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Debunking Common Fears about Open Source

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Fear Uncertainty & Doubt

...there's been a lot of it
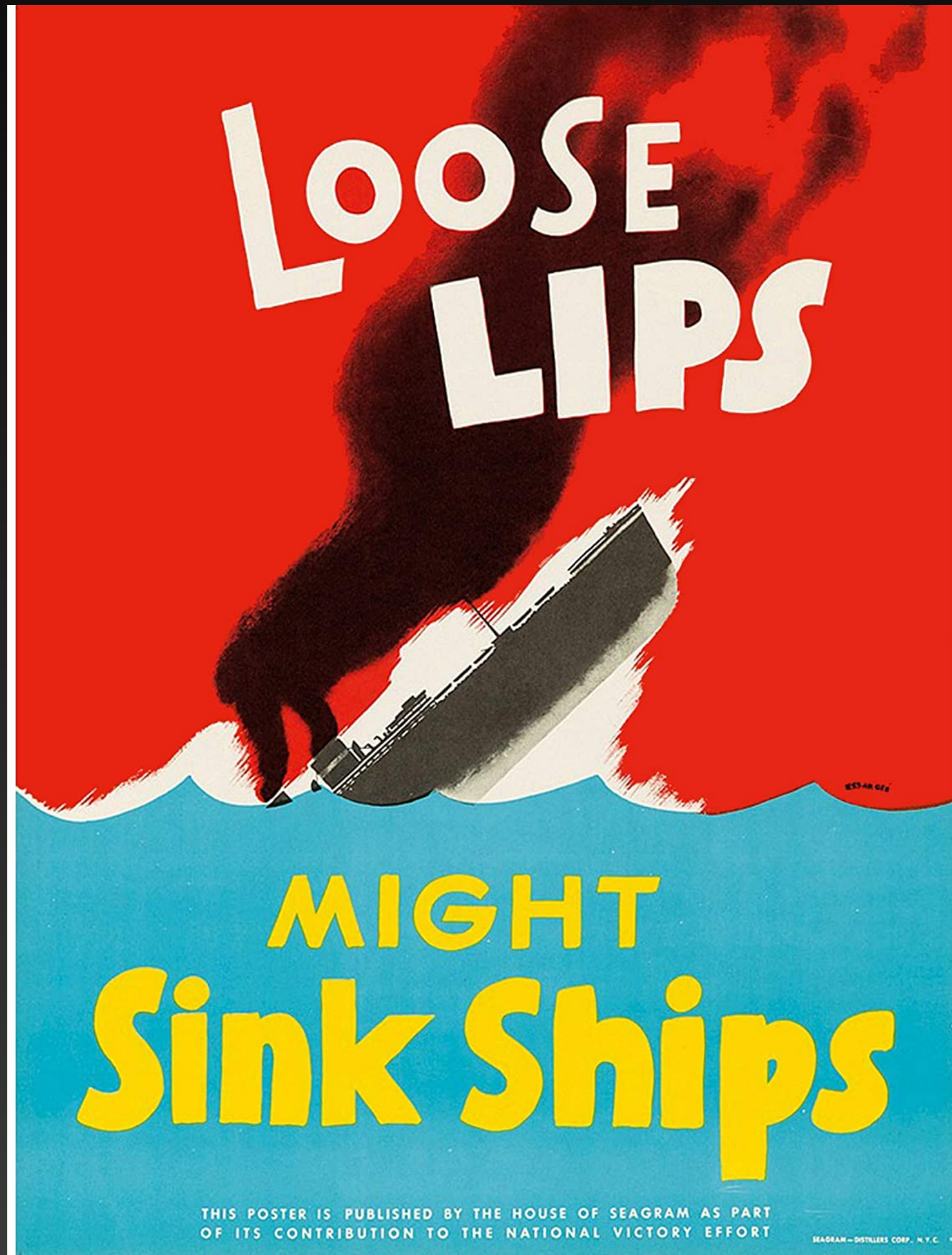
Support

"...but we need a throat to choke"

Unwashed Masses

...can't be very good engineering

Security

How can it be secure if anybody can see?

Unmanaged Resources
It's chaotic and uncontrolled
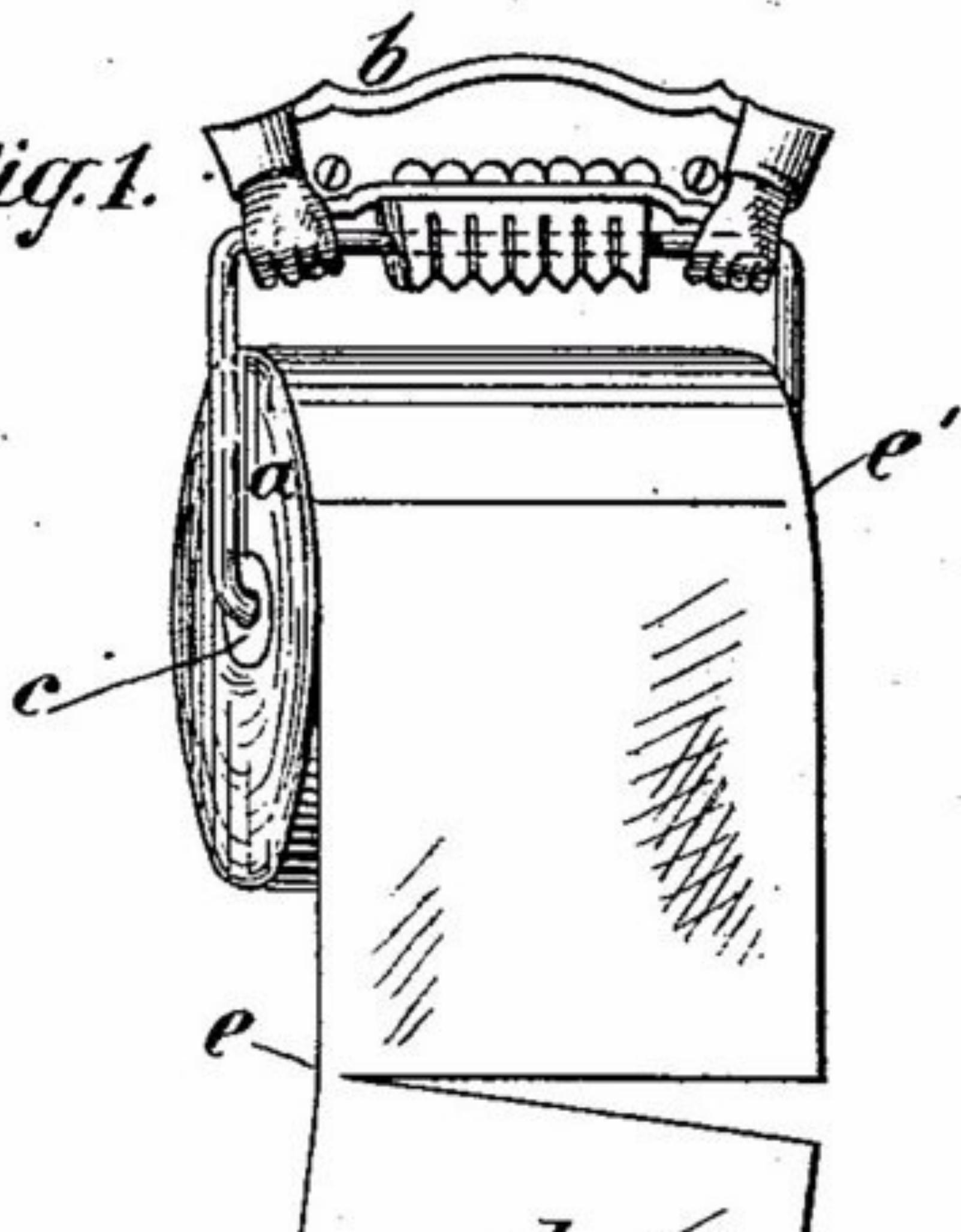
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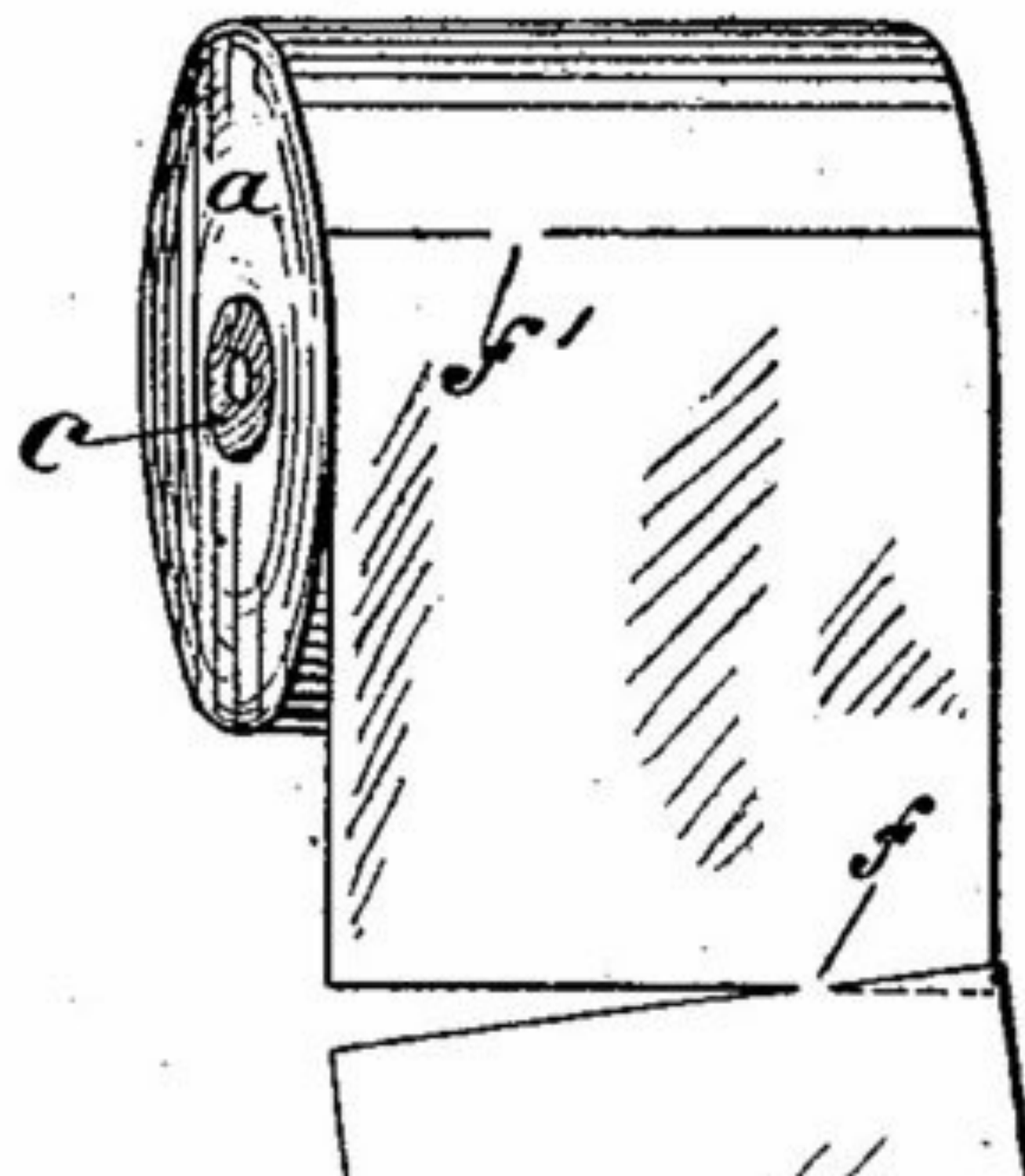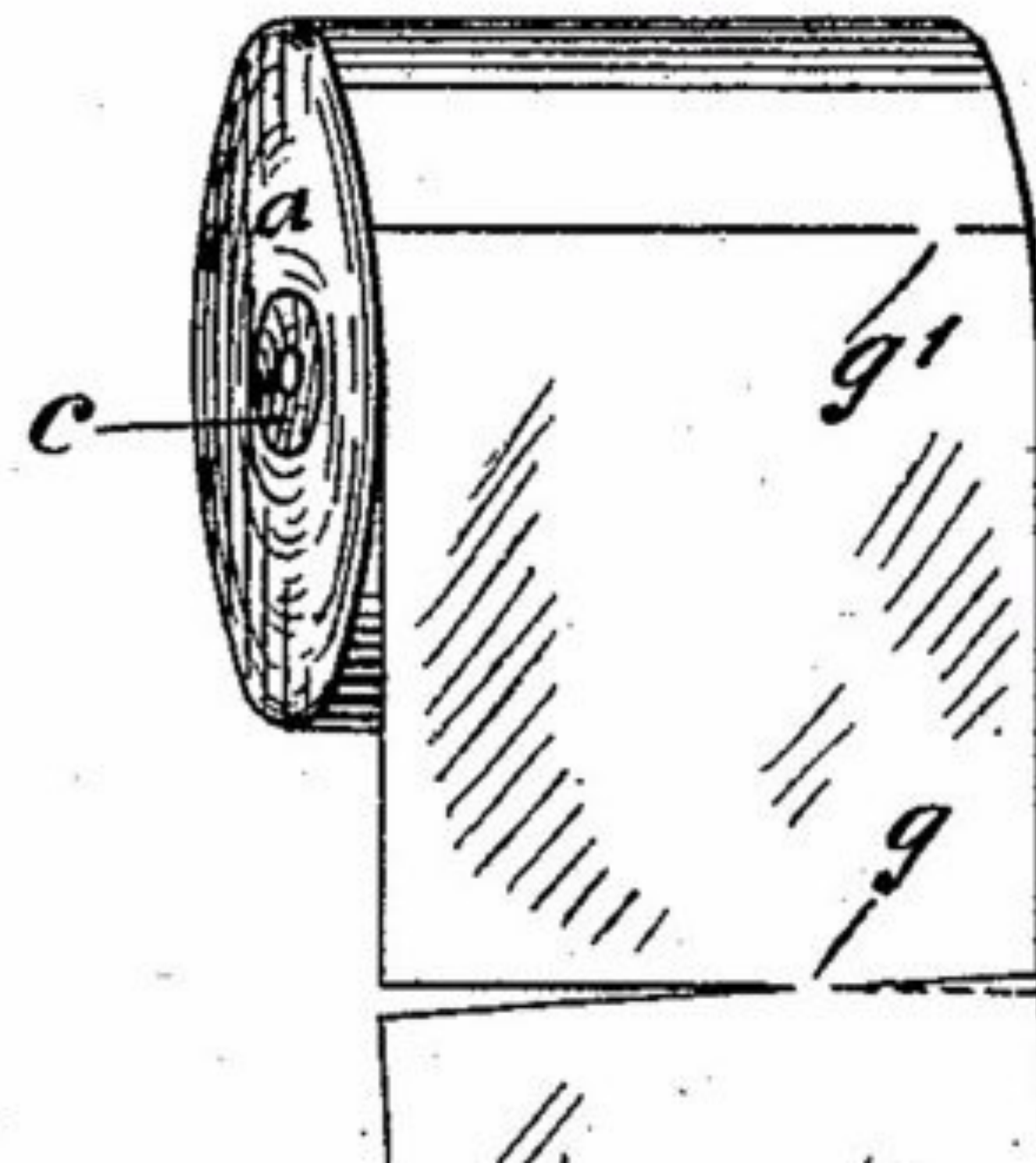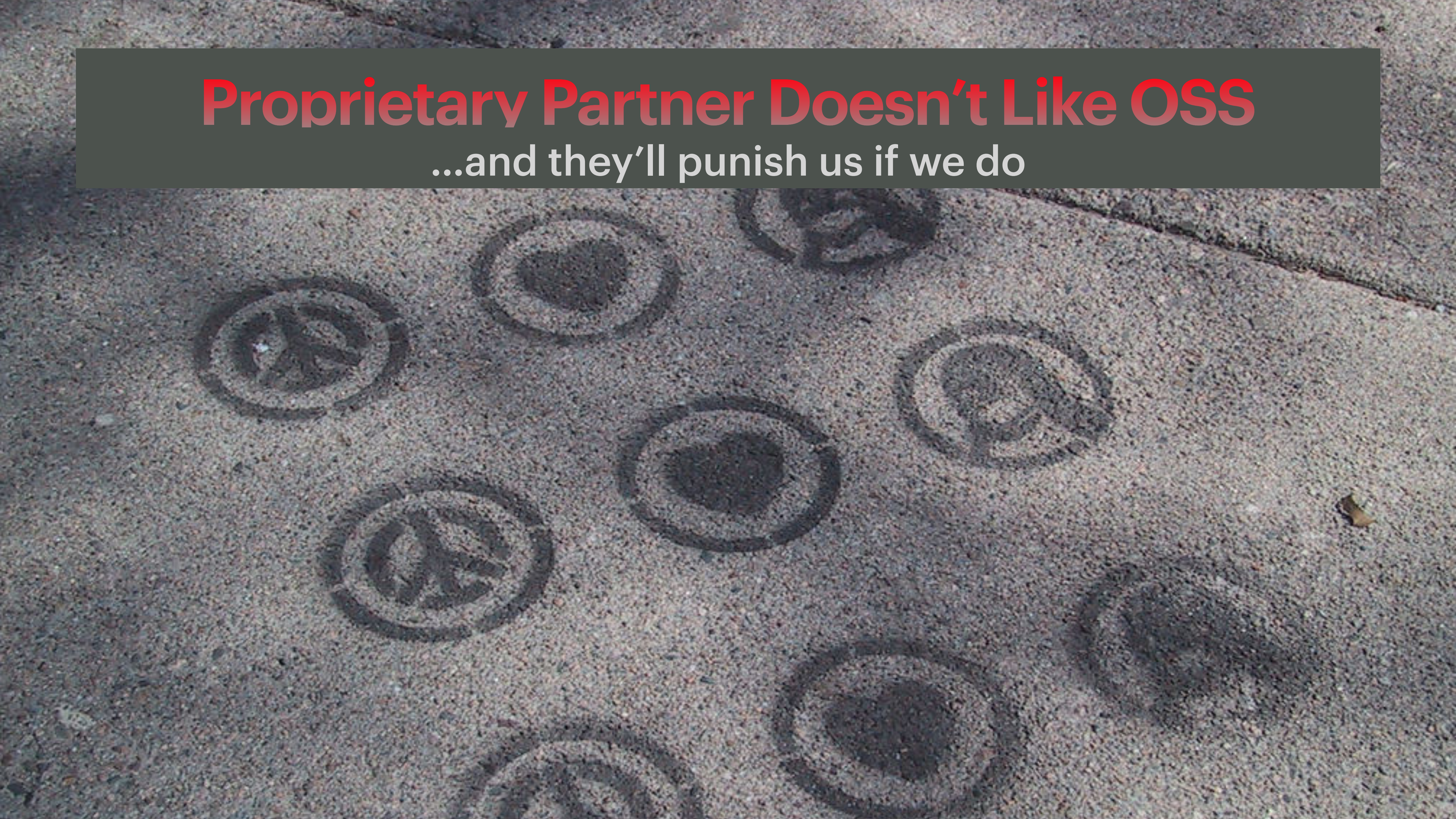## "How can we make money if we don't own it?"

Fig.1.

Fig.2.

Fig.3.

Proprietary Partner Doesn't Like OSS

...and they'll punish us if we do

Dev Time Required
ship dates & features are uncertain

Licensing is Confusing

OSS License Continuum

Inheritance (Viral)
Copy Left

Permissive
Copy Center

-Mozilla Public LIcense
-CDDL

-not intended for sharing

-GNU Public License:
-Affero GPL

-MIT
-BSD
-Apache

Hybrid
Best of both?

Proprietary
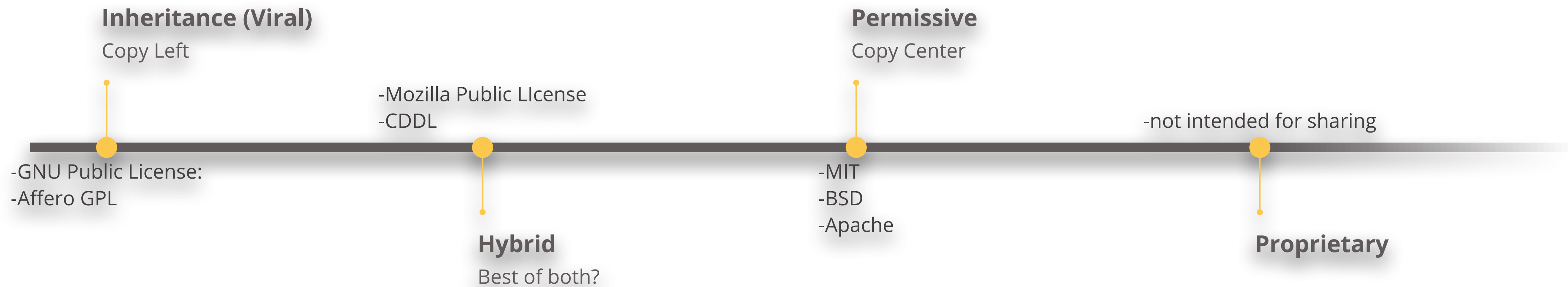
Community Requires Resources

We don't have time to build one

If you plan to Open Source
...you might as well make it successful

Four Questions
to help you get it right

1. Does Anybody* Care?
(*aside from you and your Mom)

2. Are you still using it?
(dumping isn't cool)

3. Are you still improving it?
(leave room for contribution)

4. Can there be only one tree?
(will you use the open version as the canonical version)

Questions?

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