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Risky and resilient?

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Turning everyday insights into accelerated impact

EXPERIENCE

UX Researcher, Macrosoft

JANUARY 2019 - PRESENT

- Identified new critical user journeys for PolyProduct through reviews of internal and external research
- Established the criteria and protocols for a new PolyProduct evaluation using usability studies, remote studies, and café studies
- Developed empathy-building exercises for stakeholders leading ethnographic in-home visits for foundational PolyProduct research
- Evaluated new metrics for PolyProduct enterprise platforms

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of California, West Covina

SEPTEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2018

- Directed a ten-minute ethnographic film on one family's relationships with birds and death in Buenos Aires
- Finished the book manuscript for Pigeon Hunters (Puffin 2019) and wrote an invited article on Argentinian bird watchers

Postdoctoral Researcher, Universidad Nacional de Argentina

SEPTEMBER 2016 - AUGUST 2018

- Taught research methods, published an article on financial birders in Argentina, and wrote a prize-winning essay on why Argentinian birders refuse to use binoculars

Graduate Scholar, Sanford University

SEPTEMBER 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2016

- Defended a dissertation based on 24 months of ethnographic fieldwork into how rising Argentinian bird conservators deal with the practical and psychological challenges of climate change

EDUCATION

Sanford University, Palo Alto, CA
Ph.D. in Sociocultural Anthropology
SEPTEMBER 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2016

Thomas Jefferson College, Washington, DC
B.A. in Latin American Studies
SEPTEMBER 2005 - MAY 2009

SKILLS

Ethnography
In-home studies
International research
Research design
Proposal writing
Public speaking
Video editing
Usability testing
Intercept studies
Surveys
Literature reviews

PUBLICATIONS

Pigeon Hunters: An Ethnography (Puffin 2019)
"The Disappearing Parrots" (2018)
"Avian Violence" (2018)
"Birding in Uncertain Times" (2017)
"Fair-feathered Friends" (2017)

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Spanish (fluent)
Portuguese (conversational)

CONTACT

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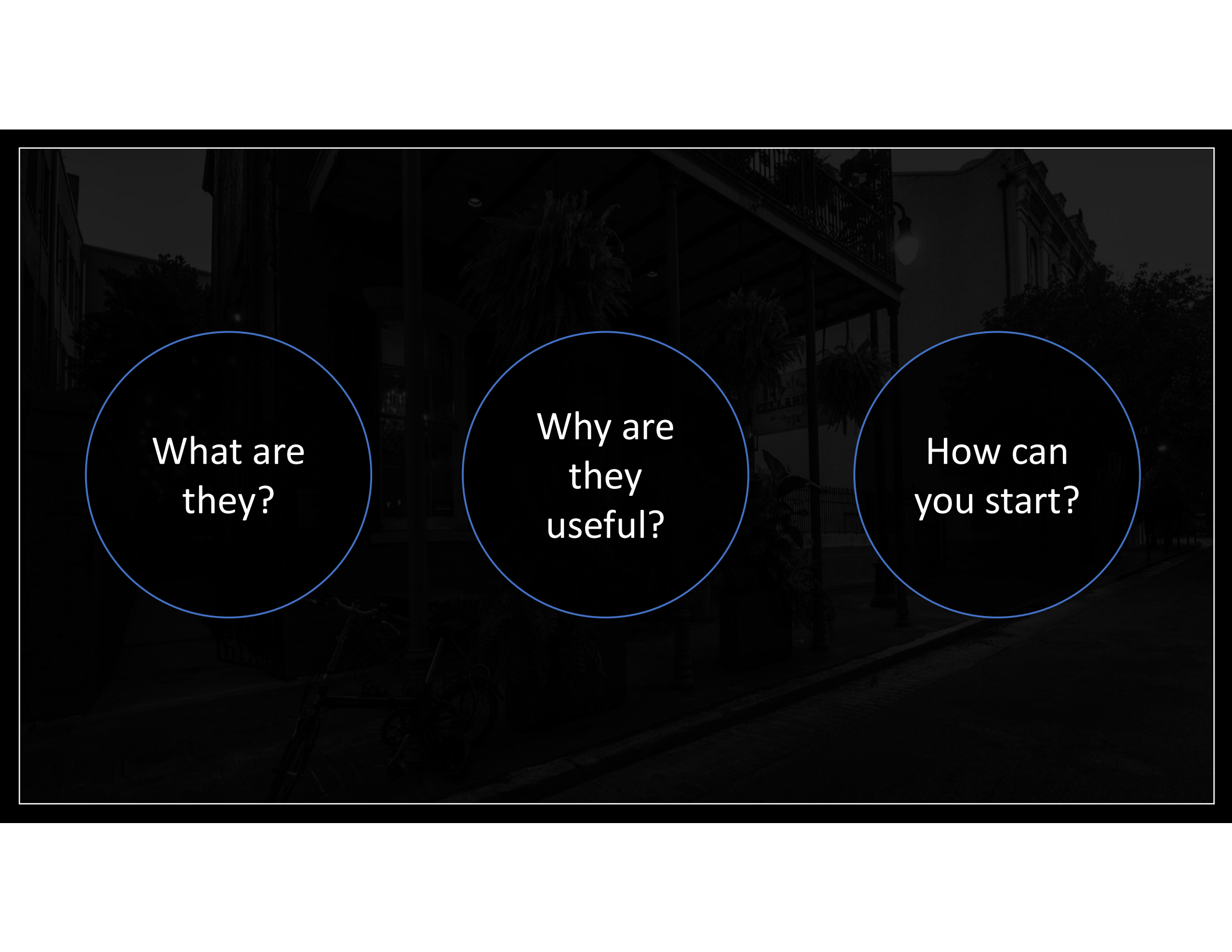
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What are
they?

Why are
they
useful?

How can
you start?

- Identify people who interest you
(websites, LinkedIn, etc.)
- *Briefly* ask for a meeting
- Show up, ask questions
- Don't ask for a job!
- Wrap up and say thank you
- Keep in touch

How can
you start?

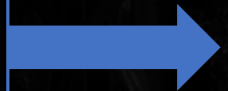
John,

My name is Chris Caterine, and I'm currently seeking a new career after ten years in academia. Your history caught my eye while I was scanning LinkedIn, and I'd love to learn more about how you got where you are today. If you're open to meeting for coffee, please let me know your availability and I can set up a meeting.

Thanks, Chris.

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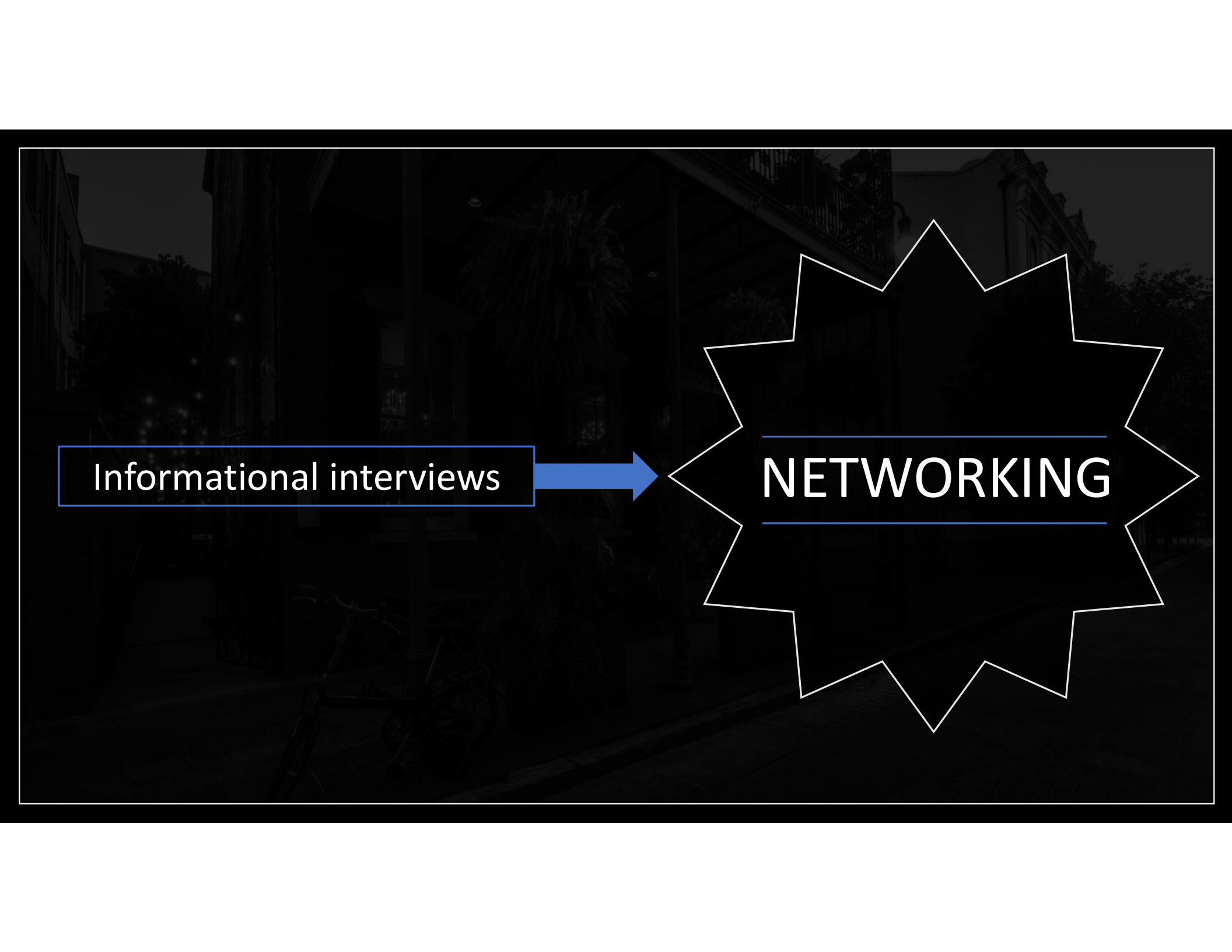


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Person A
(YOU!)

Person B

Person C



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