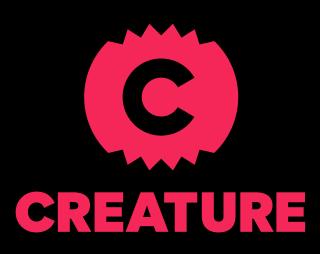
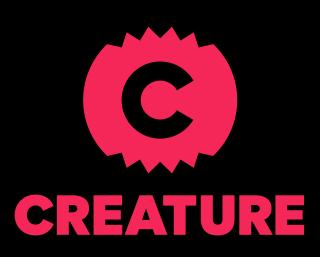
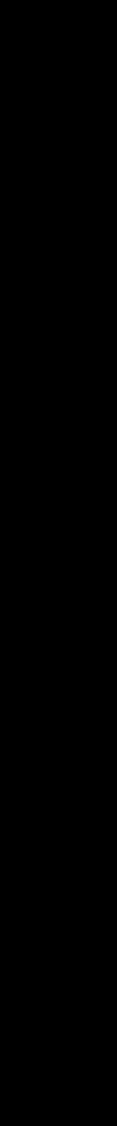
## Fight, Flight or Freeze?



## Fight, Fight

### Or 'why throwing a few punches is often the best way to win a fight'





## We're here to talk to you about the Autonomic Nervous System



### But it'll be fun.









But it'll be fun. Promise.



## (And hopefully relevant, too.)



But it'll be fun. Promise.



### See, the Autonomic Nervous System is what governs our response to threat

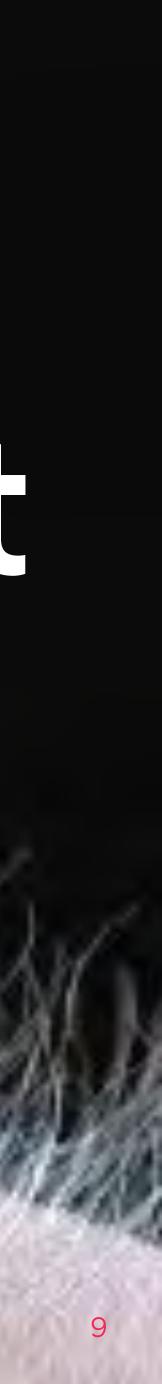








# Real people have a built in response





## Blood pours to our extremities



### Our pupils dilate.







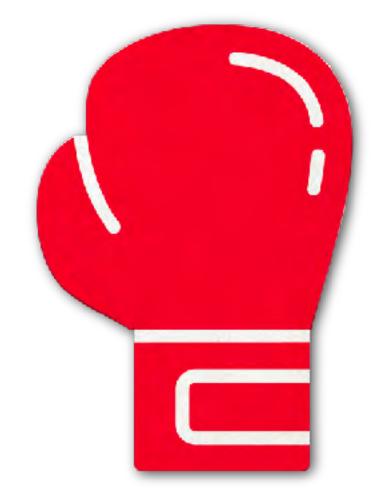


### Our bodies are preparing to make a very quick choice:









### Fight?



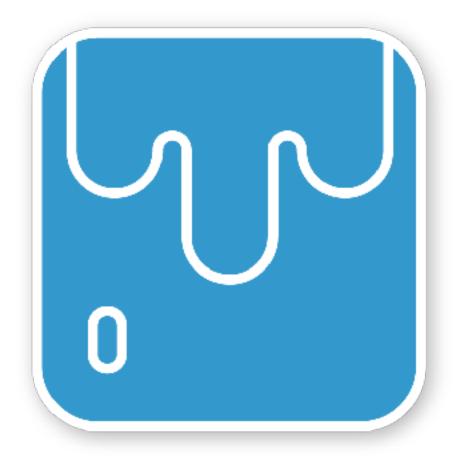




## Flight?







### Or Freeze?

## fundamentally human, evolutionary responses designed to protect us rom Enseuv







# We're here today to talk about fighting.



# And this guy is, in many ways, the hero of the story.



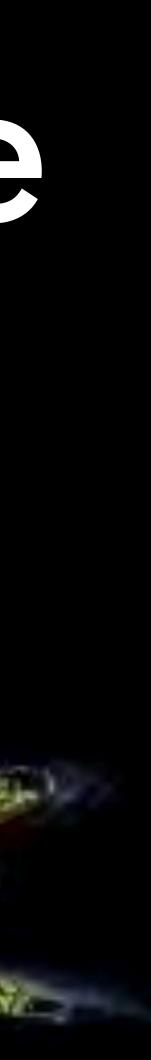
## Meet the snapper shrimp







# Or did their best to make themselves invisible



The snapper (or pistol) shrimp developed one absolutely massive claw.





And now a 3cm long shrimp is capable of producing the loudest sound in the animal kingdom.



# In the entire animal kingdom.







### 218 decibels.



### Louger than a Notorhead gig.

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### Louder than a tonne of dynamite exploding.







### THIS LOUD:







## Not really. That would be horrible.







Loud enough to not create a wave of sound, but a pressurised bubble of sound, as hot as the sun, that knocks out its prey or stuns a predator





The snapping shrimp is now thriving to such an extent that it is singlehandedly making the whole ocean louder.





### Boss. Ass. Bitch.



## Cool fish story, Dan, but how does that apply to me?



### An understandable response





## Well, we may not face these guys on a daily basis





# And perhaps too often they choose Flight or Freeze



(Because business leaders are real people with ANS responses too)

# So we want to talk about brands that choose to fight; and how effective that can be.

In the face of all manner of predators over the last 20 years.





# Can we hear the creative one talk now, please?

#### Another understandable response.





# And maybe see some cool ads or something?

#### One, last, equally understandable response.





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# Flying in the face of convention in the face of adversity...



# ...and giving real people what they really want in the process.

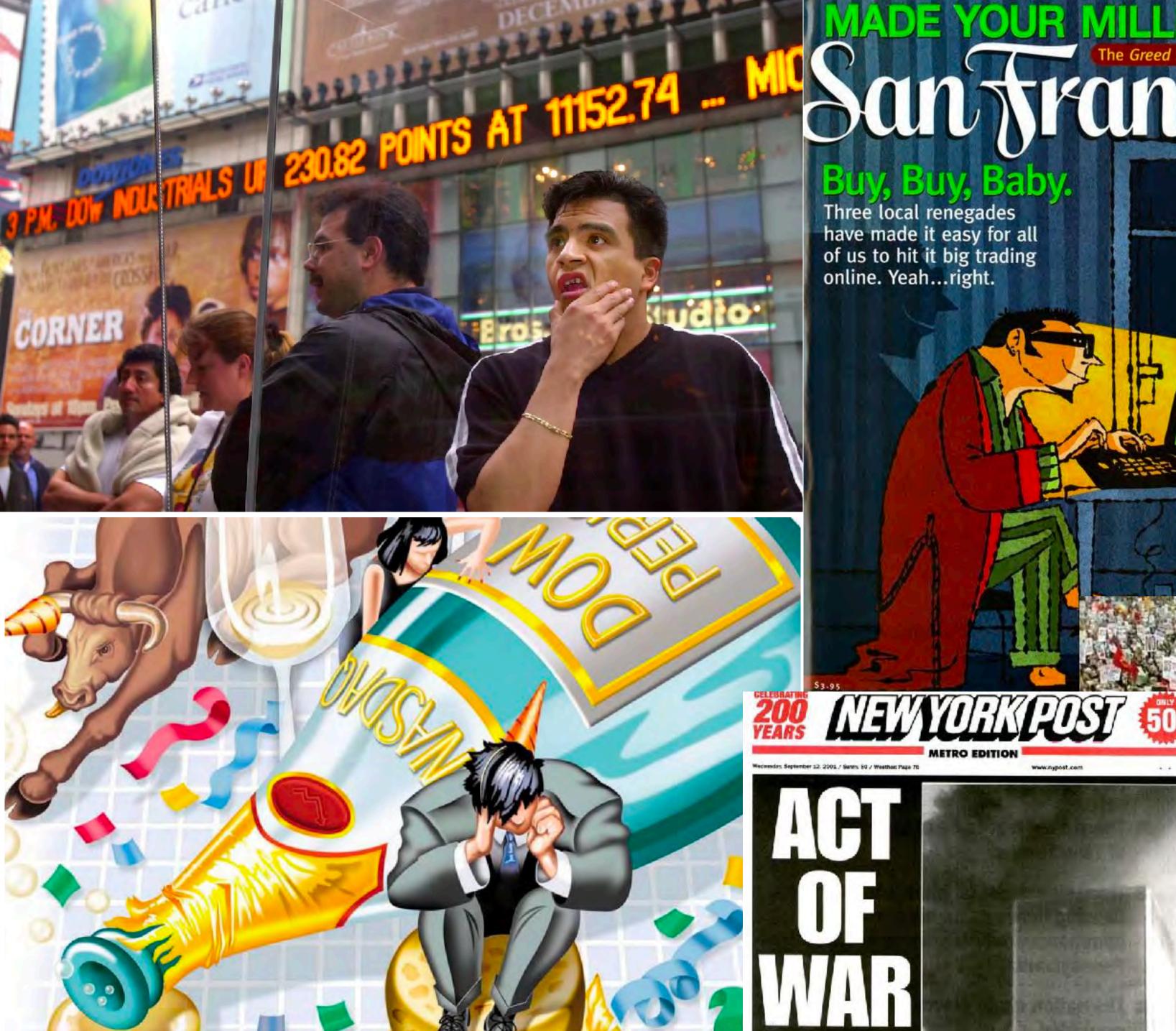


# Predator 1 Circa 11/09/2001

Hot on the heels of the dot com bubble bursting, it's fair to say the world was not a particularly cheery place.





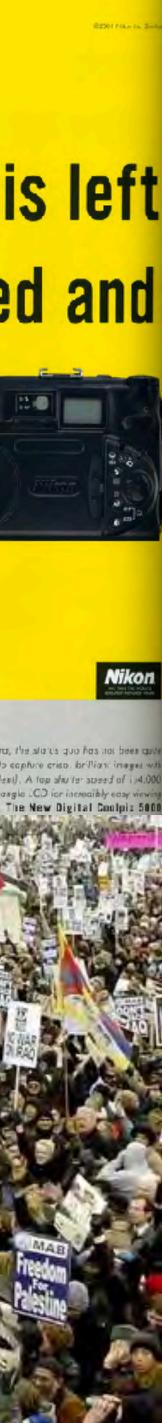


#### ET? The Greed Issue November 1999 BORD PROTOCOLOGY WWW.sanfran.com

#### The status quo is left tired, bewildered and searching for answers.









#### <u>X-Box - Champagne (March 2002)</u>



#### LIFE IS SHOAT





WWW.PLAYMORE.COM



#### PLAY MORE

One of the first ever viral videos thanks to be being deliberately smaller than 2mb (and thus sharable via email)

Coming from well behind, Xbox had its best ever month of sales following the advert going live, selling out Gamecube 2 to 1 and selling 34% more games than Nintendo

This was when Microsoft arrived in console world.





#### Mountain (Nov 2003)

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#### This approach contributed to a massive Christmas period for sales of the PS2, with Value Share of the console market increasing by 3pp to 77%.



# fun, anyone?



# Predator 2 Circa 2008

Time to take a breath, right? Nope. Barely 5 years later, the fall of Lehman Brothers kickstarted the greatest global crash in decades. More fun times for businesses and brands.





#### LEHMAN BROTH

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## Lehman Brothers? Citibank? Merrill Lynch?

Wachovia? Washington Mutual? Santandar UBS? Credit Suisse? Royal Bank of Scotland? HSBC?

#### Will Voil he next?

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# bile - Dance (Jan 2009)



#### This campaign directly led to:

- 16% increase in in-store footfall
- 20% increase in online orders



## Life's for Sharing





#### <u>Cadburys - Eyebrows (Jan 2009)</u>



Most watched Ad of 2009 With more more than 16 million views on YouTube by 2010

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But most importantly: every £1 spent on advertising achieved £4.19 in revenue

And the ad achieved Cadbury's ambition for fame by becoming embedded into popular culture



# Predator 3 Circa 2013

A slightly more UK-centric predator this one - as years of austerity started to bite, and the waters of political turmoil started to stir, politics in the UK started to get pretty messy...







Fairy lasts 2x longer than the next best-selling brand

Over the years, generations of fimilies have trusted ning power because it lasts a long, long time. And today it lasts twice as long as the real best-selling brand.

That's FAIRYCONOMY

Thanks for sharing a Coke. with us this summer.

(oca:Cola

CHOOSE YOUR SIDE ON INSTAGRAM @OREO





#### <u>Green Party - Harmony (April 2015)</u>









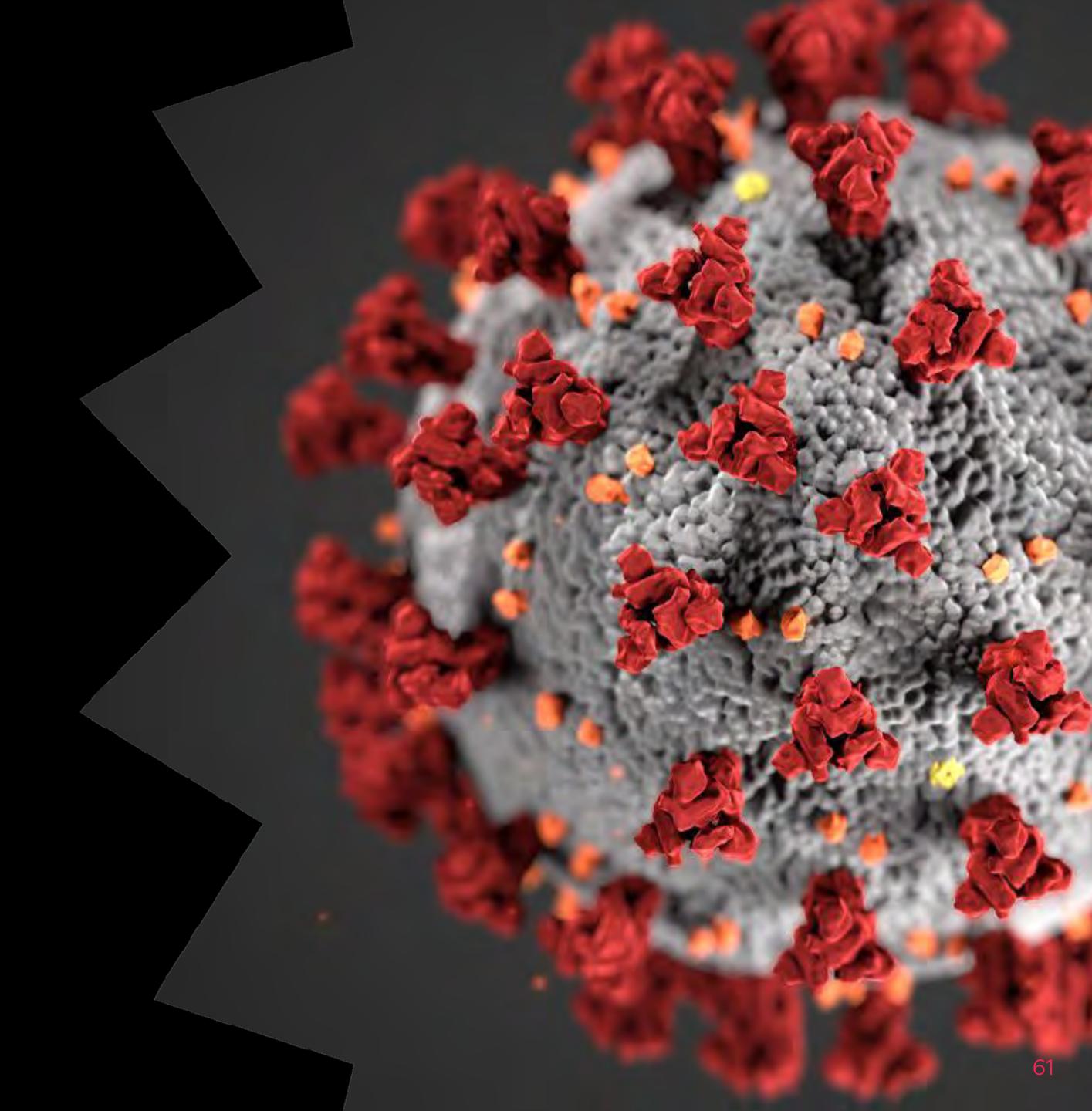




## Predator 4 Circa March 2020

We probably don't need to explain this one, do we?







#### -LIFEBUOY-THE WORLD'S 1<sup>ST</sup> TO REPORT THAT IT IS OVER 99.9% EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

\*As per lab test. Washing hands with soap & water or use of alcohol-based sanitizer is one of the recommended measures to reduce spread of Coronavirus.









HM Government

#### LOOK HIM IN THE EYES

#### THE EYES

# AND TELL HIM YOU

NHS 🕷

Anthony Covid-19 patie

STAY HOME + PROTECT THE NHS + SAVE LIVES

**AND TELL HER** 

Covid-19 patient

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# <u>Tesco - Nothing's Stopping Us (Nov 2021)</u>



#### 5,000 complaints, sure. But:

6.1% YoY revenue growth for the 19 week Christmas trading period (to £19.7bn)
7.8% YoY revenue growth for the 3 weeks preceding Christmas



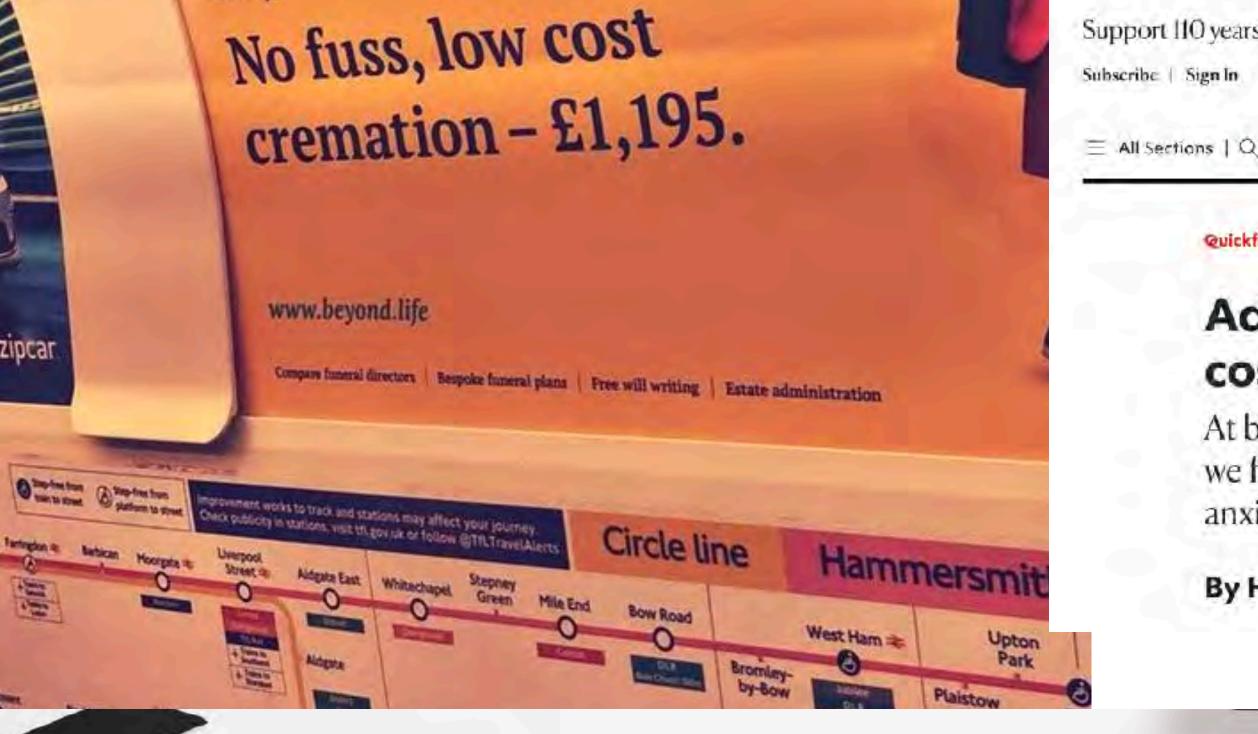


## Predator 5 Circa March 2022

And right now... Well, honestly, where do we fucking start?







#### Now on Channel 4,

a special ad break brought to you by companies who want to highlight some of the ways they can help their customers during this difficult time of rising prices.

Support 110 years of independent journalism.

**THEW STATESMAN** 

Politics World Culture Ideas Comment Long reads Business State of the Nation Spotlight Magazine

Quickfire 3 November 2022

#### Advertisers, please stop exploiting cost-of-living anxiety

At best, it's an unhelpful reminder of the financial issues we face. At worst it's cynically capitalising on our anxieties.

Google connects millions of people to publishers big and small Google

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#### **By Hugh Smiley**





#### We want you to spend less with us.

We know it's tough right now. Which is why we want to show you all the ways we can help you spend less and use a Clubcard to get more for your money. From your food and fuel, to your phone and finance.

Because right now, every little helps.





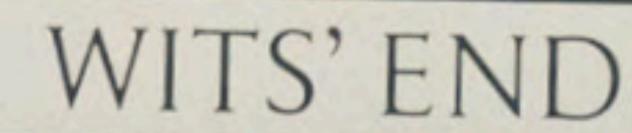


#### Dunelm - Wits' End (Nov 2022)



This campaign saw an 11% uplift in sales vs. a control region and Dunelm overtook Ikea as the highest considered homeware brand nationally for the very first time









# Predator 6 Circa right now

Friend...





# Predator 6 Circa right now

...or ruthless killing machine sent from the future ultimately to destroy all of humanity as we know it, and make really beige creative work in the meantime.





#### **BBDO WARNS AGAINST GENERATIVE AI FOR CLIENT WORK**

BBDO Worldwide President and CEO Andrew Robertson encourages exploration but raises copyright concerns

By Aleda Stam. Published on April 25, 2023.





Is it something that's going to destroy creativity as we know it?





# Just dick about with it?







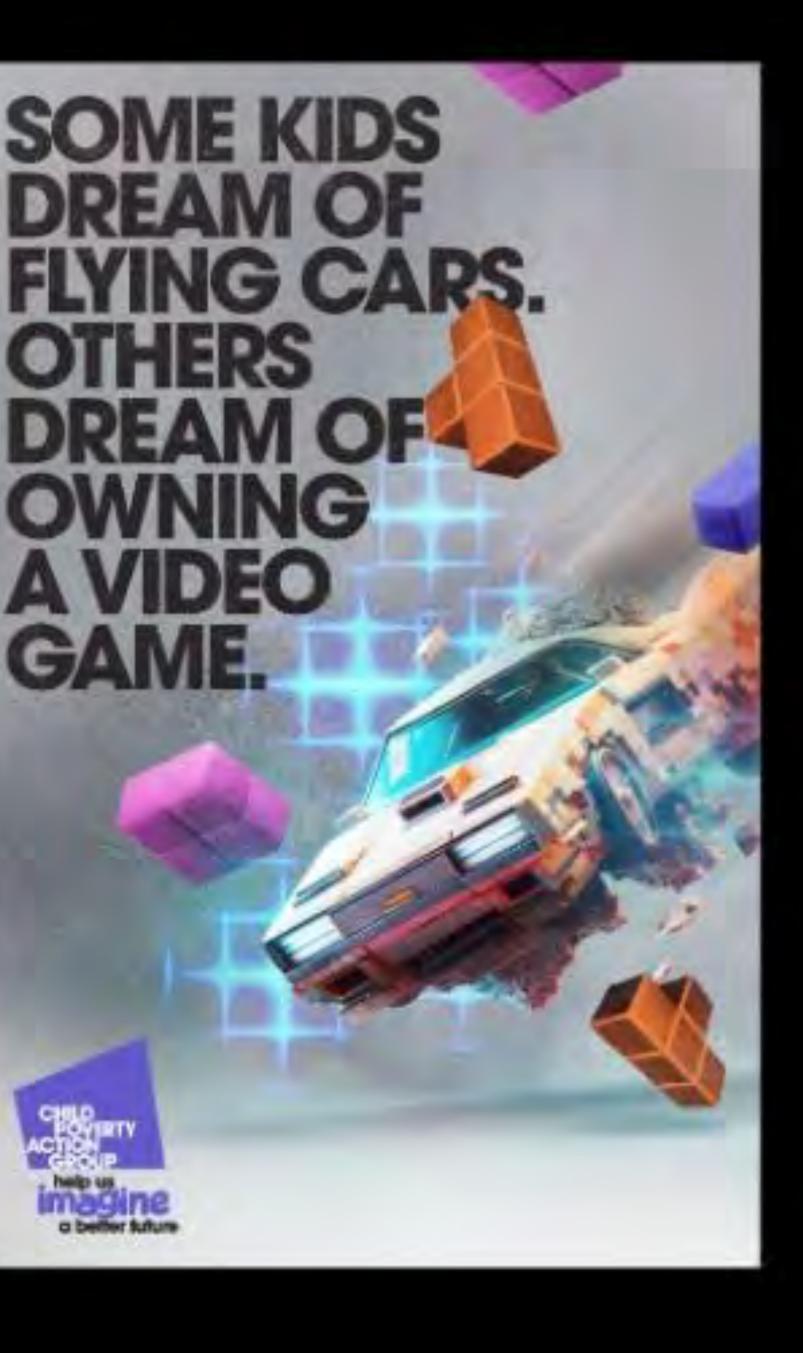
Or might there be a world in which the people you trust to drive value through creativity can use it to open doors?



















# ut when the water's ising, we can sit still and drown, or thrash about and work out now to swin



# Or, to put it another way, grow a massive fuck off power-claw.







#### Let's Mispenave

