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## PLAYING THE GAME OF THRONES: ENSURING THE CISO'S ROLE AT THE KING'S TABLE

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# WHY ARE WE HERE?



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# BECAUSE WE DON'T OWN A PAIR OF THESE


rose-tinted security:  
budget love

# IN THE GAME OF THRONES...



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# A QUESTION OF DEFINITION



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# WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Head of Identification  
IT Security  
Business Continuity  
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# REFERENCE POINTS



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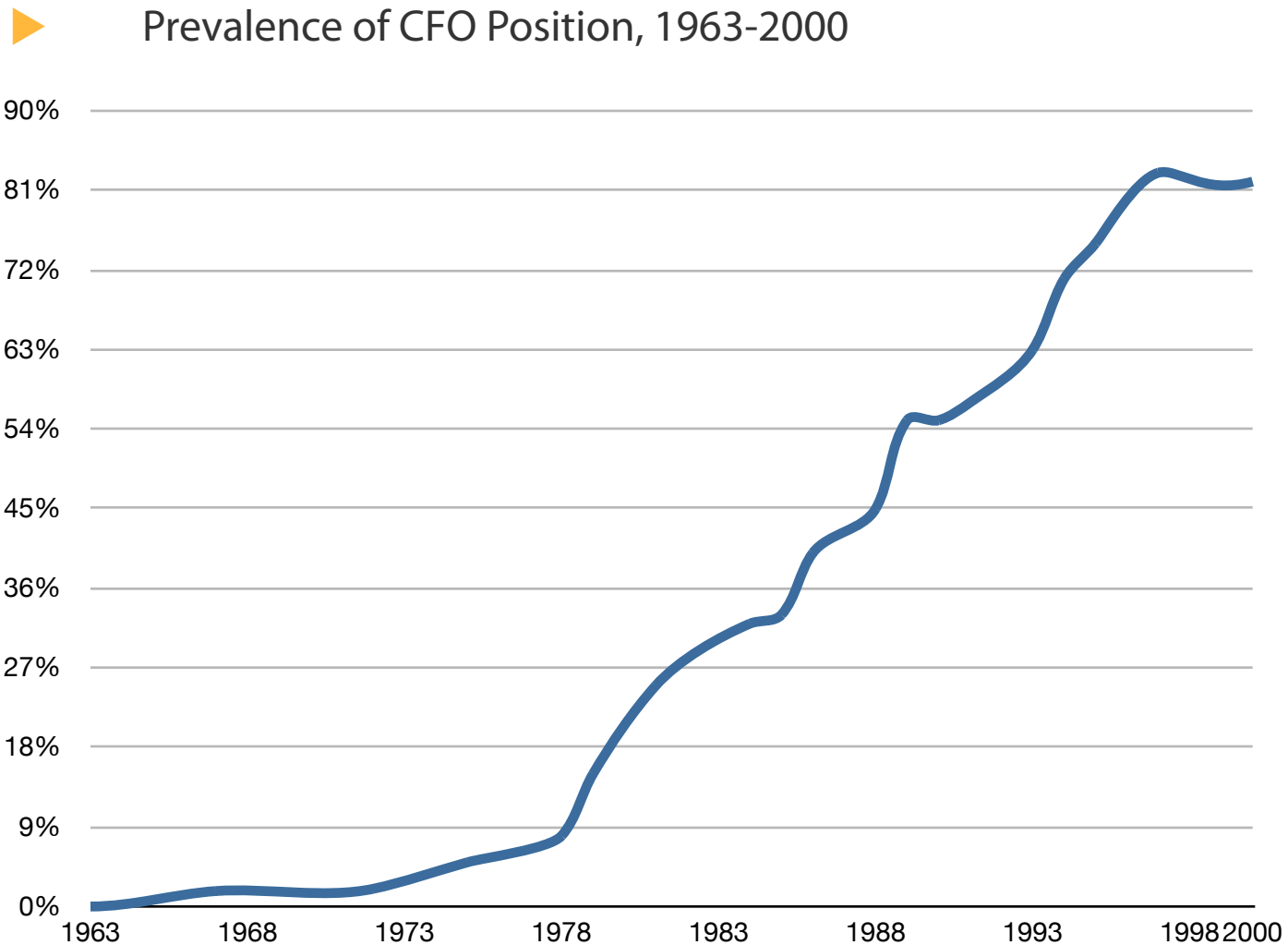
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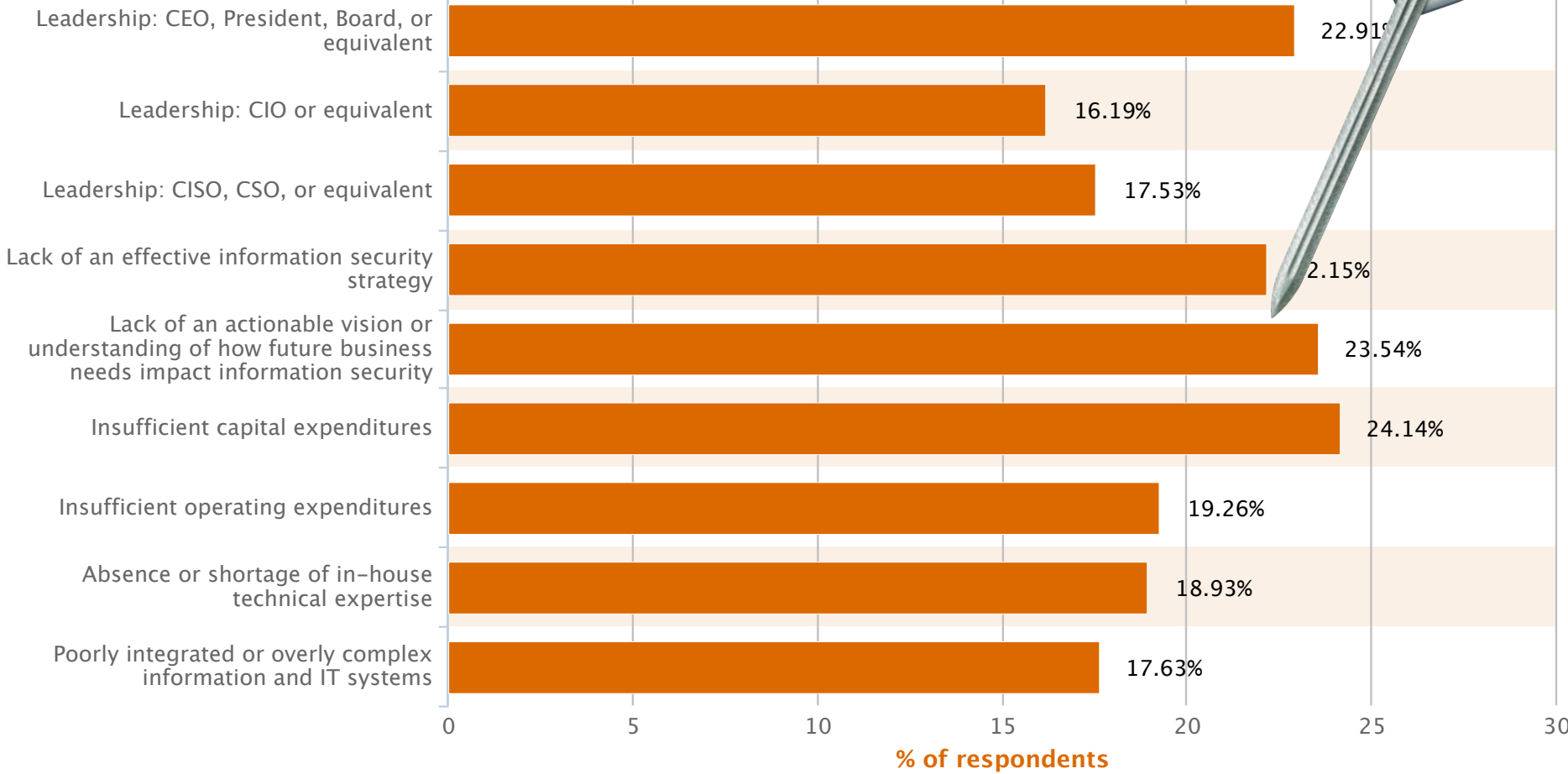


# THE RISE OF THE CFO



▶ Source (Princeton University, ii)

# THE RISE OF THE CISO?



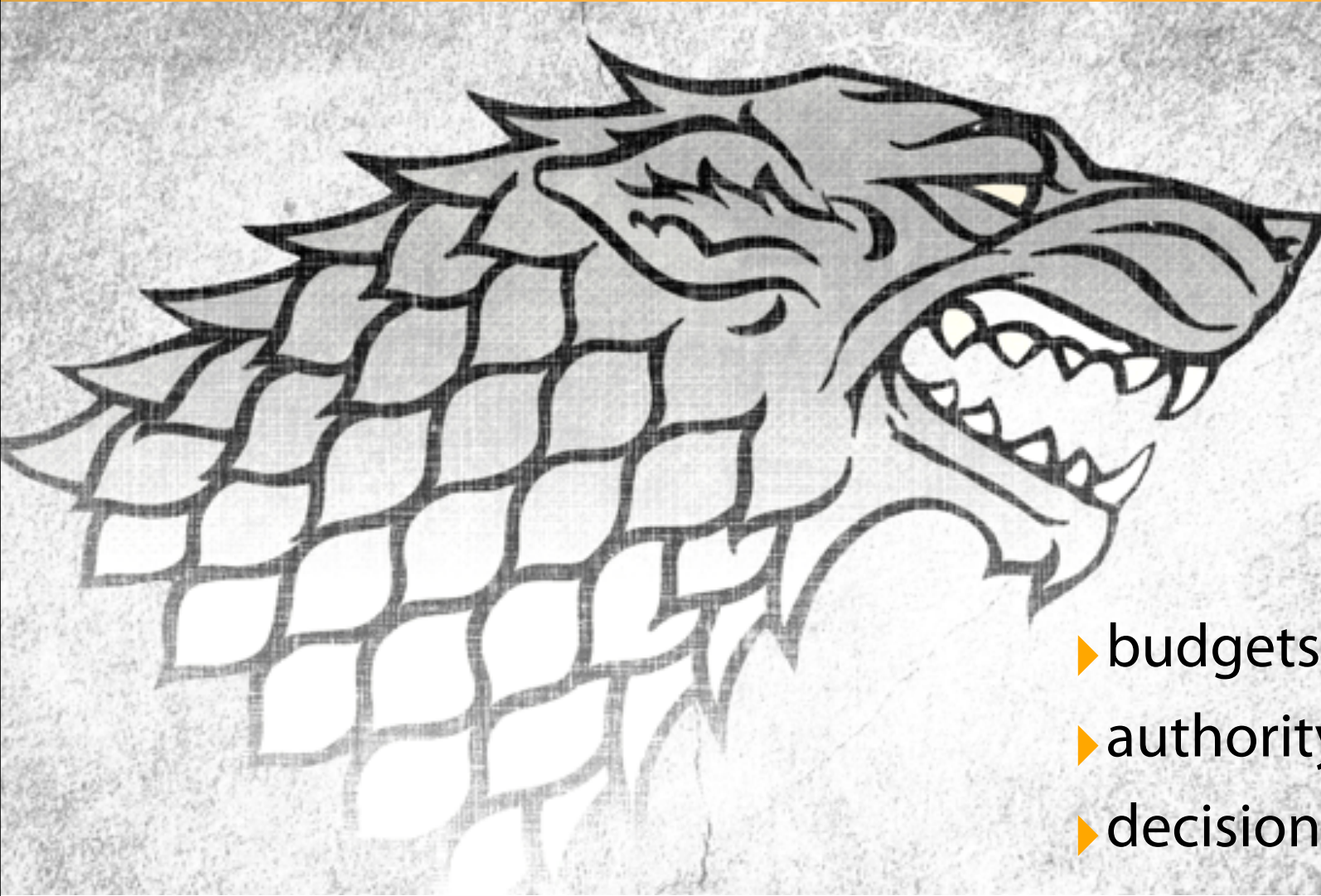
Source (PwC, iii)

# THE EVOLUTION OF THE CISO

- ▶ The IT Guy
- ▶ Responders
- ▶ Enterprise Protectors
- ▶ Organisational Influencers



# A QUESTION OF TEETH?



- ▶ budgets
- ▶ authority
- ▶ decision making

# THE VIEW FROM HALFWAY UP



Board

CEO



20  
pages

CMO

CFO

COO

GC

CISO

CIO

150  
pages

CISO

# WHAT HAS HELPED





# GAINING THE KING'S TRUST



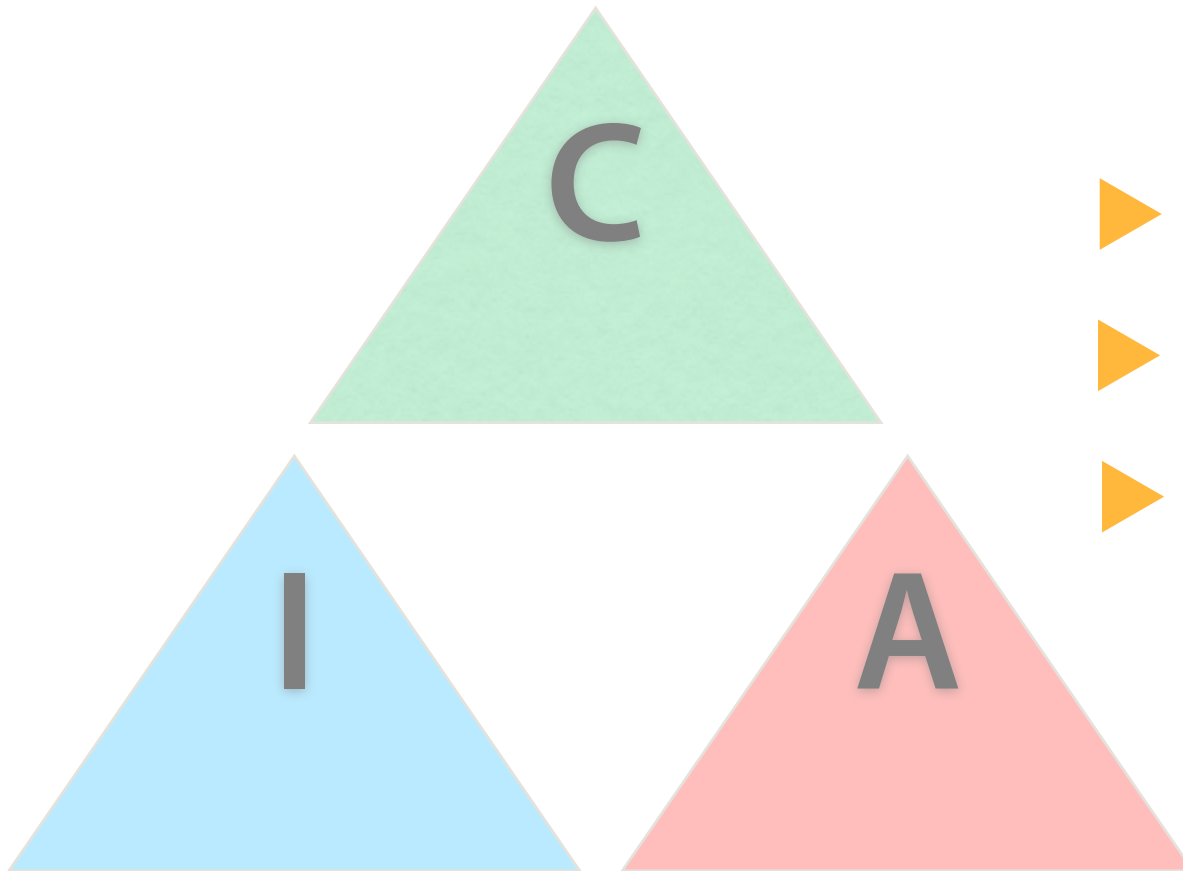
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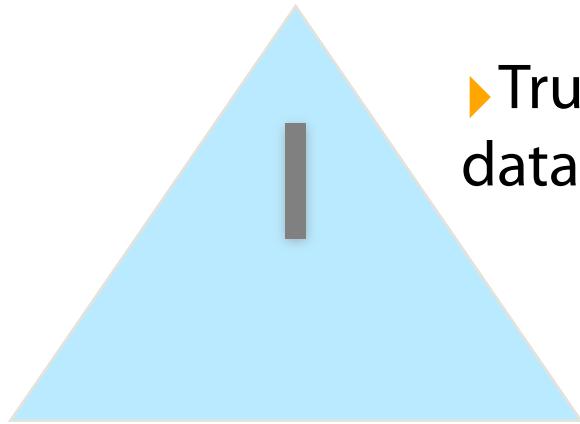
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# RE-INTERPRET YOUR CIA TRIANGLE

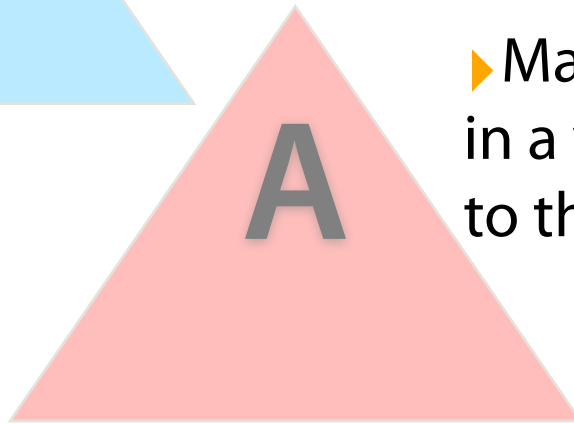


- ▶ Confidentiality
- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Availability

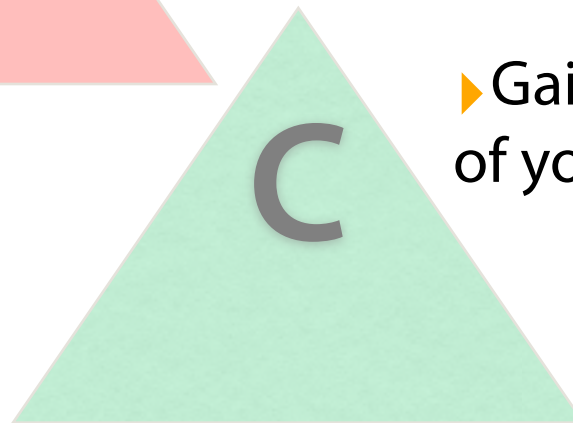
# CIA REINTERPRETED



▶ Trust the *integrity* of the data you are gathering

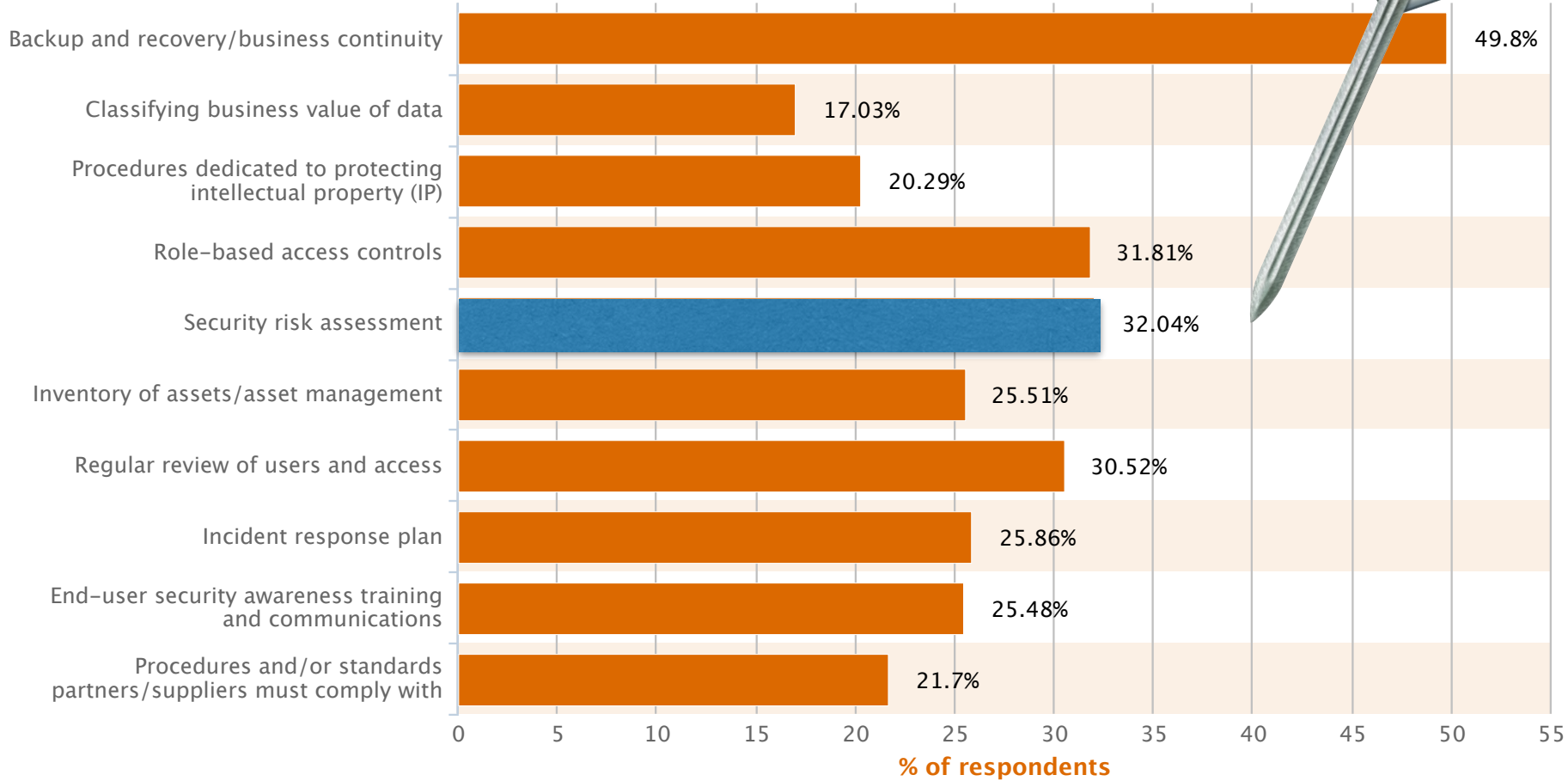
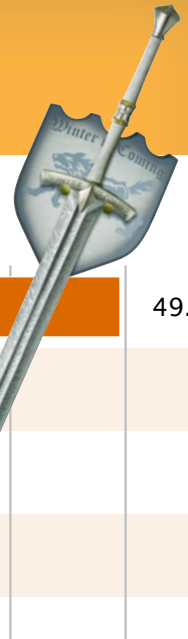


▶ Make your data *available* in a way that makes sense to the business



▶ Gain the *confidence* of your business

# INTEGRITY (1)



Source (PwC, iii)

# INTEGRITY (2)



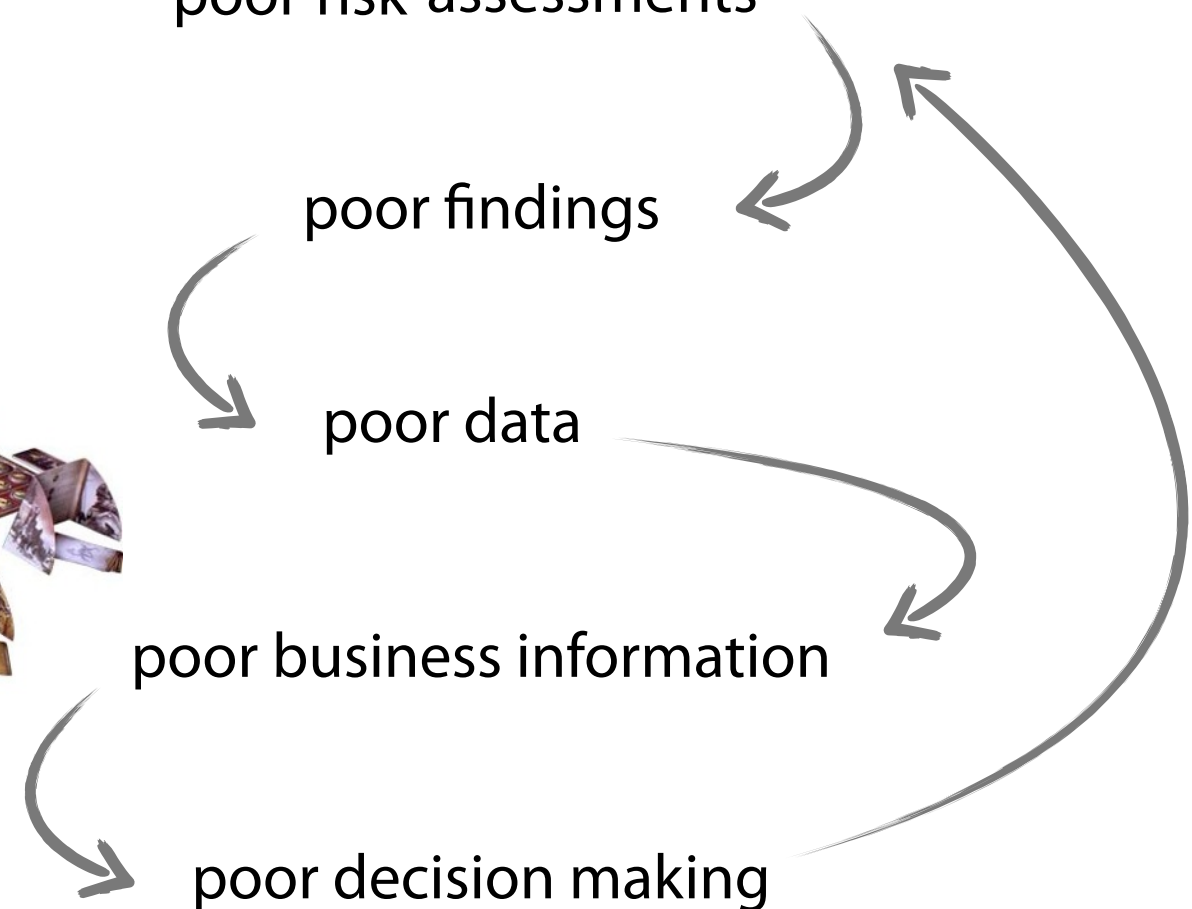
poor risk assessments

poor findings

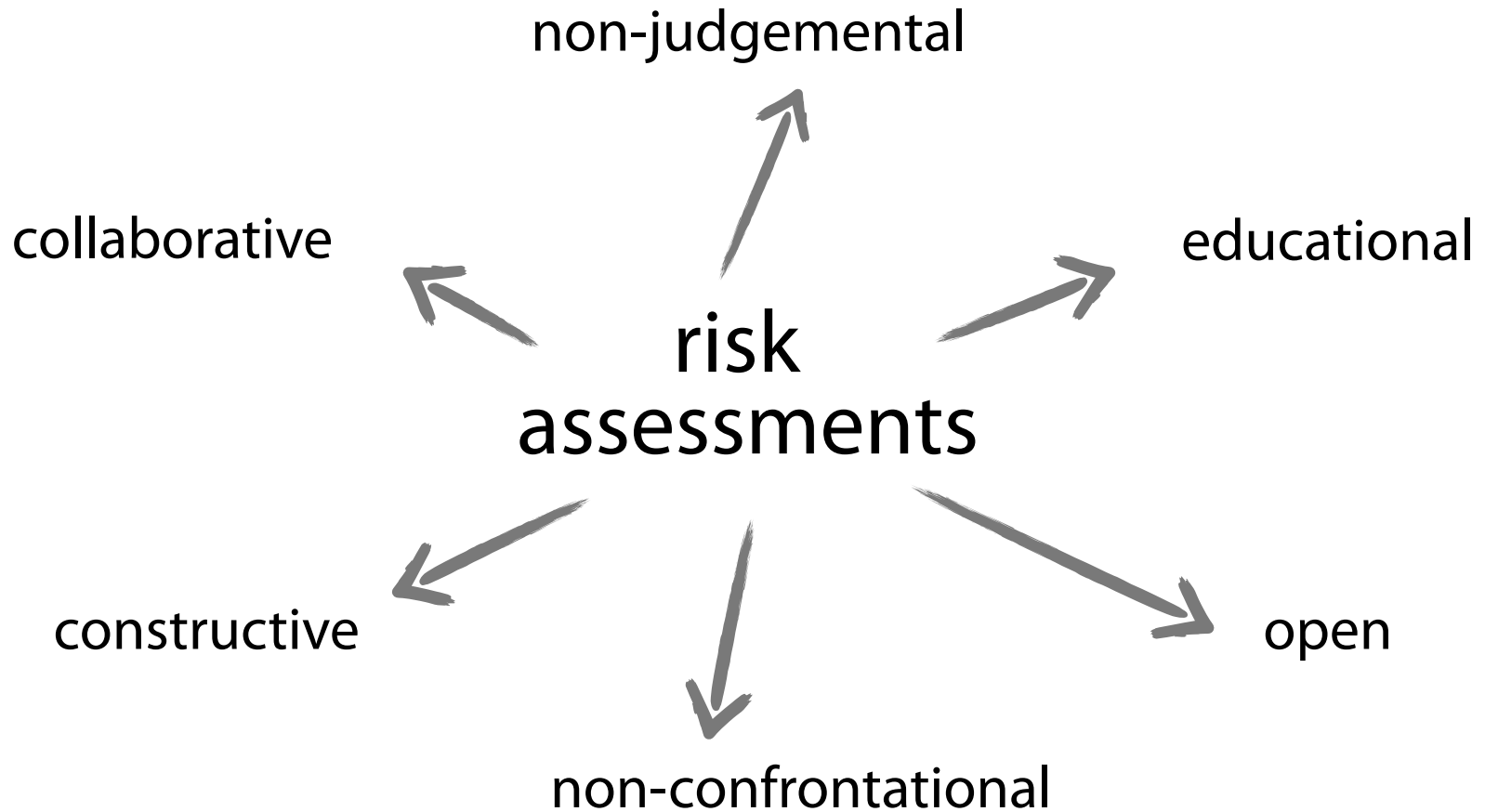
poor data

poor business information

poor decision making



# INTEGRITY (3)





# AVAILABILITY (1)



Commentary

Information

Data

- ▶ TRADITIONAL VIEW  
gather data...  
...put it into a report...  
...and automagically...  
...create commentary!

# AVAILABILITY (2)

- ▶ Business Intelligence  $\neq$  Quality & Coverage
- ▶ This is not panning for gold
- ▶ Need to start with an idea



# AVAILABILITY (3)



What is the business belief?

*“There has been an increase in security costs over the last two years”*

Establish a hypotheses:

*“This is tied to BYOD and WFH”*

# AVAILABILITY (4)

- ▶ Identify data needed to support the hypotheses

*Staff records, onboarding training, personal devices, industry increases, access control records, hiring practises, remote access records, security training records, etc..*



# AVAILABILITY (5)

## ▶ Establish correlations

*“WFH + BYOD + Remote Access +  
start date before 2010 +  
OS=increased costs”*





# AVAILABILITY (6)

## ▶ Functional requirements

- ▶ Use cases
- ▶ What can I do with the data?

## ▶ Non-functional requirements

- ▶ Location of data
- ▶ Volume of data
- ▶ Performance/KPI's



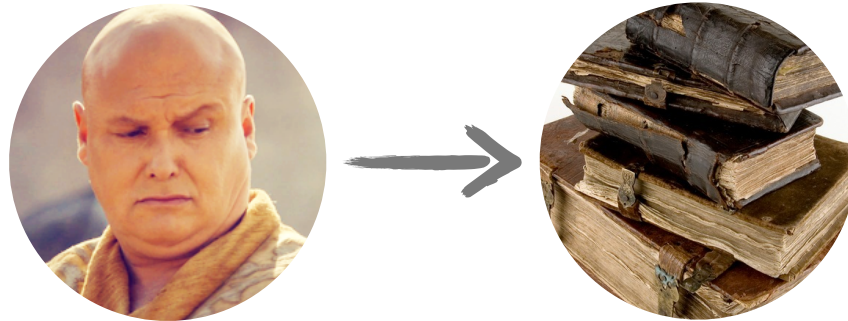


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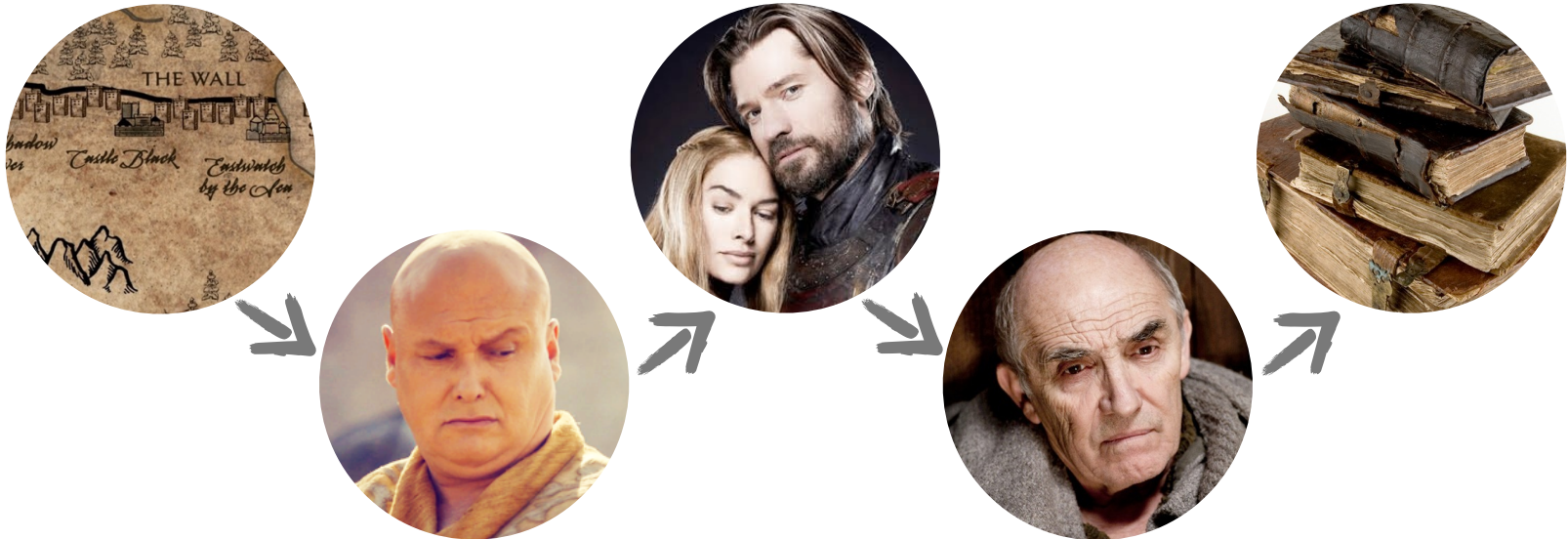
- ▶ Build your report
- ▶ Format it to your audience



# AVAILABILITY (8)



# AVAILABILITY (9)



# AVAILABILITY (10)

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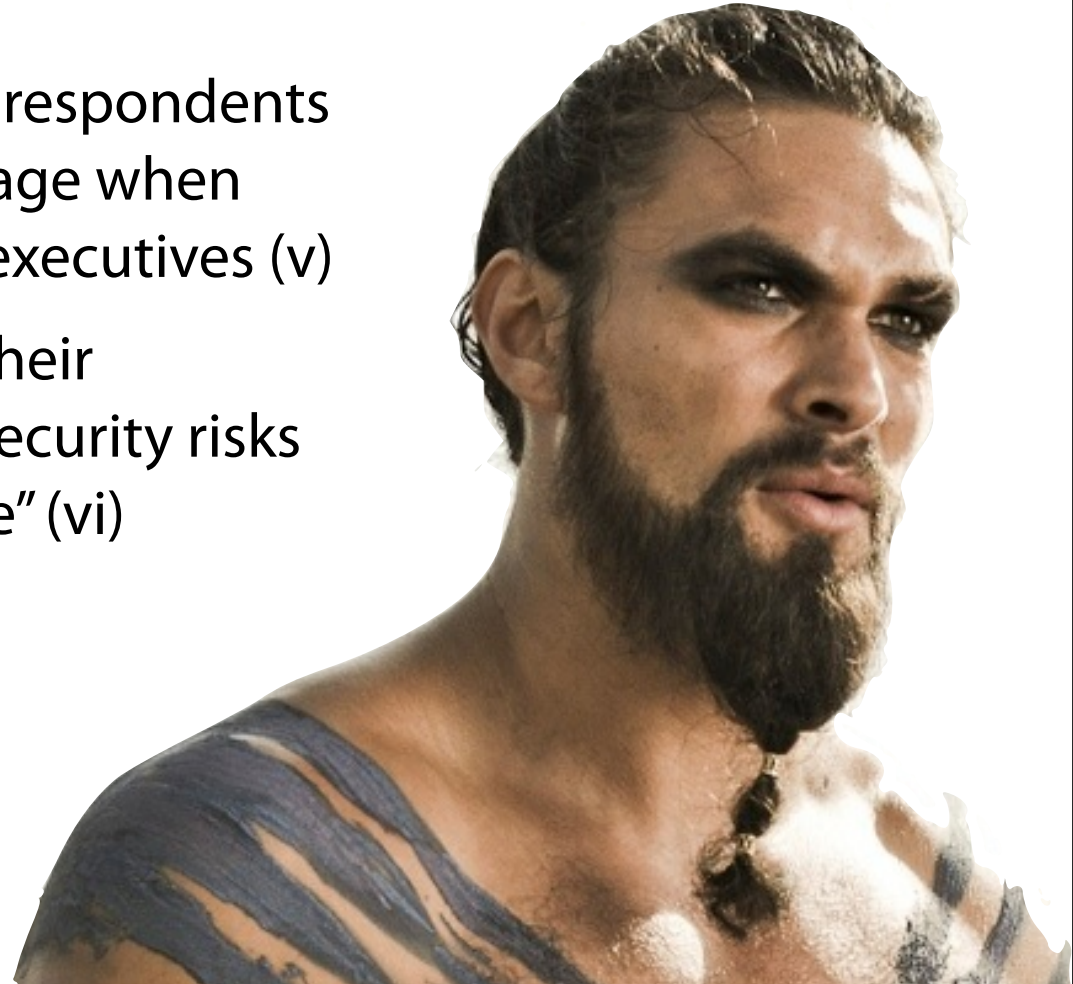
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2000 2nd St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 5678	Good for bulk orders, excellent customer support
3000 3rd St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 9012	Not as reliable as others but better quality
4000 4th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 3456	Great food, good customer service
5000 5th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 7890	Best food, great atmosphere
6000 6th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 2345	Really good, very fresh, great atmosphere, good food and service
7000 7th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 6789	Great food, fast service
8000 8th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 0123	Great service, fast delivery
9000 9th St	San Francisco	CA	94103	415 555 4567	Good for bulk orders, excellent customer support





# CONFIDENCE

- ▶ Only 38% of non-executive respondents use business-oriented language when communicating with senior executives (v)
- ▶ 51% of respondents rated their communication of relevant security risks to executives as “not effective” (vi)



# CONFIDENCE (2)



# CONFIDENCE (3)

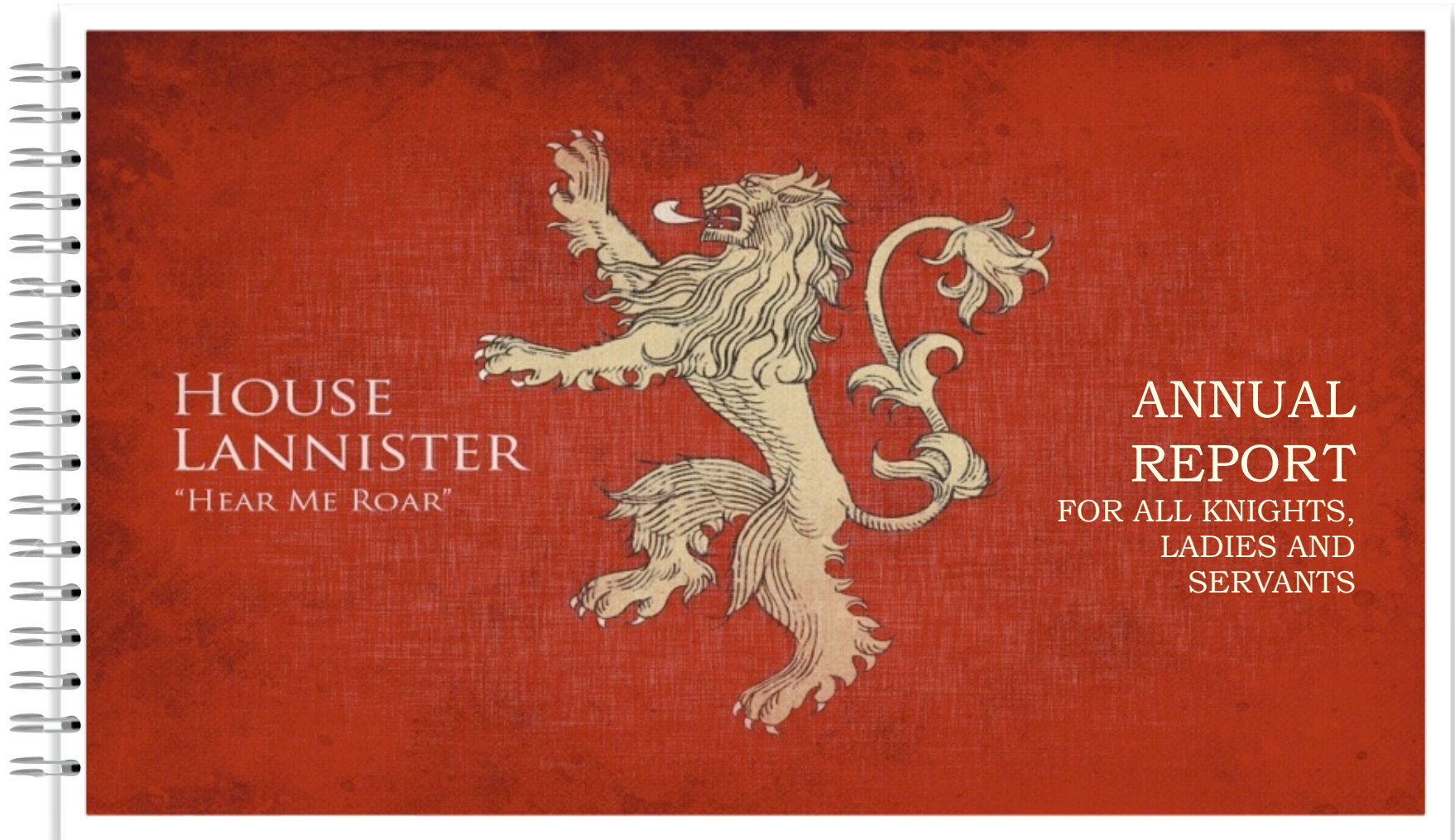
▶ *“this is what I need digital to do to help me sell more beer”*



▶ Steve Mura, Director of Digital Marketing, MillerCoors (vii)



# CONFIDENCE (4)



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Only provide  
information that  
is necessary

Simplify your  
experiences &  
interactions

Be consistent

Build & maintain  
trust

Optimise  
dependency  
activities

# KEY TAKE AWAYS



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# VALUE

▶ Is your organisation is truly getting the full value of all of your activities?



# BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

- ▶ Look at how your security group is reporting to the business





# UNDERSTANDING

► Ask yourself how much do you really understand your business, and how it operates?





# BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR



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# WITH RESPONSIBILITY COMES...



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