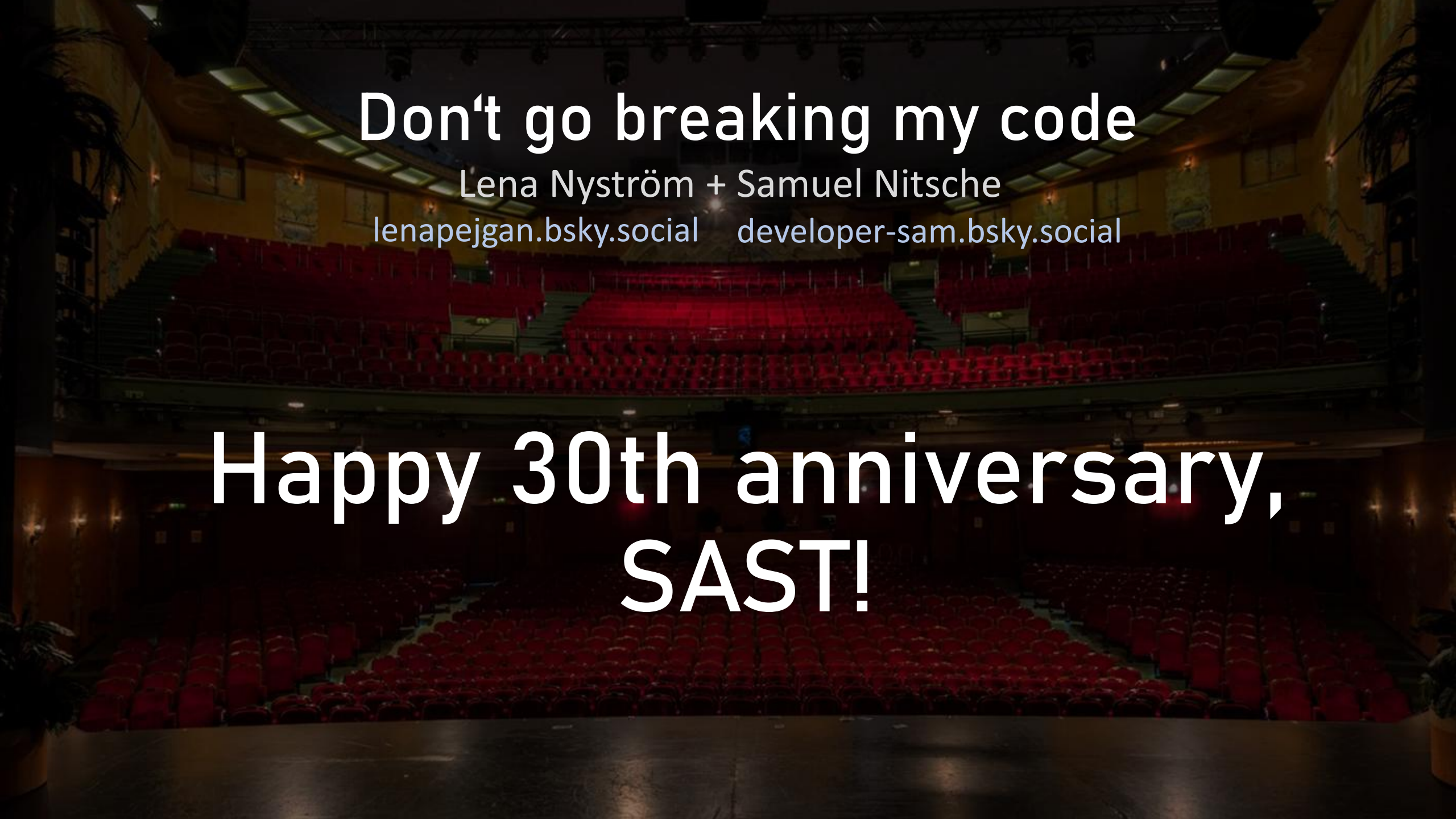


A wide-angle photograph of a large, empty theater. The seats are a deep red color and are arranged in a semi-circular pattern. The theater has a high ceiling with exposed lighting rigs and various stage lights. The walls are dark and feature some decorative elements. The overall atmosphere is quiet and grand.

Don't go breaking my code

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Happy 30th anniversary, SAST!

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Act 1

Builders and
Breakers

I will never get done

speed

fast delivery

problems in production

compilable code

assumption that it works

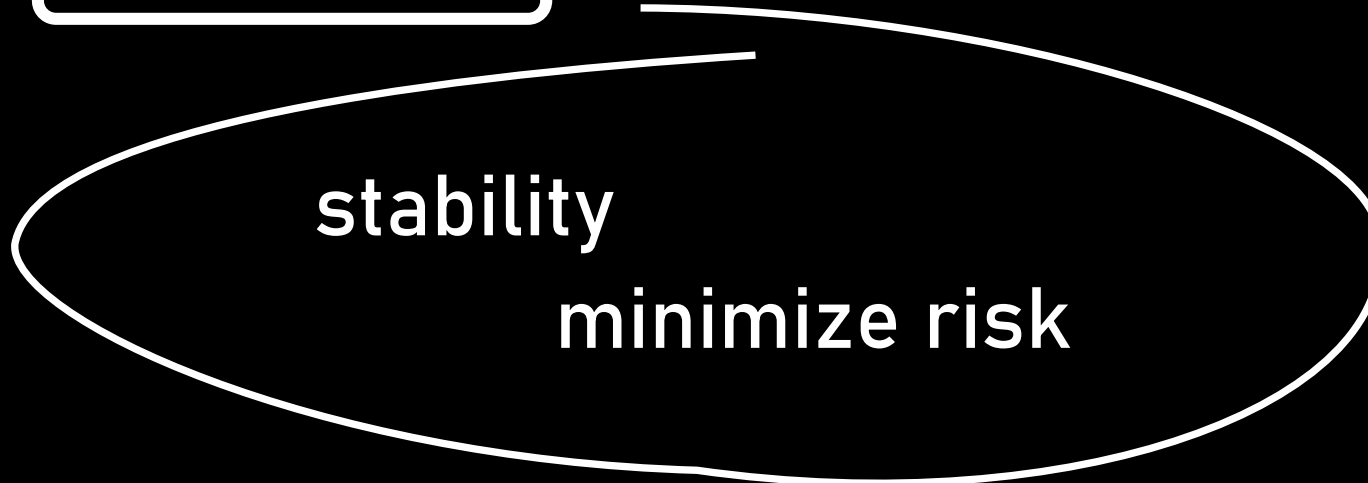
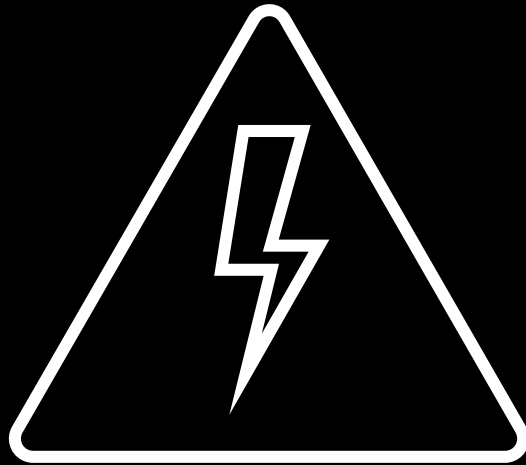
it works on my machine

minimize risk

stability



Developers



Testers



Developers

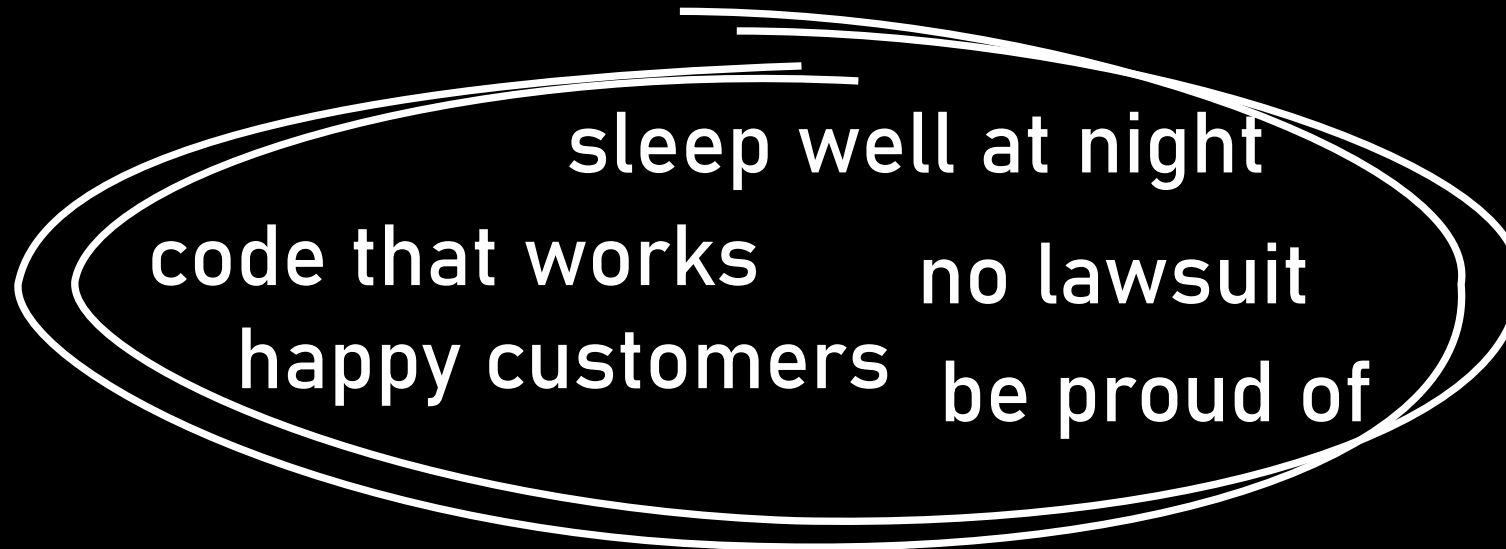
sleep well at night
code that works no lawsuit
happy customers be proud of



Testers

fast delivery
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When did you share
your goals last time?

Who owns it?



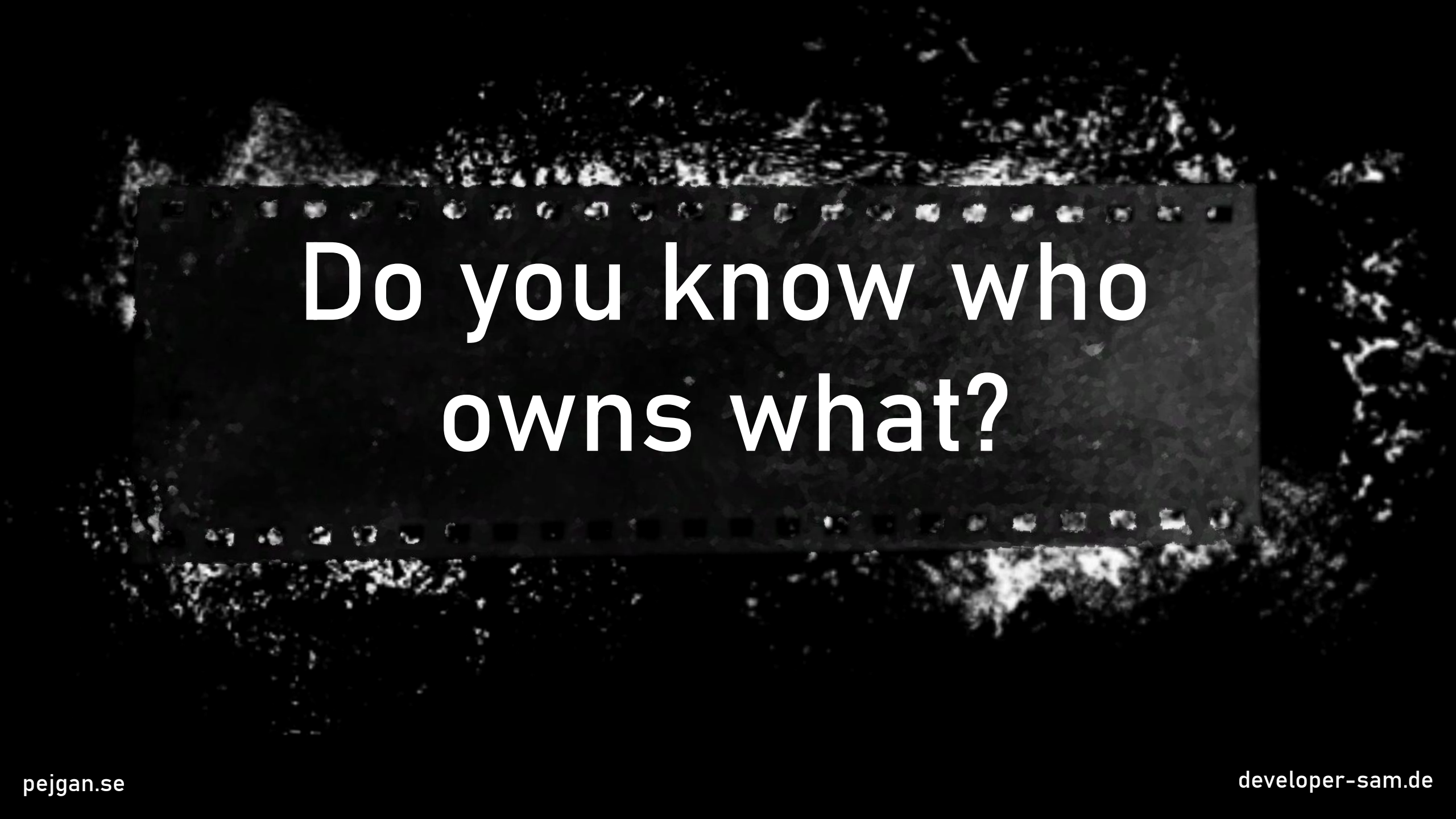
pipeline?
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UX?

tooling?
architecture?
language?



„Code“

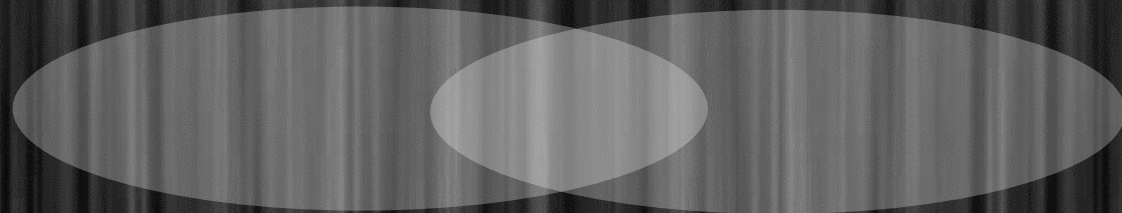
„Quality“



Do you know who
owns what?

Act 2

Focus and
Interruption



Building new things

- Exploring the unknown
- Feels exciting

Do:

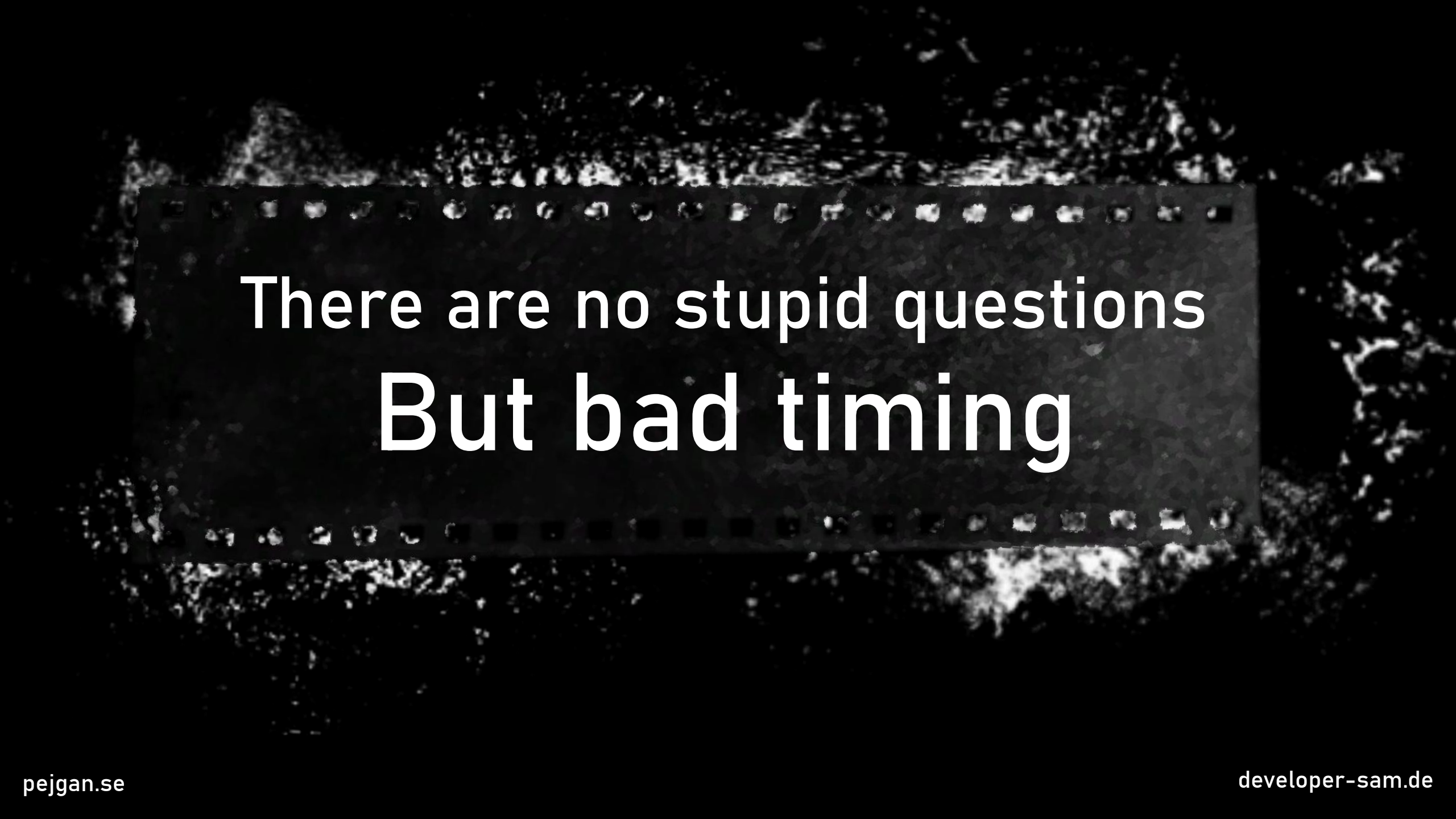
- Avoid poking at details
- Use "Yes, and"

Fixing bugs, Refactoring

- Avoid breaking things
- Need for safety

Do:

- Be a safety net
- Help spot problems



There are no stupid questions
But bad timing

Pomodoro-Method

- Time: 25 + 5 minutes
- Short bursts of focus without interruptions

Lena will leave you alone when you are focusing

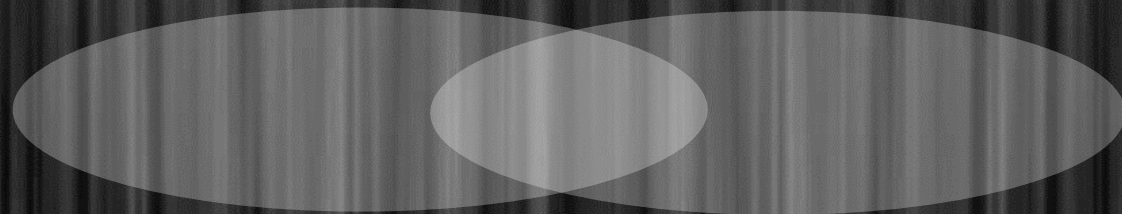
Battle-Beast-Method

- Time: vary, 45-90 minutes
- Allows time to get in flow

Lena might still leave you alone if the music is loud enough

Act 3

Collaboration and
Boundaries



Low expertise

- Everything feels important
- Can't unpack abstractions

Do:

- Ask for clarification
- Admit you don't follow

High expertise

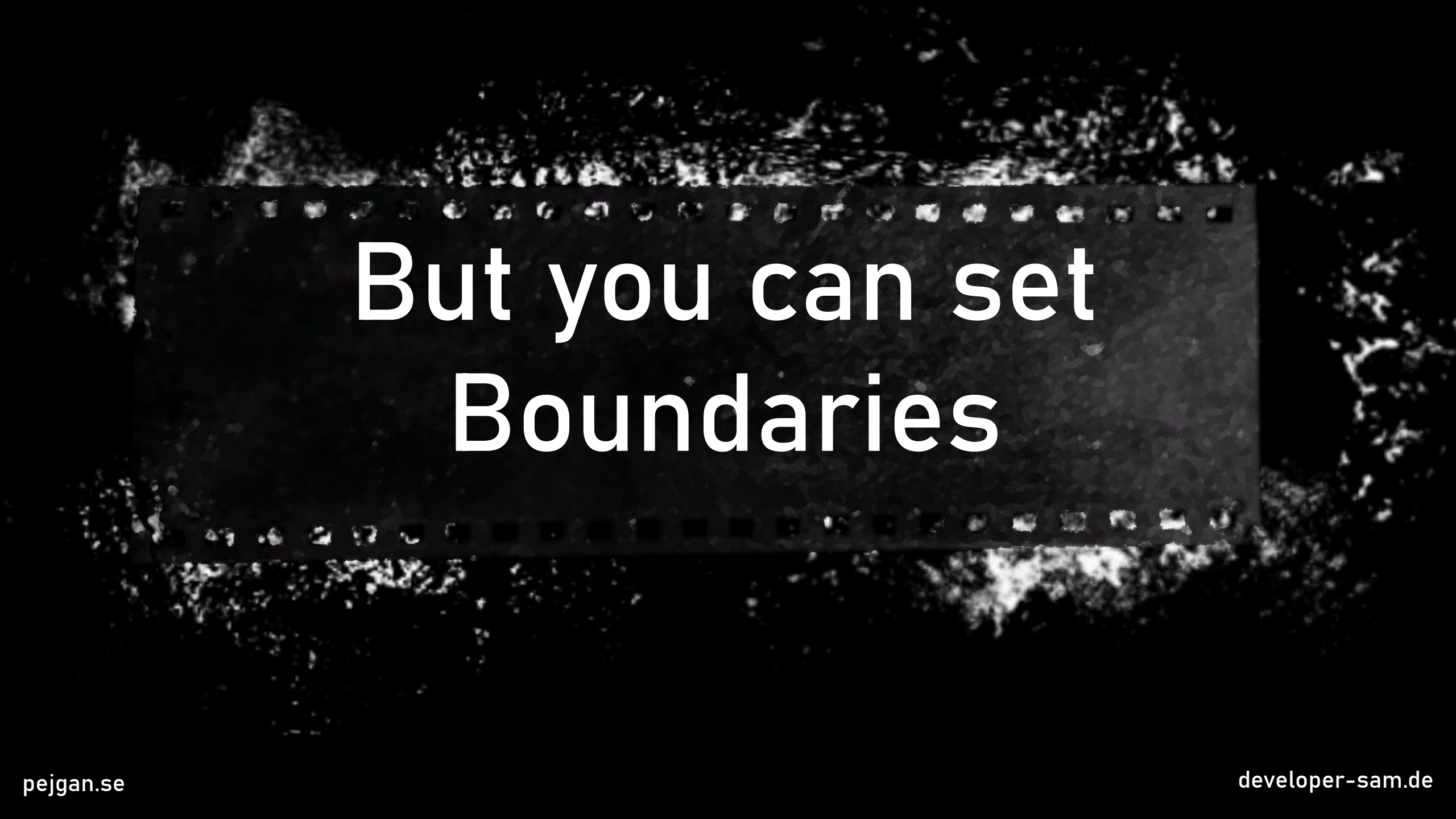
- Forgets to teach "basics"
- Unaware of how much goes into decisions

Do:

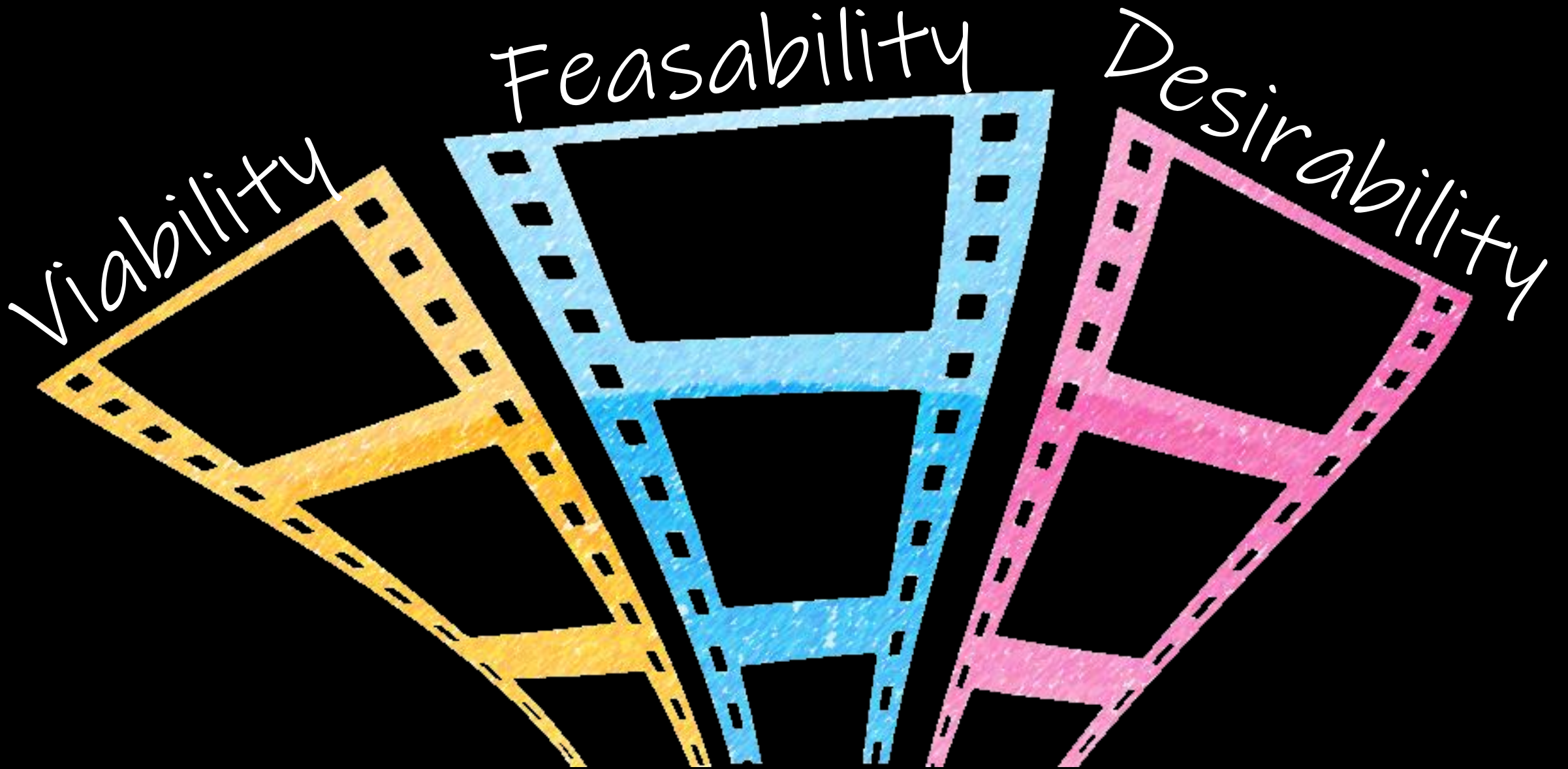
- Be explicit
- Check in regularly



You can't change
other people



But you can set
Boundaries



The image features a dark, grainy background with a film strip running horizontally across the middle. The film strip has sprocket holes visible on both the top and bottom edges. A dark rectangular frame is superimposed over the center of the film strip, containing the text in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**We can never build a
complete picture with
only one perspective**



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