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A collection of thoughtful prompts designed to keep you curious.





From the invention of the wheel to the inception of ChatGPT, every game-changing idea in history started with the same words:

I wonder...

We believe curiousity is the force that drives progress.

And that even the trickiest business challenges can be solved, simply by allowing yourself to wonder beyond what's all been done before.

Every day, we use this foundational principle to create insightful strategies, elever efficiencies, thoughtful design, new uses for breakthrough technology and the kind of standout brand experiences that leave a mark.

50 Ways We Wonder

is meant to give you a taste of what we do.

It's a collection of thought-provoking questions and prompts designed to push your thought process out of its comfort zone and look at your brand from a brand new perspective.

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Wondering how it works? Excellent. Clearly, this book is already working its magic.

But seriously...

The first step is to take a minute and think about a challenge your brand is facing, like introducing a product that's about to drop or an upcoming event that could use a fresh idea. Make sure it's a tough one.

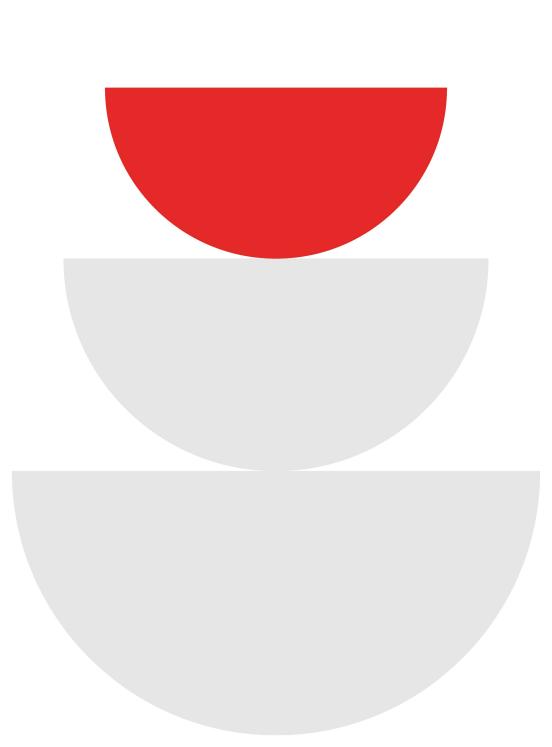
The more head-scratchy the better. Got one? Good.

Now let's get started.

What if you made waiting in line the best part of the experience?



Think about changing something that's universally disliked into something enjoyable.



How would you sell this to a five-year-old?

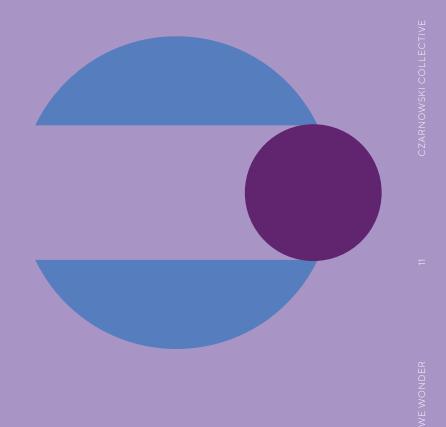
Try expressing your message in the simplest way possible. Compare this to how you deliver your message currently.

What feels right?

Could you turn your customers into investors?



Think of ways you can make your customers feel like they have ownership of your brand.



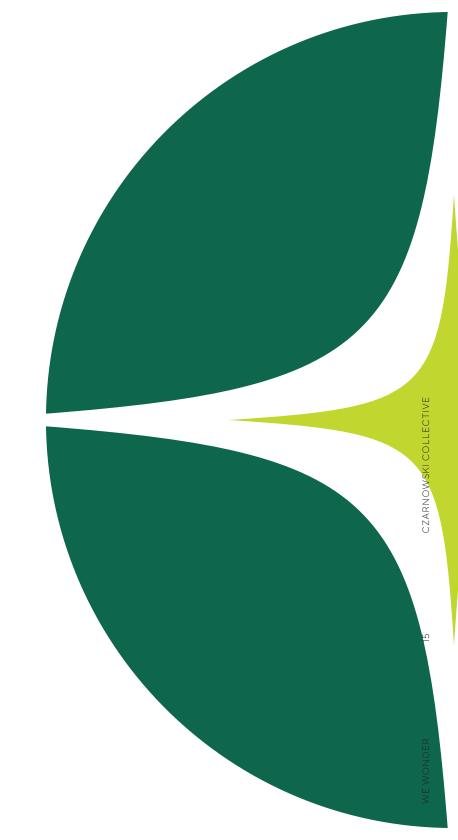
What if you made it a secret.

How can you create mystery or intrigue - and how would your audience discover it?

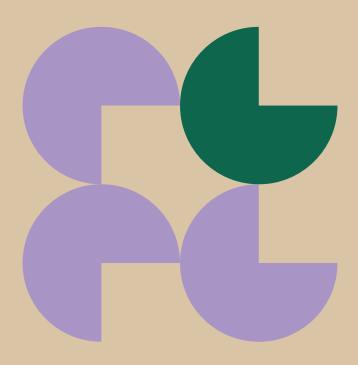


What if we turned this into a game?

Brainstorm how to ignite a sense of competition among your audience.



Think about crowd-sourcing and letting your audience create with you.



How can you make this hackable?

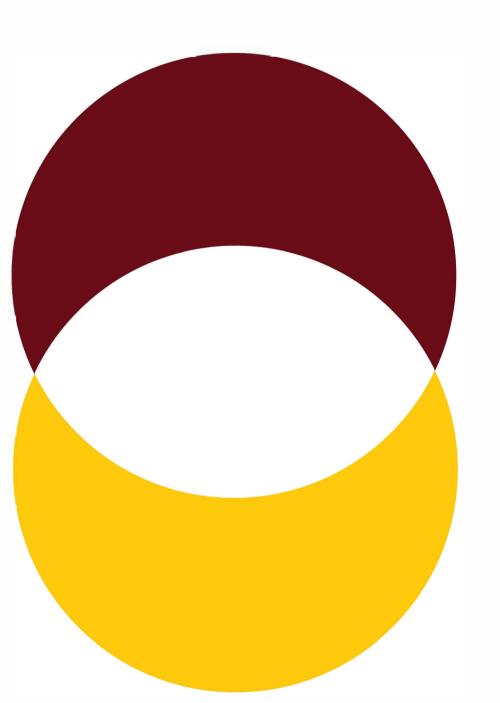
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What if you didn't have to own your product to use it?



Consider subscription and rental services. After all, when was the last time you bought an MP3?



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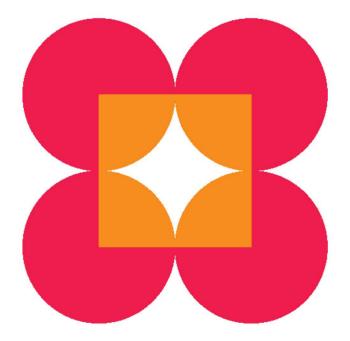
What if today was Opposite Day.

If you communicated the exact opposite of what you want your audience to believe, what are some ways you could use that to your advantage?

What if you started a fight?



With your competition. With an injustice. With a previous iteration of your brand. Who's gonna catch these hands and why?





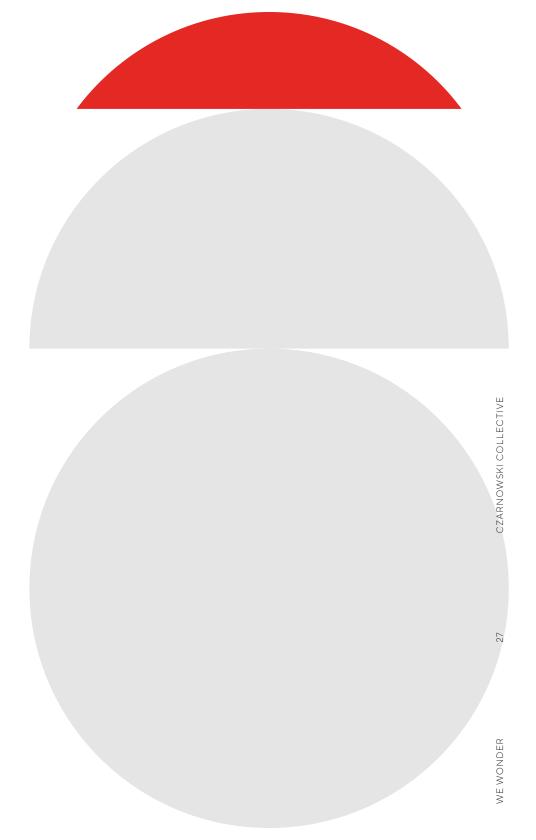
Imagine you went totally dark.
Who would miss you? How
would you re-emerge?

What if you just disappeared?

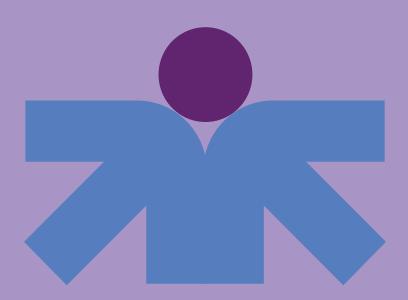


What if you had to break it to buy it?

Think about encouraging your audience to destroy your products. How could you turn that into something positive?



Think of some ways your customer could customize your product. Everything they want and nothing they don't.



How can you make it bespoke?

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What if you turned trash into treasure?



Consider how to incorporate sustainability into your business.
Could you reuse pre-loved product or packaging for a purpose?



Can you subvert expectations?

If your brand is affordable, pretend it's a luxury product (or vice-versa). Now, how would you market it?

What if you made it collectible?



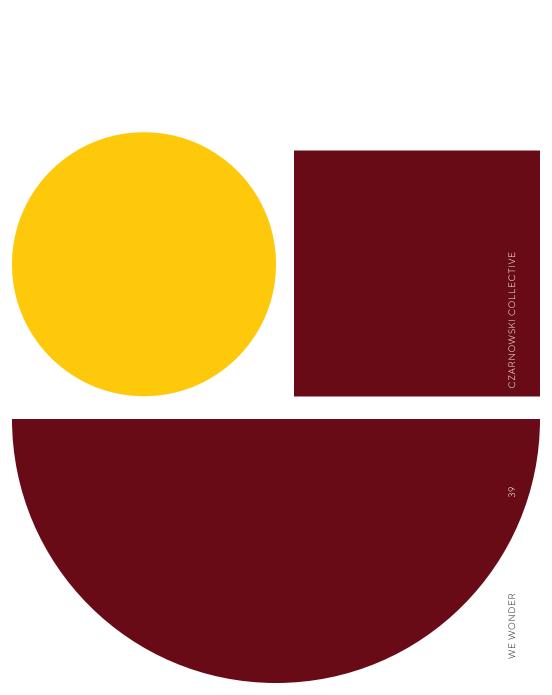
What if it felt like magic?

Think of how you can use your brand or product to mystify your audience.



What if you made it ugly?

In a world obsessed with youth and beauty, can you be the Crocs of your industry?



Think of what would happen if you reversed a process or experience. What unexpected outcomes could there be?



Can you do it backwards?

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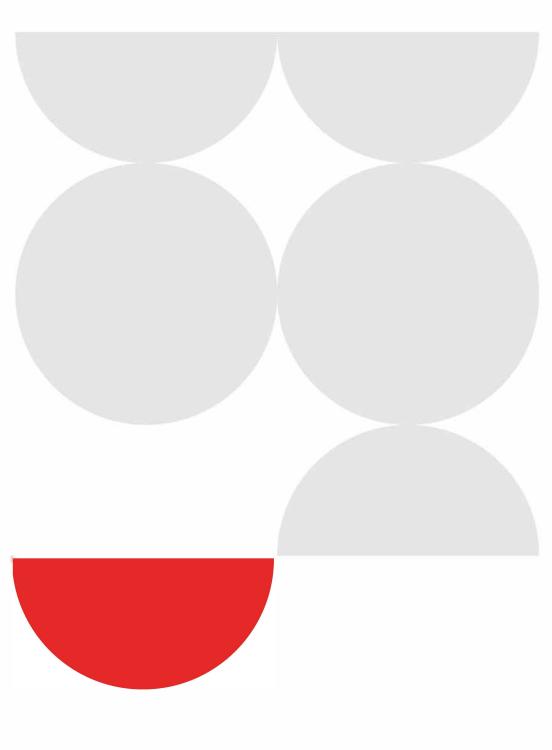
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What if you asked for help?



Think about ways you could source ideas from your most knowledgeable customers. How could you make it worth their while?

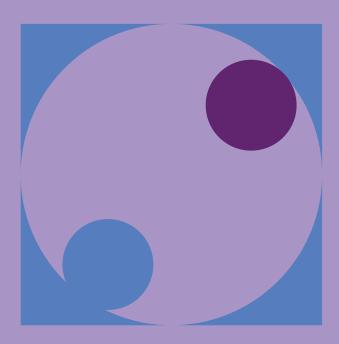


What if you used mind control (kind of)?

Think about poking at the algorithms that seem to understand us better than our own mothers.

How could you appeal to outsiders?

Nerds rule the world. Who's next, and how can you make them your advocates?





If you've got haters, you're doing something right. How can you thank them for their efforts?

What if you embraced your haters?

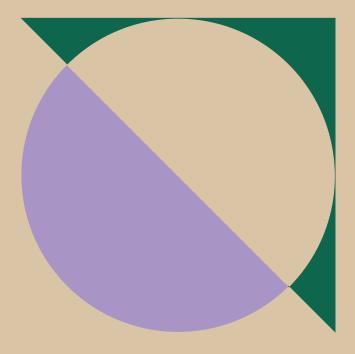


How can you buy some time?

Think of ways you can give your audience the one thing they can't buy more of.



Think of some perks you can offer or moments of recognition you can give



How could you reward loyalty?

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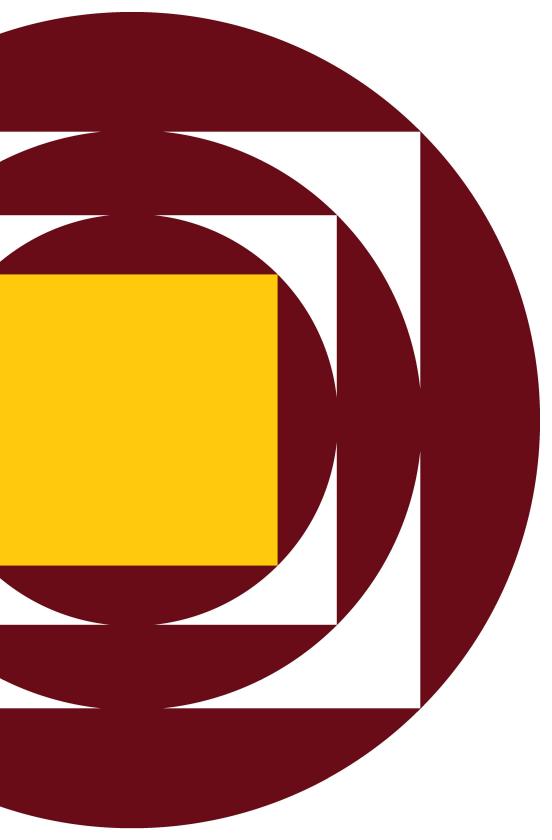
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How can you make your audience 5% happier?



There was a time when Uber would deliver puppies to your house for a 30-minute play session. Beat that.





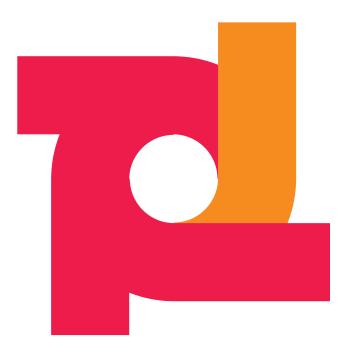
How can you bring back disco?

Think about how you can invoke nostalgia or borrow from the past to create a positive association with your brand or product.

What if you accepted a trade?

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If money didn't exist, what could your customer trade for your product?
Could you use this as an actual form of payment now?



What if you eliminated the mundane?

Think of how your product or brand could make the banal parts of life (chores, errands, etc.) more exciting.



What if you made it a habit?

Think of ways you can ritualize the way your audience interacts with your brand or product. Kind of like how you scroll Instagram with your morning coffee.



Think of things you could include with your product that are small, but significant - the adult equivalent of a Dum-Dum from the bank teller



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What if everyone got a little something extra?

What if you did it live?



What could you share about your brand or product in real-time, in person, or via live stream?



What if you promoted your competition?

Think about what you would do if you were in the enemy's shoes. Could those same strategies work for your brand?

What if you took on a partner?





Think of ways you can make your staff the heroes of your story and how you can show your appreciation in a public-facing way.

What if you put your employees on a pedestal?



What if you were open 24 hours?

Consider how you could use technology like AI and chatbots to be available (one way or another) to your customers at all times.



Think of a goal you could set that's a true moon shot. What does that say about your brand?



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What if you made a promise you (probably) can't keep?

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What is your super power?



Reposition your brand or product's core offer as a super power. Does that change the way you market it to customers?





How could you make your brand story a 10-part series on Netflix?

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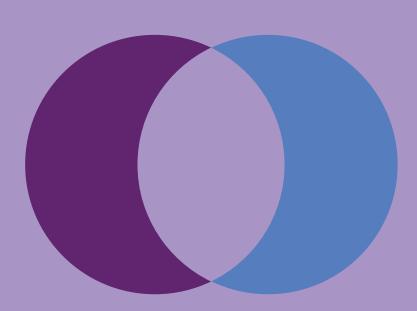
Think about genre. Storyline. Casting. Cliffhangers. How would you keep your

viewers binging?

Can you hang on to the good stuff?



When's the last time you caught a whiff of a dollar bill? If your product replaces something that was commonplace, can you recreate the part people will miss most?



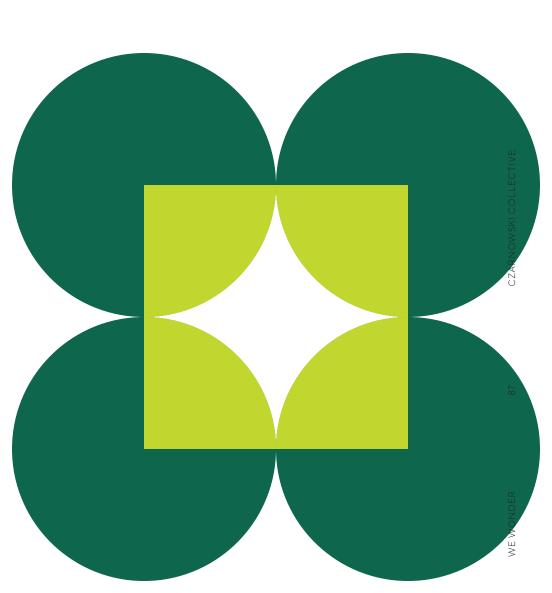
Can you change a long-standing (and out-dated) belief?

Minivans are uncool. Pink is for girls. Think about a widely-held belief you could challenge with your brand or product.

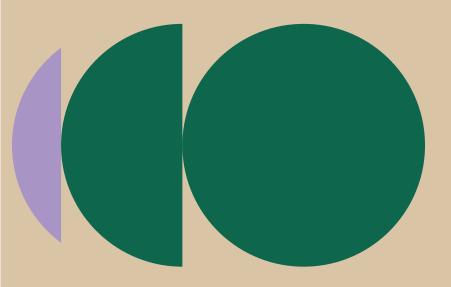


What if you supported a secondary market?

Think about ways you could help your customers re-sell your product once they're done using it.



Think about all the negative things your competition would say about you. How can you say them first?



What if you pulled an 8 Mile?

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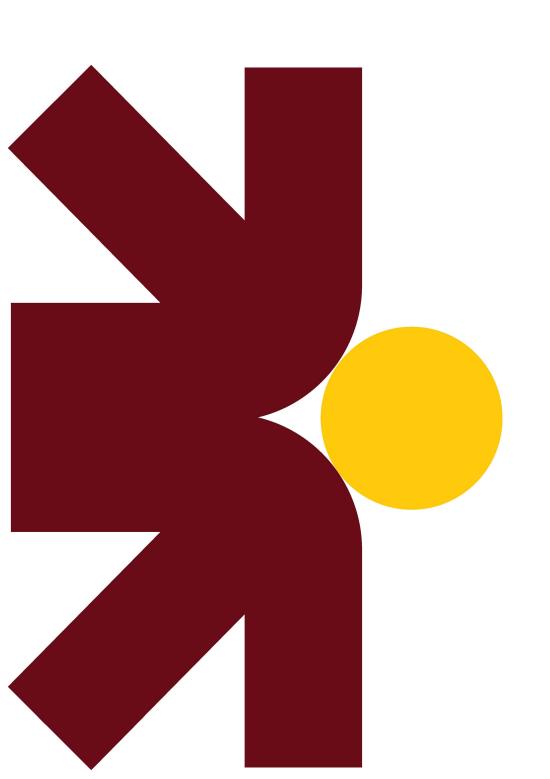
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What if you gave customers a reason to not use your product?



After predetermined time intervals, TikTok delivers an ad that encourages users to take a break. How can you take a similar approach and prioritize your customers' wellness?





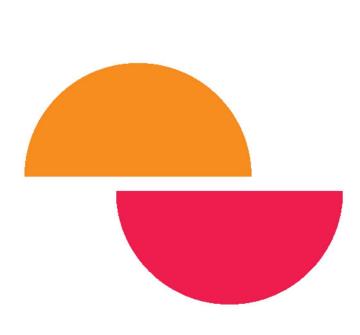
What if you made it *really* personal?

What are some ways you could use biometrics or even DNA to enhance your brand experience?

What if you taught your customers to share?



Think of ways your customers could share your product or service - how can you be the Zipcar of your industry?





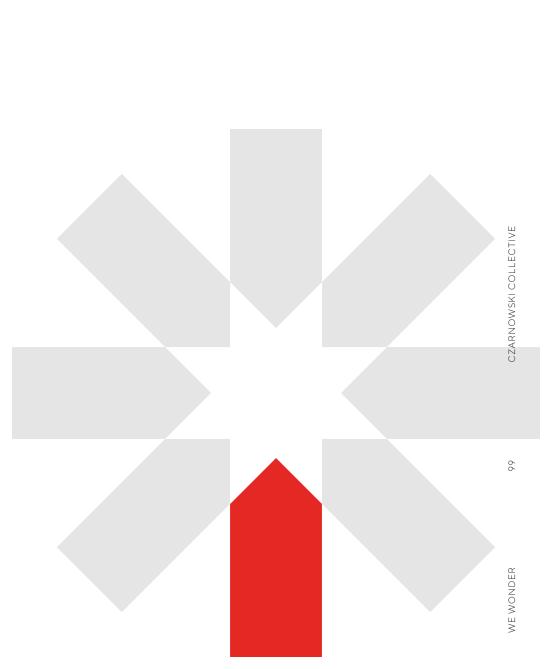
Think about a premium option that could be added to a product or service you already provide.

What if your customers had status?

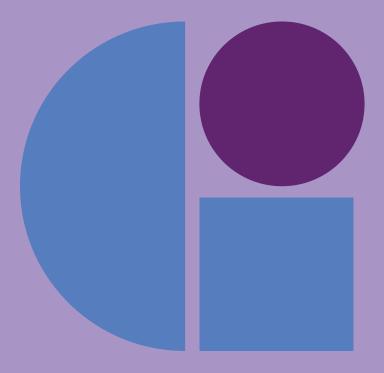


What if money was no object?

In a world where your customers can afford to buy anything they want, what could you say to entice them to purchase your product?



Think about who can't, or won't, use your product or service. How could you change it, or add to it, to make it relevant to this audience?



What if you created a new customer?

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What if you were *radically* transparent?



Consider ways you can give customers more than a peek behind the curtain. Go public with your suppliers, your price structure, wages, etc. What opportunities can you create?

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What if you just called us?

Because it never hurts to get a few extra brains on the case.

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