



# The Kubernetes Control Plane

...For Busy People Who Like Pictures

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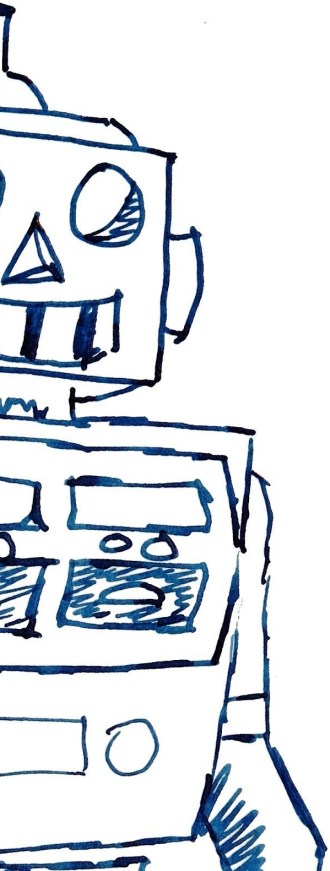
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FOR BUSY PEOPLE  
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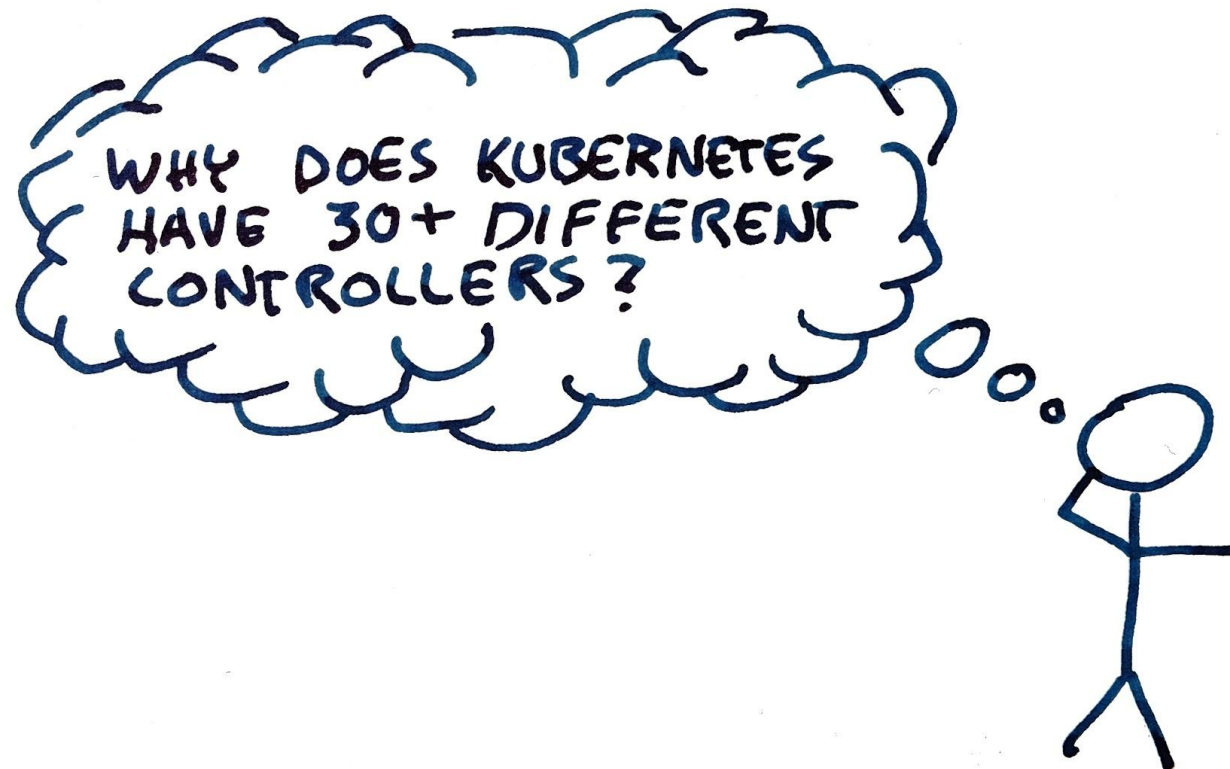
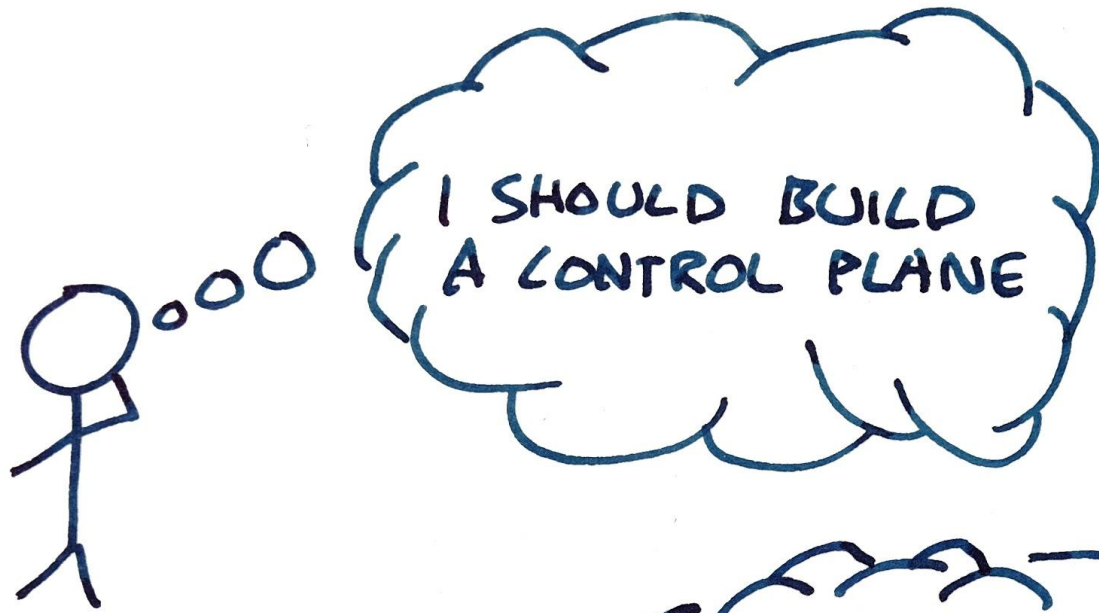
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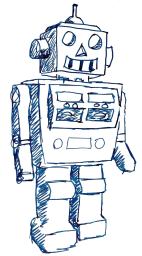




TRIOLOGY

{ COPENHAGEN 2018: KUBERNETES-STYLE APIS OF THE FUTURE  
SEATTLE 2018: A VISION FOR API MACHINERY  
BARCELONA 2019: THE KUBERNETES CONTROL PLANE  
→ FOR BUSY PEOPLE WHO LIKE PICTURES

YOU  
ARE  
HERE



THE KUBERNETES API  
IS ABOUT HUMANS AND  
MACHINES WORKING TOGETHER.



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... YOU CAN'T DO THAT  
WITHOUT SOME MACHINES!!

CONTROLLERS: THE  IN THE MACHINE

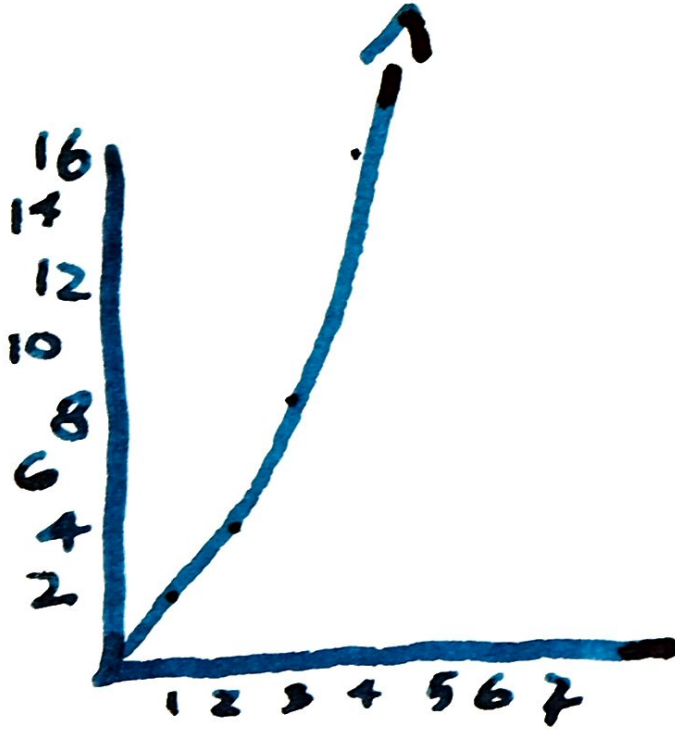
CONTROL  
THEORY!



THE AGE-OLD DEBATE: ~~NATURE VS NURTURE~~  
STATE MACHINE  
VS  
CONTROL LOOP

# STATE MACHINES

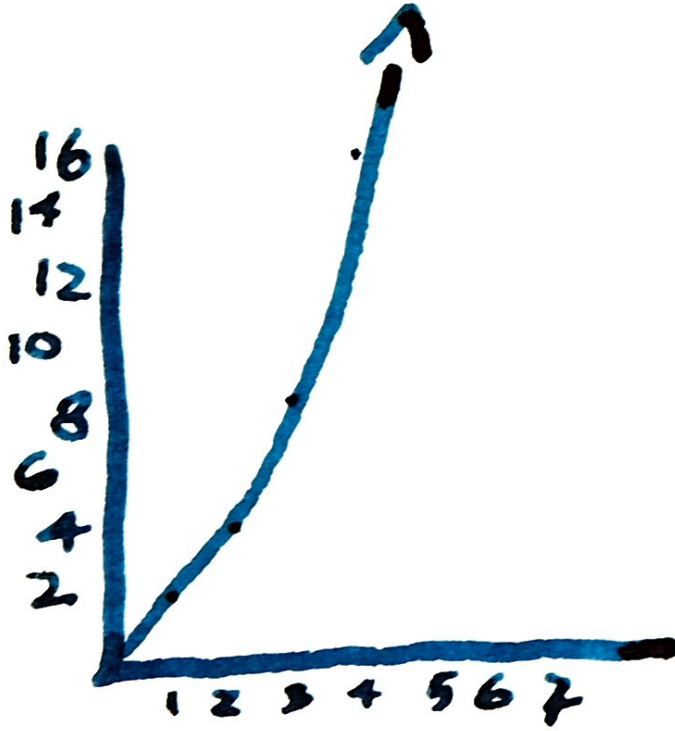
POSSIBLE STATES  
YOU MUST HANDLE  
PERFECTLY



# BINARY VARIABLES

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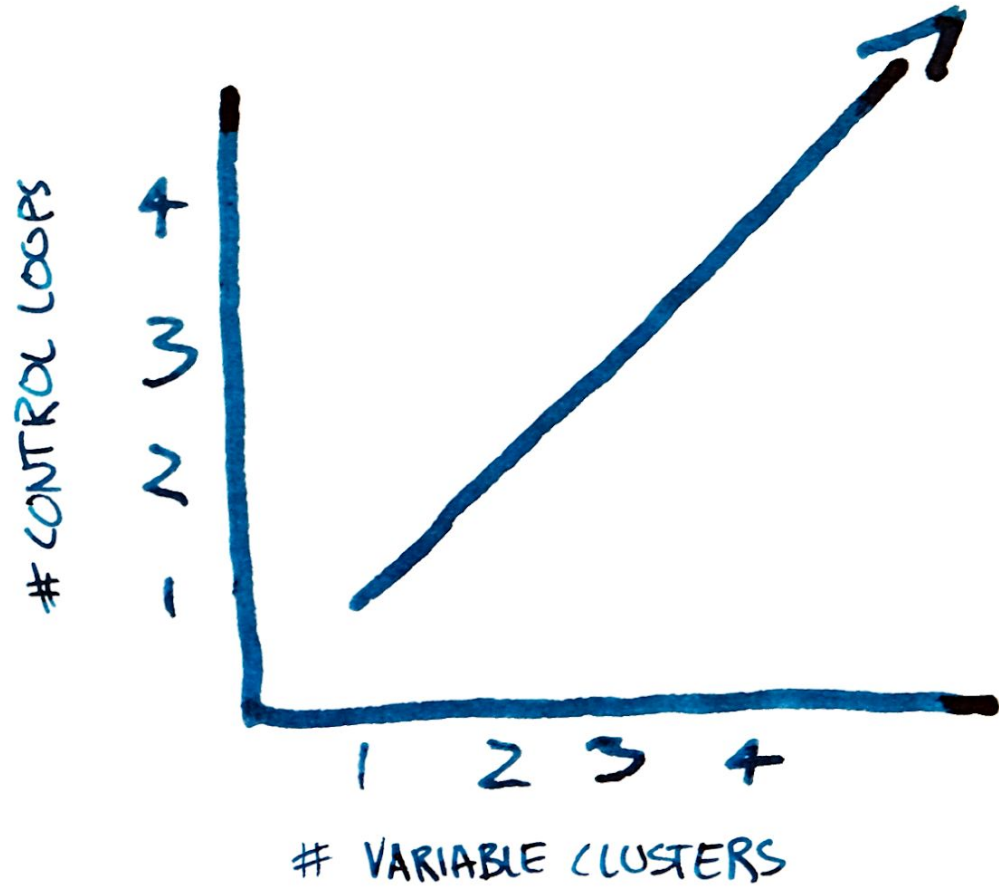
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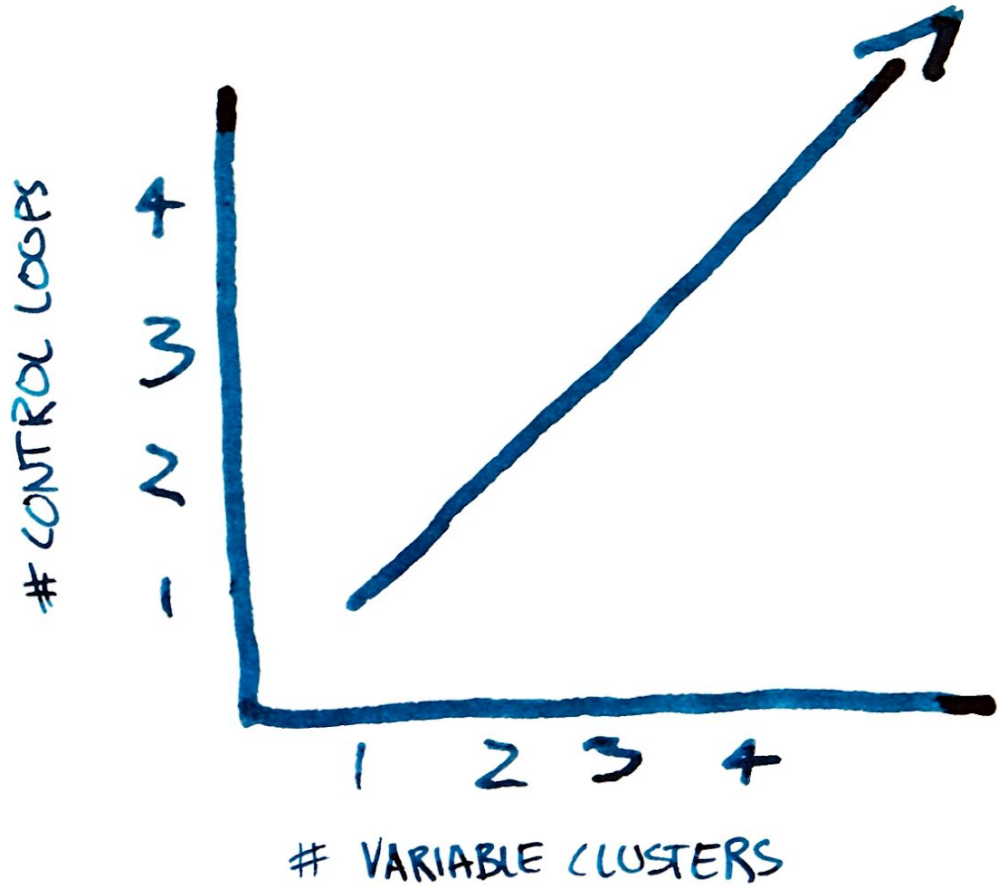
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NOT GOOD  
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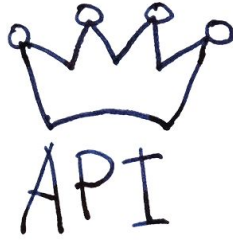
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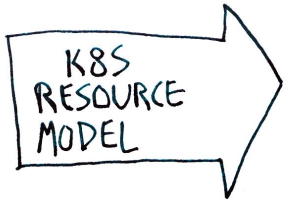
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N ← TECHNICAL TERM:  
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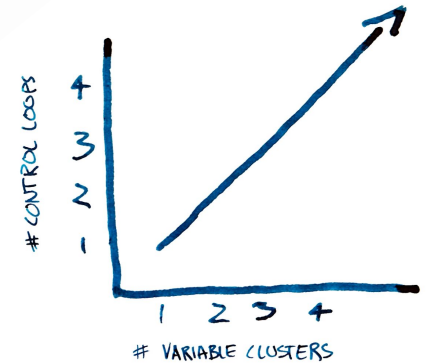
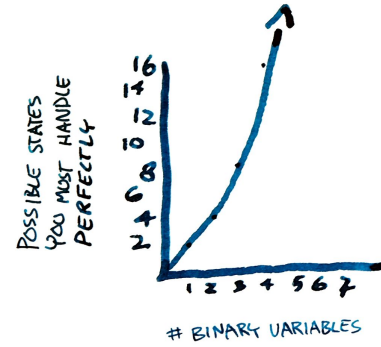
6 · N  
OPERATIONS



6 + N  
OPERATIONS THINGS

↓  
APPLY

1 OPERATION  
!!!  
...



INTEGRATION COMPLEXITY VS IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY

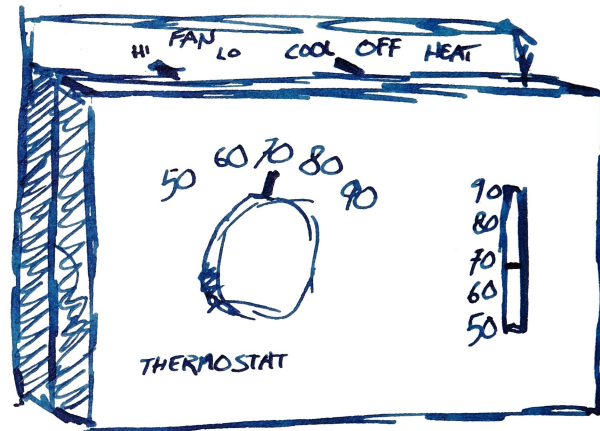
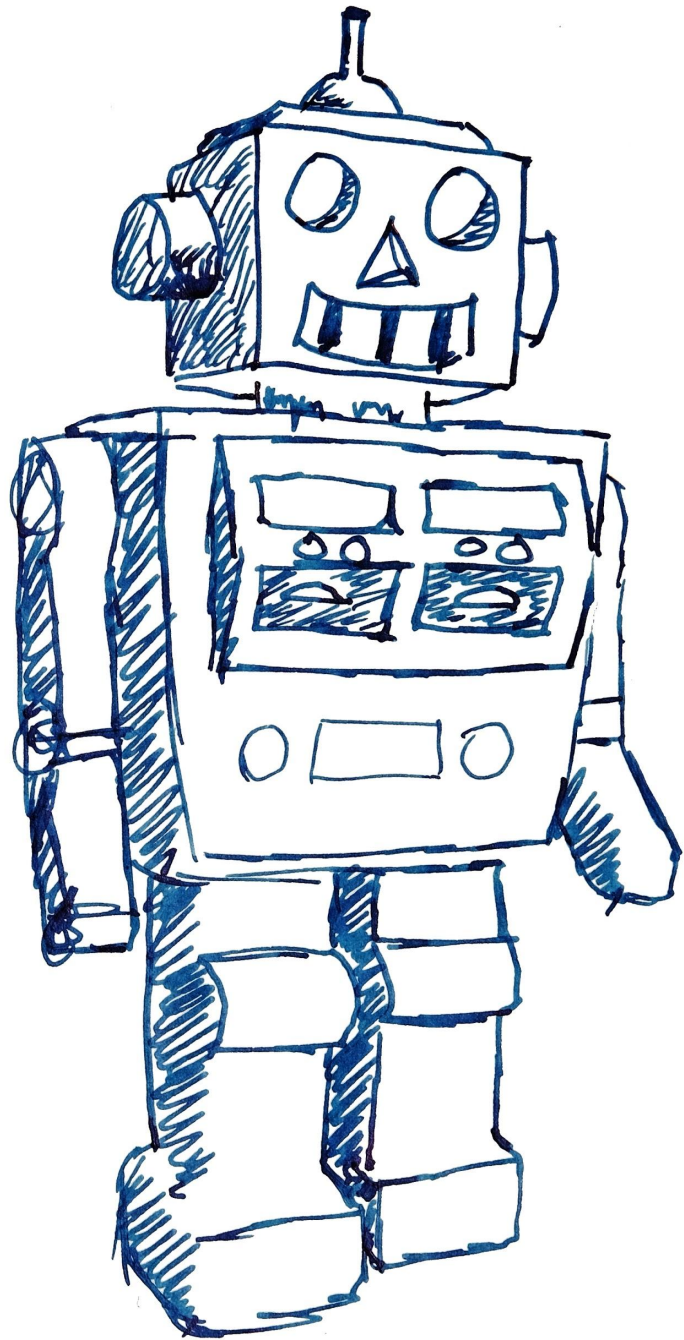
GLOBALLY EASIER  
LOCALLY HARDER

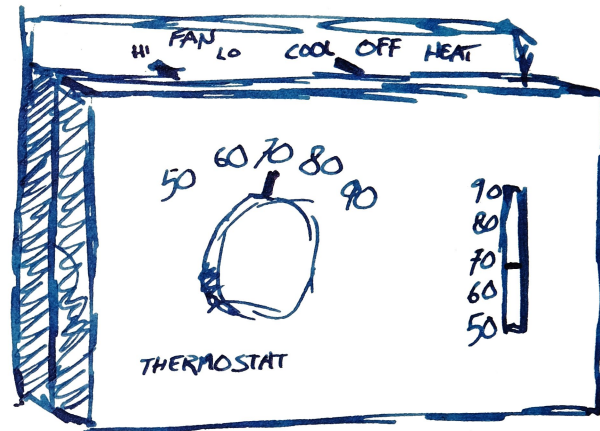
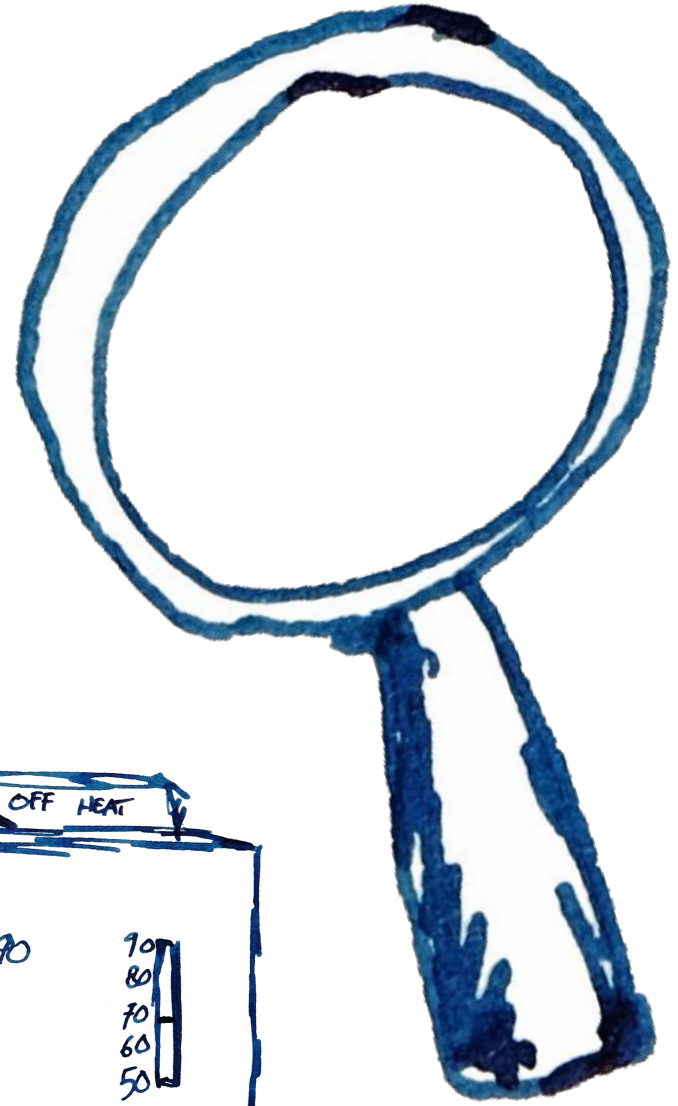
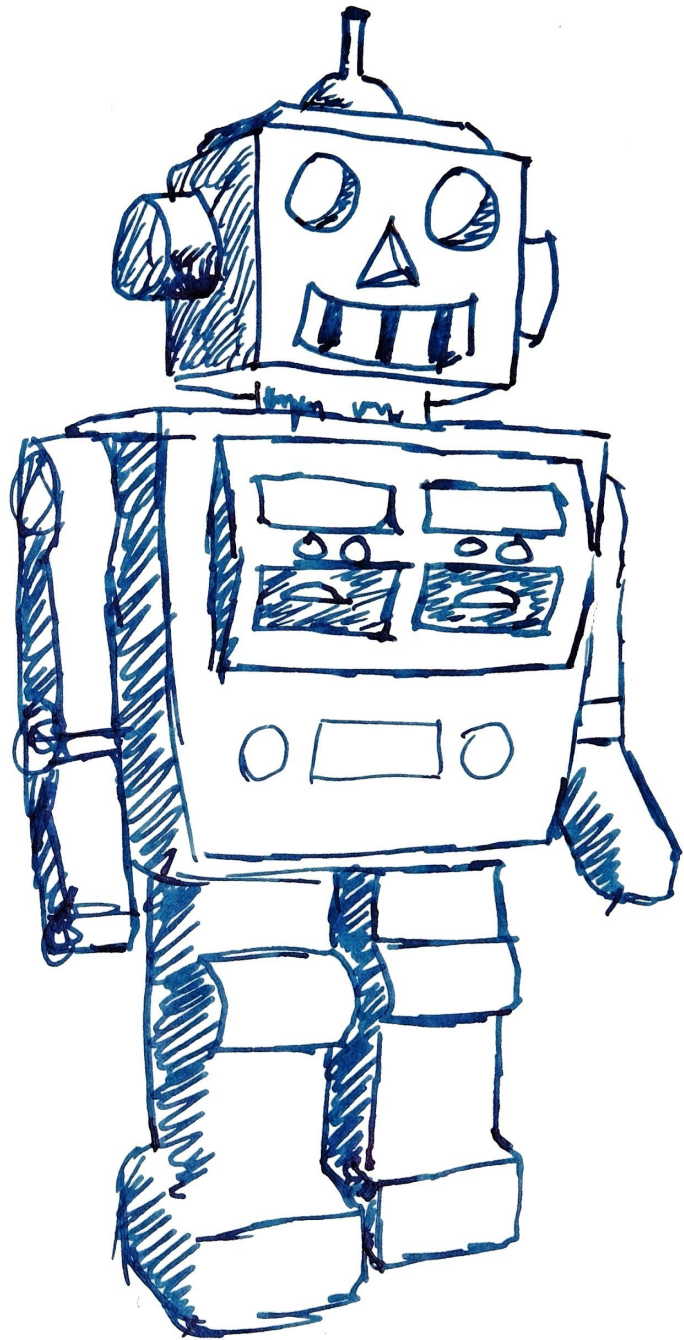
AN IDEAL KRM CONTROLLER



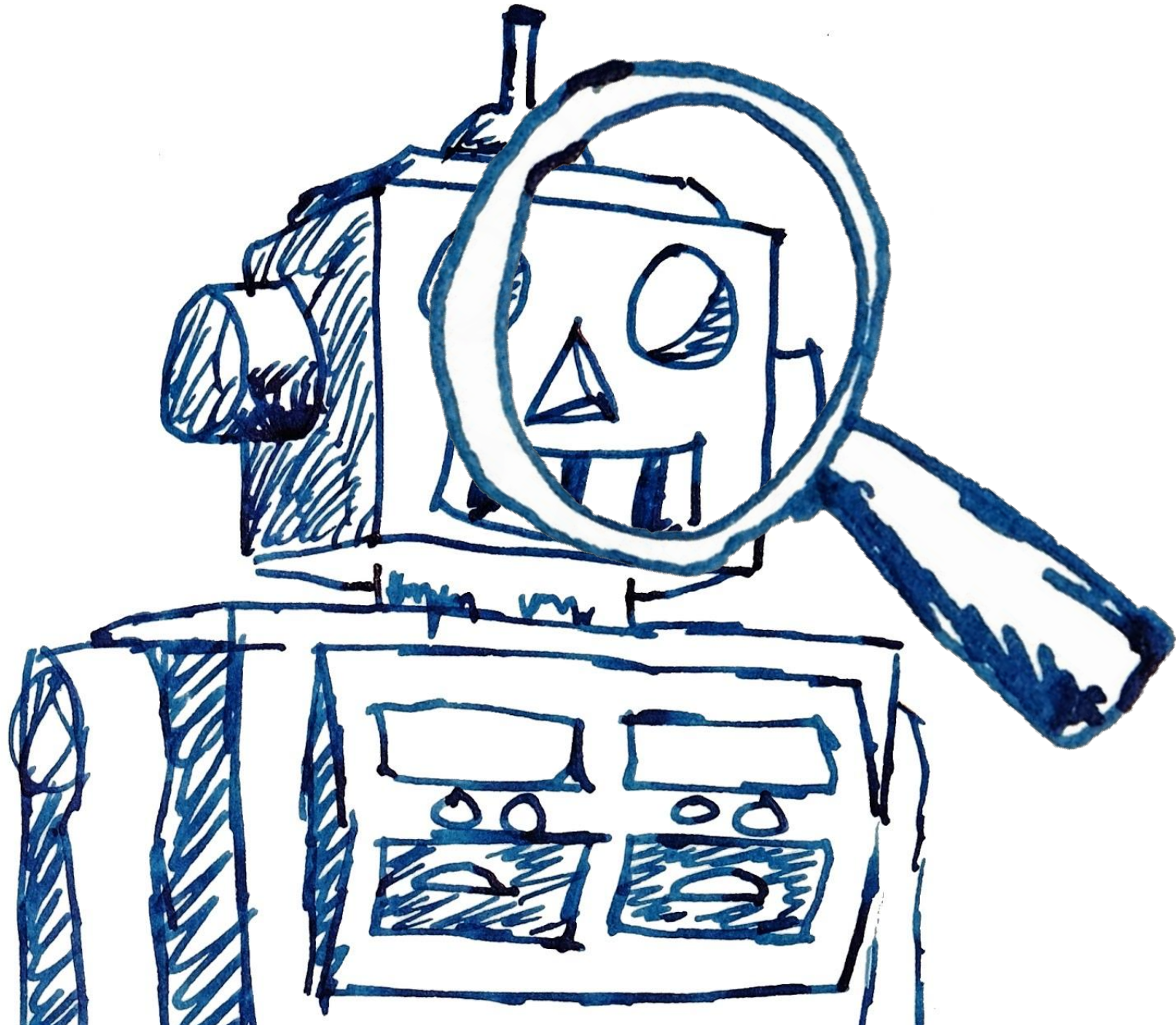
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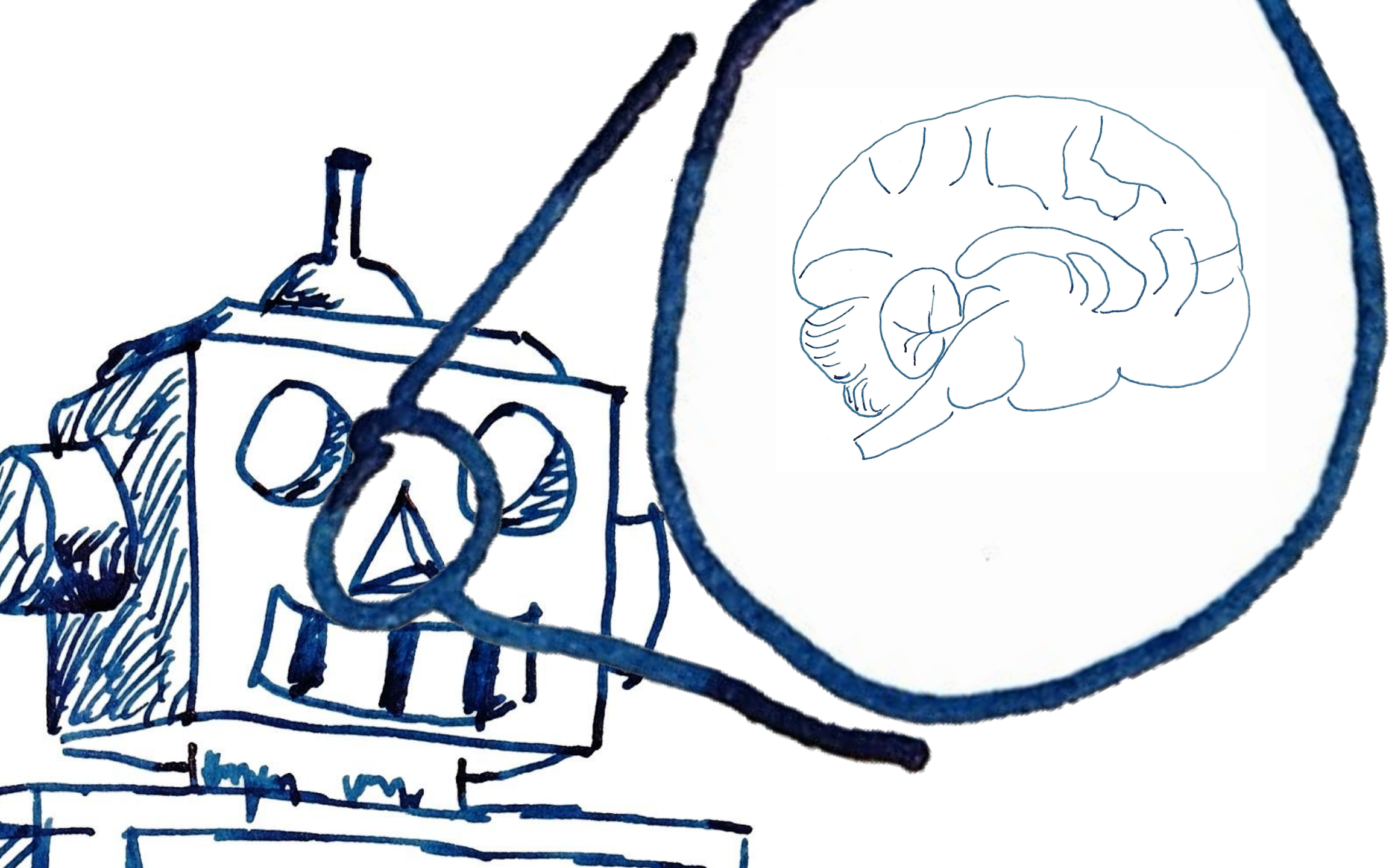
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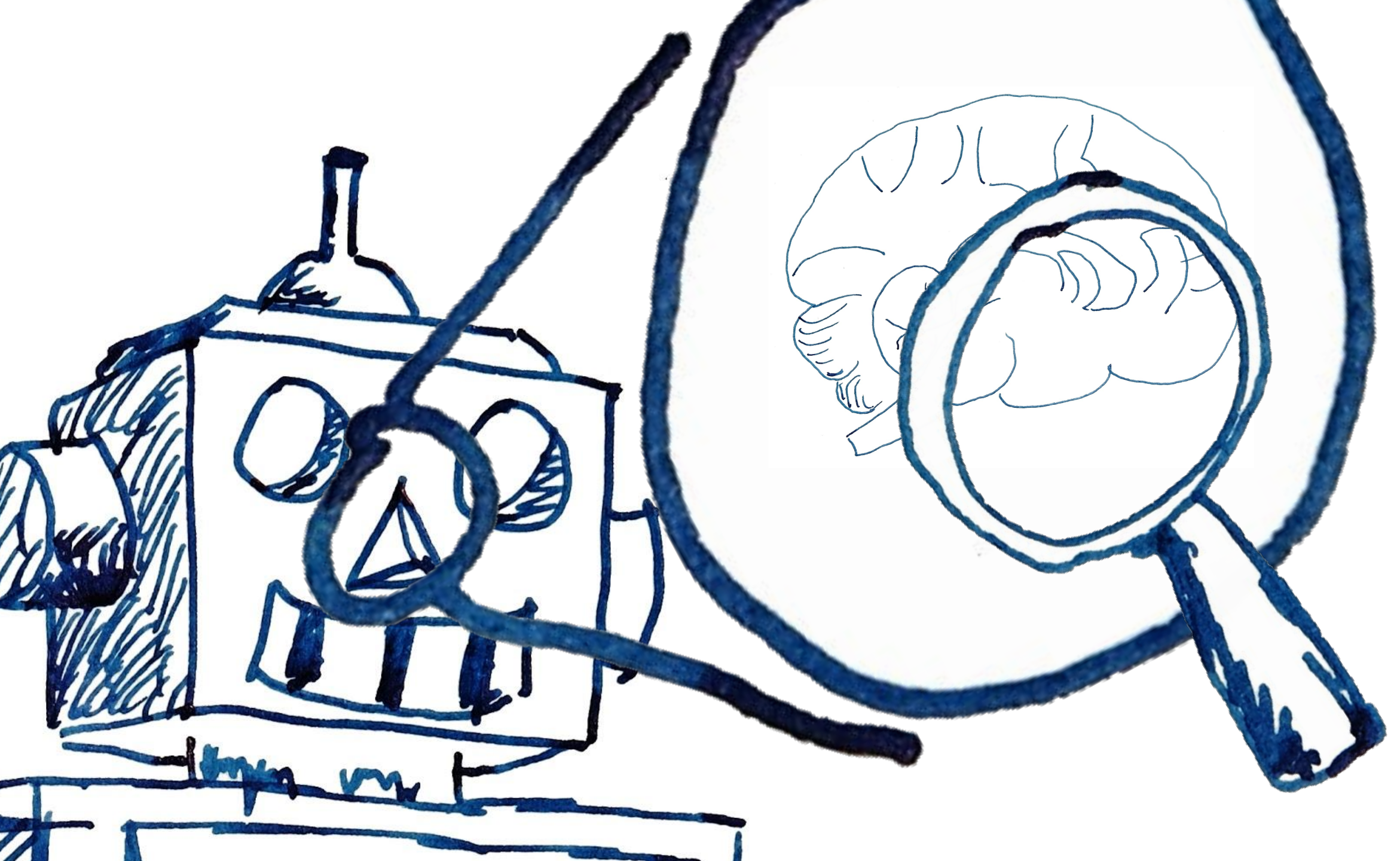


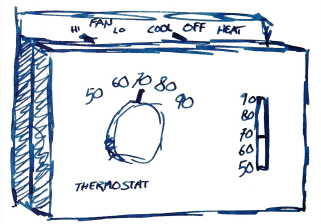
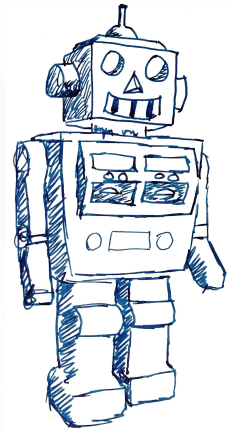
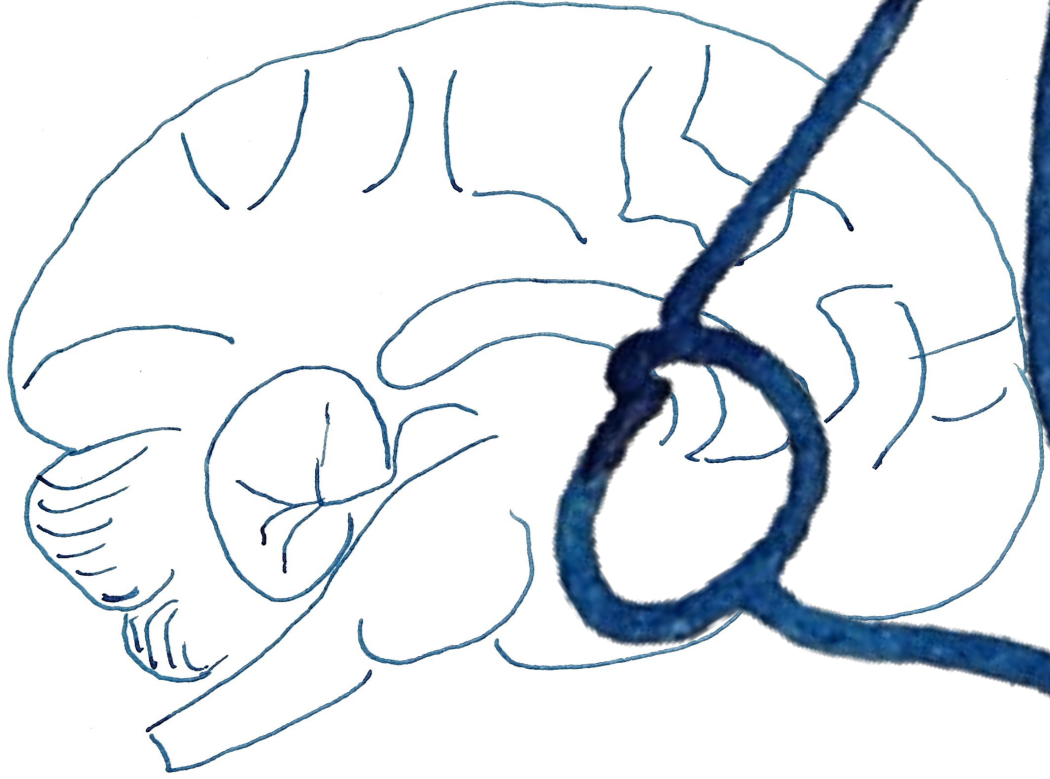
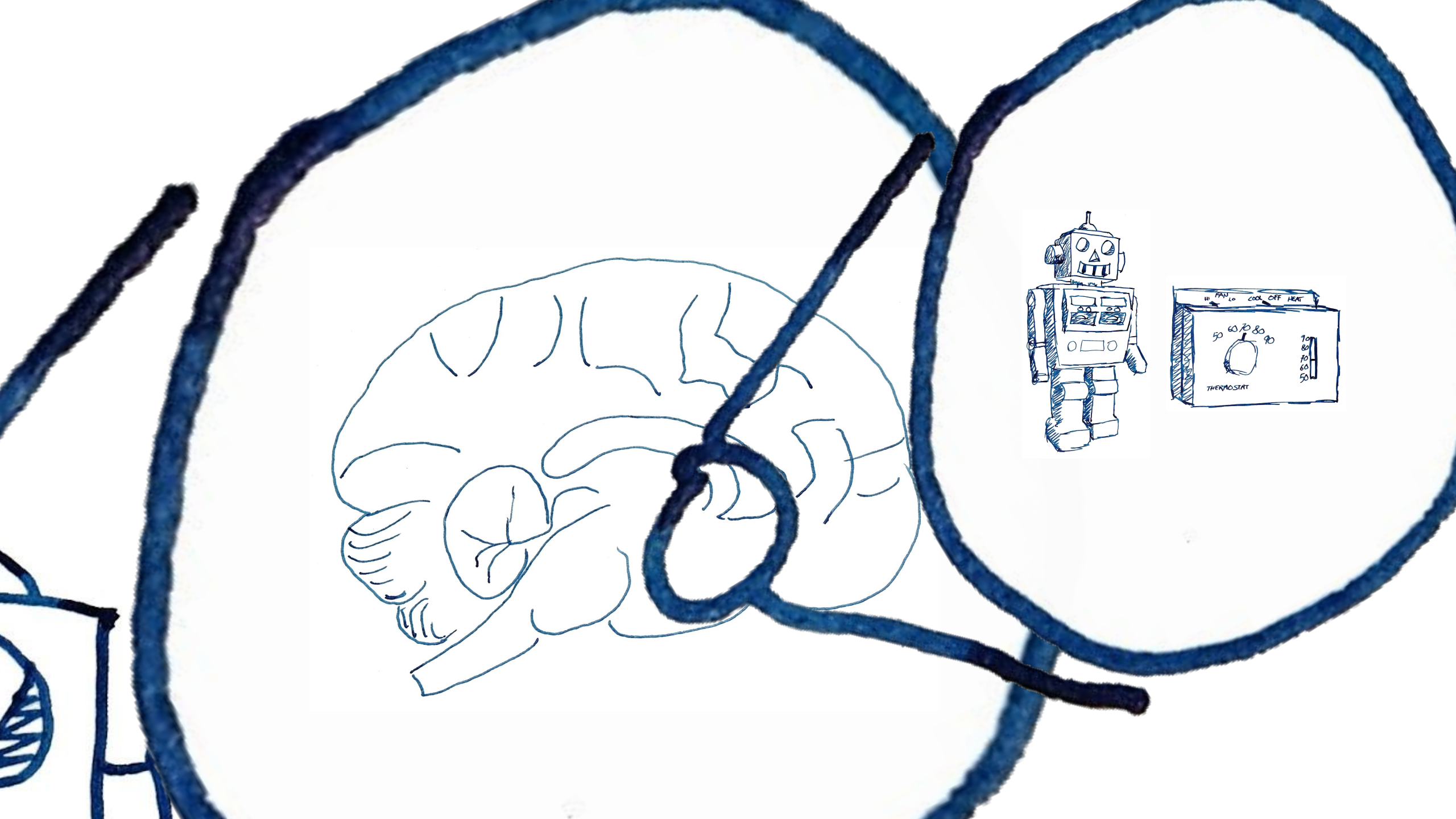




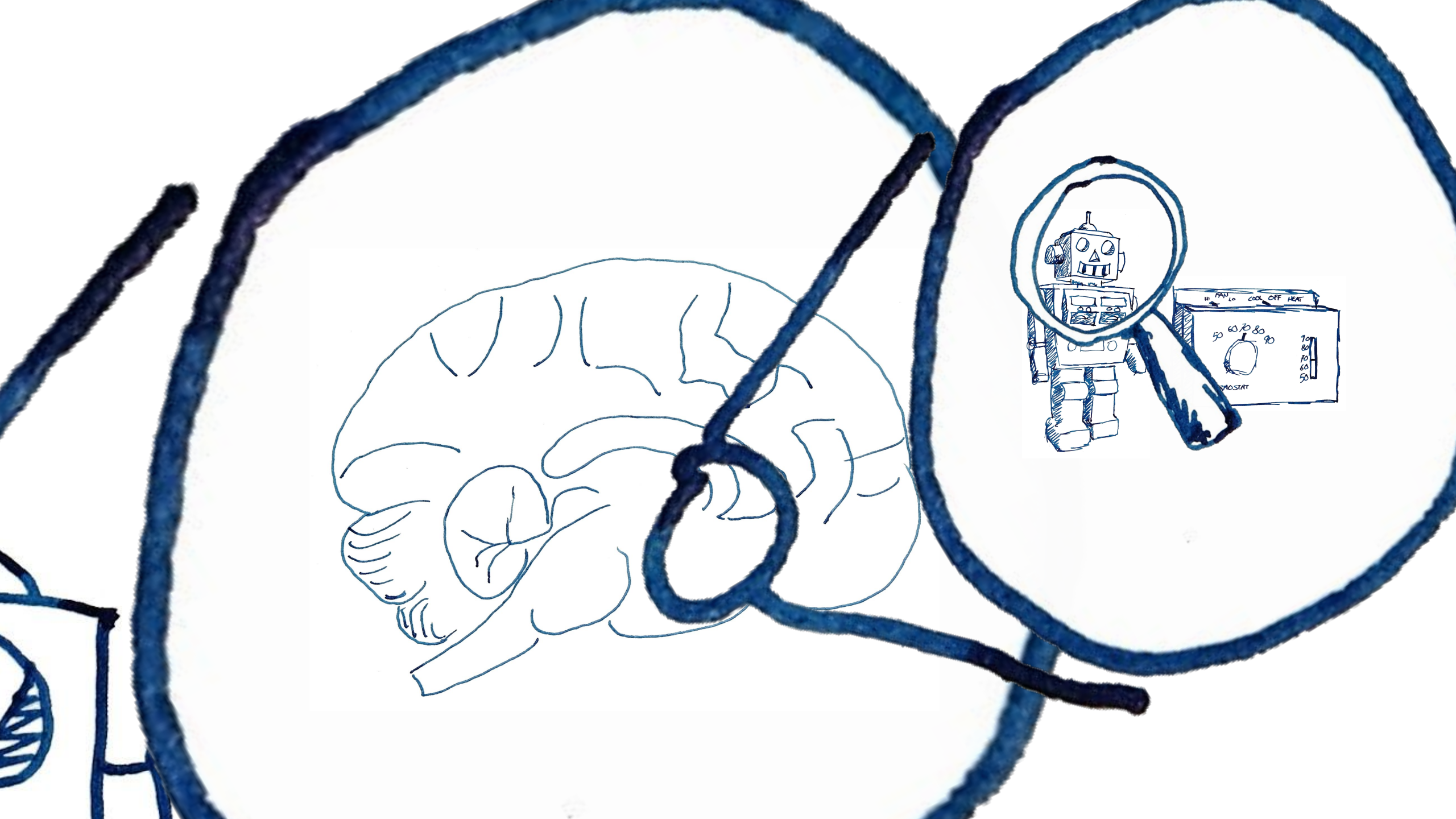


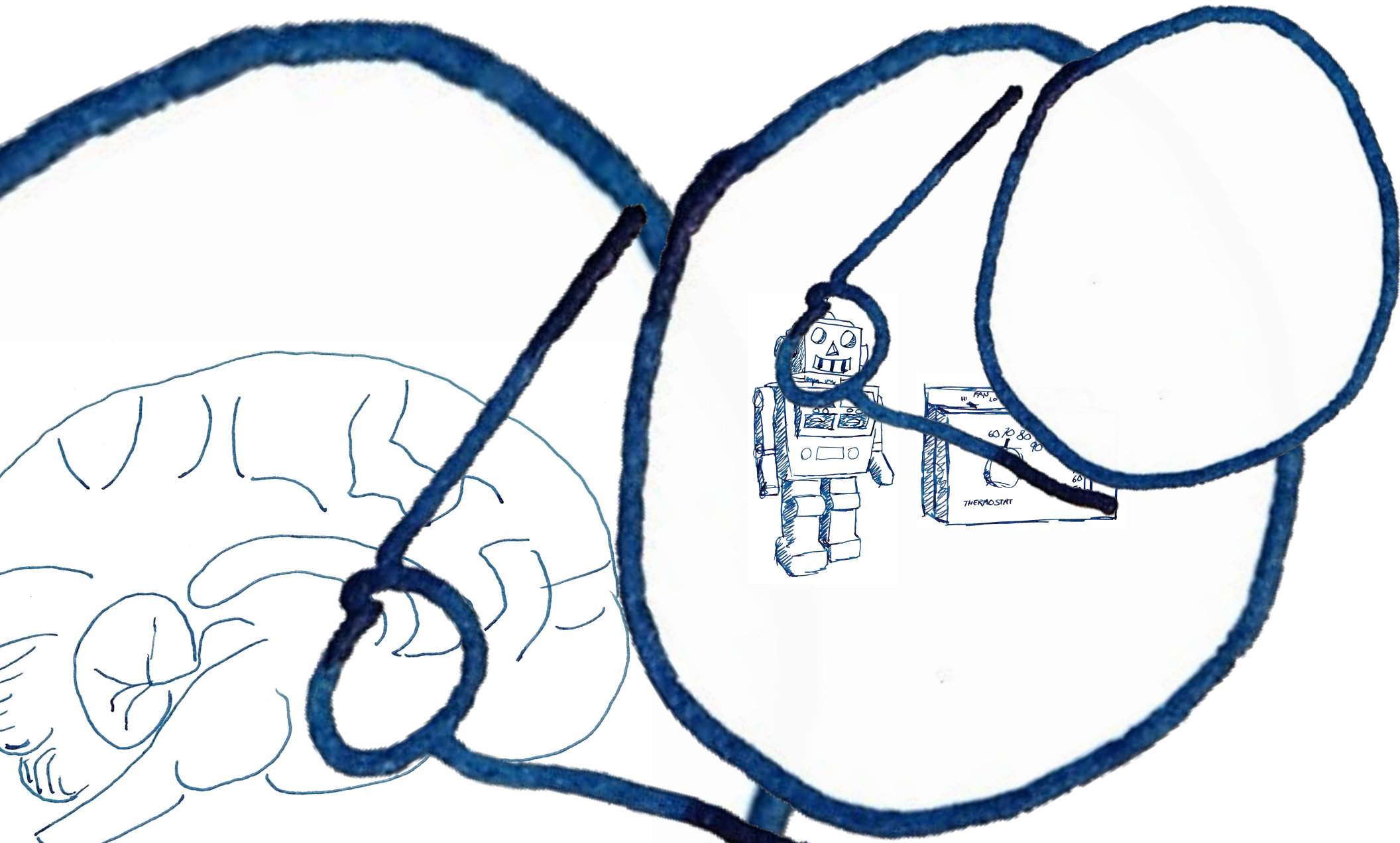


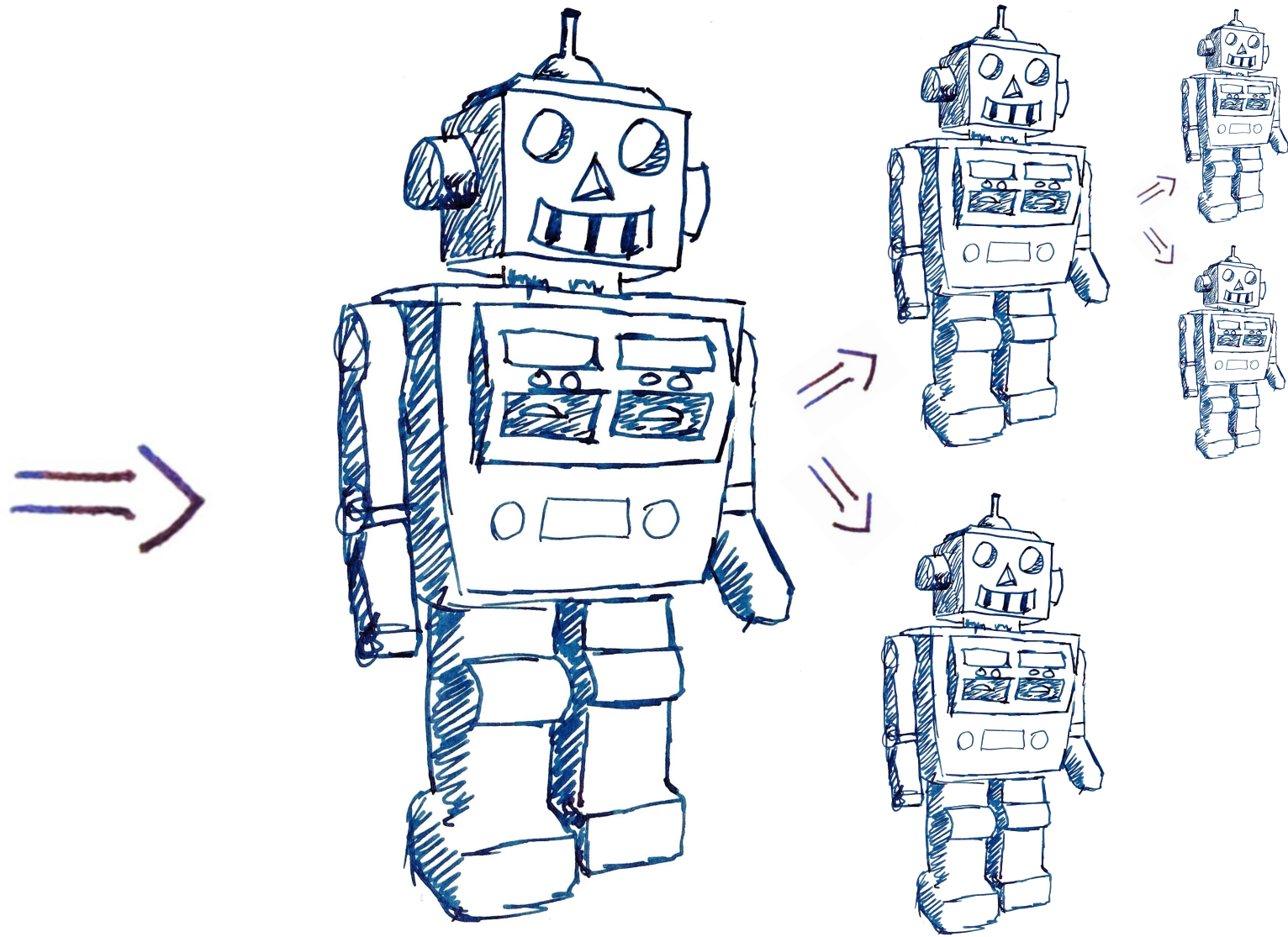




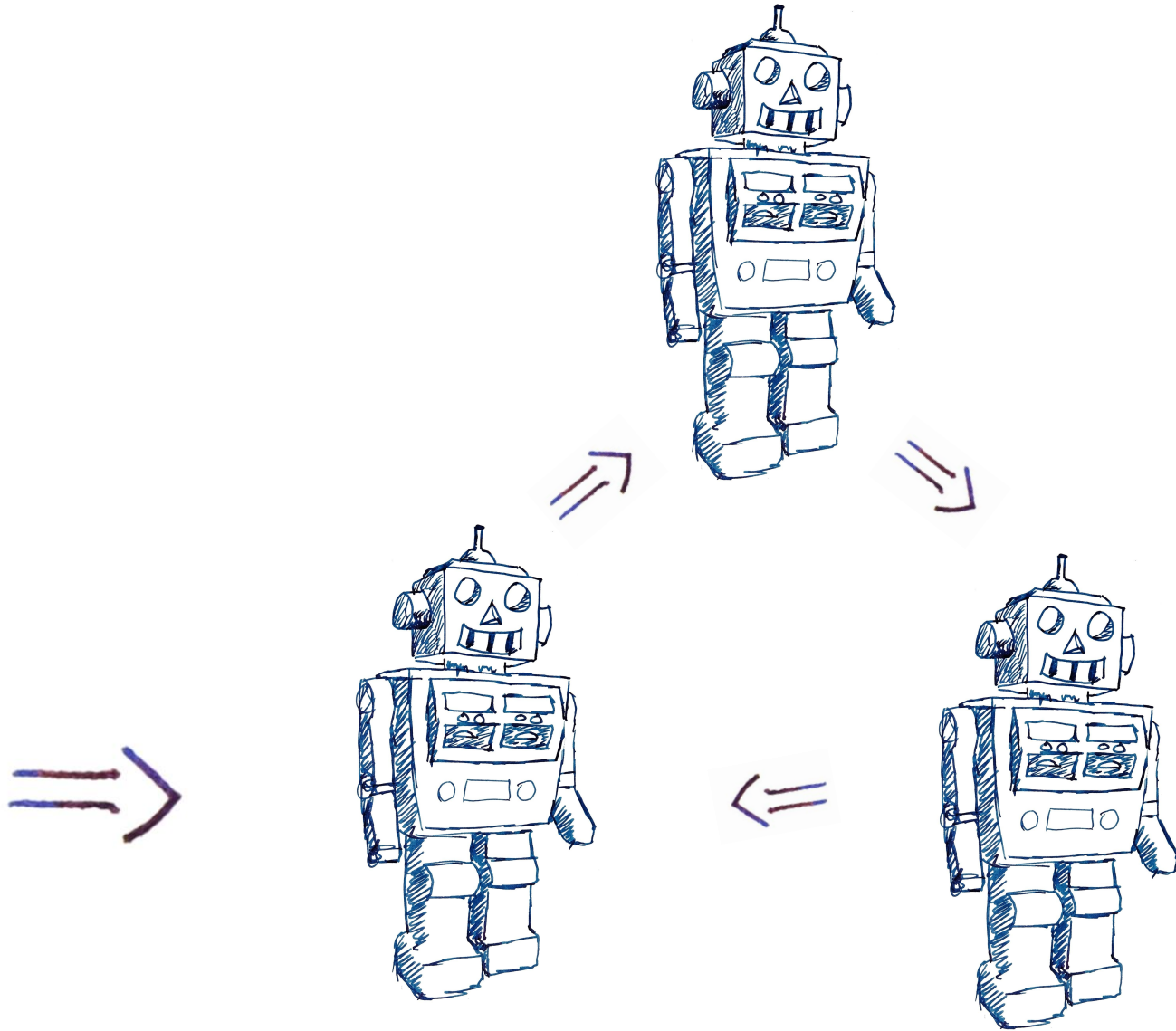


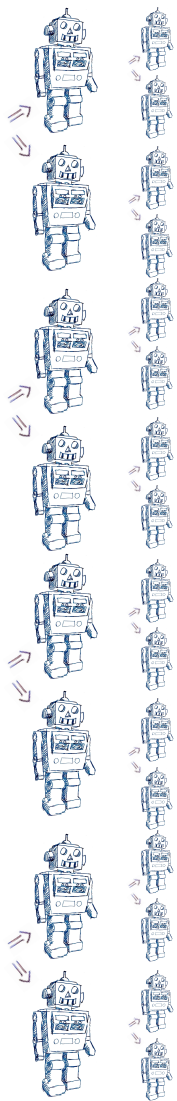
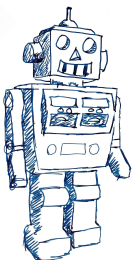
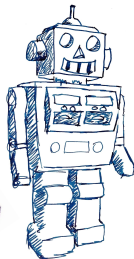
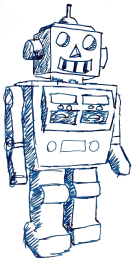
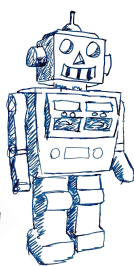
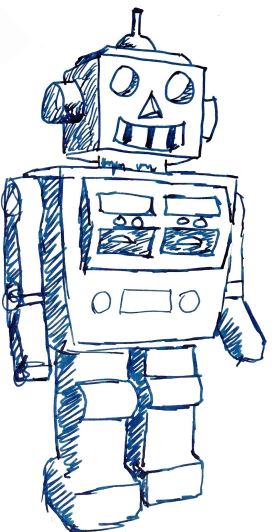
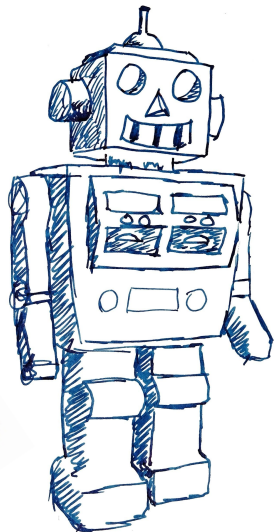
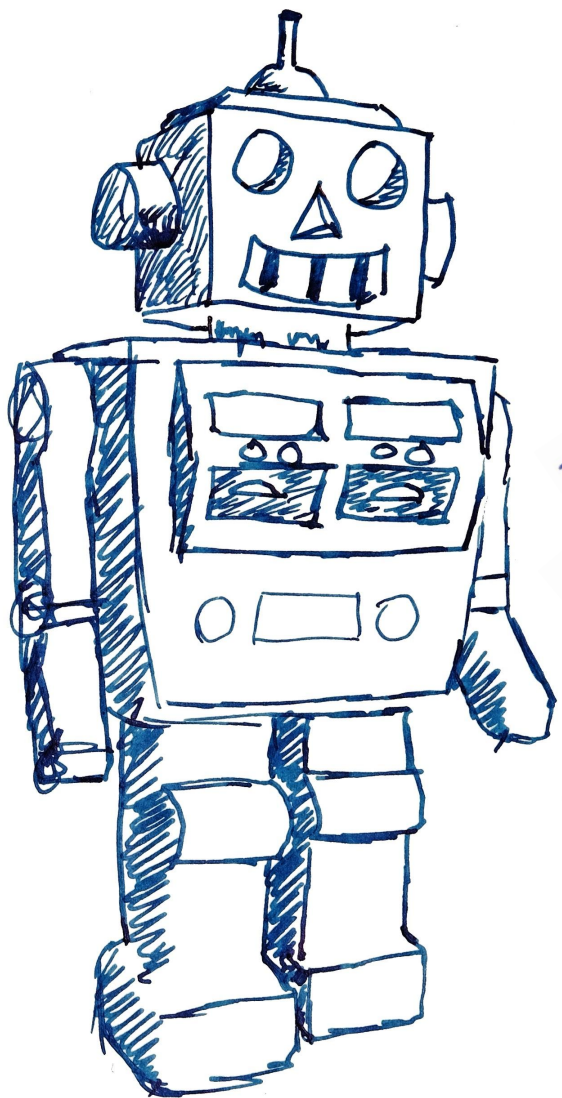












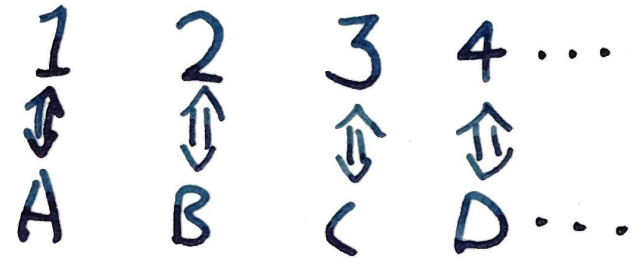
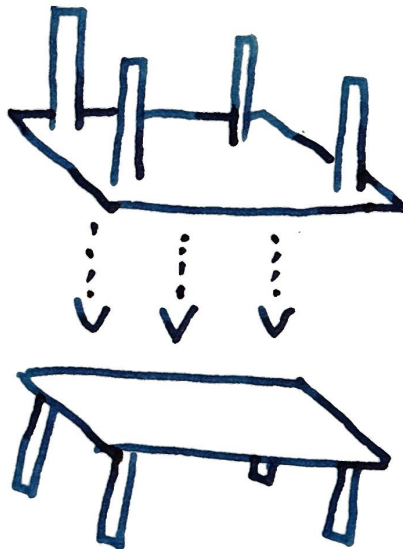
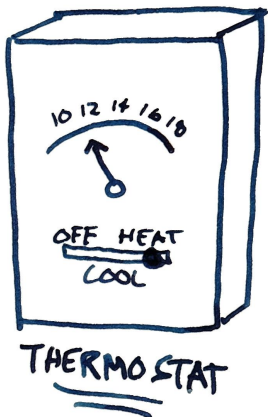
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CONTROL ~~THEORY~~  
PRACTICE!

# CONTROLLER CATEGORIES

- \* THE "CLASSIC" CONTROLLERS
- \* STANDING QUERY / "TABLE JOIN"
- \* IN- OR BIJECTION ENFORCERS



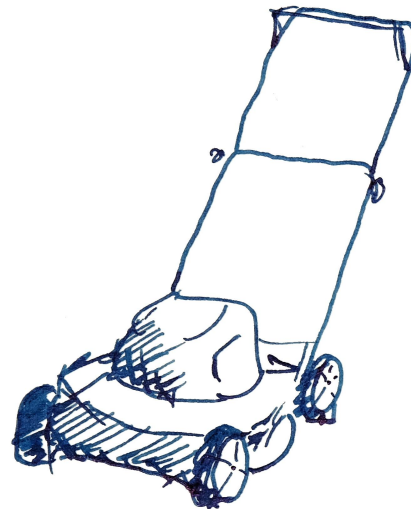
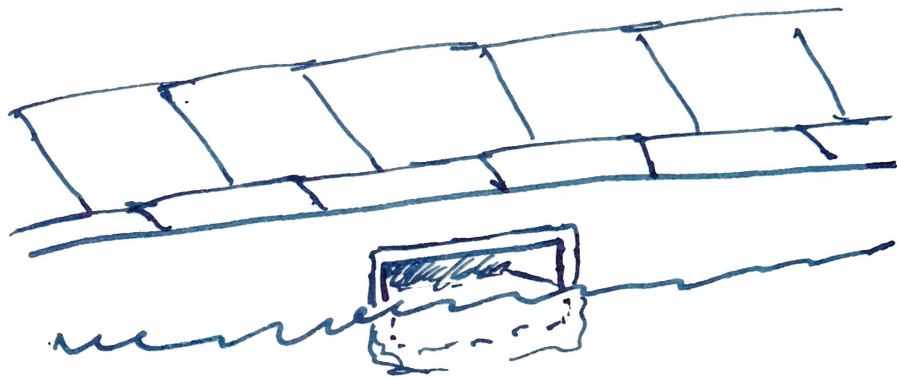
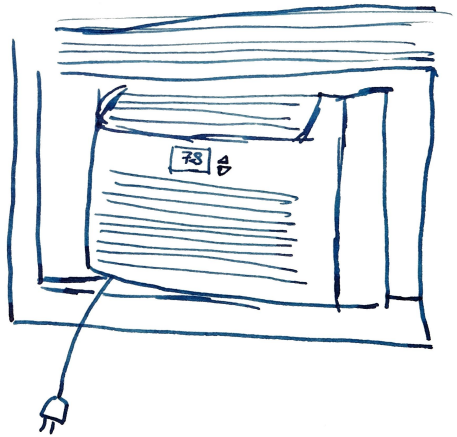


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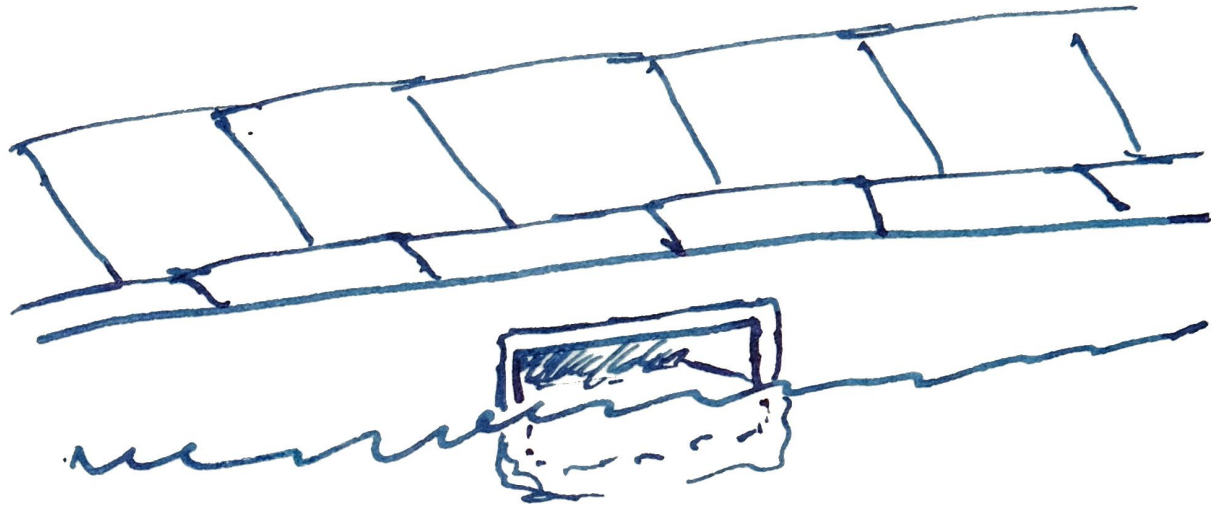
- MANY CONTROLLERS WRITE EVENTS: NOT SHOWN!
- NOT ALL "STATUS" PATHS SHOWN!
- WE'LL GO FAST ON SOME OF THESE!

# CLASSIC CONTROLLER

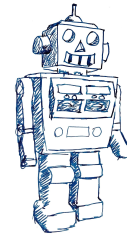
FIRST UP:  
GARBAGE COLLECTORS!



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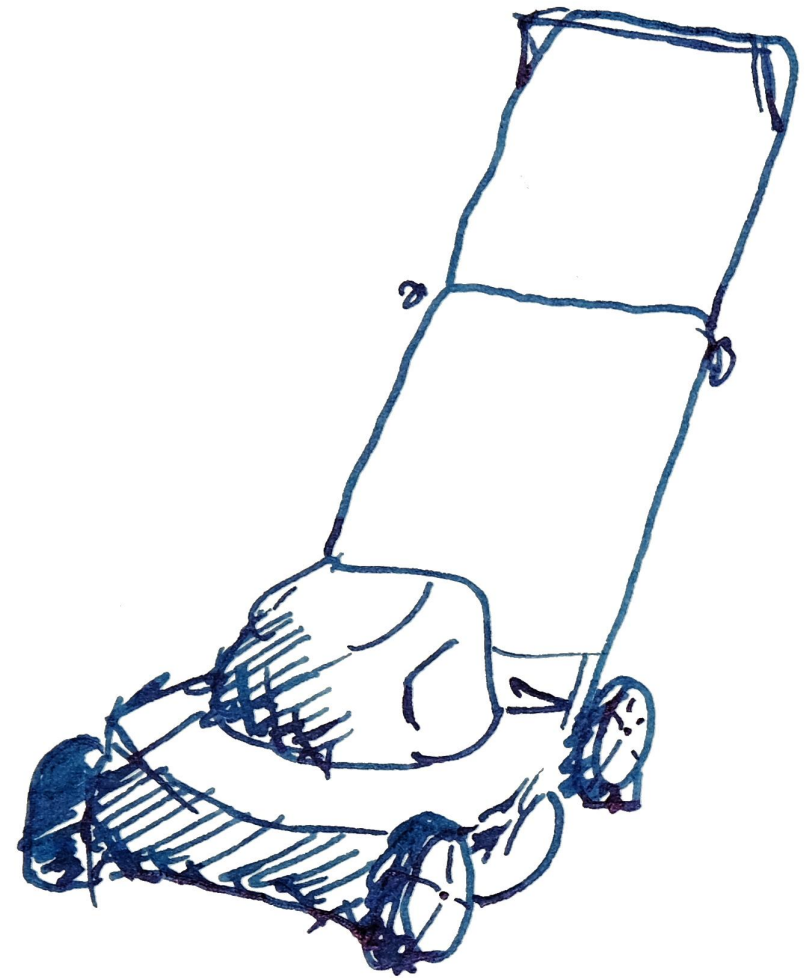
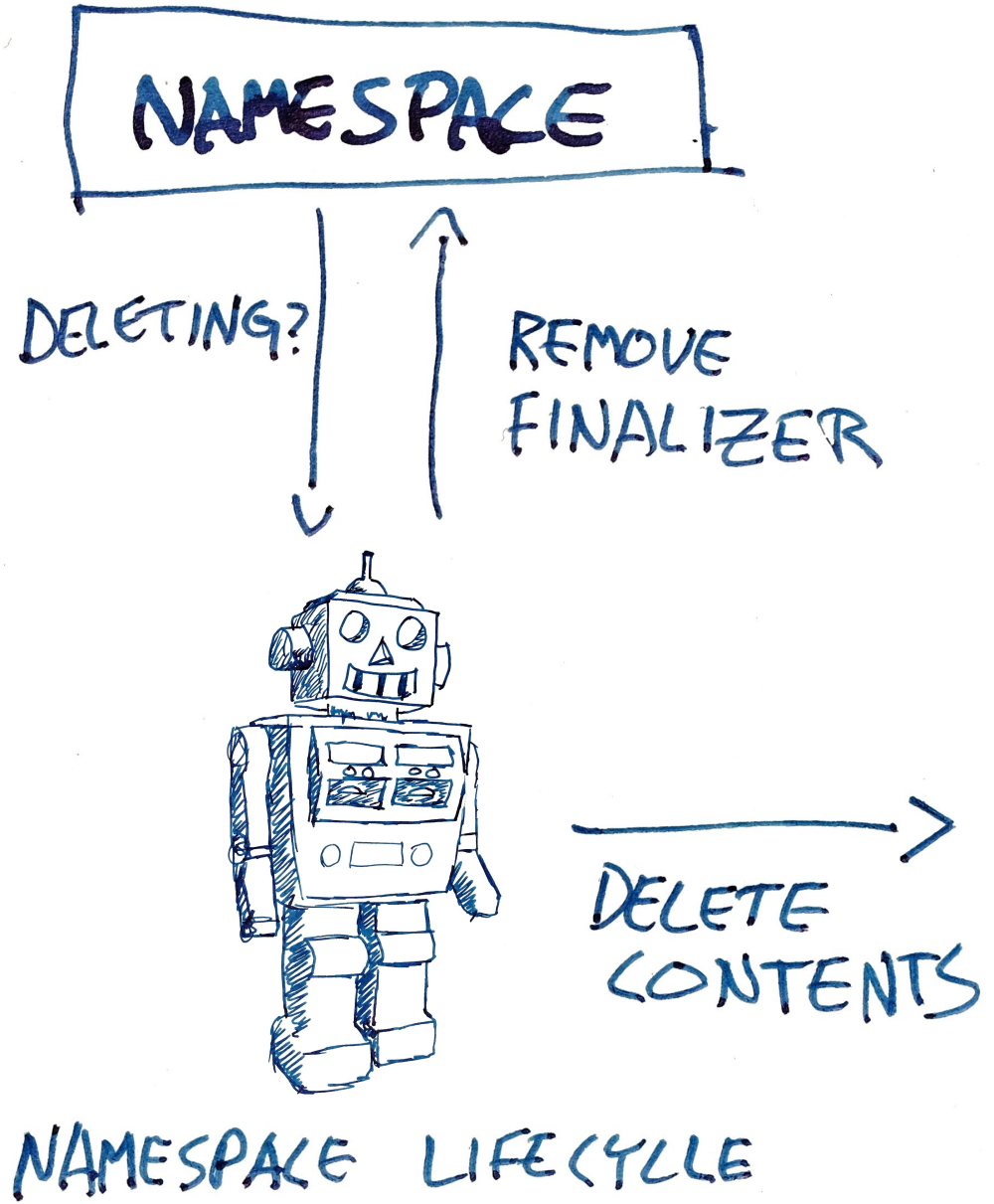


TOO MANY  
FINISHED?  
DELETE

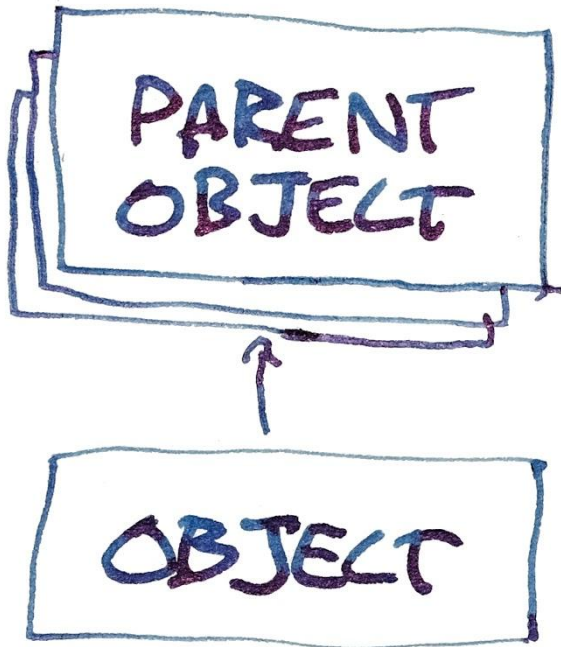


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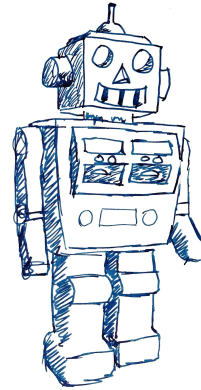
# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



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PARENTS  
ALL DELETED?  
←  
DELETE!

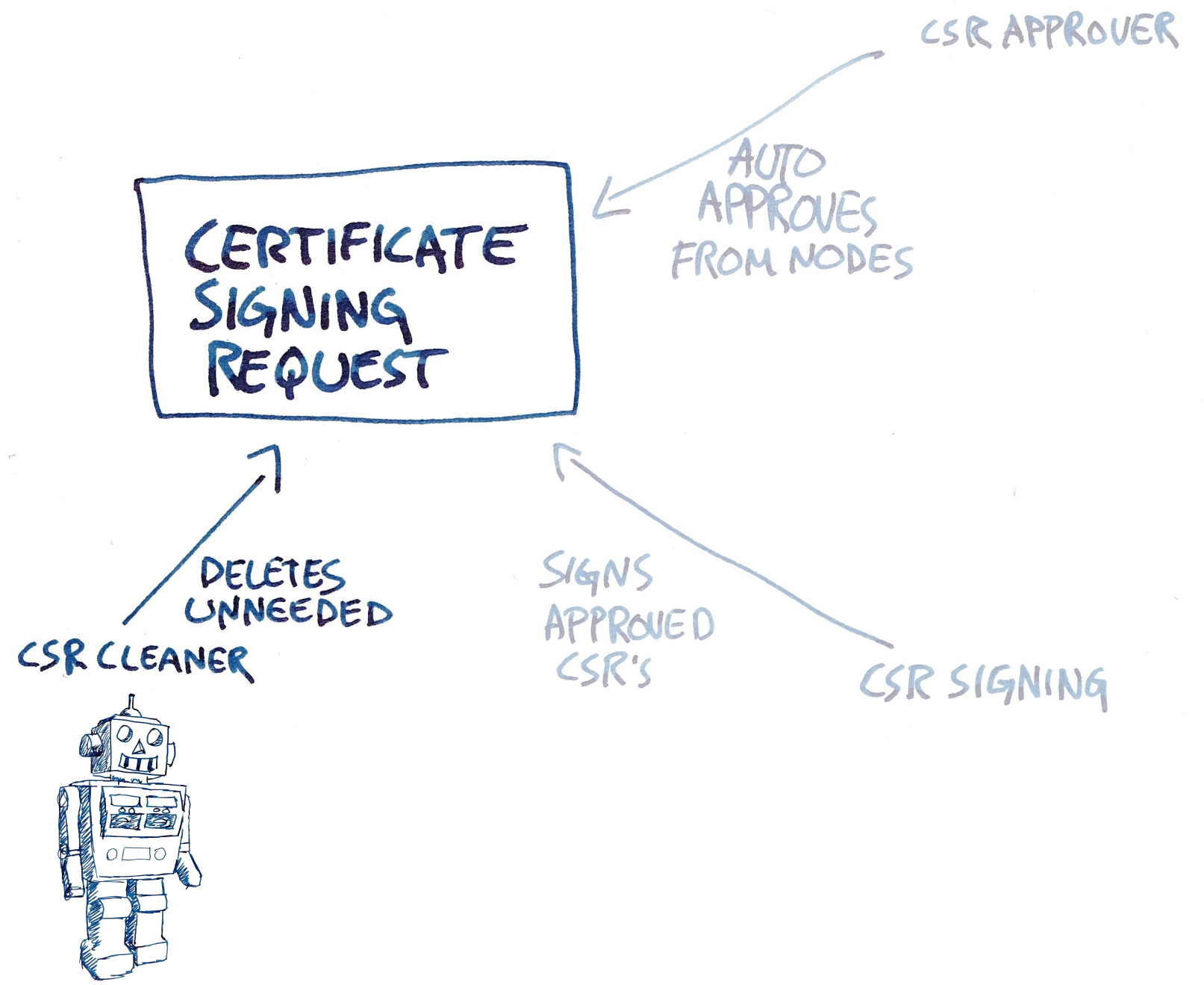


# GARBAGE COLLECTOR





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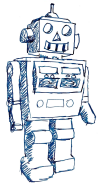


# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



PERSISTENT VOLUME

WAIT FOR CLEANUP  
REMOVE FINALIZER



PV-PROTECTION

PERSISTENT VOLUME CLAIM

WAIT FOR CLEANUP  
REMOVE FINALIZER

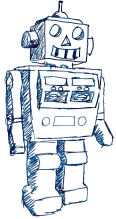


PVC-PROTECTION

JOB

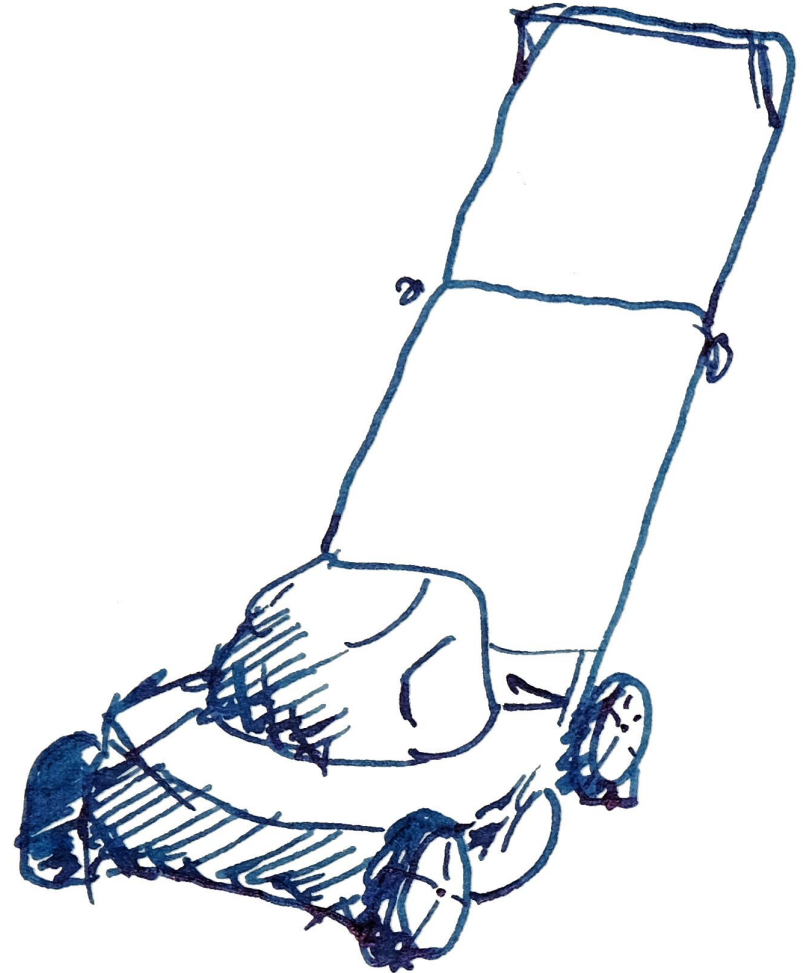


TOO OLD?  
DELETE

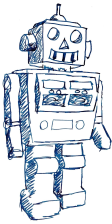
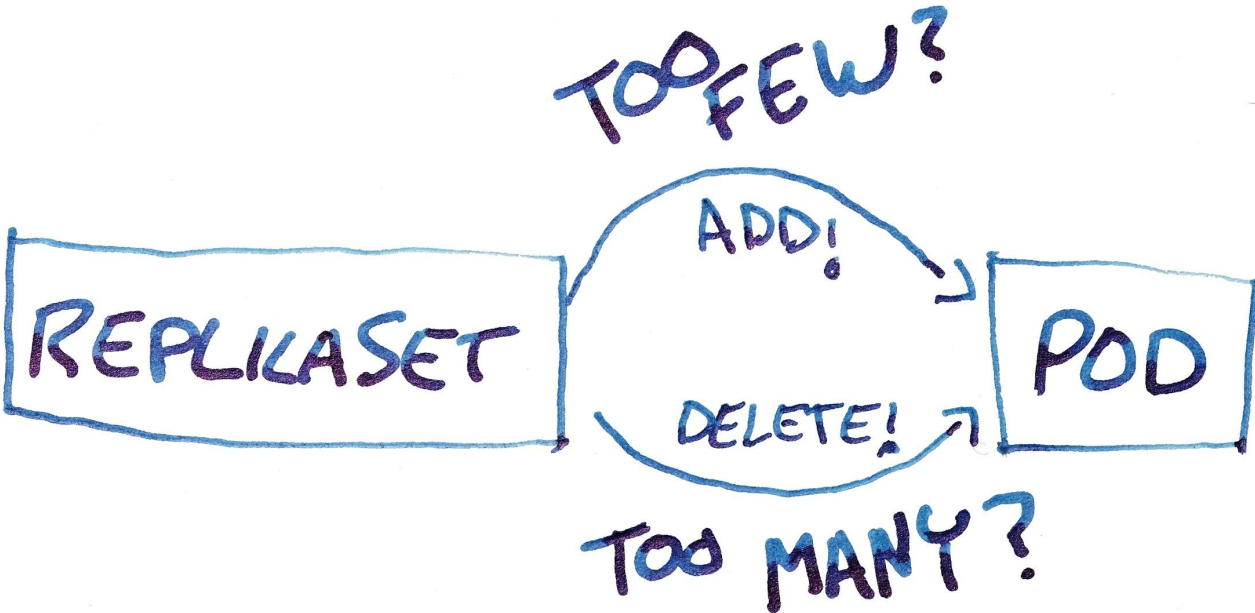


TTL-AFTER-FINISHED

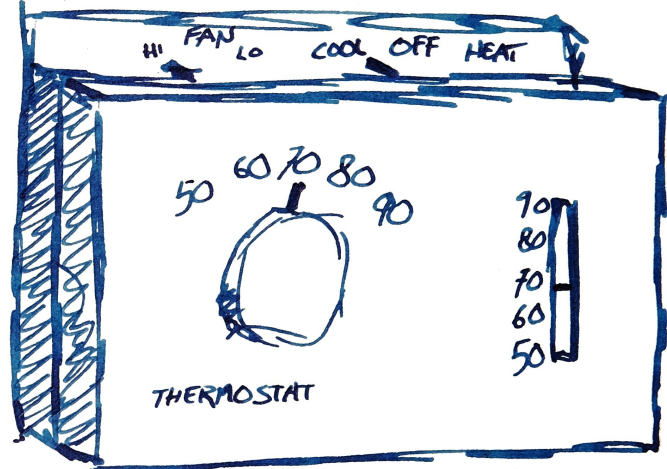
CLASSIC  
CONTROLLER



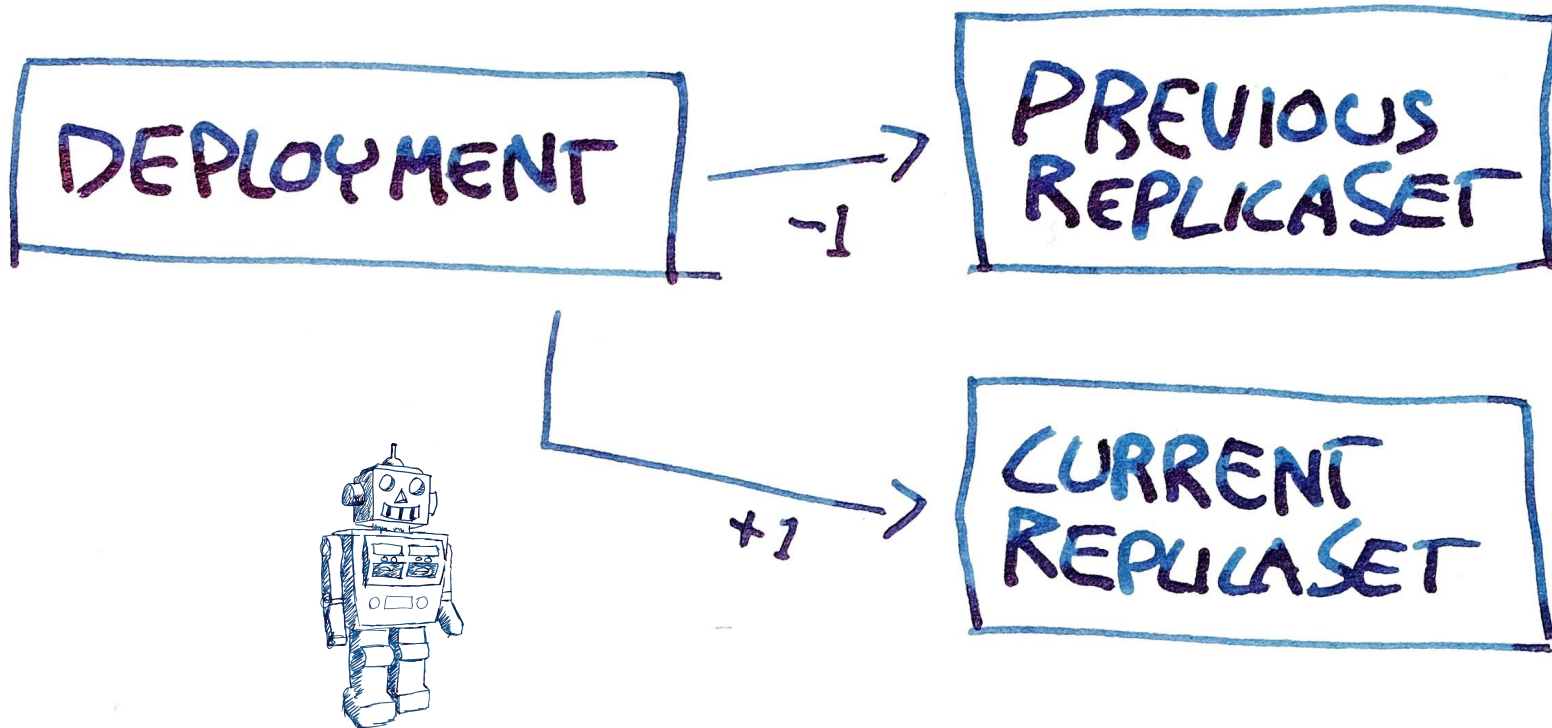
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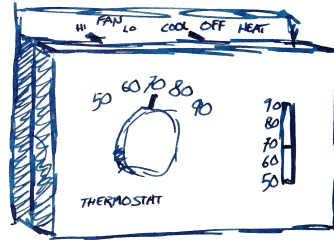
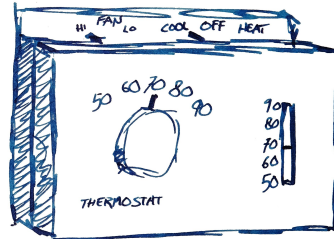
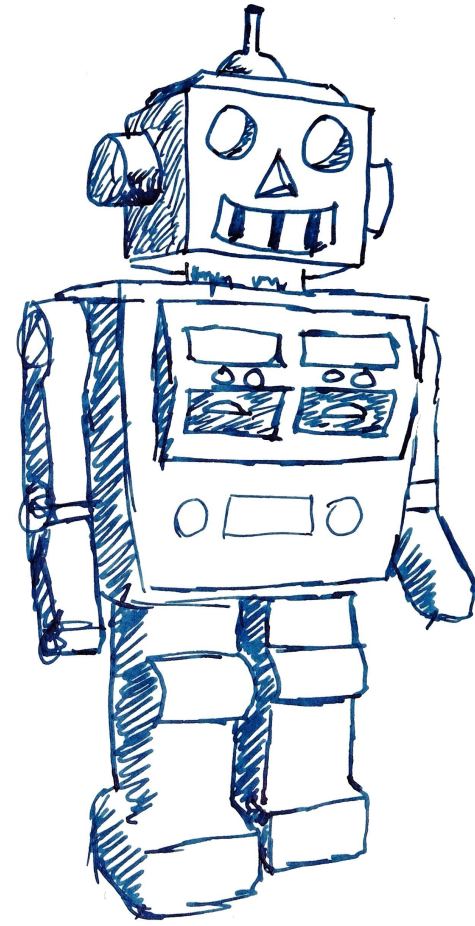
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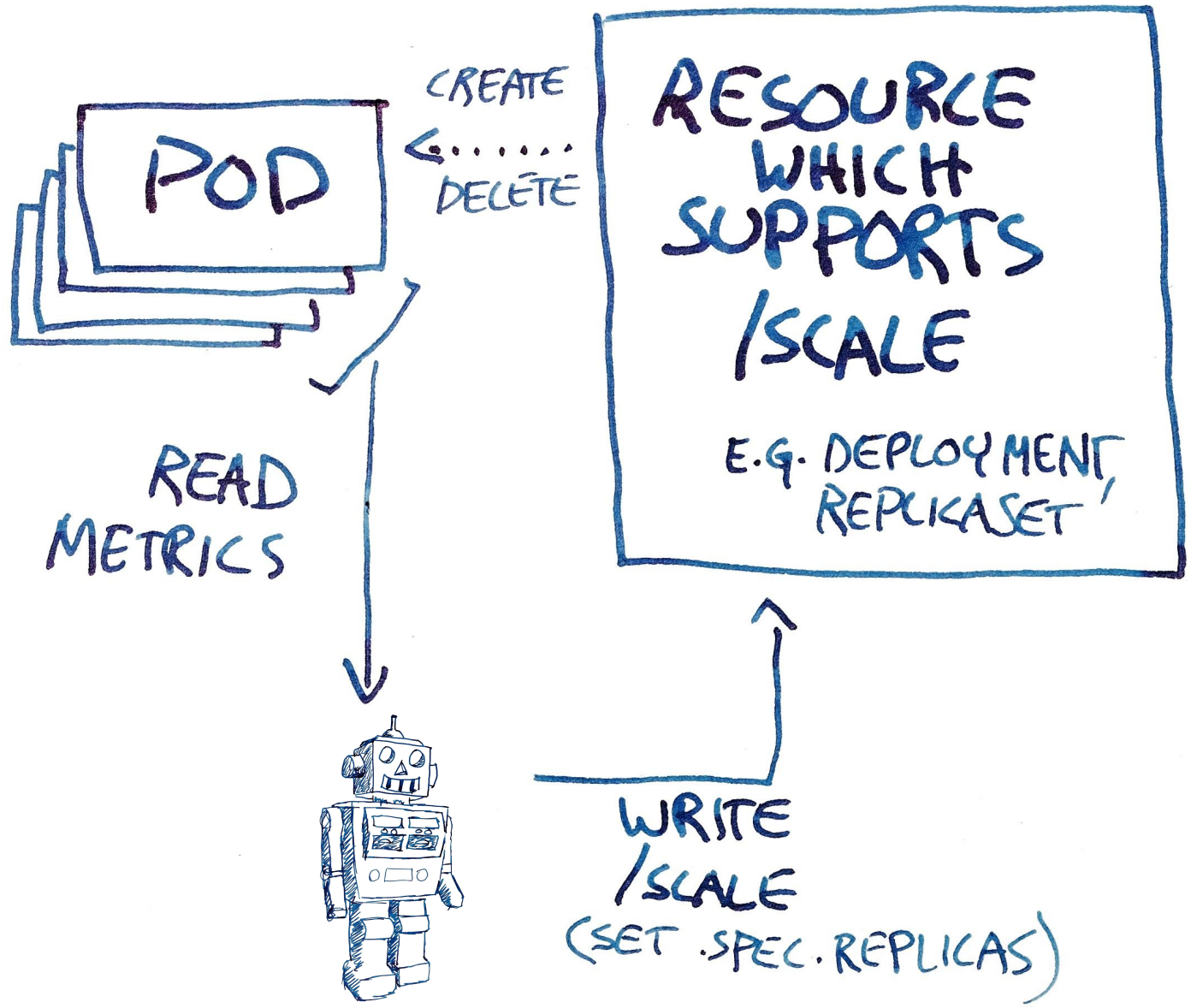
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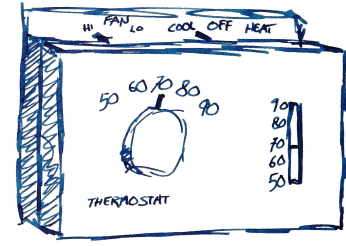
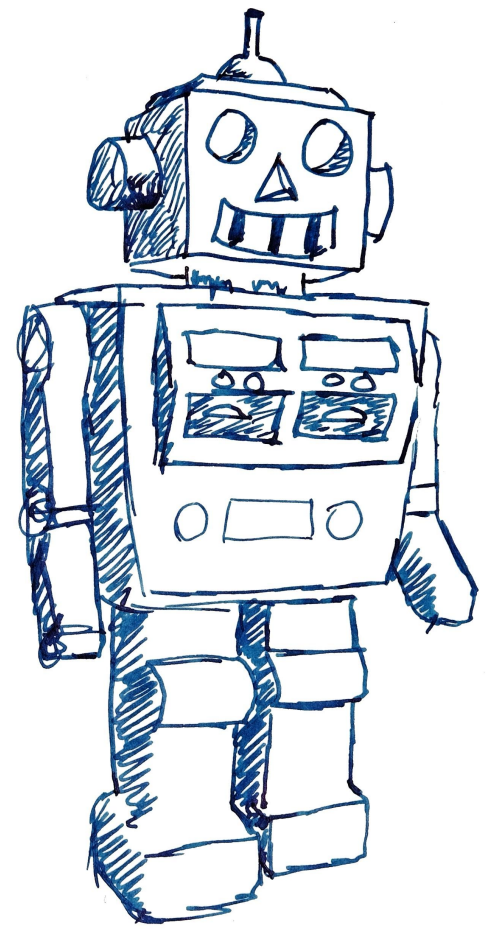
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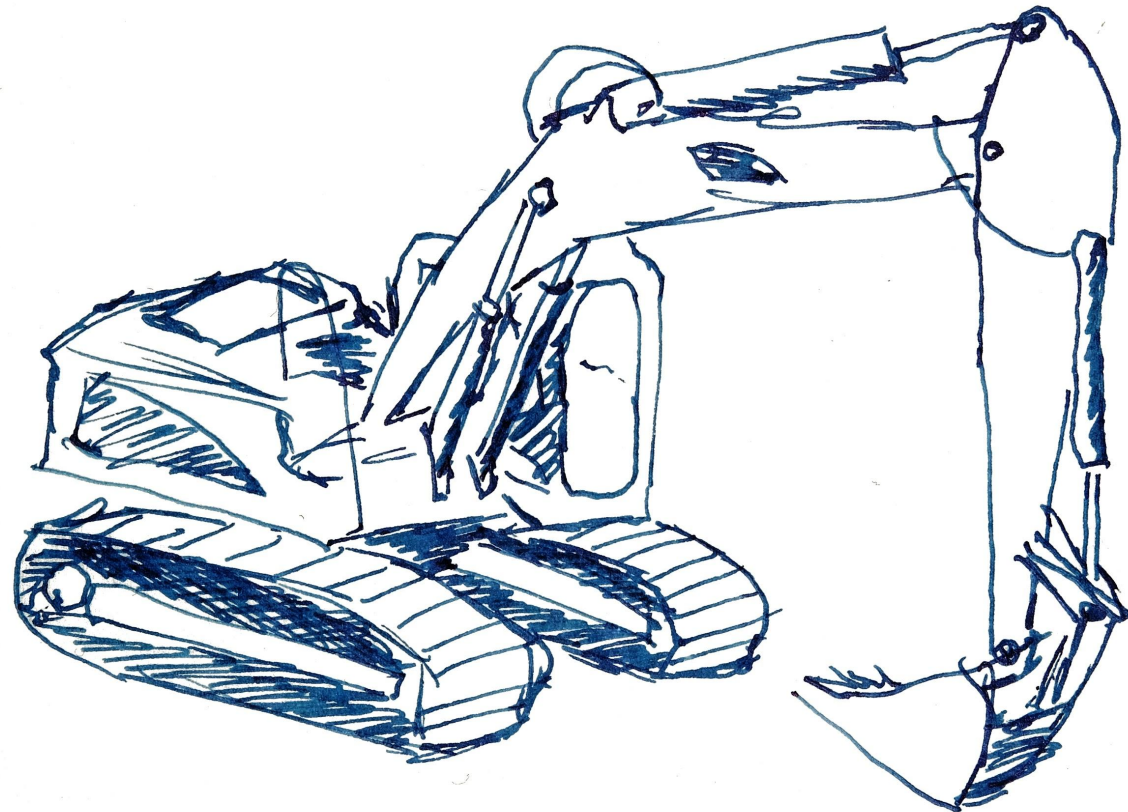
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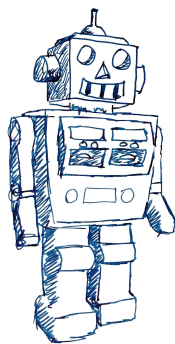


# CLASSIC CONTROLLER



UNSCHEDULED  
POD

↓ TOO  
MANY?

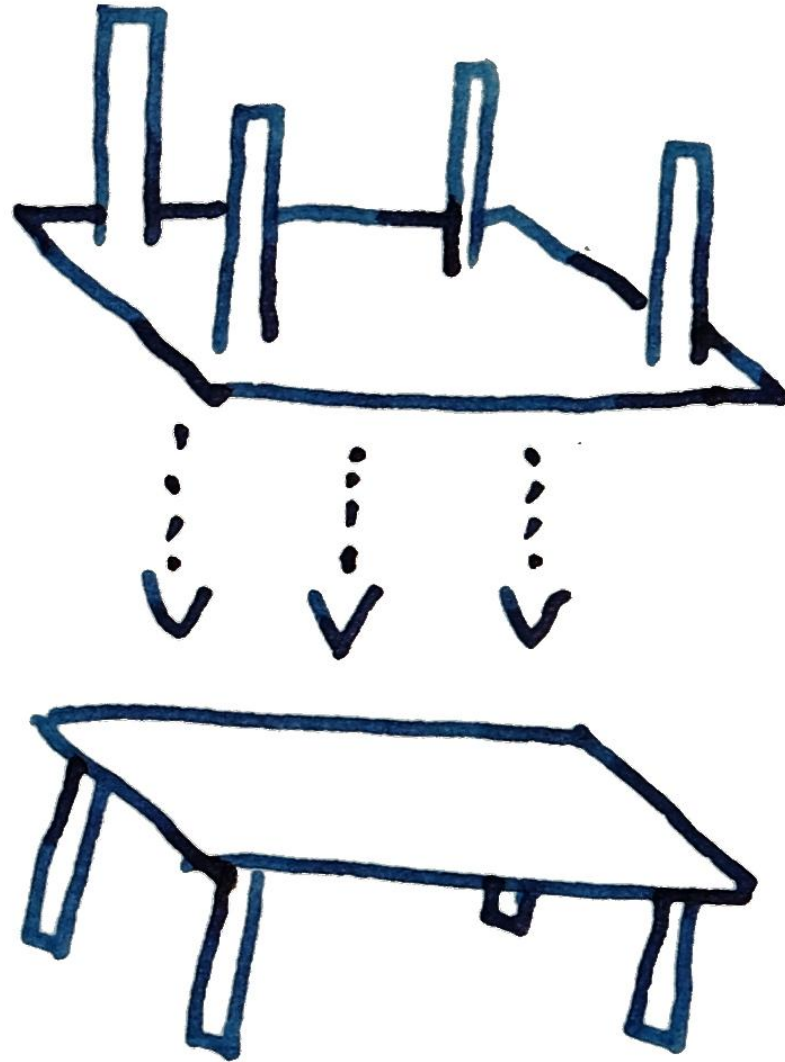


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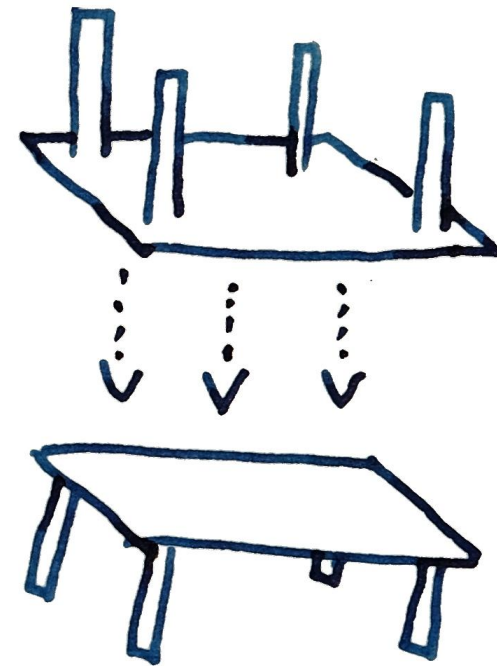
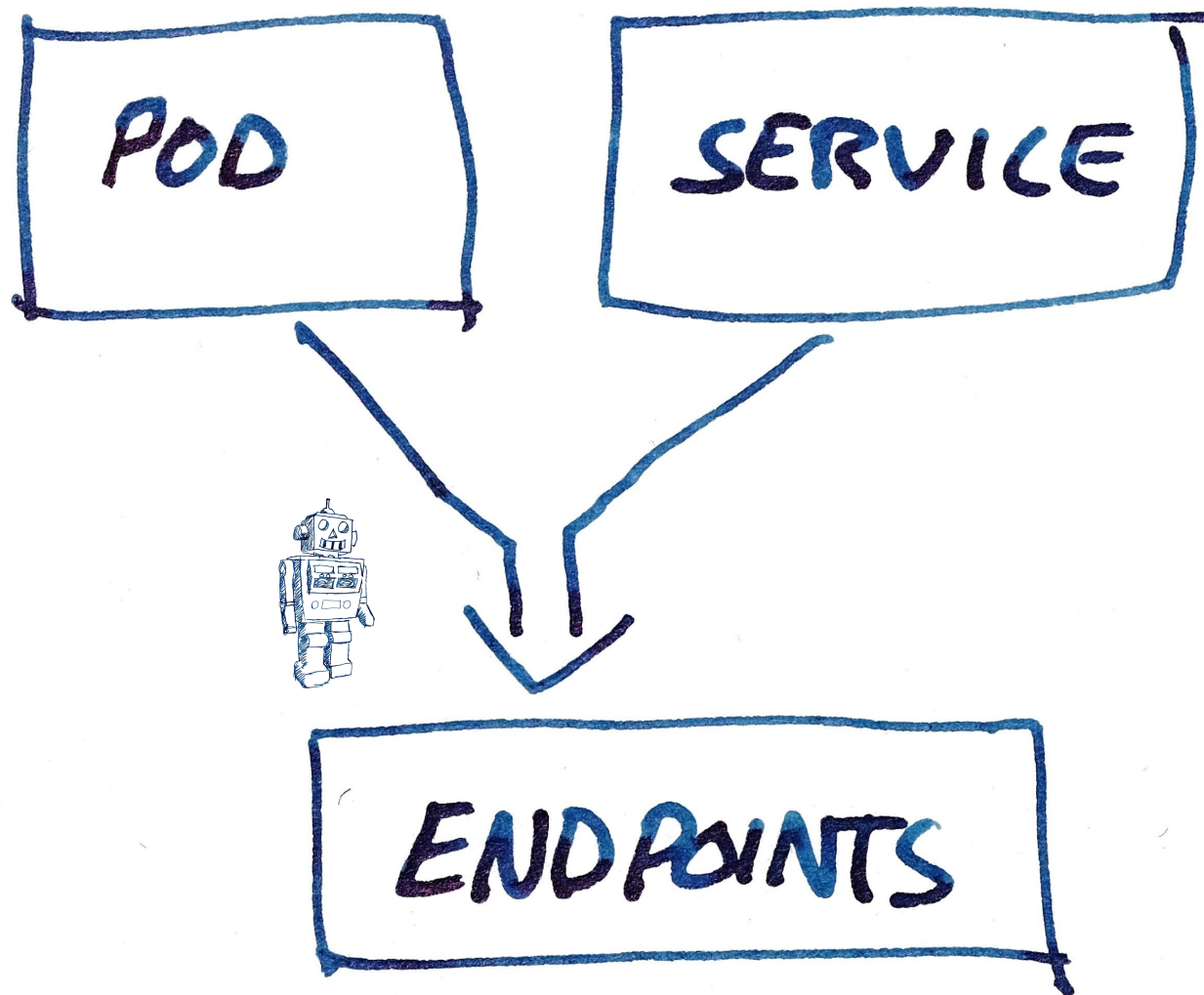
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CLOUD  
PROVIDER

CLUSTERAUTOSCALER

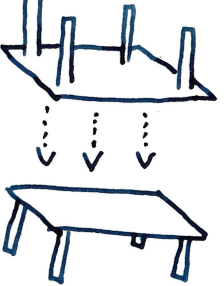
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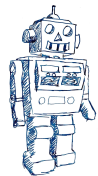
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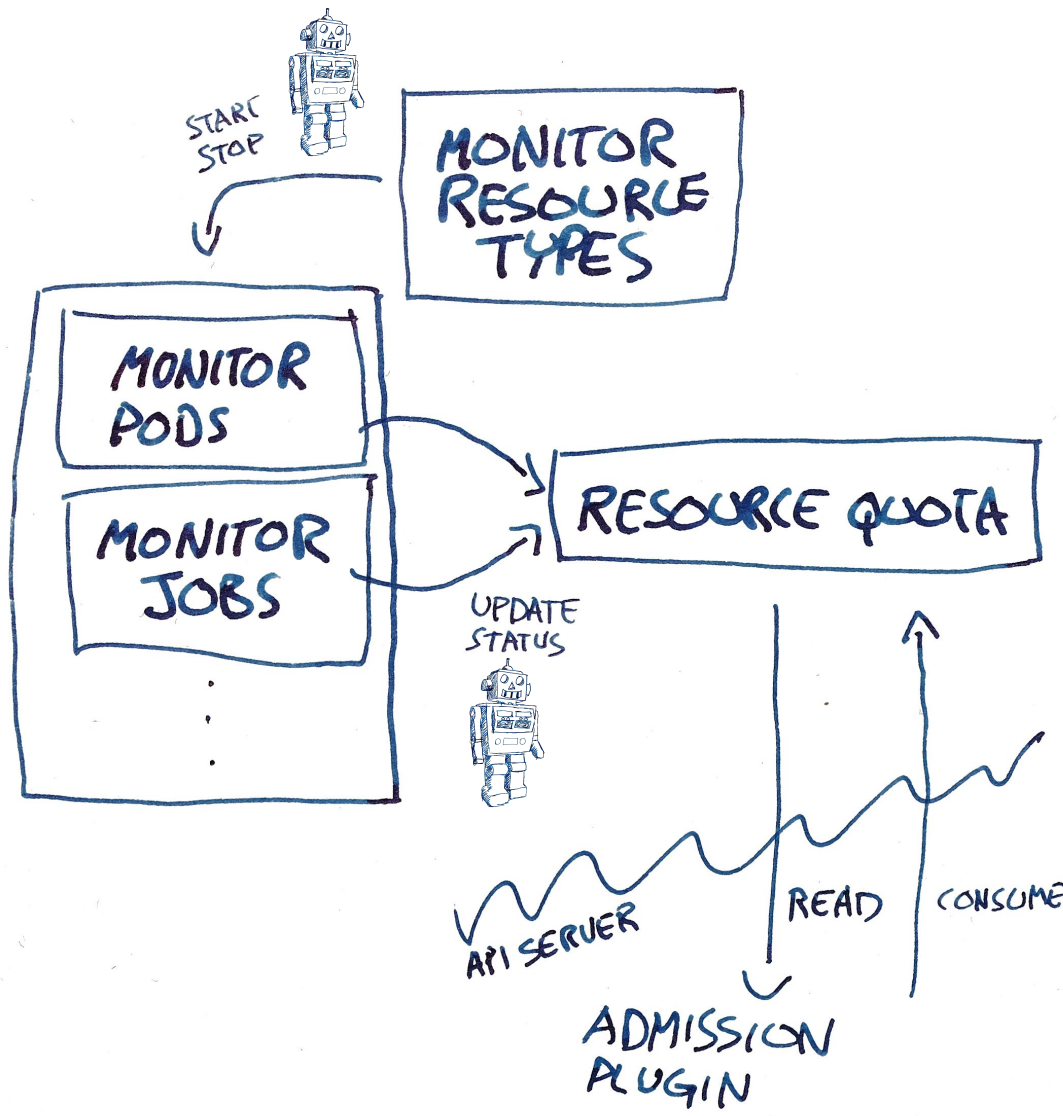
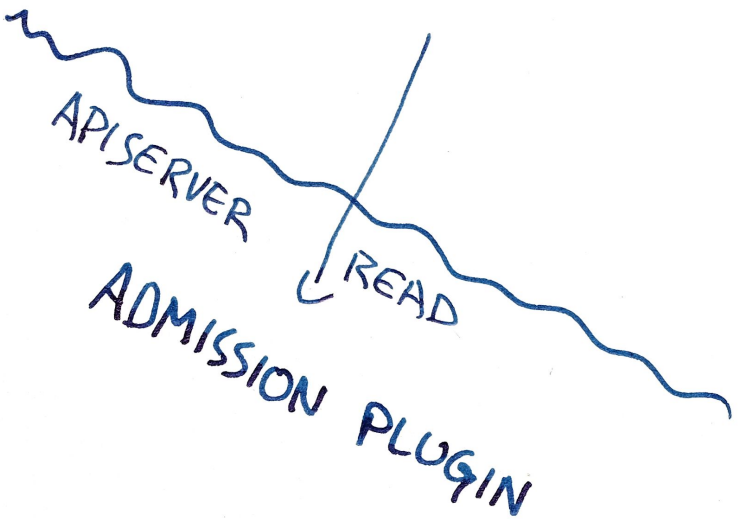


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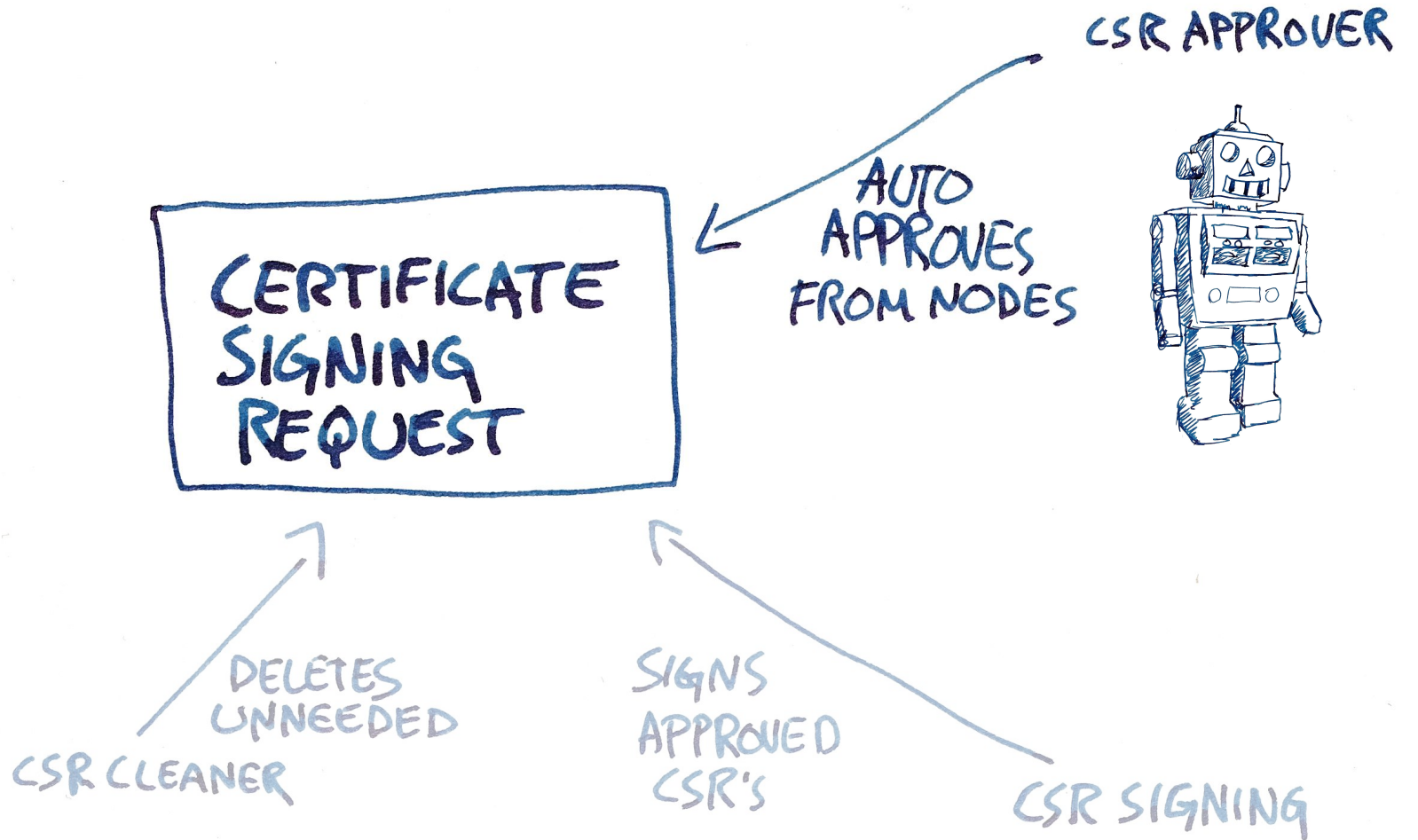
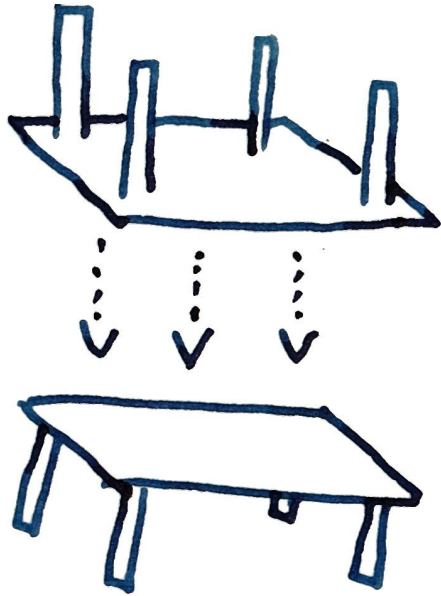
COUNT  
DISRUPTIONS

POD DISRUPTION BUDGET



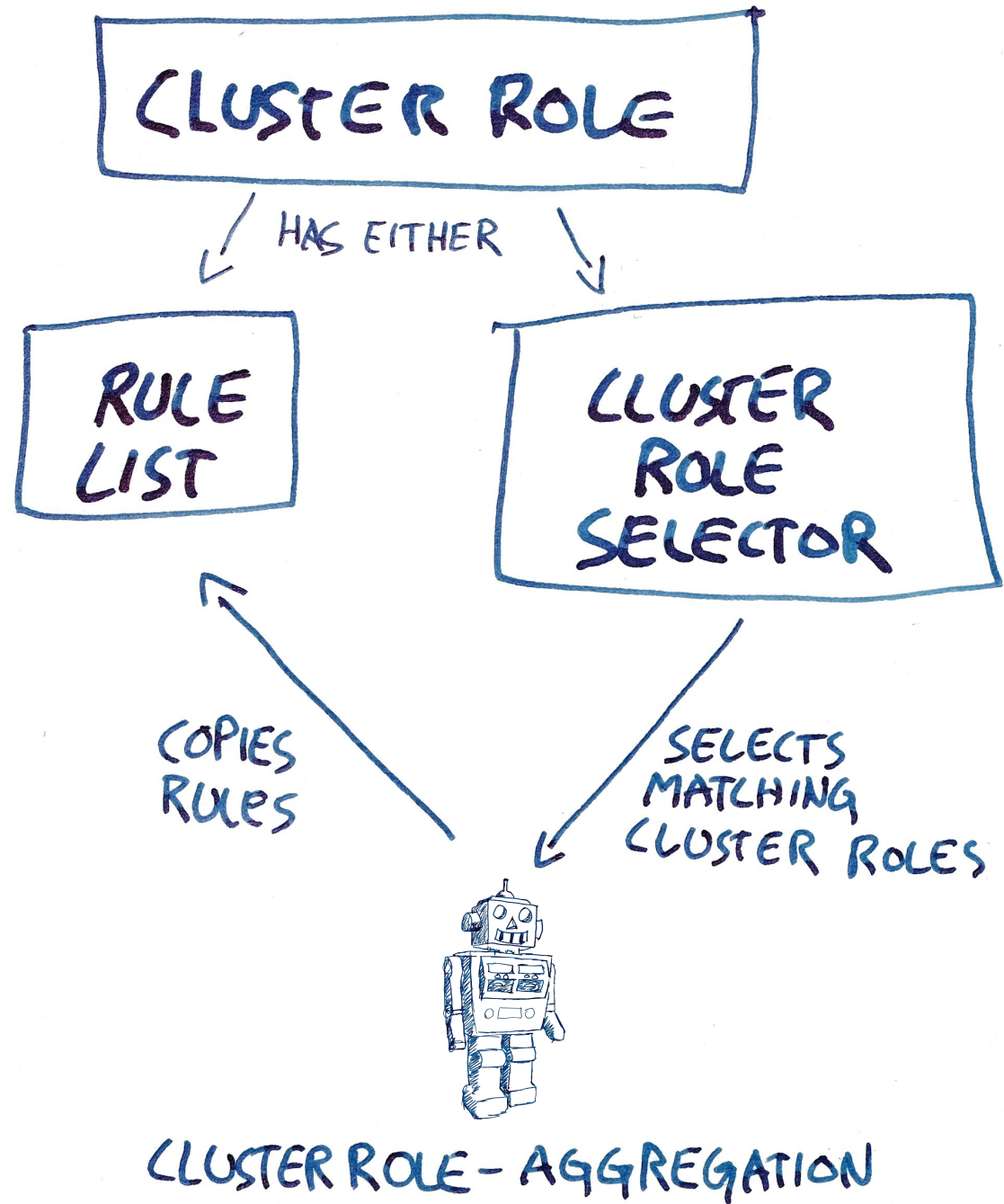
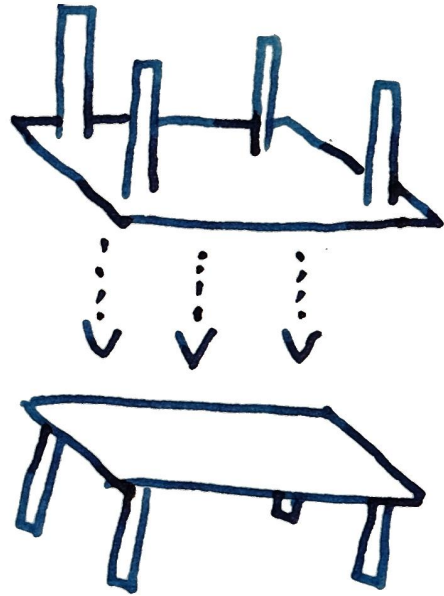


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# INJECTION ENFORCER

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C

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D ...

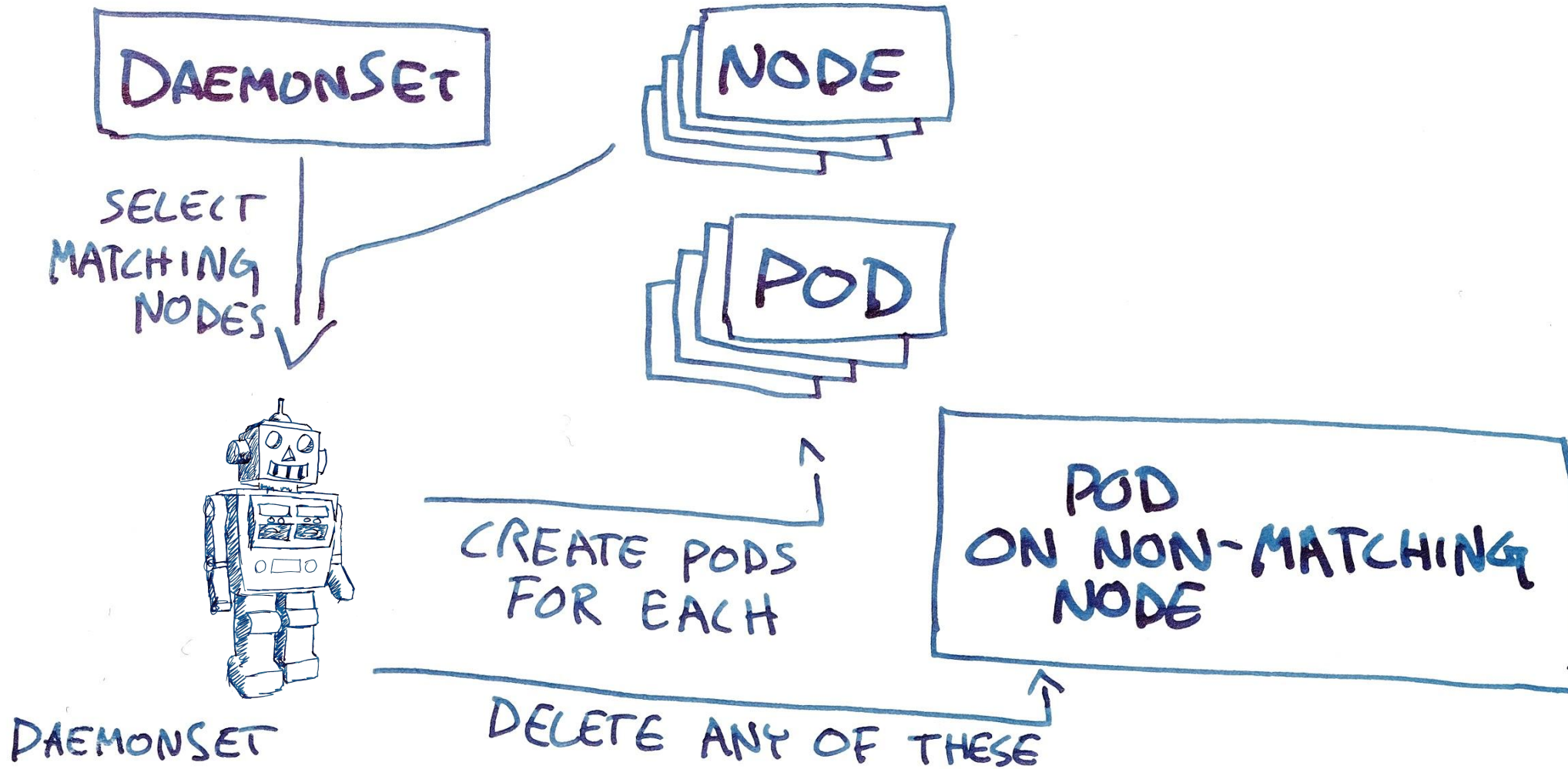
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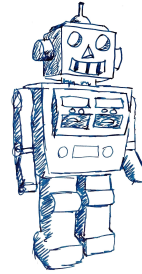
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## SERVILE ACCOUNT



NAMESPACE



MAKE  
DEFAULT



FROM  
CONFIG?  
NO!  
"DEFAULT"

SERVILE ACCOUNT



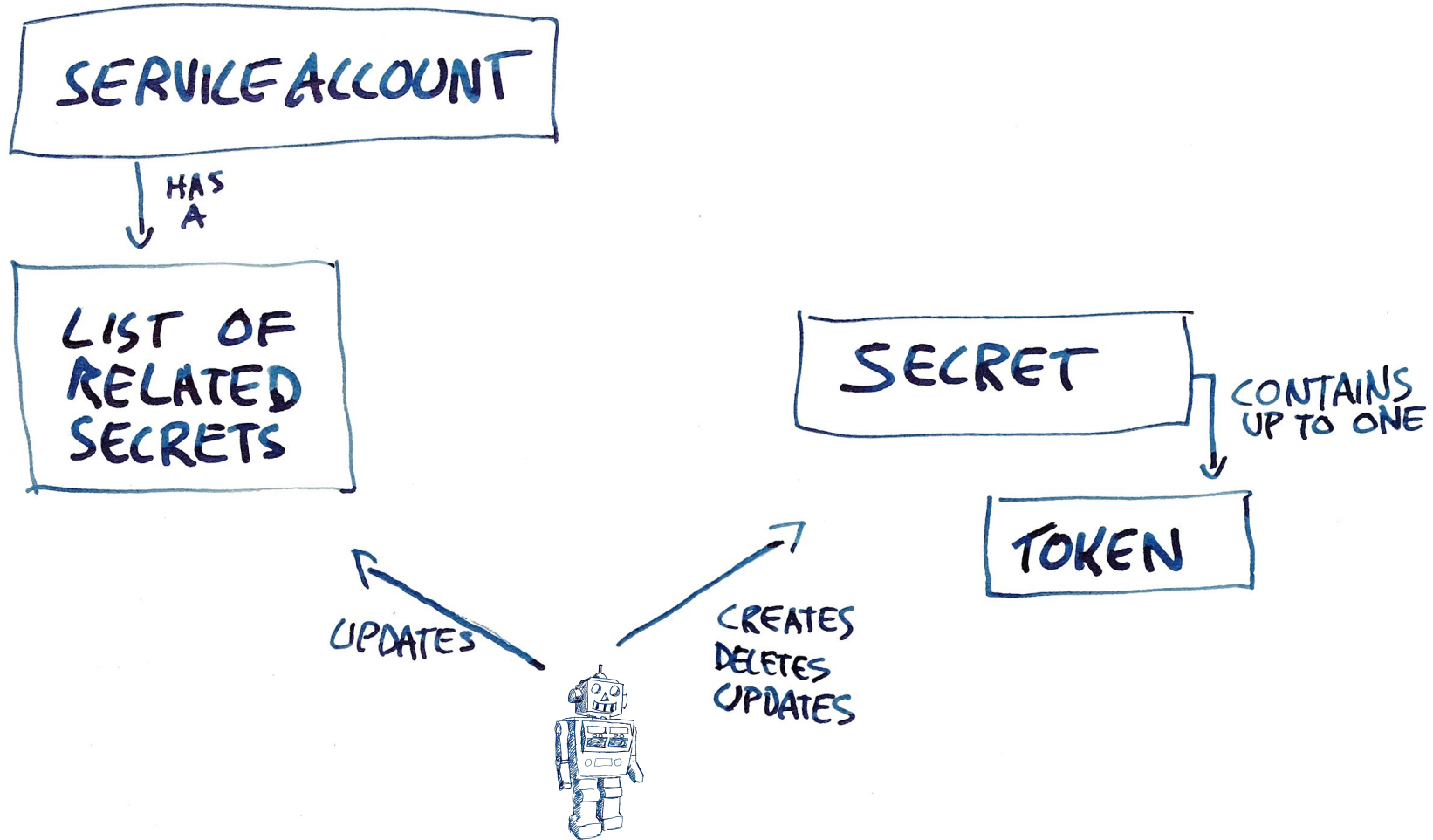
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SERVICE ACCOUNT TOKEN CONTROLLER

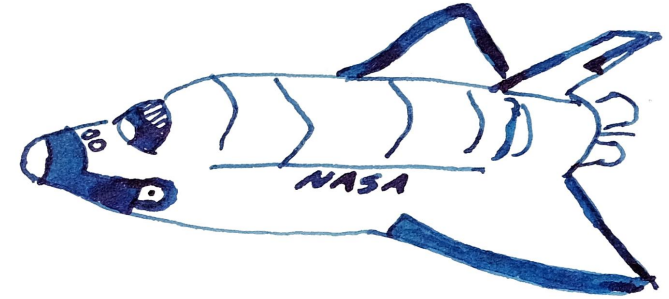
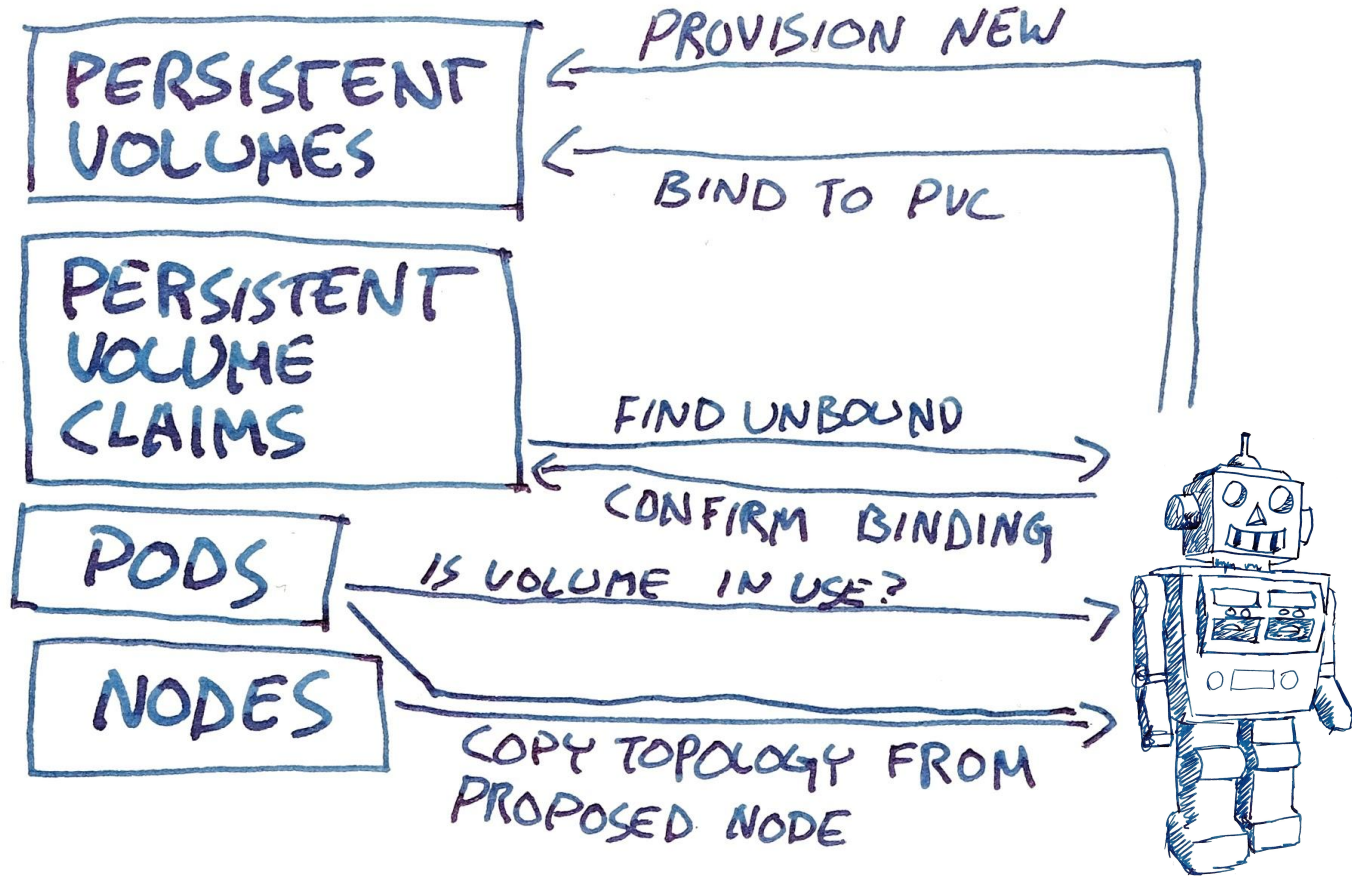
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// KEEP THE SPACE SHUTTLE FLYING

PERSISTENT VOLUME-BINDER

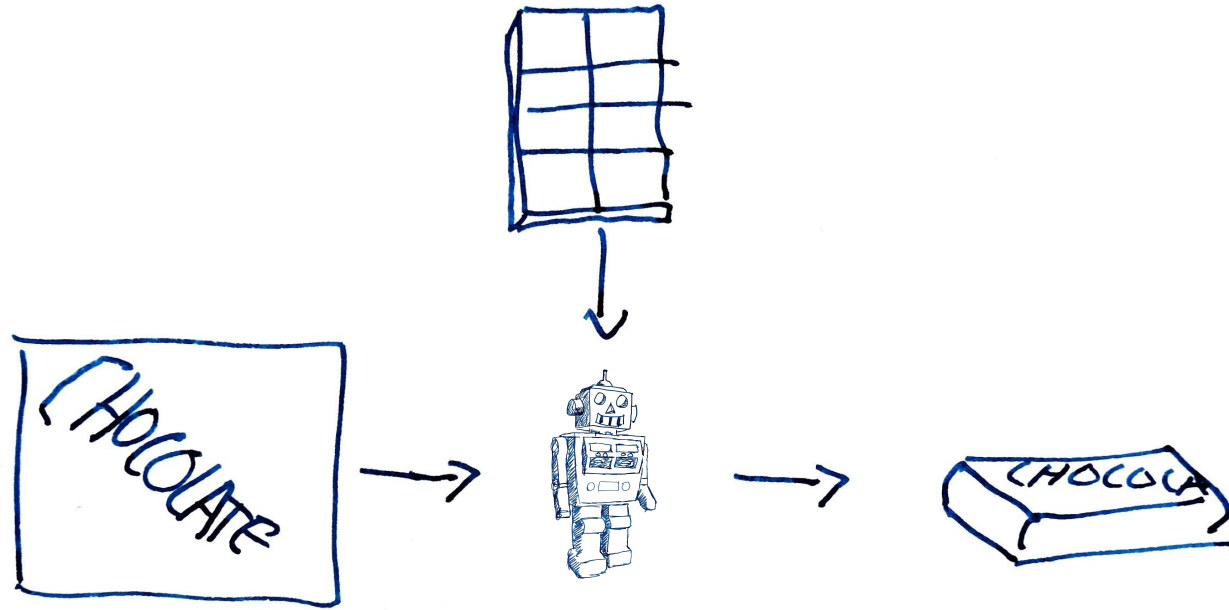
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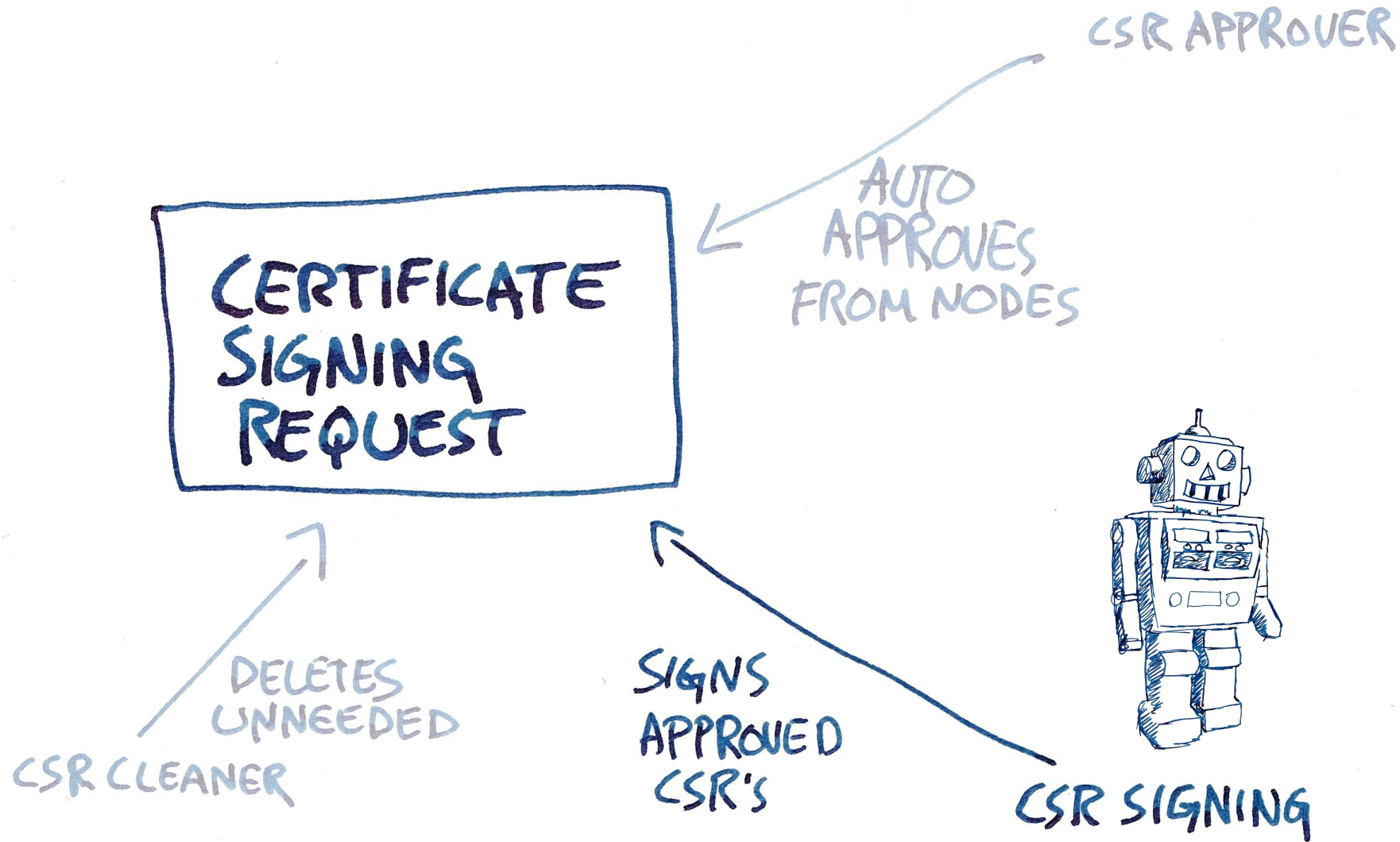
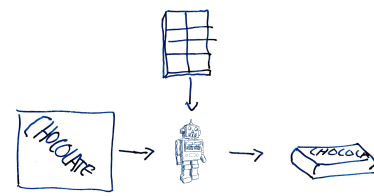
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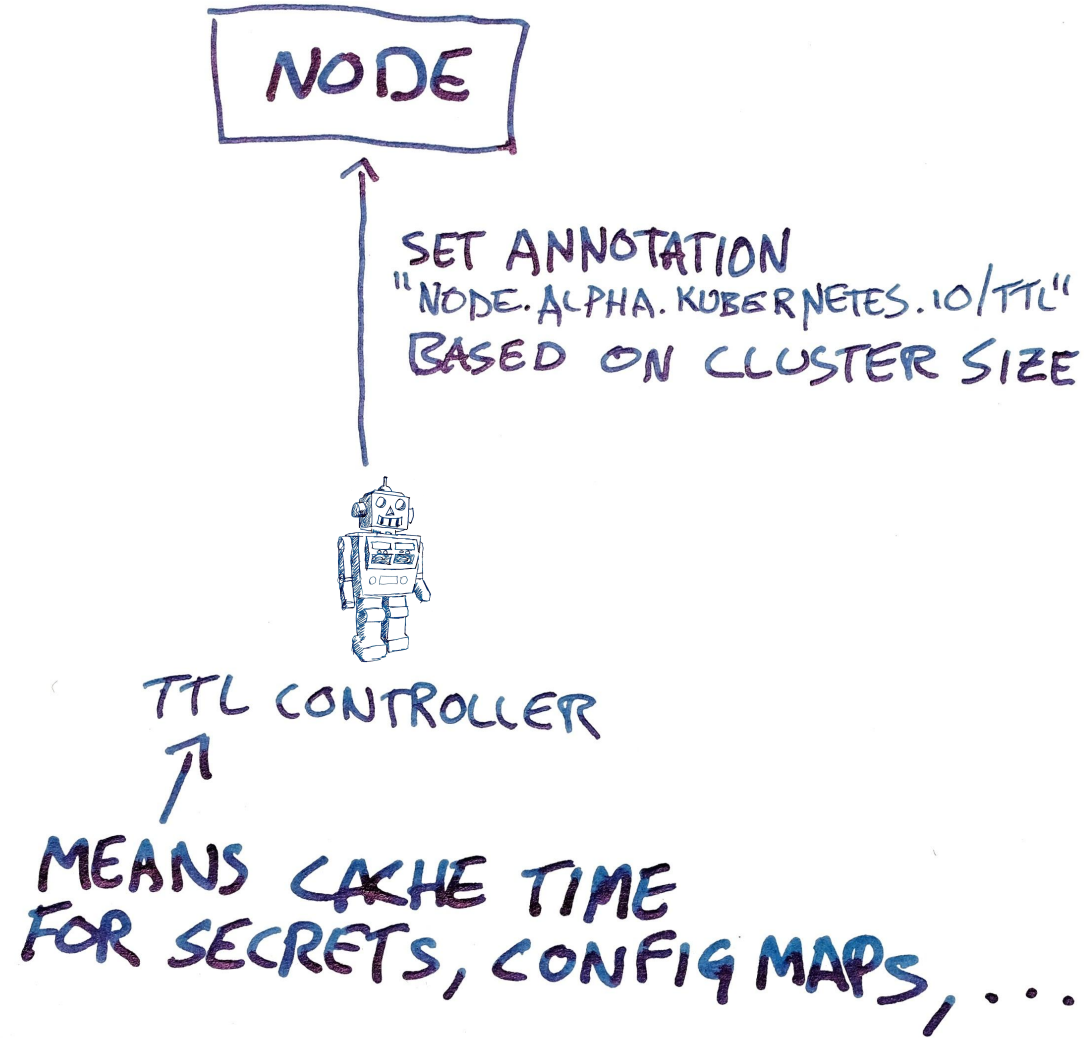
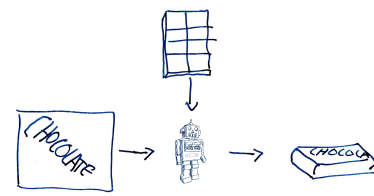


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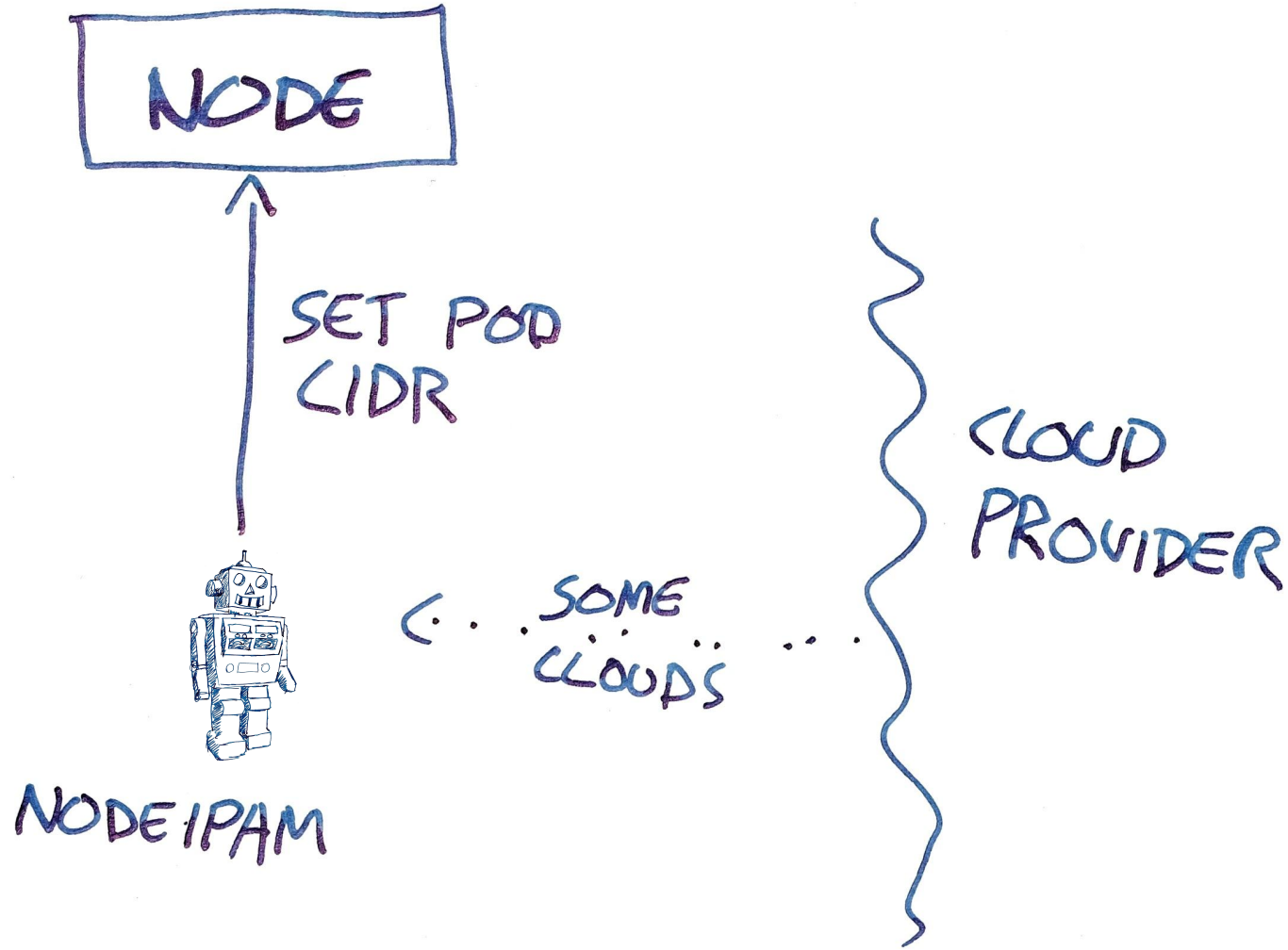
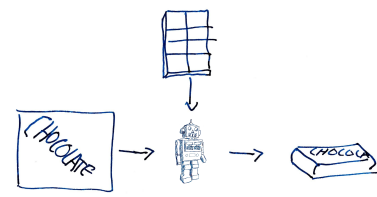




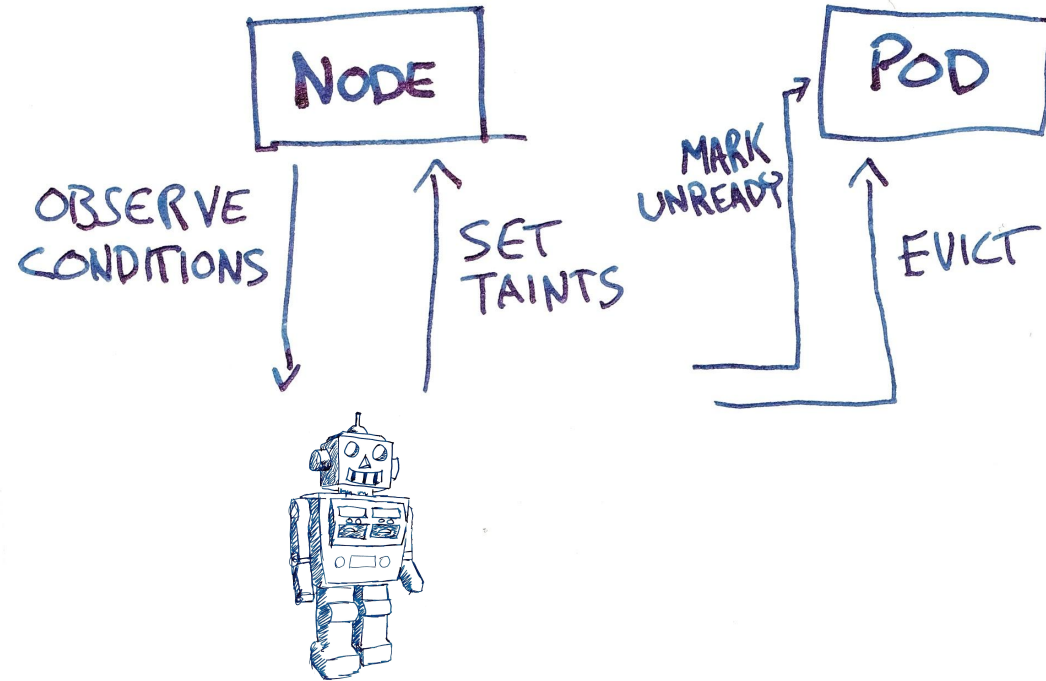
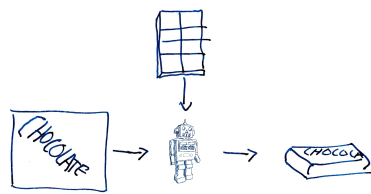
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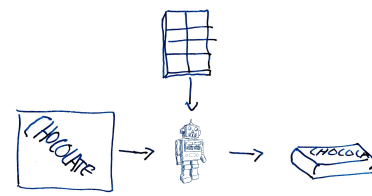
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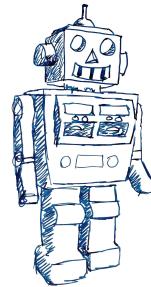
TAKE CHARGE OF THE  
K8S RESOURCES IF  
SOMETHING HAPPENS TO  
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# INJECTION ENFORCER



NODE

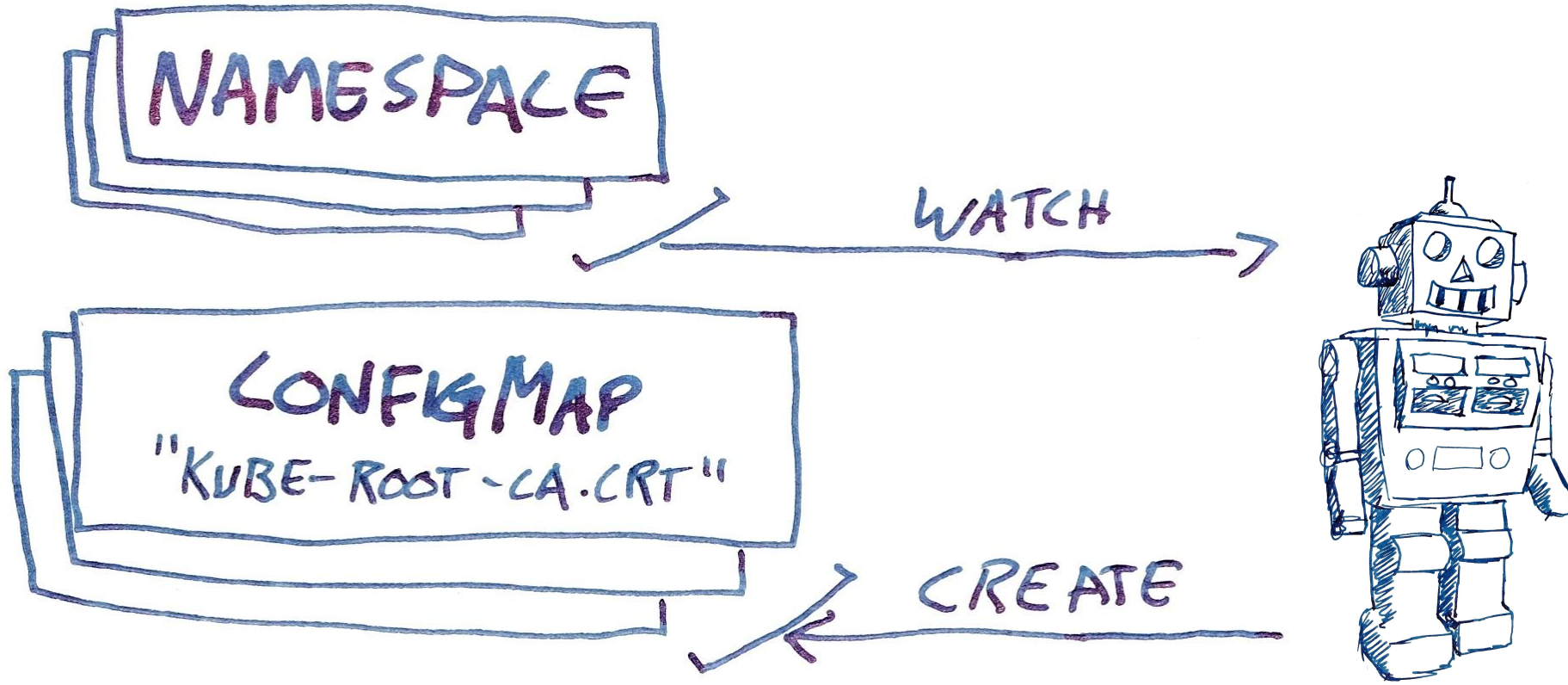
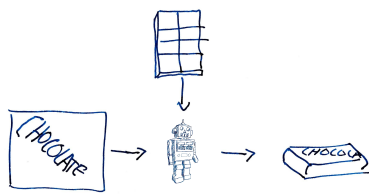
REMOVE "CLOUD" TAINT  
ADD CLOUD-SPECIFIC  
NODE PROPERTIES  
E.G. TOPOLOGY LABELS



CLOUD-NODE

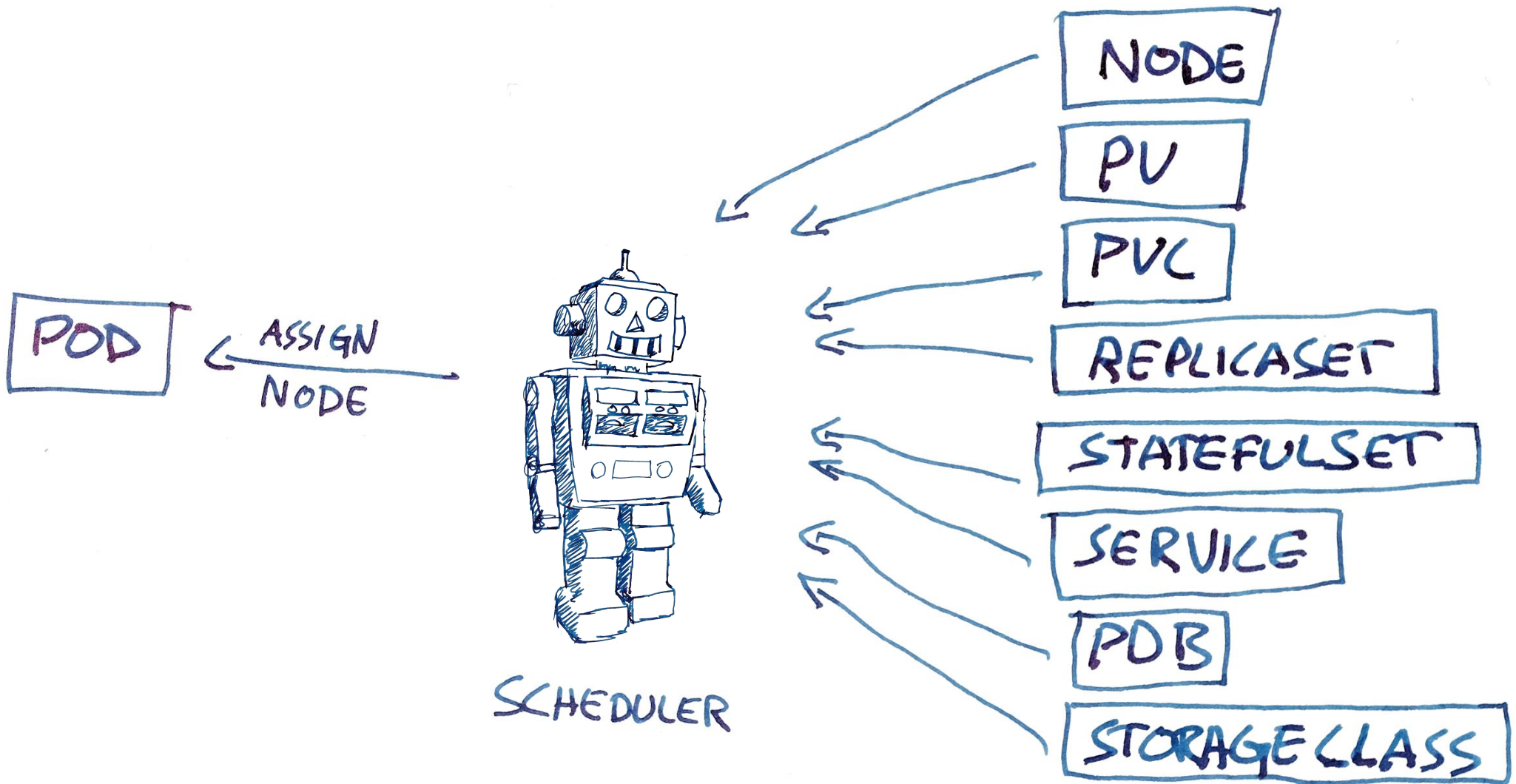
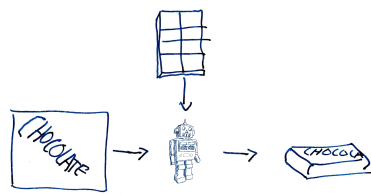


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ROOT-CA-CERT-PUBLISHER

# INJECTION ENFORCER



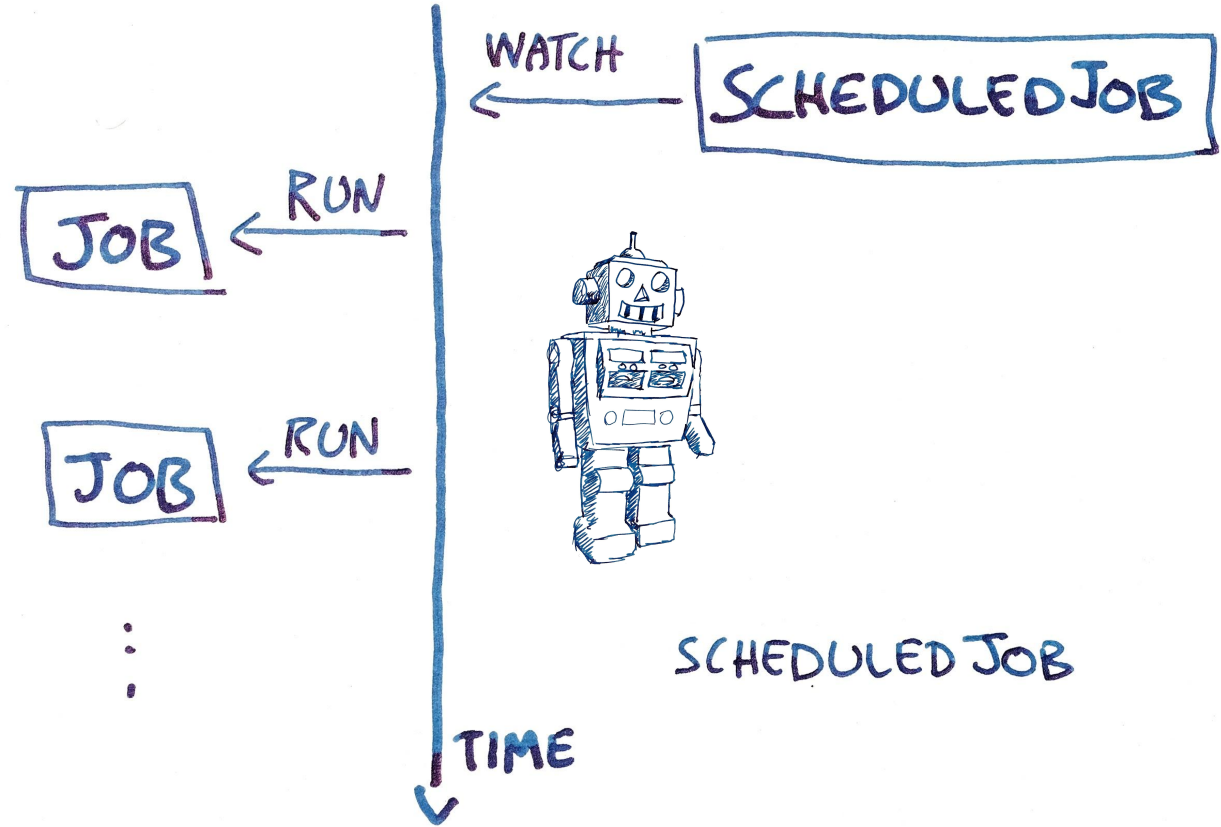
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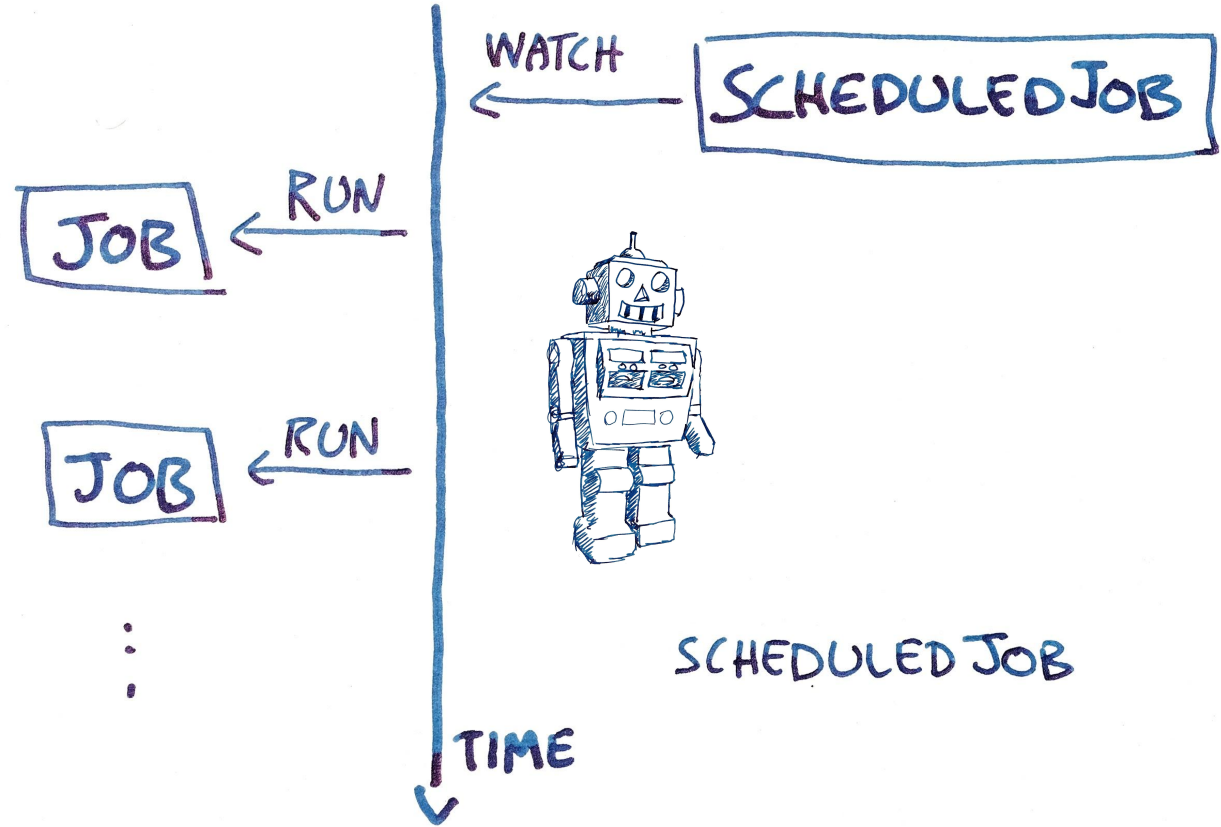


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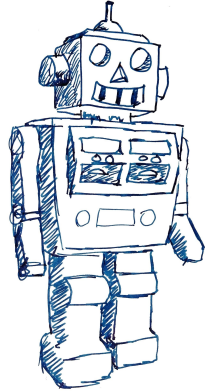
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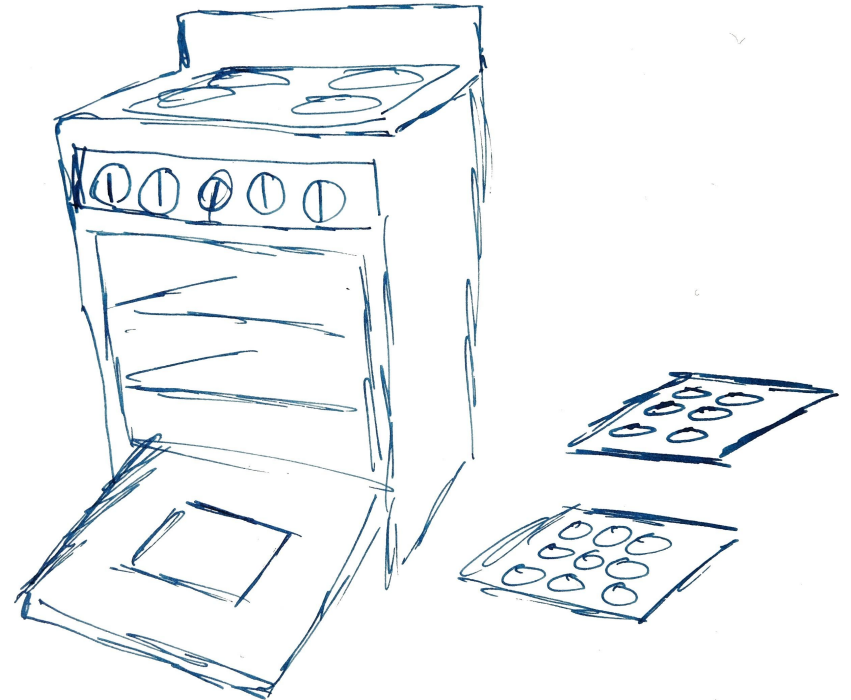
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"COMPLEX INJECTION  
WITH A THING"

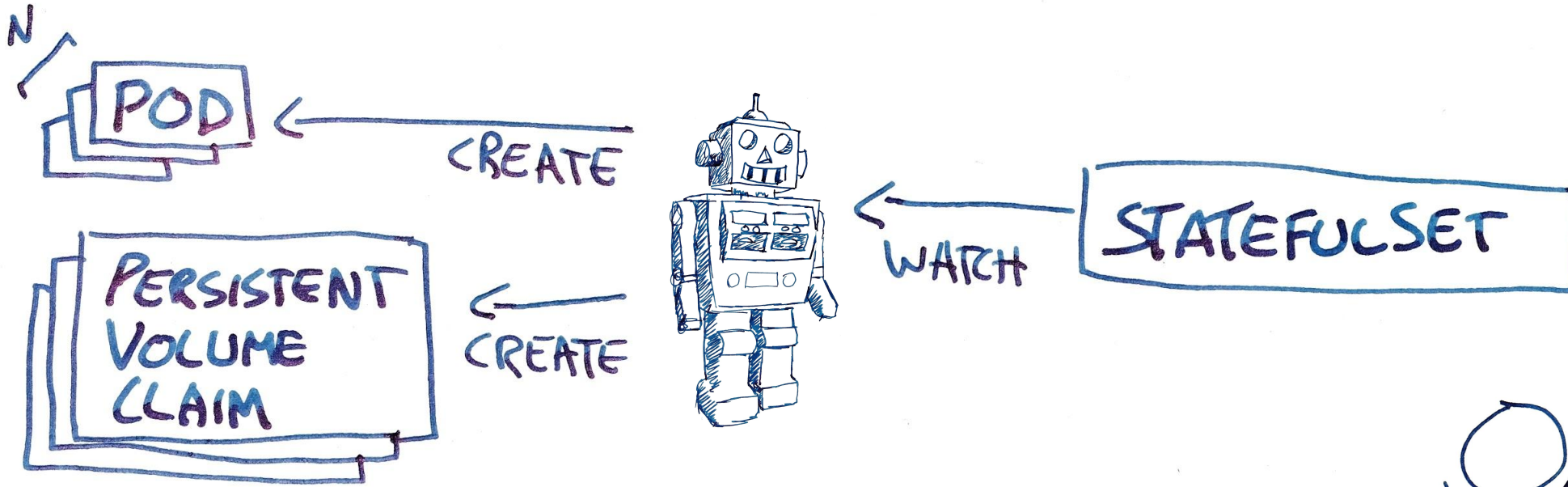
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STATEFULSET



"INJECTION WITH A COMPLEX THING"

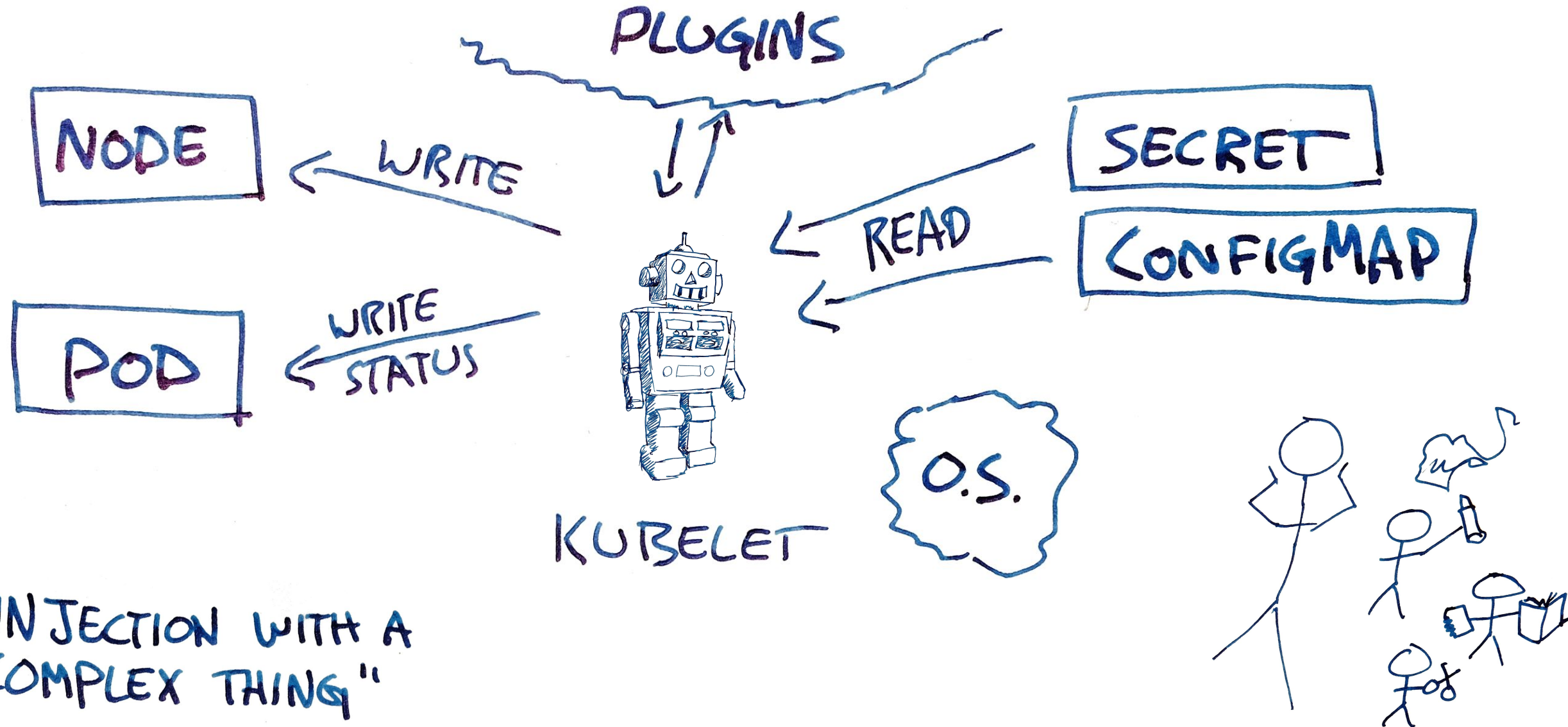
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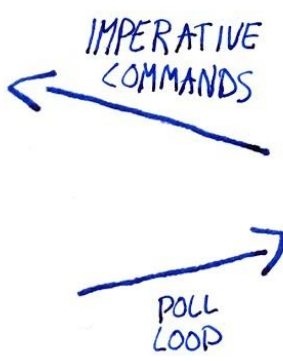
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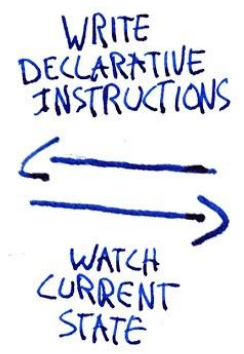
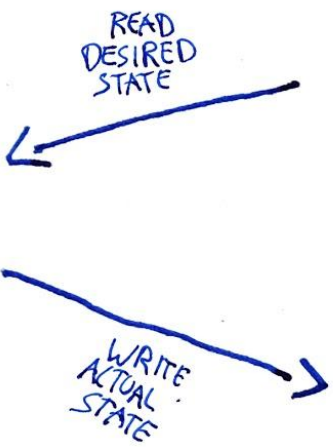




# INJECTION ENFORCER



CONTROLLER

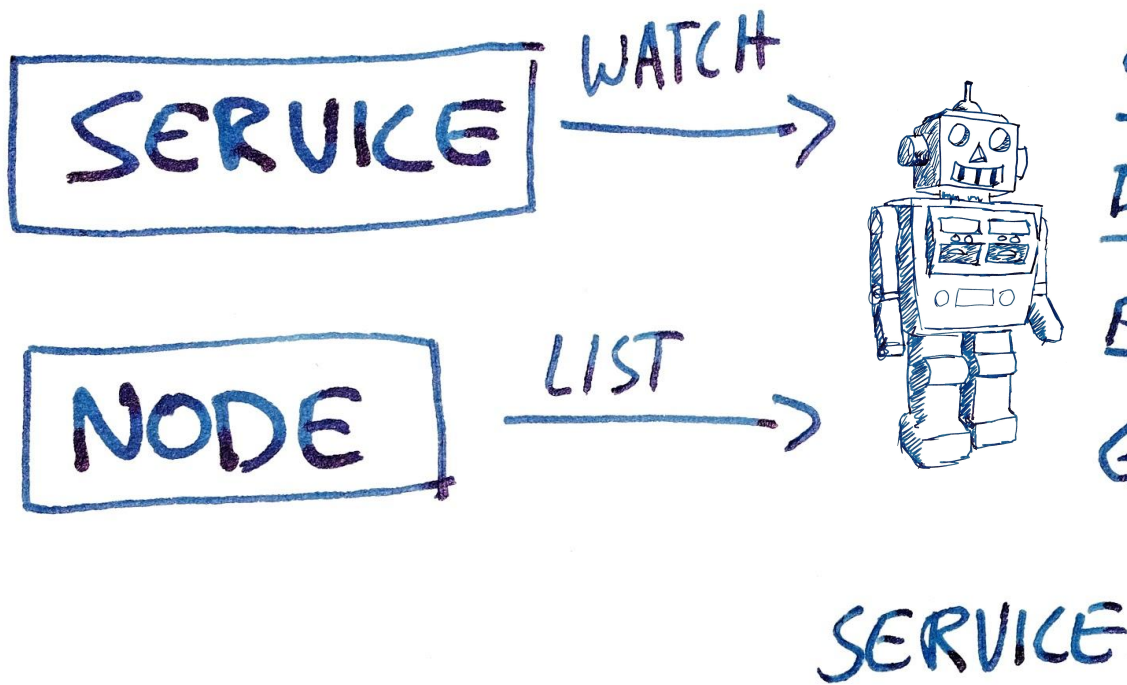
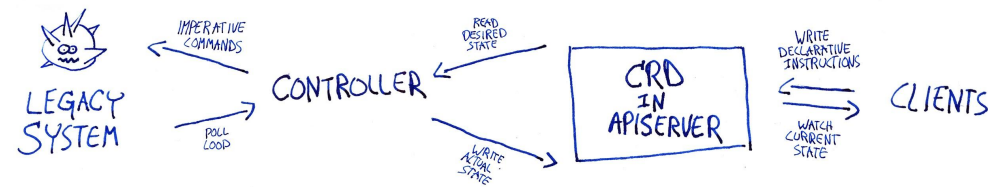


CLIENTS

OPERATOR PATTERN!



# INJECTION ENFORCER



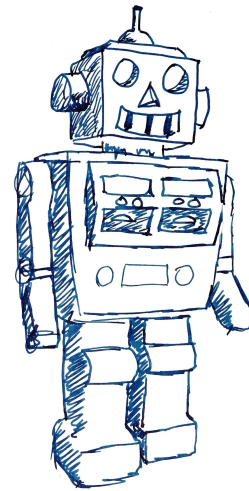
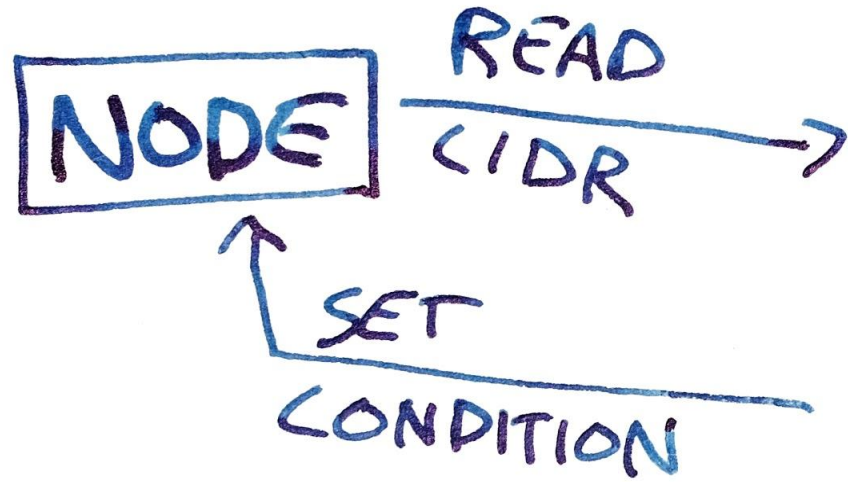
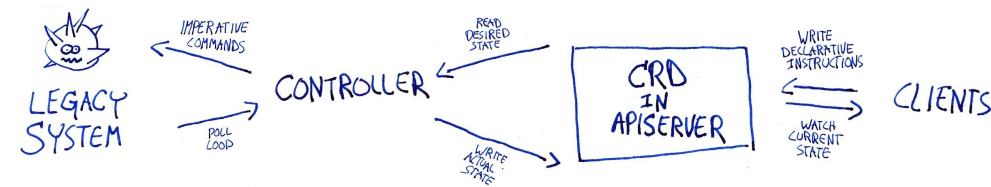
- CREATE
- DELETE
- PROGRAM
- POLL



CLOUD PROVIDER  
LOAD BALANCER



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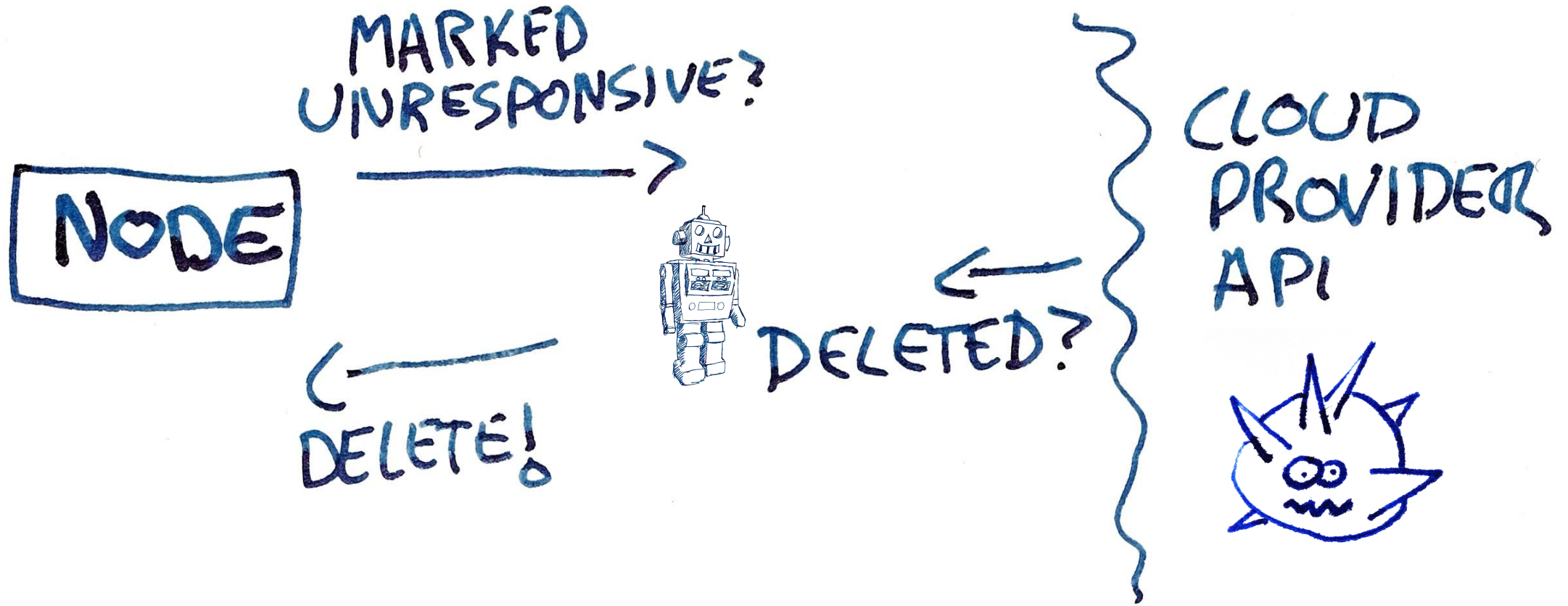
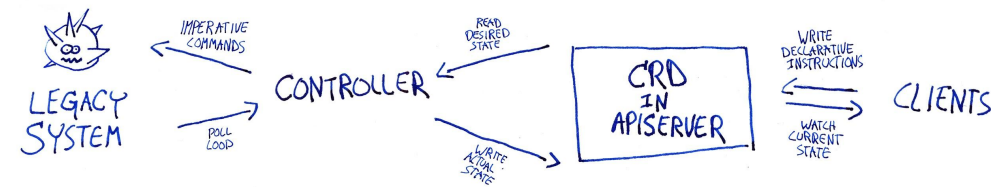
ROUTE

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CLOUD  
PROVIDER  
NETWORK  
FABRIC

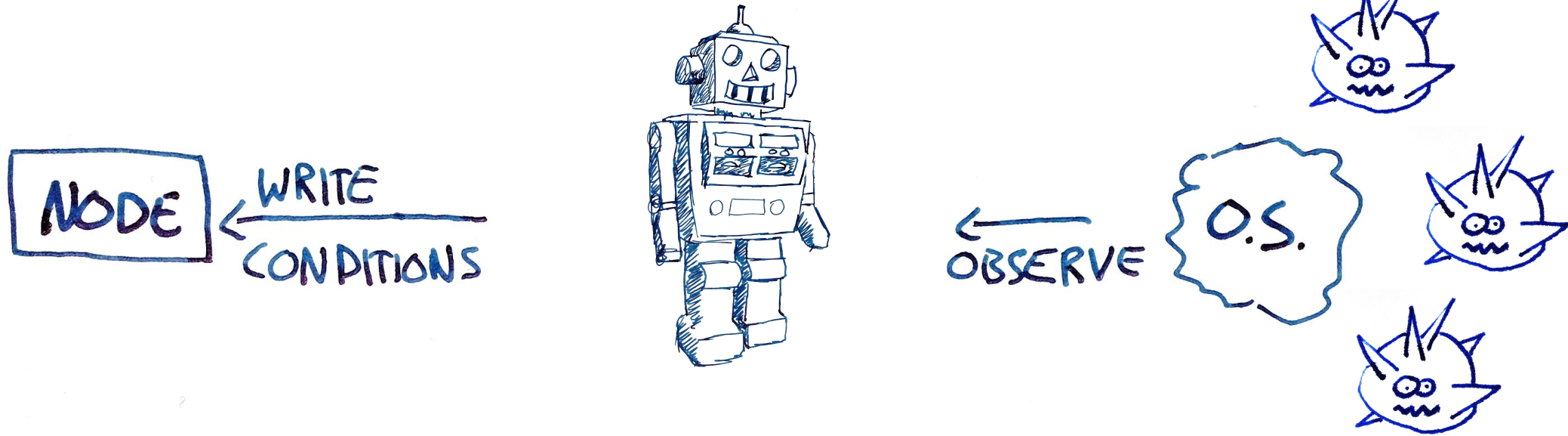
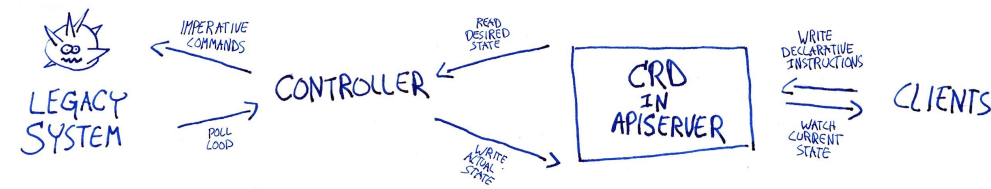


# INJECTION ENFORCER



CLOUD-NODE-LIFECYCLE

# INJECTION ENFORCER



NODE PROBLEM DETECTOR



THAT'S ALL\* OF THEM !

READY TO  
WRITE  
YOUR OWN??

\*MOST

SOUND LIKE A FUN  
PROBLEM SPACE?

GET INVOLVED!!  
○○○

→ SIG API MACHINERY

→ SIG APPS

→ SIG ARCHITECTURE



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