# Retrospectives Antipatterns -Team Meetings That Don't Suck

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## What is a retrospective?

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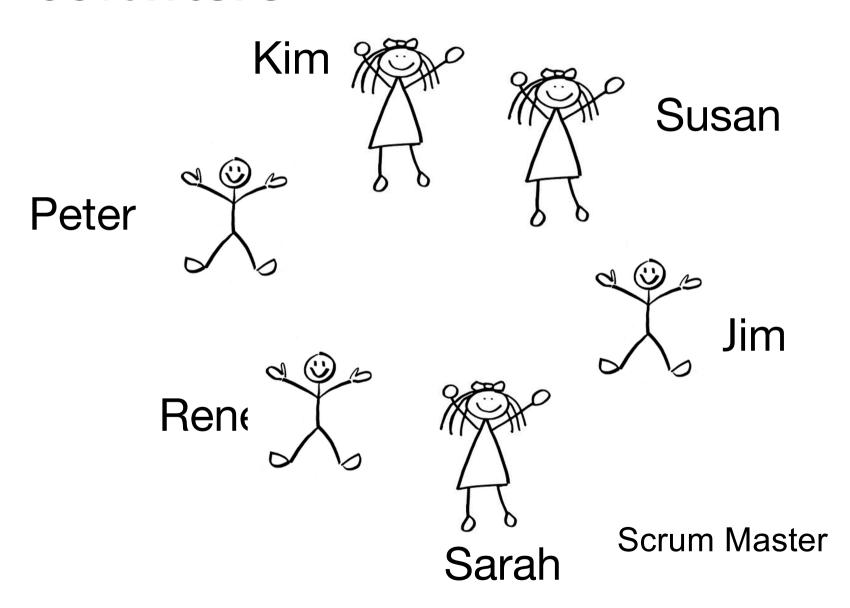
**Understand** 

**Appreciate** 

Learn

To understand everything is to forgive everything

# Titanic A/S – reliable navigation softwære



"Peter is not doing what he should"

"We are all so busy!"

"Peter has to pull himself together"

"Peter is not doing what he should"

"We are all so busy!"

"Peter has to pull himself together"

Peter leaves the room

### **Prime Directive**

Regardless of what we discover, we must understand and truly believe that everyone did the best job he or she could, given what was known at the time, his or her skills and abilities, the resources available, and the situation at hand.



### **Prime Directive Ignorance**

#### **Refactored Solution**

### **Bring the Prime Directive**

- on a whiteboard
- in an email
- just say it in your own words
- remind those that need it...

## Prime directive IGNORANCE



"Oh, is the retrospective now?"

"Where is the link again?"

Small talk between some of the people in the same room

"Did we get a password?"

### **Disregard of Preparation**

#### **Refactored Solution**

Send an email the day before

Send an email 15 minutes before

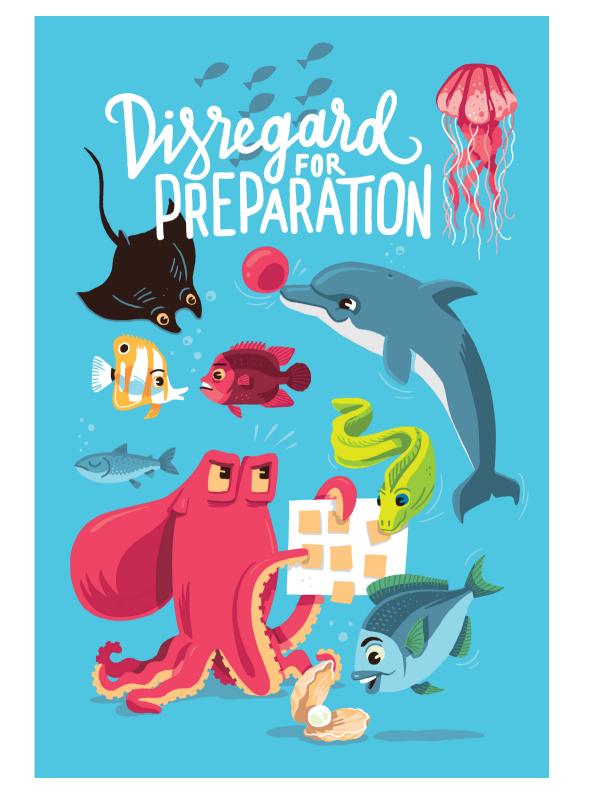
Insist on video for all

Make sure everyone is equal

Use an avatar if needed

Prepare a strict agenda, and an alternative

Don't record it....



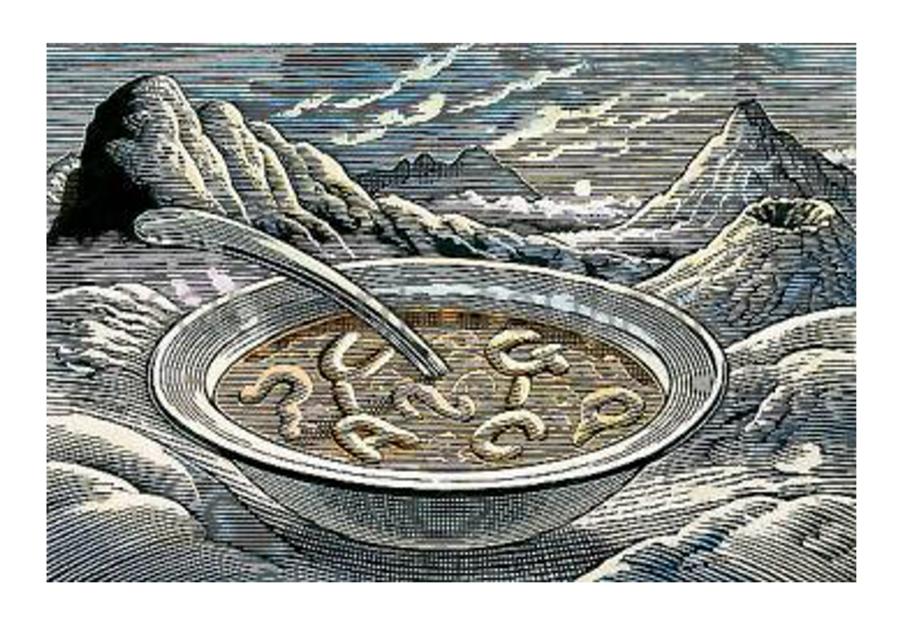
"The boss will never allow it..."

"We always discuss the testing framework..."

"Why can the retrospectives not help us..."

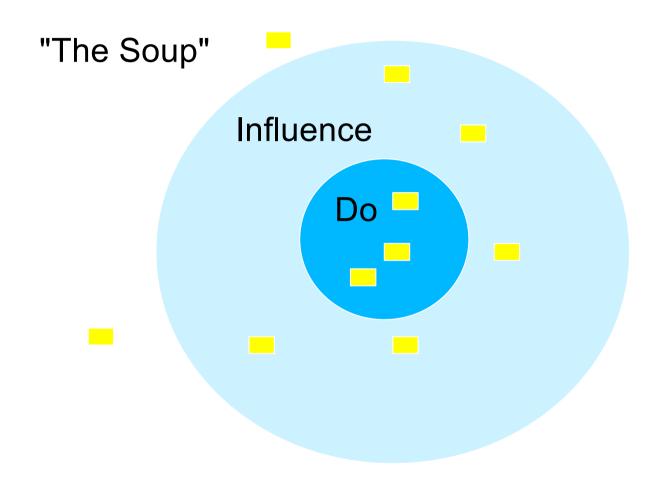
"We never get anything changed..."

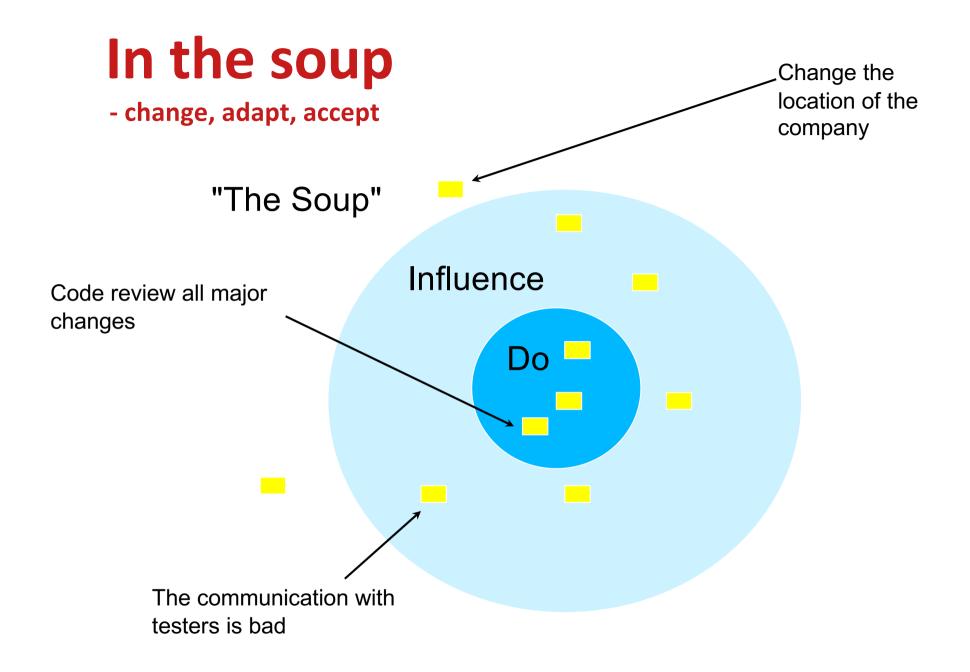
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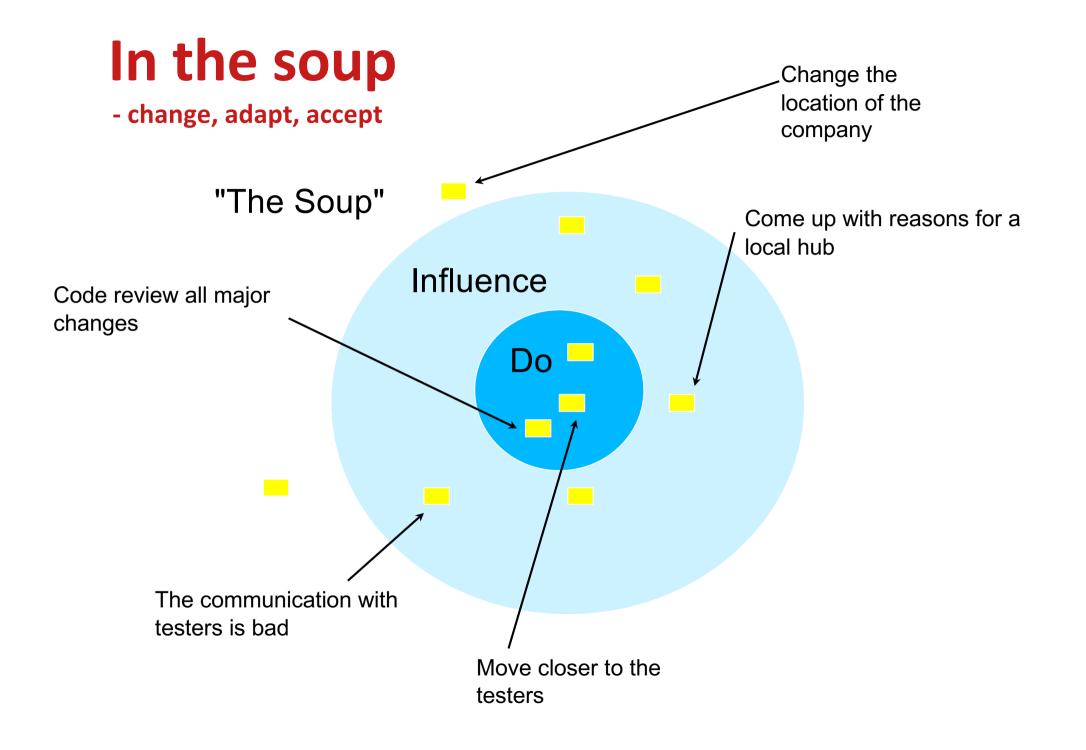


## In the soup

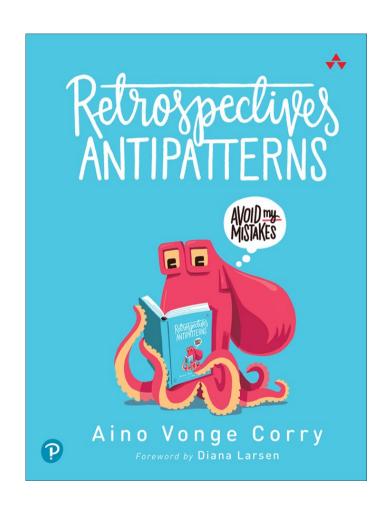
**Refactored Solution** 











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