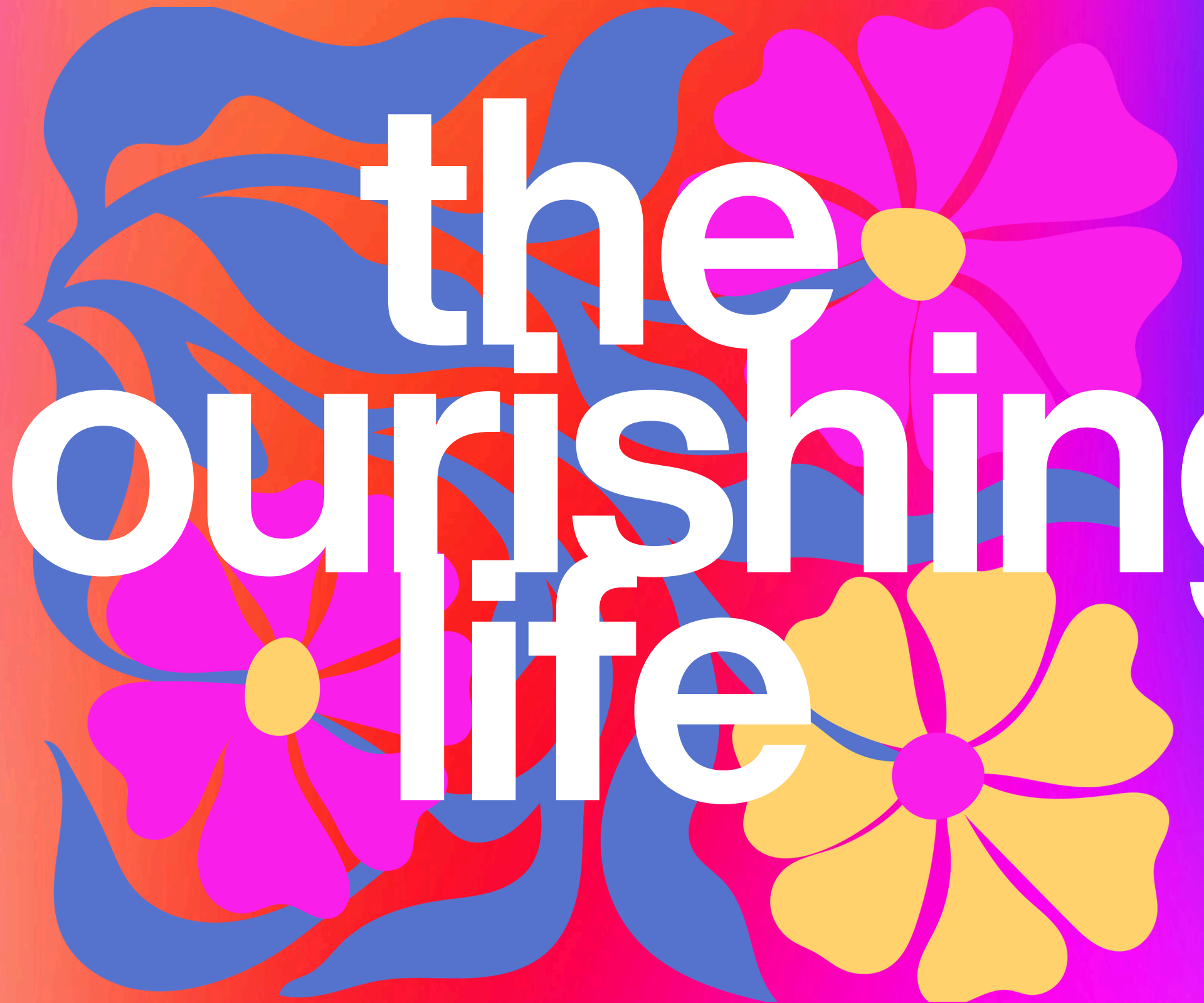


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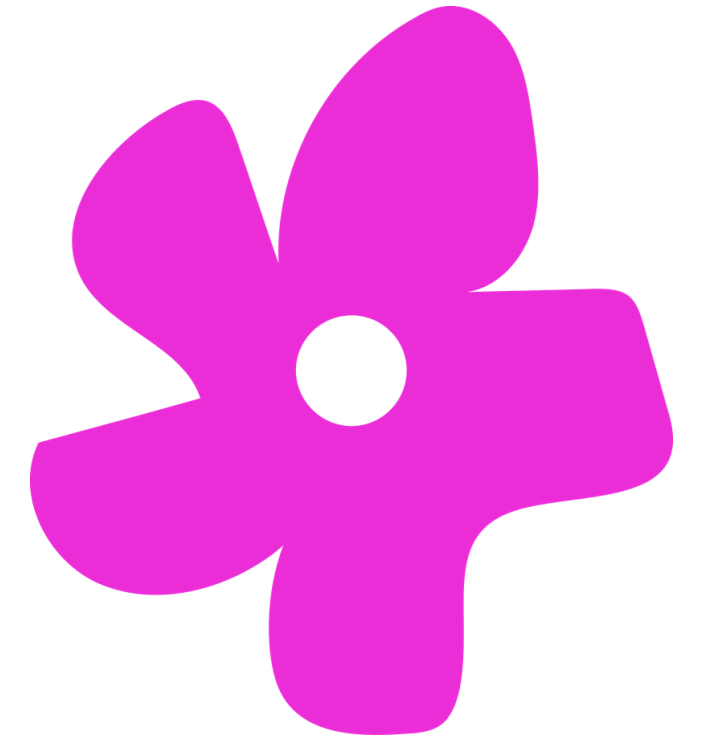


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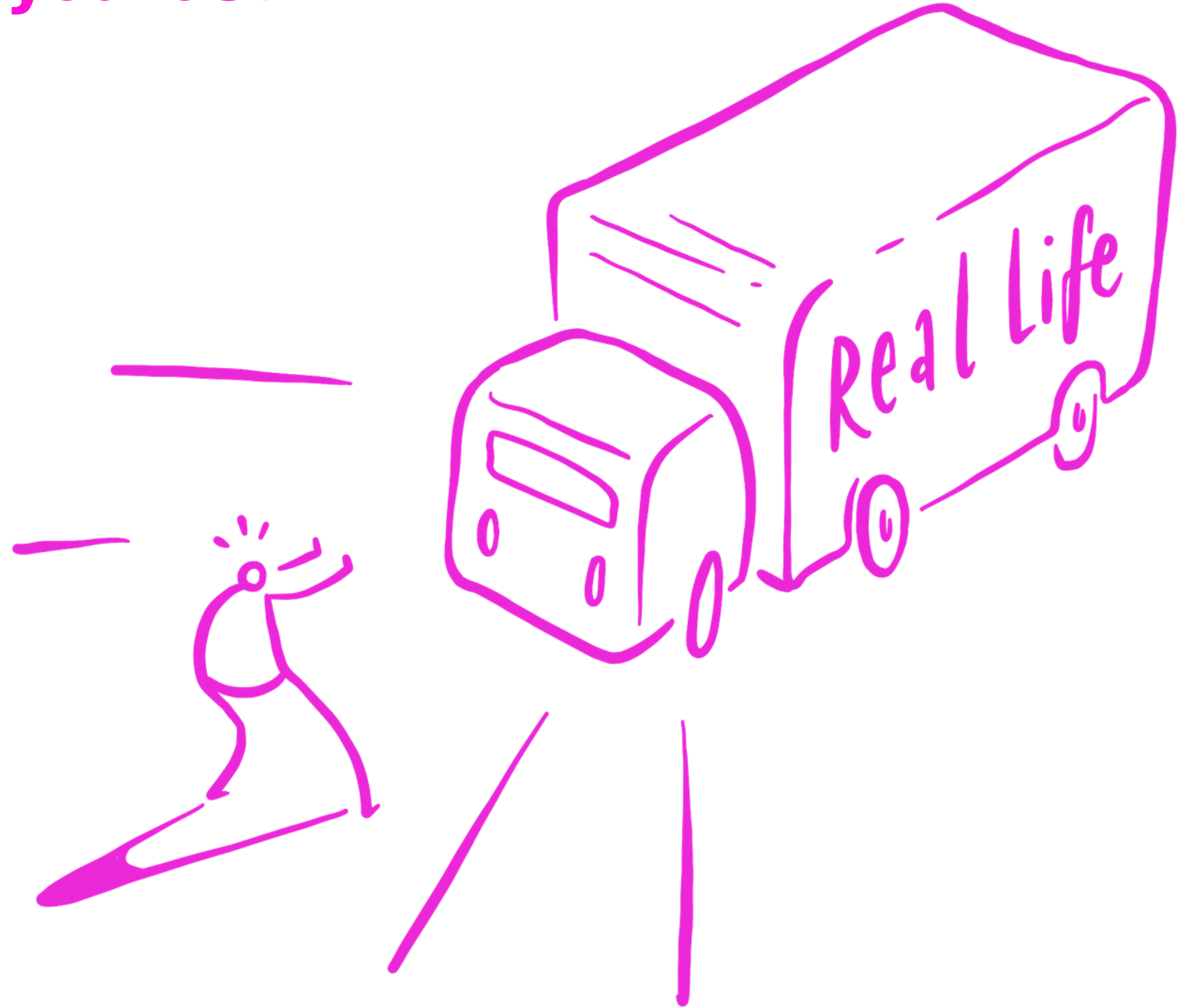
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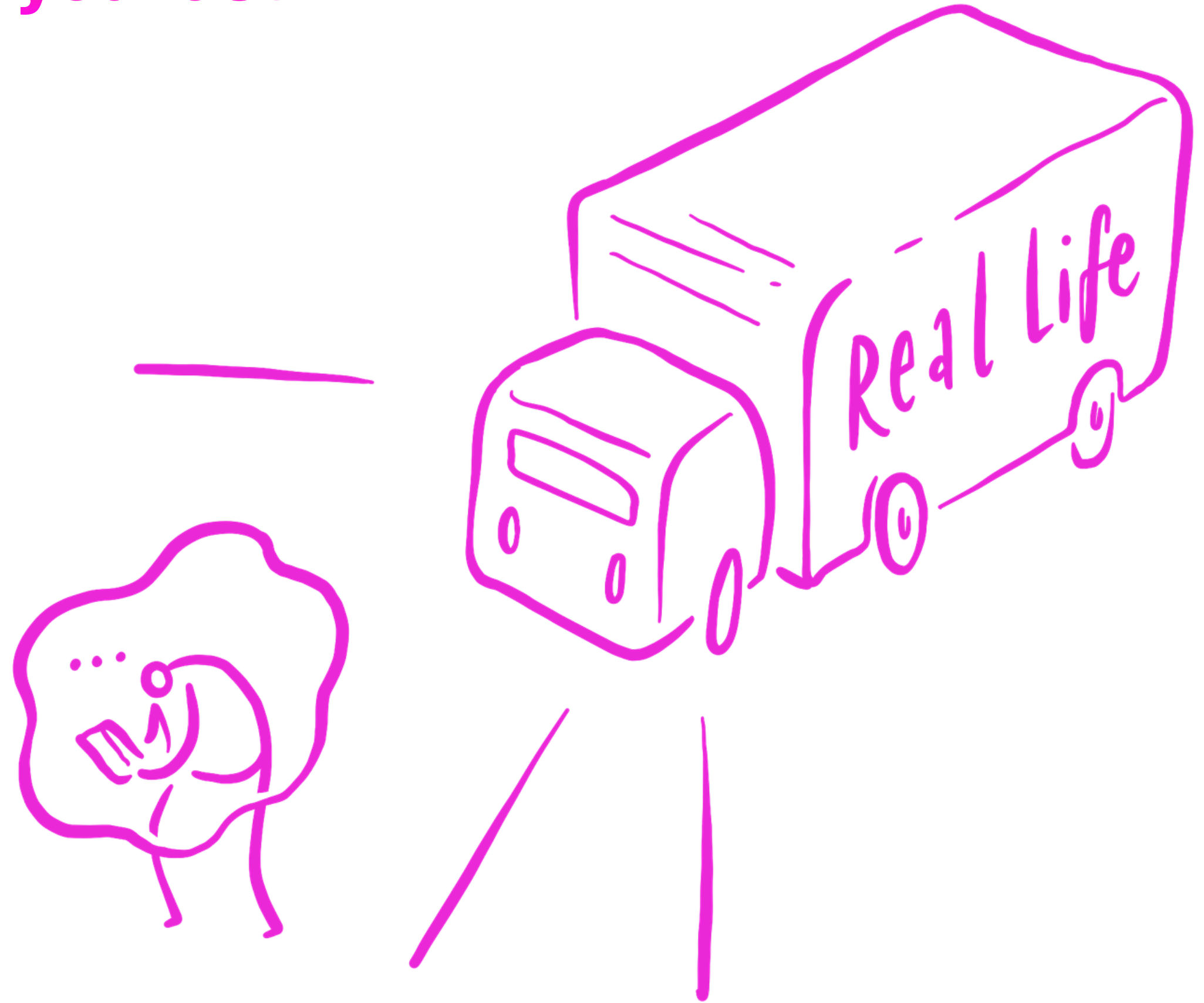


Introducing Proverbs and why wisdom is so precious

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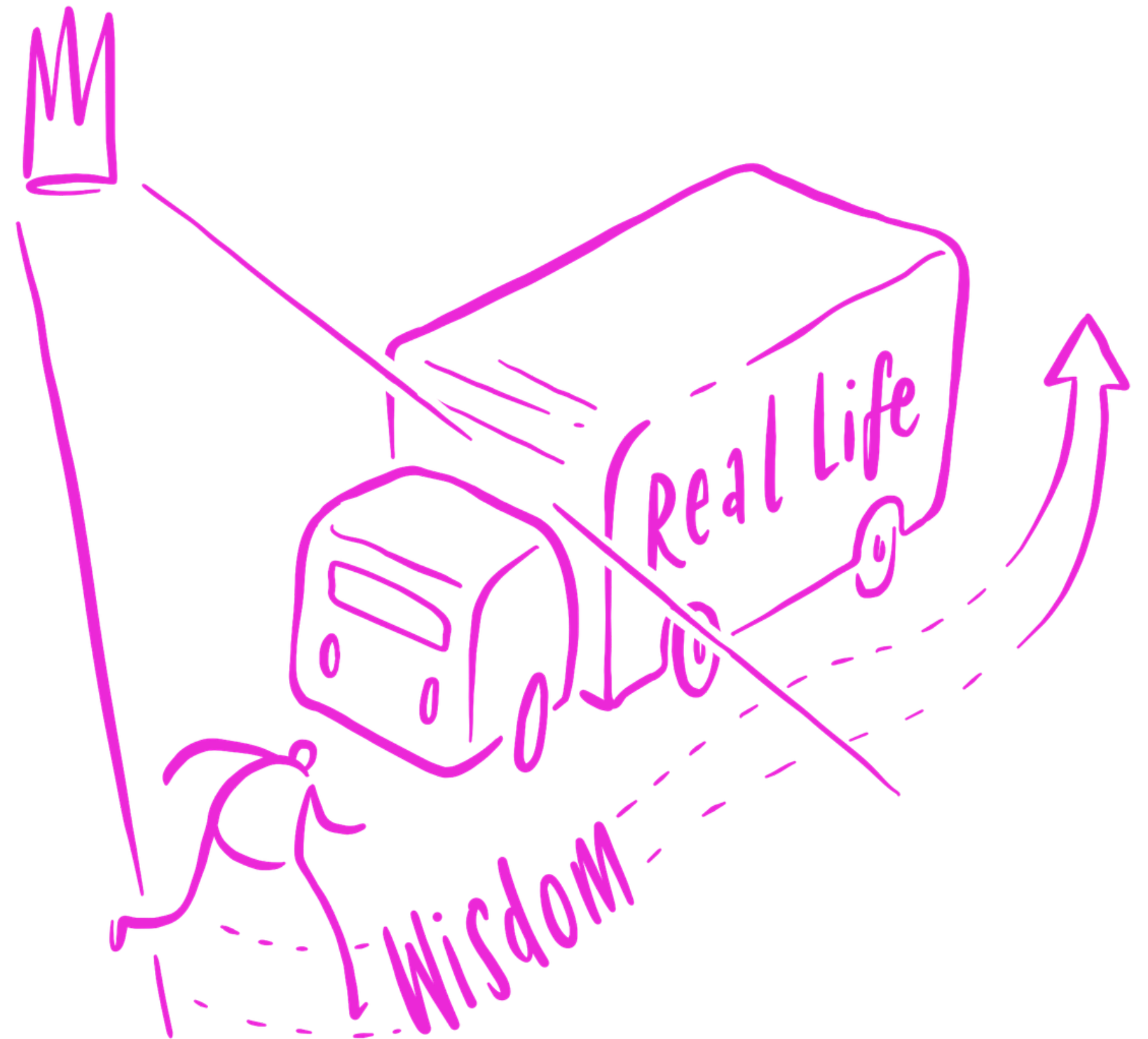
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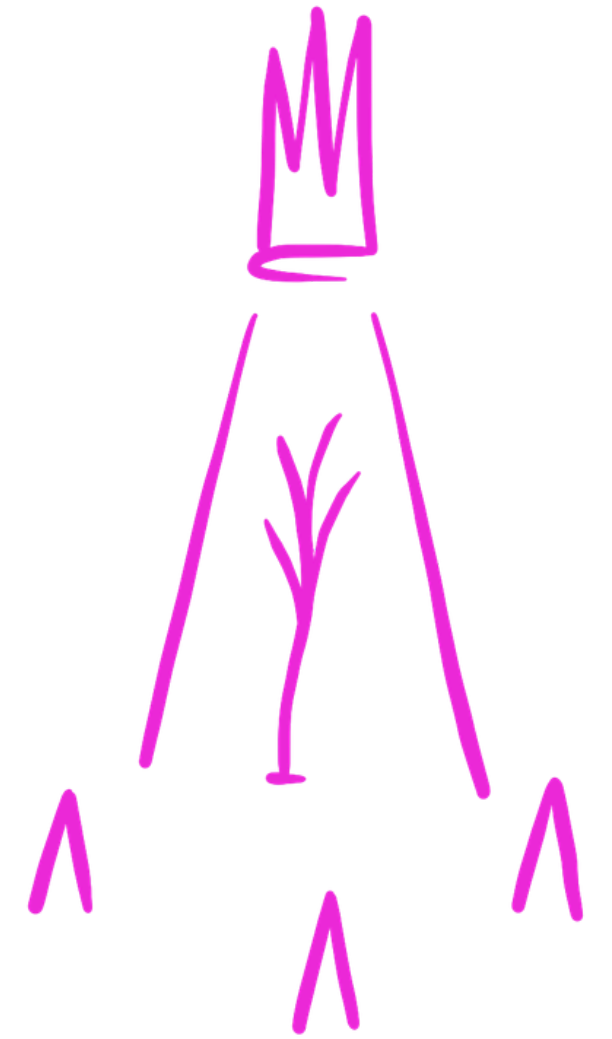
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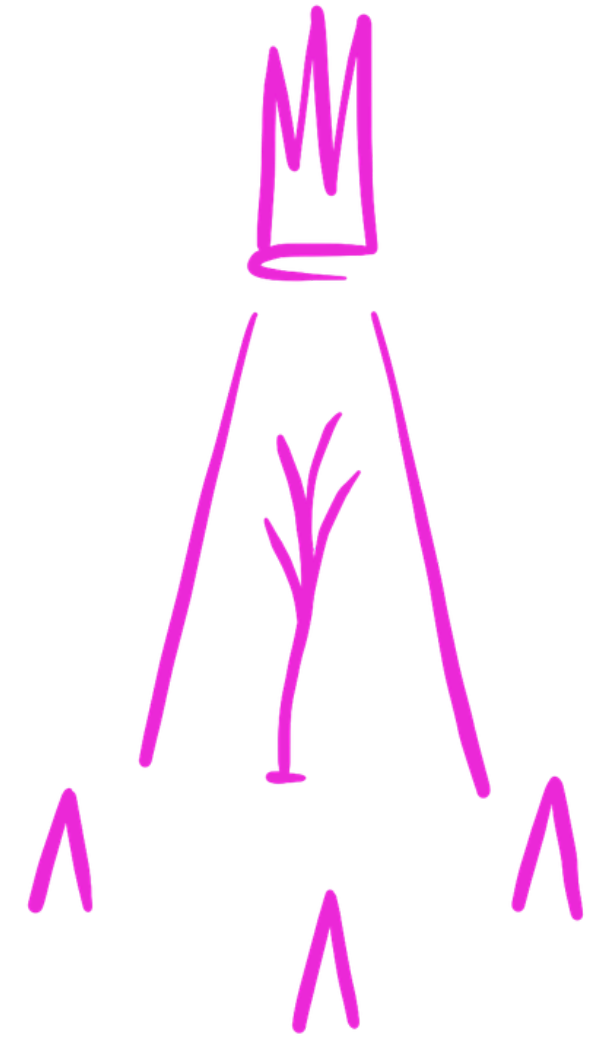


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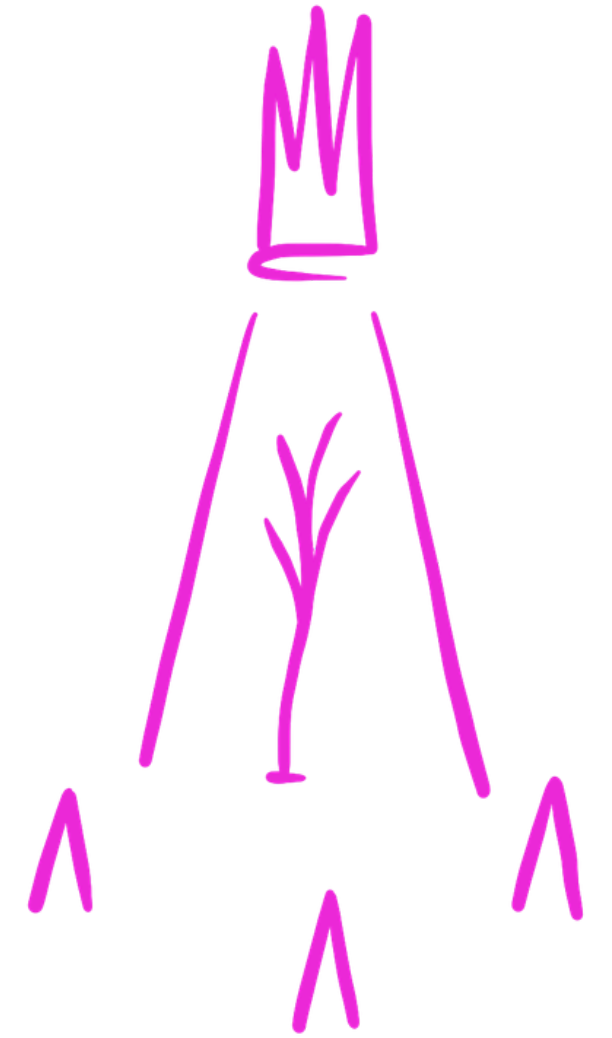
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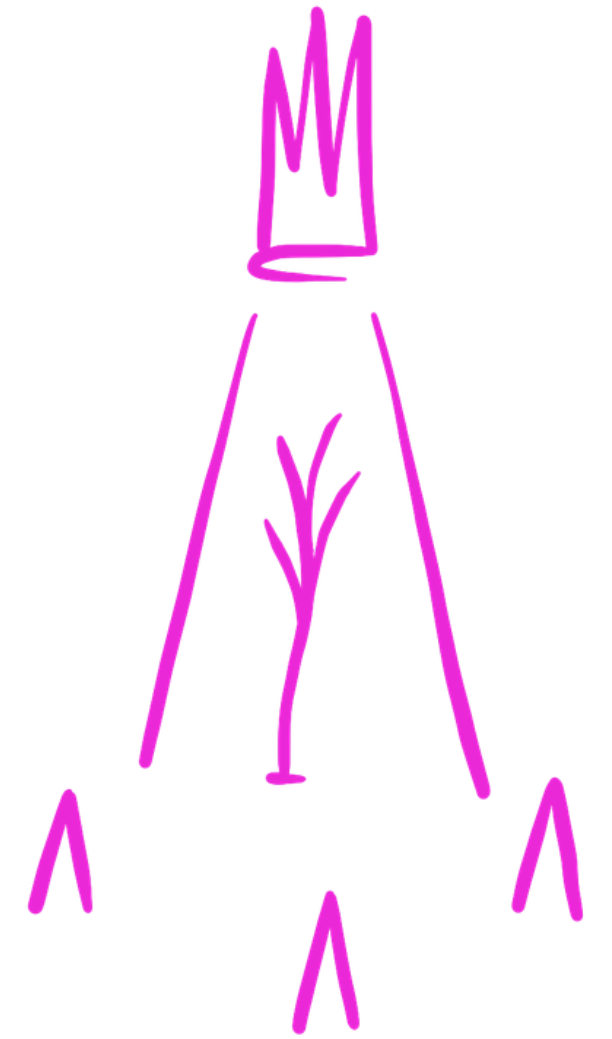
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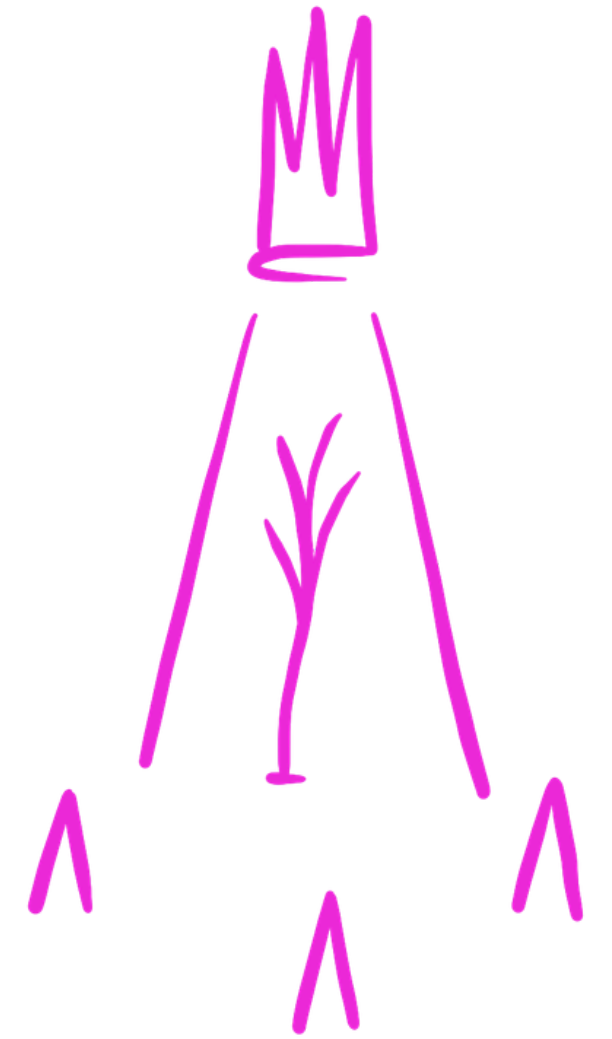
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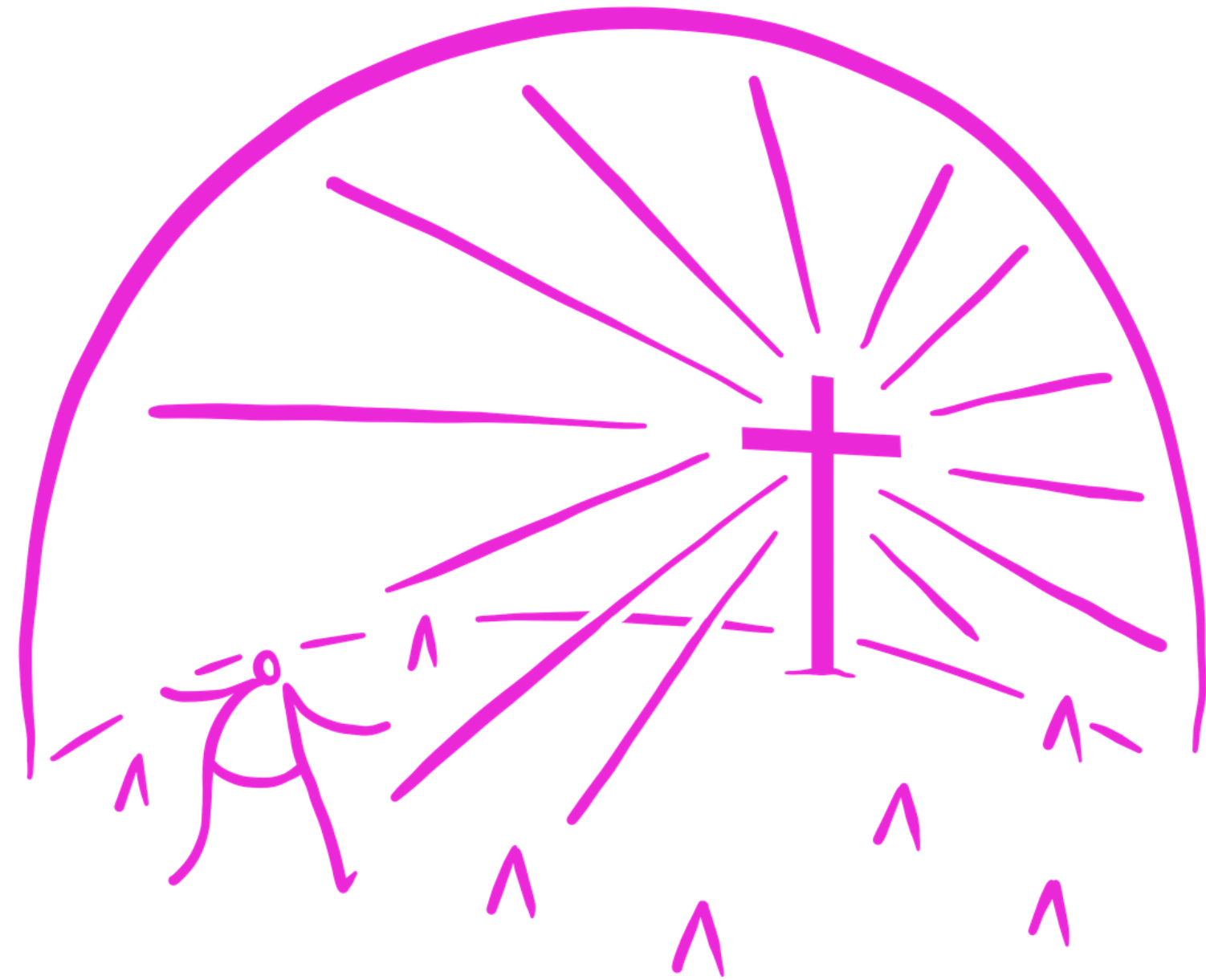
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Living in God's world
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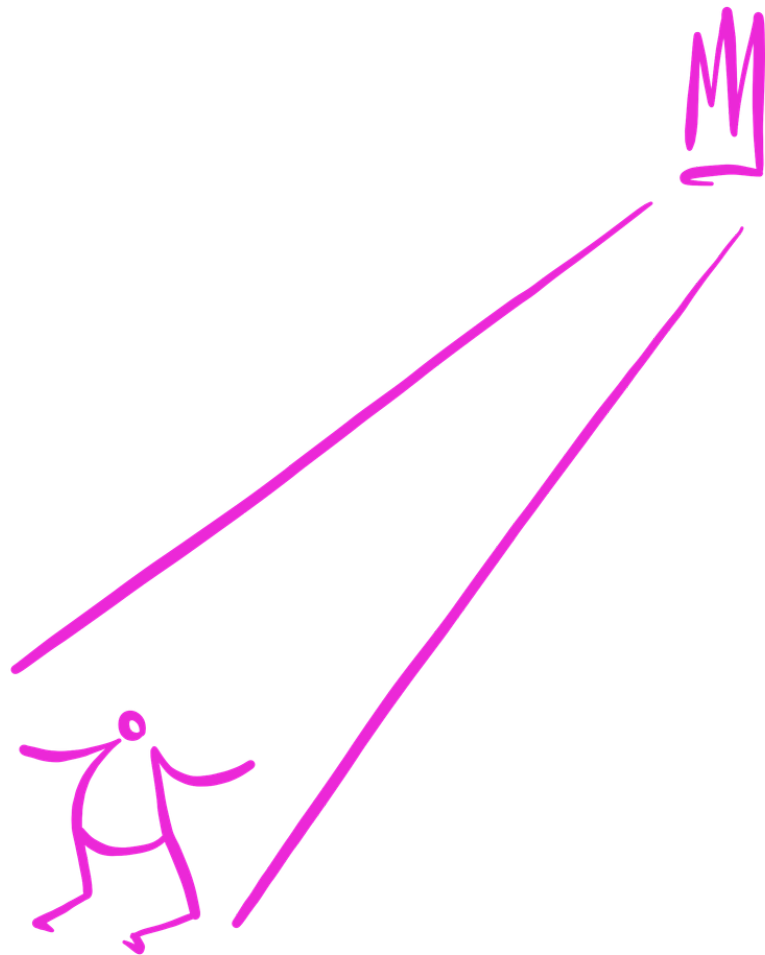
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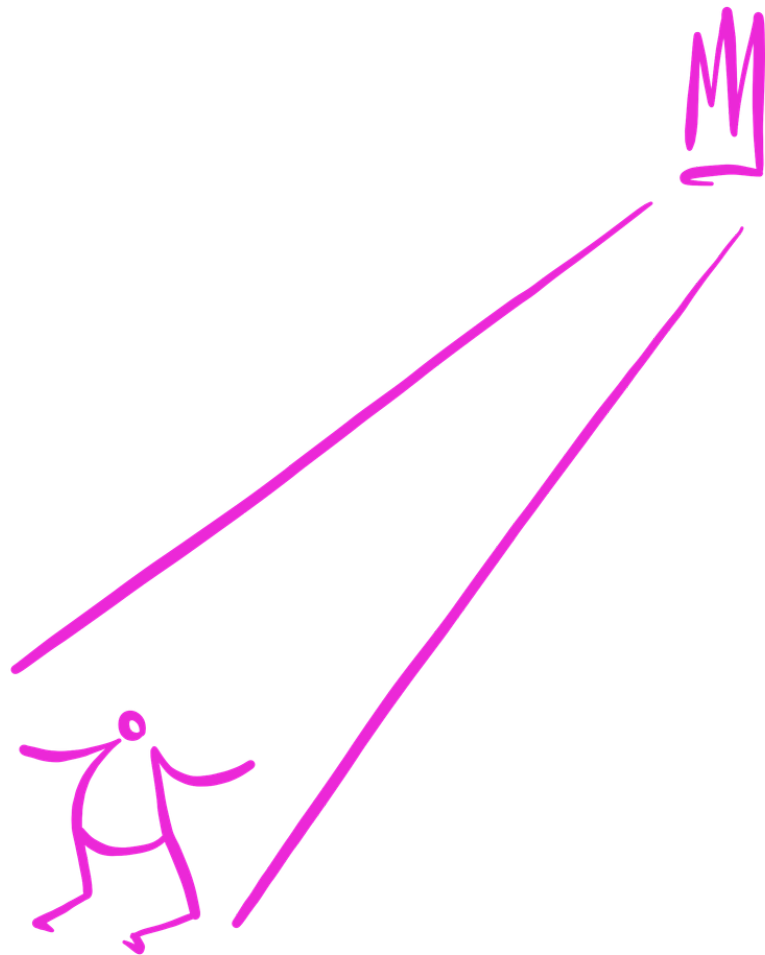
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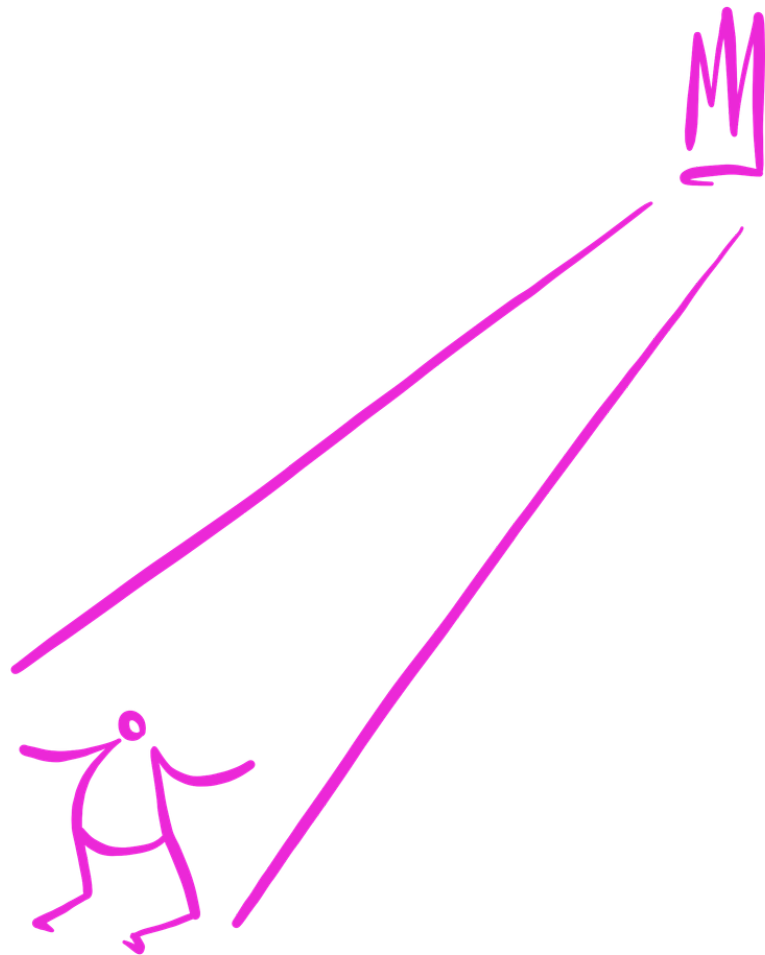
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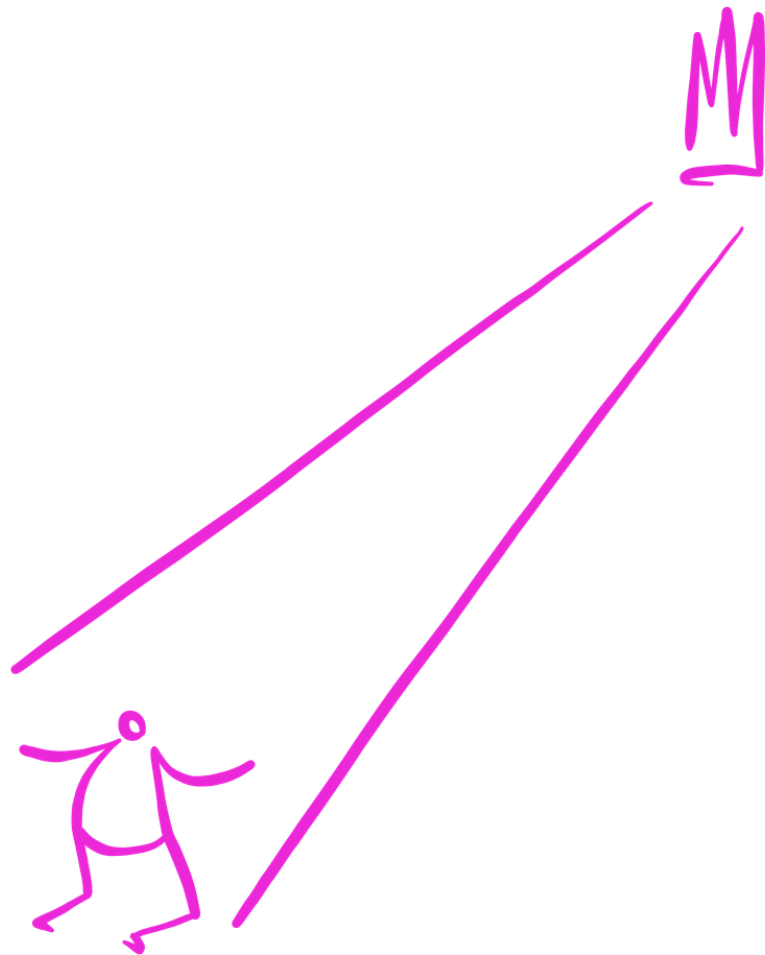
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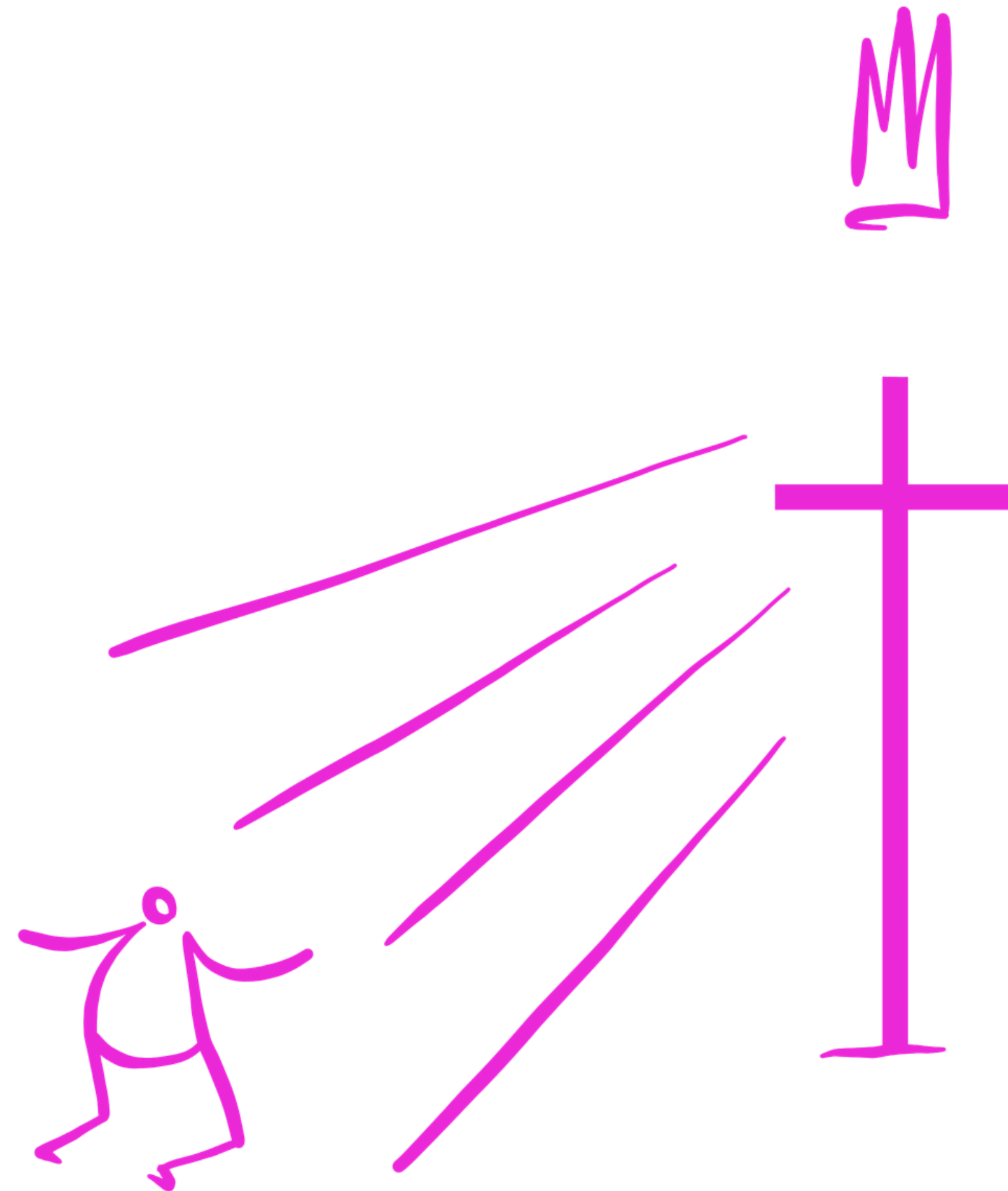
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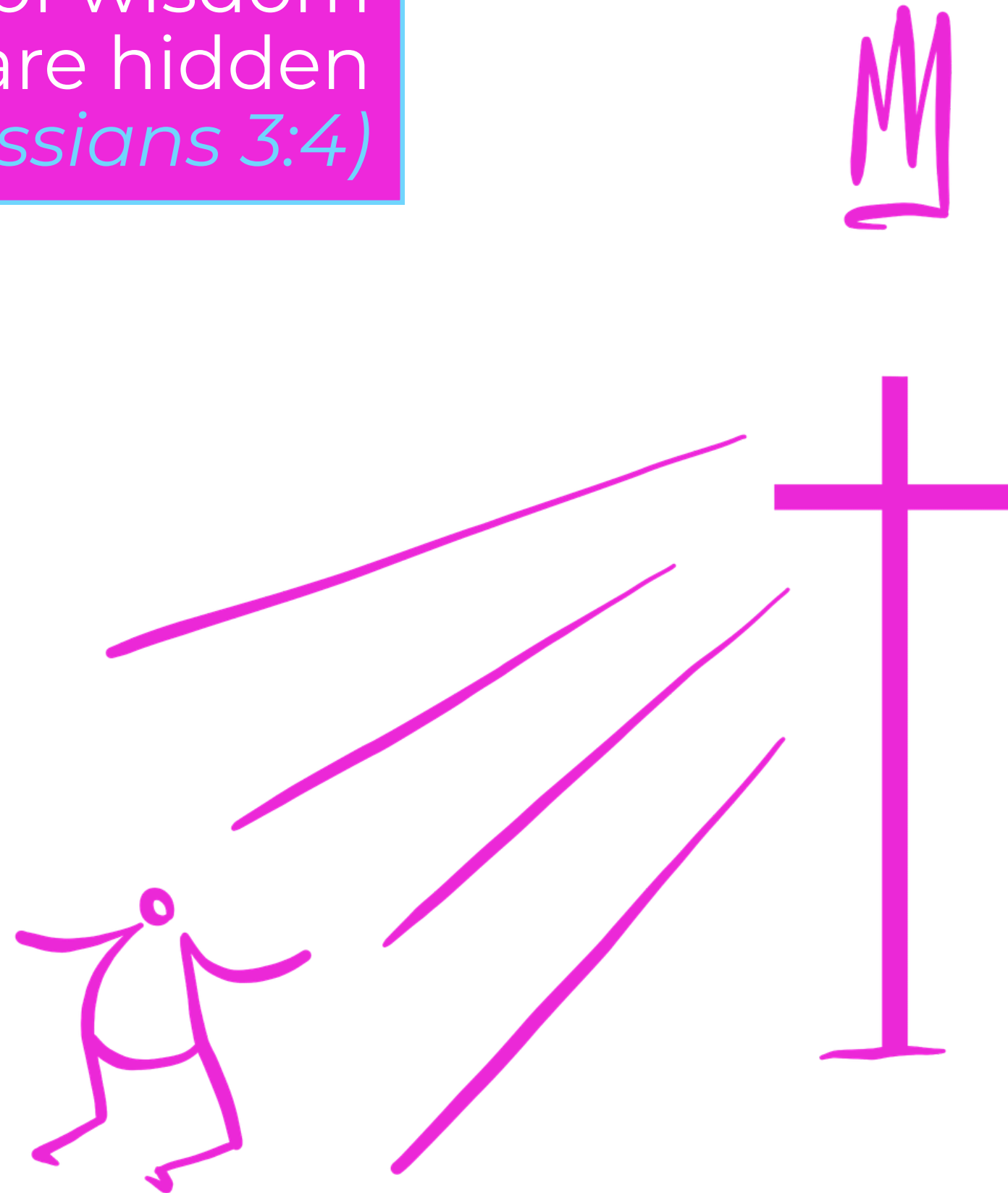
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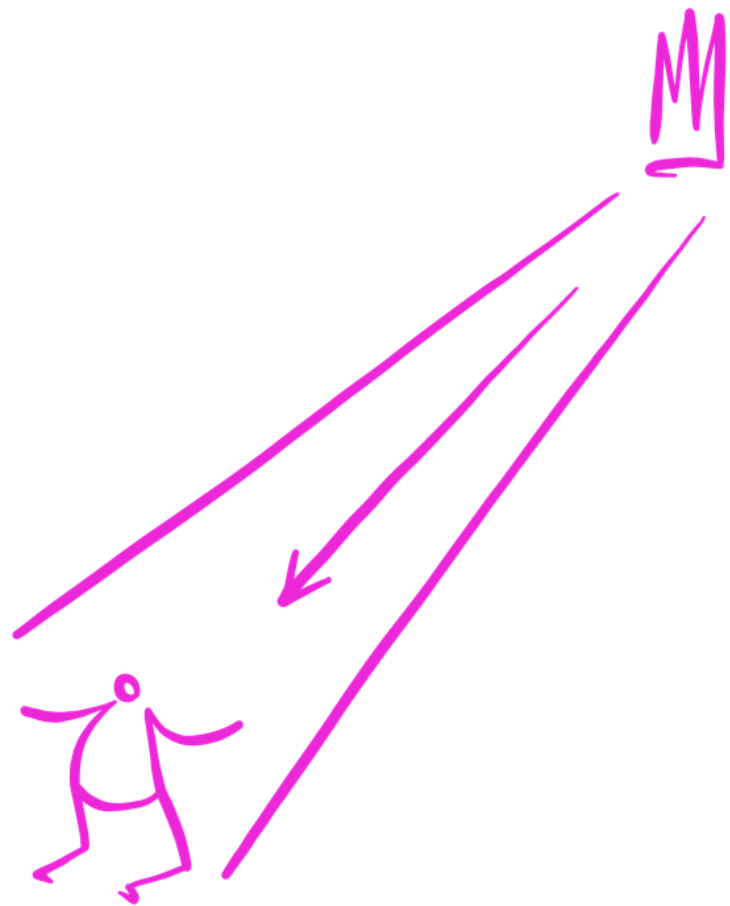
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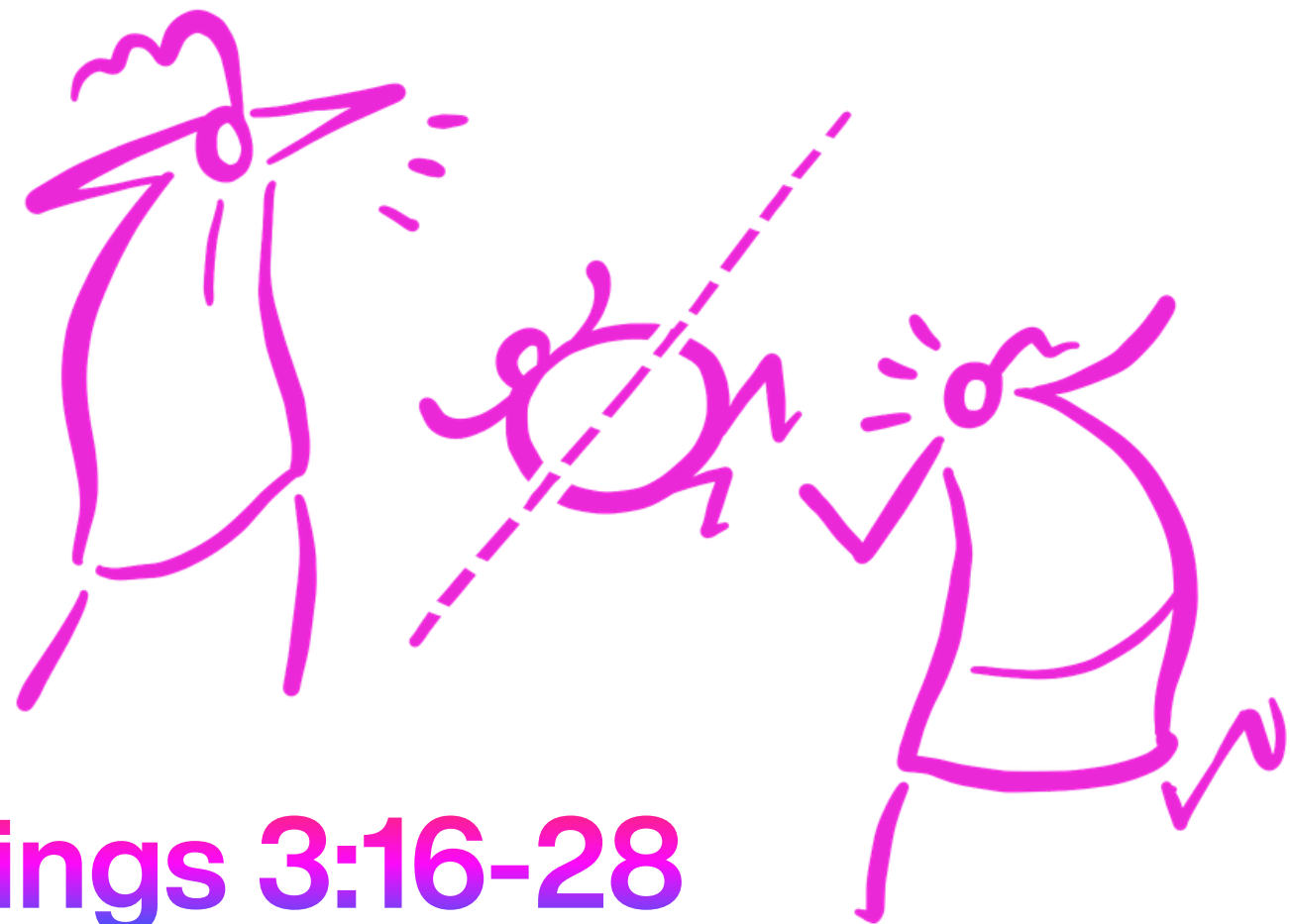
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1 Kings 3:10-12

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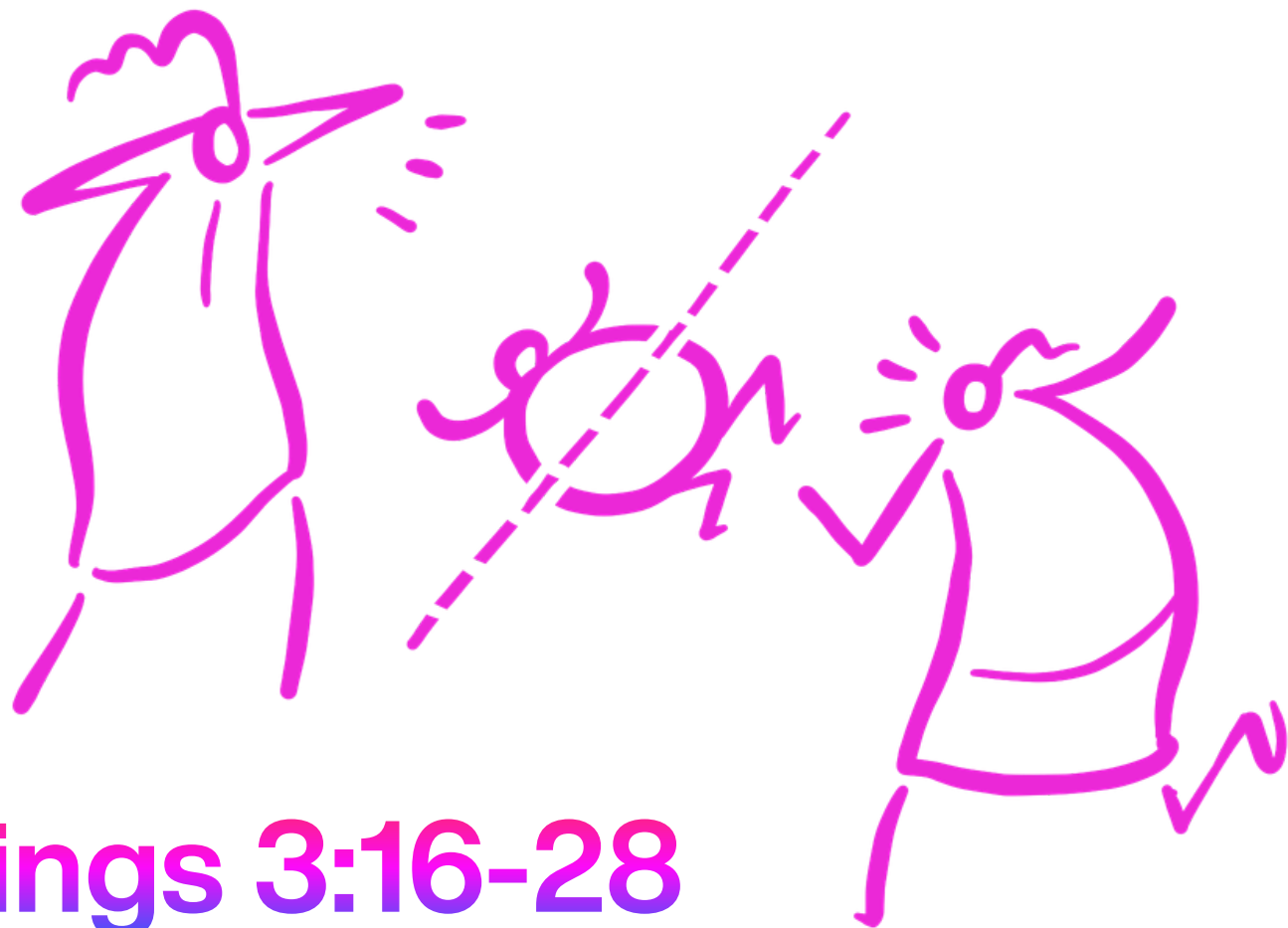


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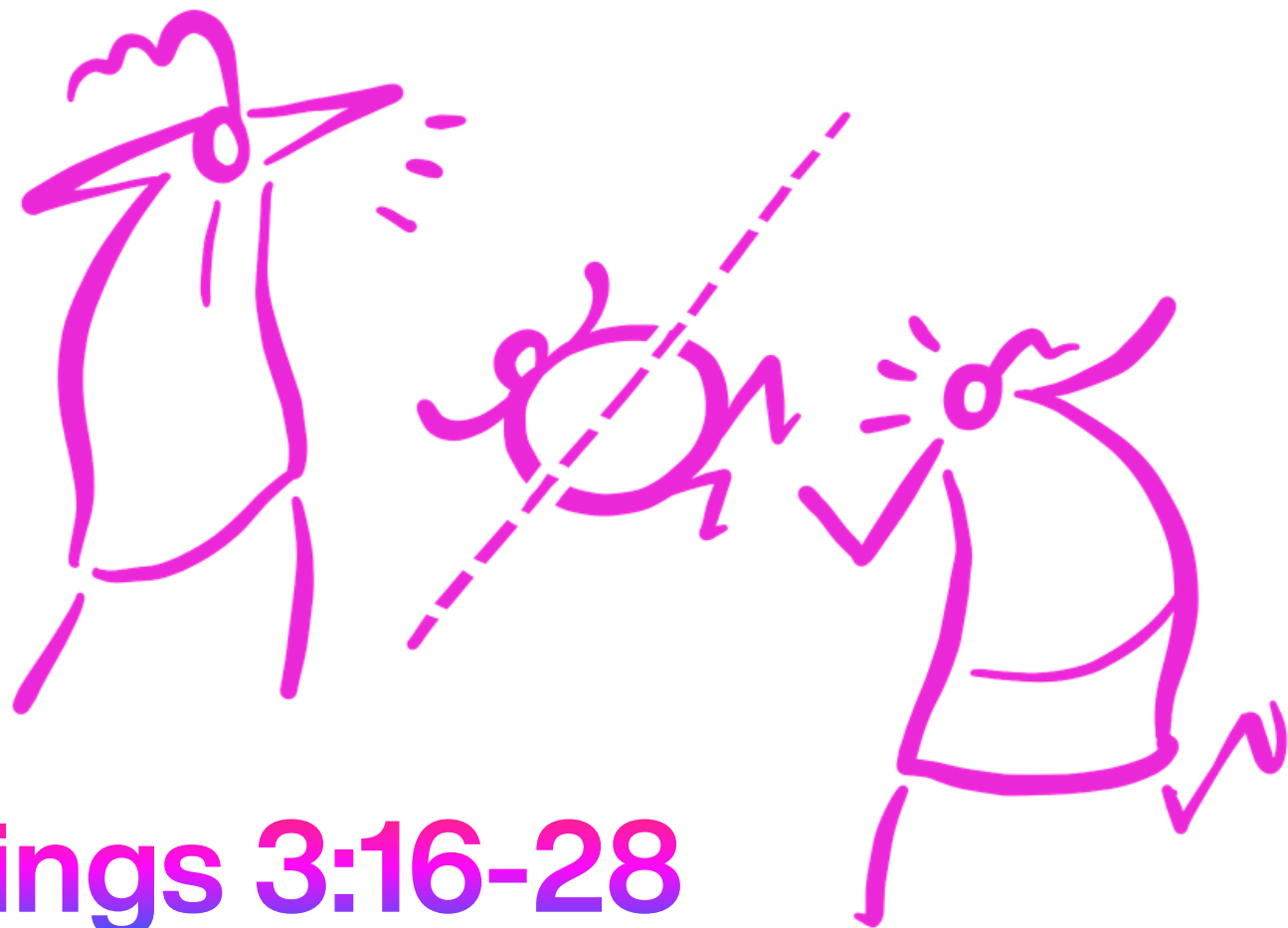
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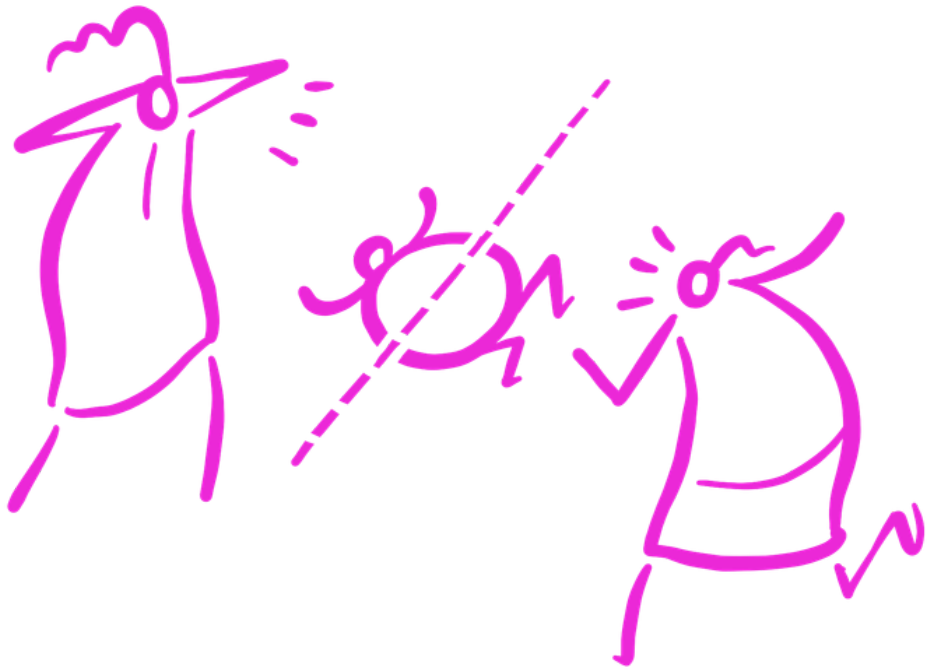


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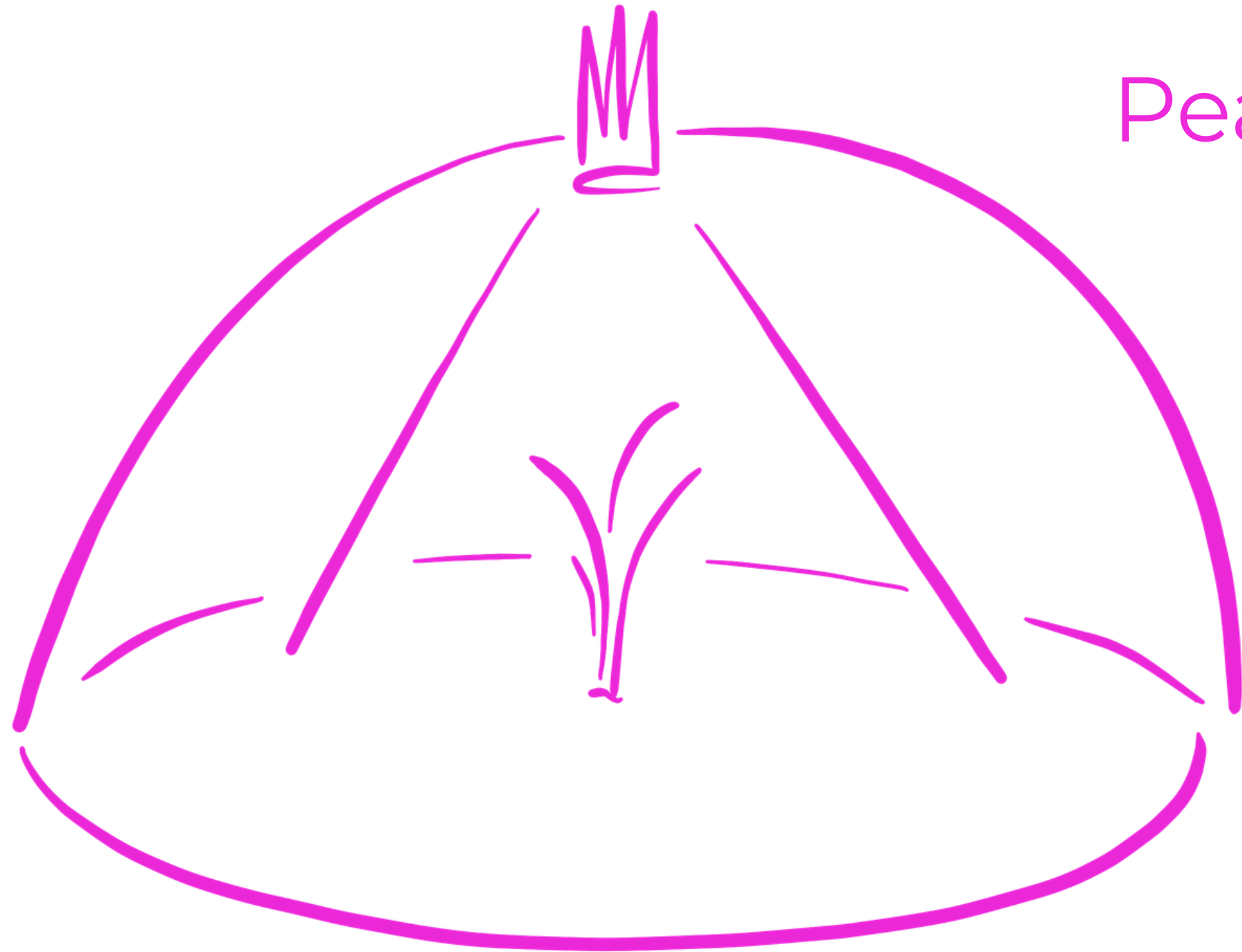
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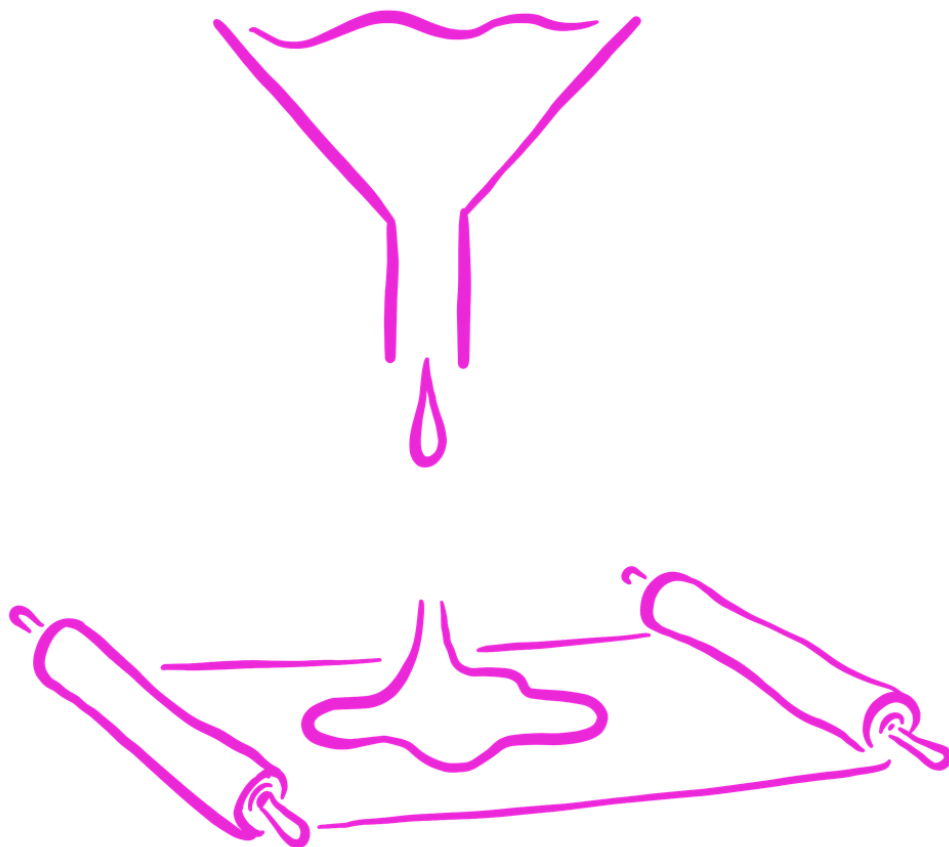
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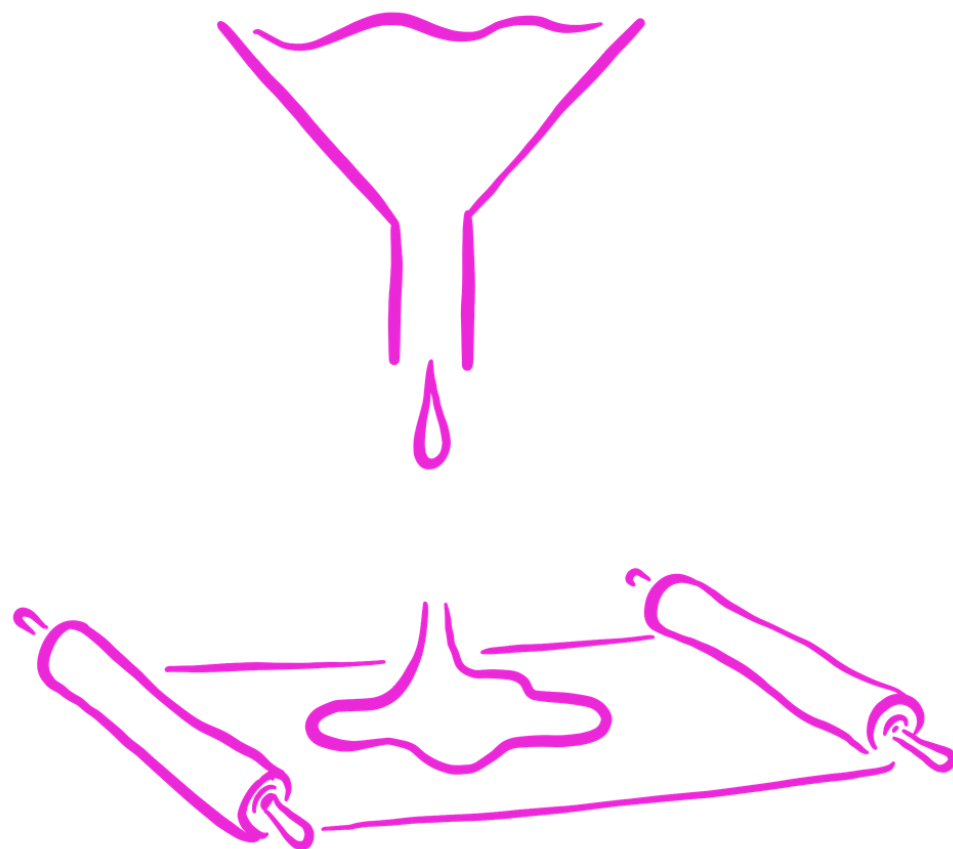
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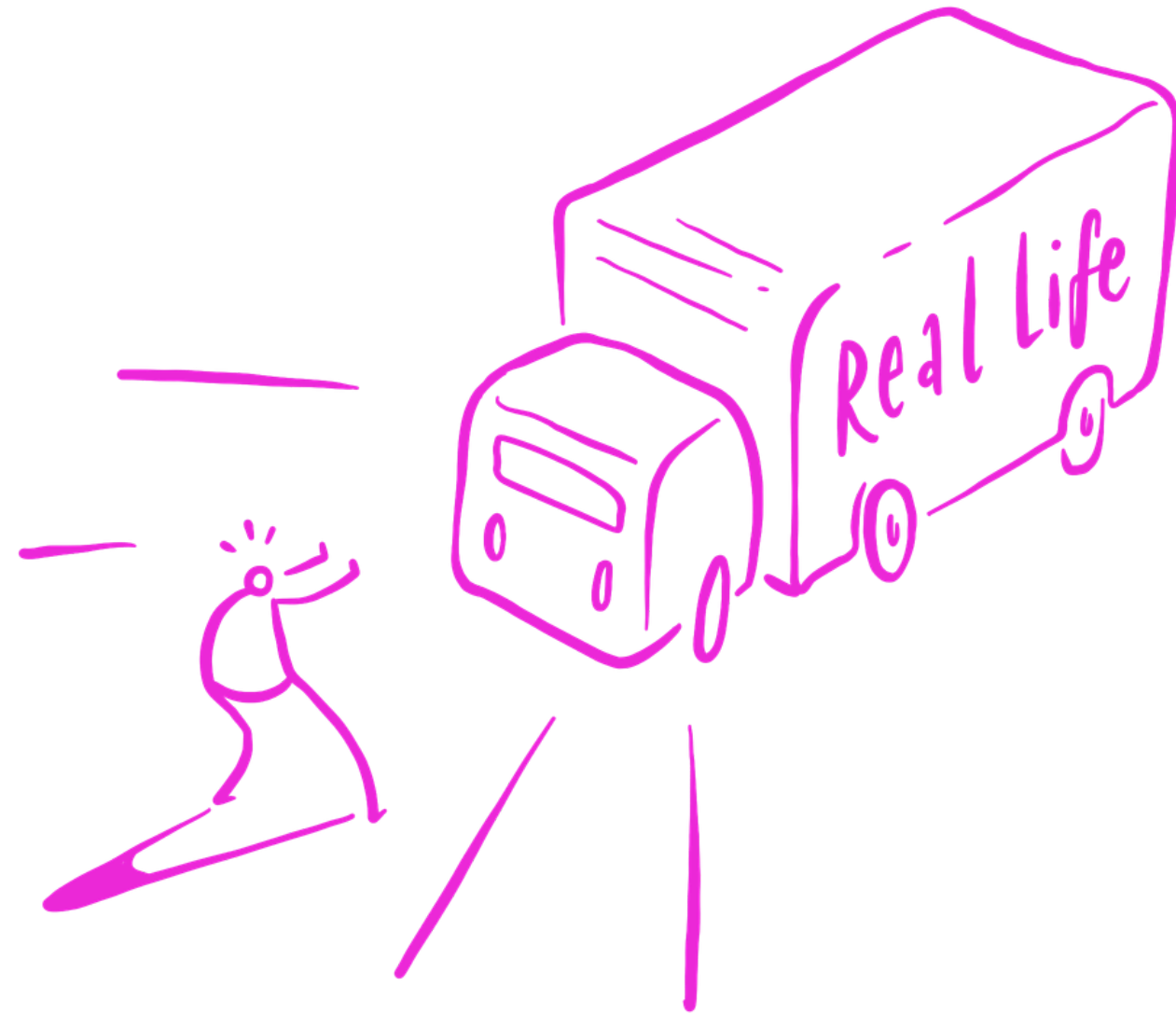


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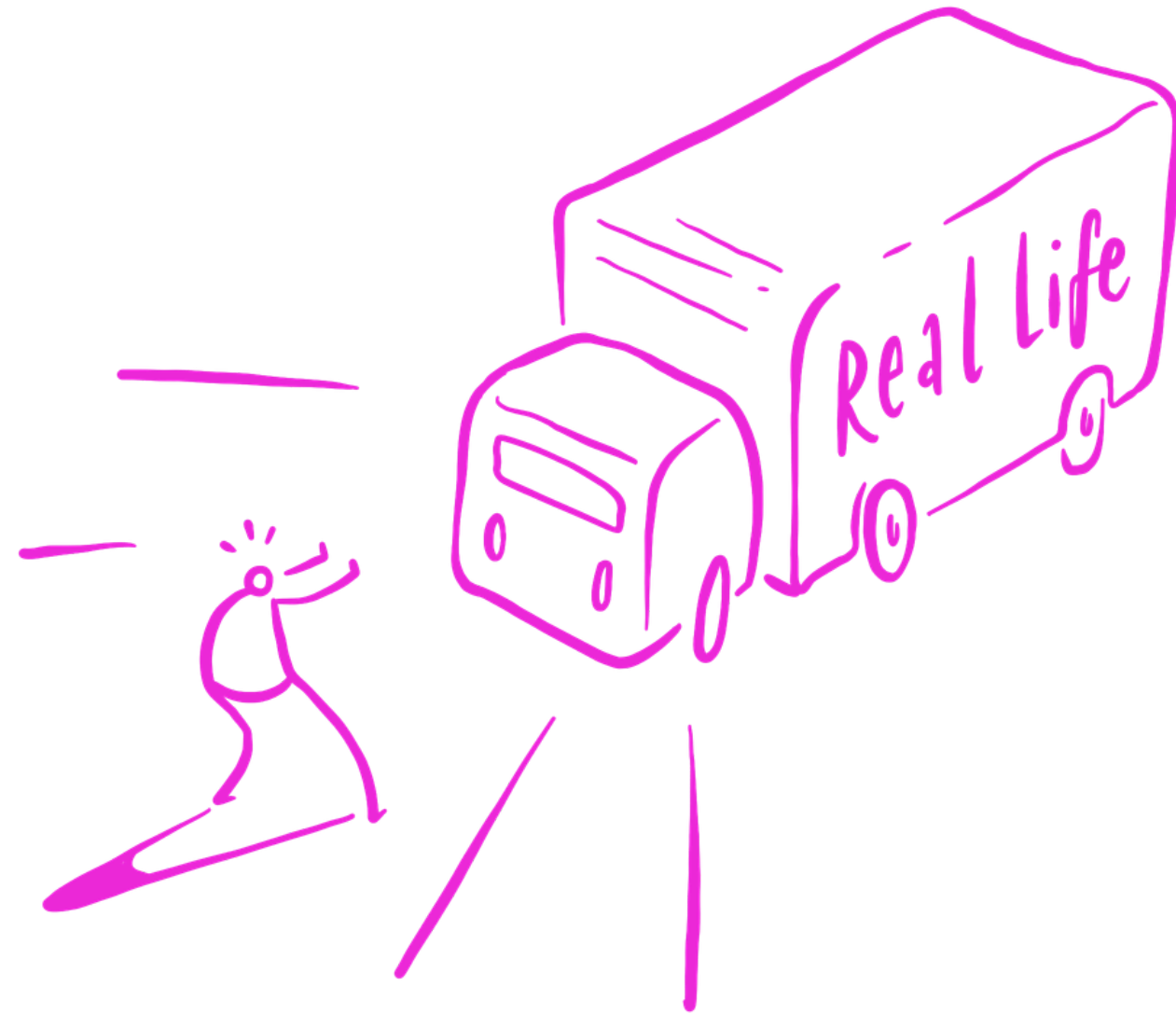
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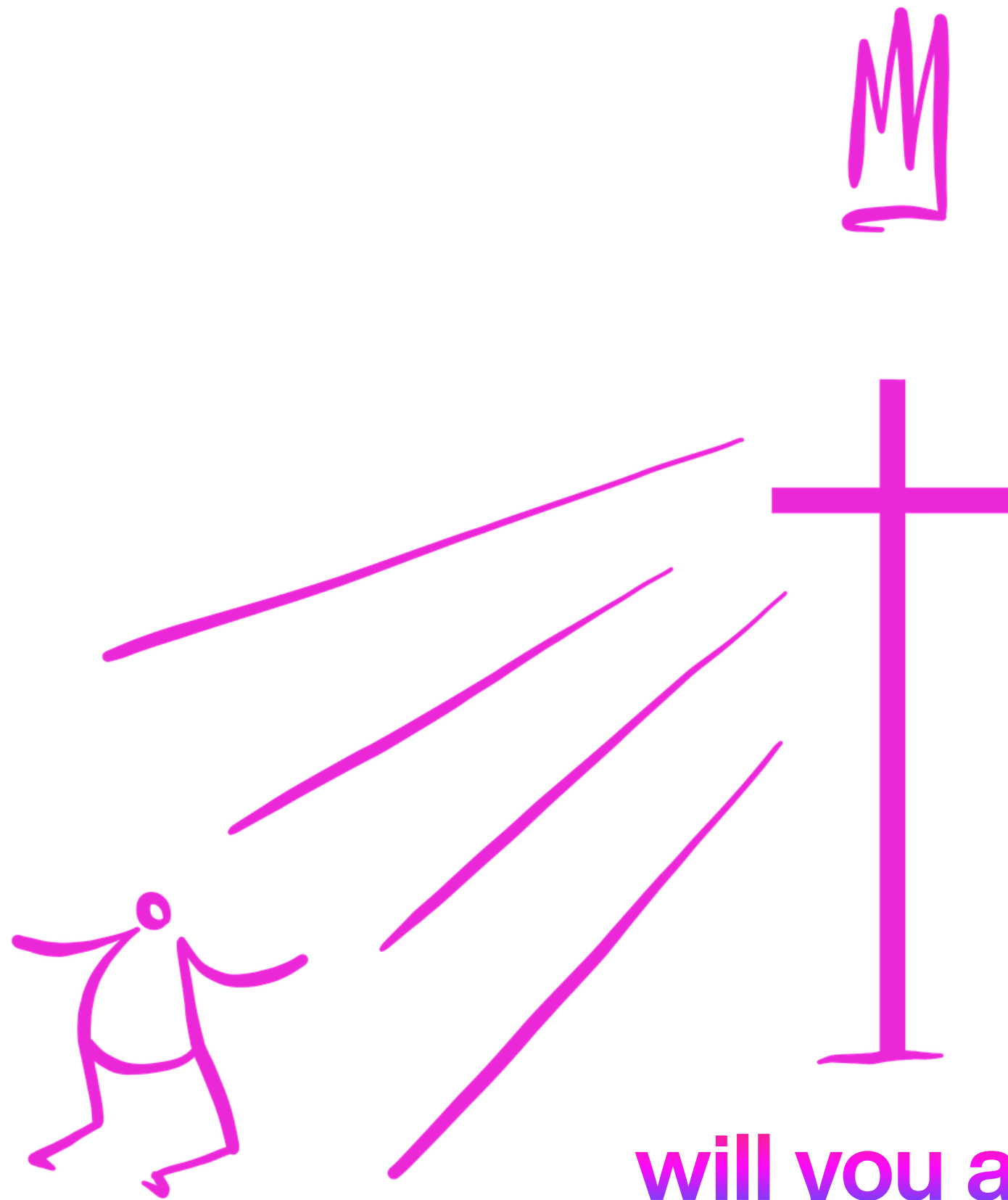


Instead of escaping



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