

The Distraction of Jargonisation.

How corporate language weakens
strategy, execution, and clarity.

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The Corporate Paradox

Modern business suffers from a growing communication problem. Organisations speak more, yet communicate less.

Clear thinking is being replaced by inflated language, abstract terminology, and fashionable buzzwords.



Jargon: “Leveraging customer-centric transformation initiatives to optimise omnichannel engagement synergies.”

Reality:
“Improve the
customer
experience.”

The Boundary of Utility.

Every profession requires technical shorthand. The problem begins when specialised language expands beyond utility and becomes performance.



Useful terminology
compresses meaning.



Jargonisation expands
confusion.

The Jargonisation Cycle

Meaning Collapse.
(The phrase becomes decorative; the organisation behaves conventionally).

Specialist Shorthand.
(Legitimate ideas and technical compression).

Trend Adoption.
(Terminology spreads beyond the original domain).

Status Signalling.
(Used to sound modern without requiring depth).

The Translation Matrix.

	Direct	Jargonised
Marketing	1,000 songs in your pocket.	Integrated digital lifestyle ecosystem.
Analytics	Customer churn rose after the pricing change.	We are experiencing friction within our customer value optimisation ecosystem.
Accountability	We misread demand.	Market adoption dynamics did not align with trajectories.



The Fear of Simplicity

Markets punish ambiguity, yet organisations reward it. We associate simplicity with a lack of sophistication. In reality, simple language is risky because it is direct and falsifiable. Complicated language hides incomplete thinking.

As Richard Feynman observed: If you cannot explain something simply, you probably do not understand it deeply enough.

The Psychology of Fluff.

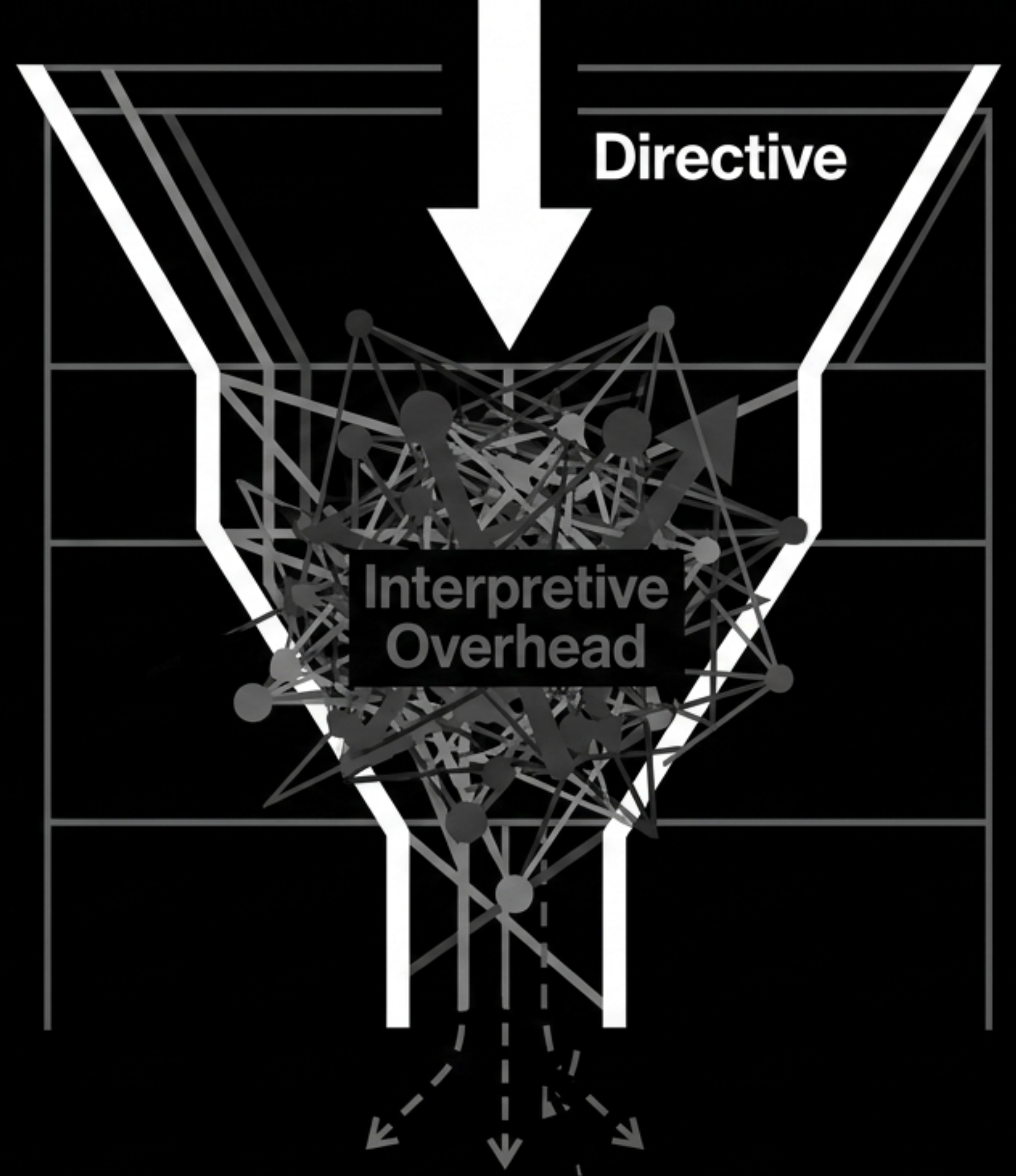
The Behavior	The Hidden Fear	The Resulting Jargon	The Reality
Status Status Signalling	Sounding too simple or falsifiable	Navigating multidimensional transformation complexity.	Nobody knows what we are doing.
Self-Protection	Being blamed for failure	Market adoption dynamics did not align with trajectories.	We failed to sell the product.
Trend Dependency	Looking structurally outdated	Transitioning to an AI-powered innovation ecosystem.	We bought new software but changed nothing.

The Execution Drag.

Ambiguous language creates a measurable operational tax.

When alignment collapses, employees spend excessive time interpreting leadership intent, priorities, and ownership.

Clear language accelerates execution by eliminating interpretive overhead.





Innovation Theatre.

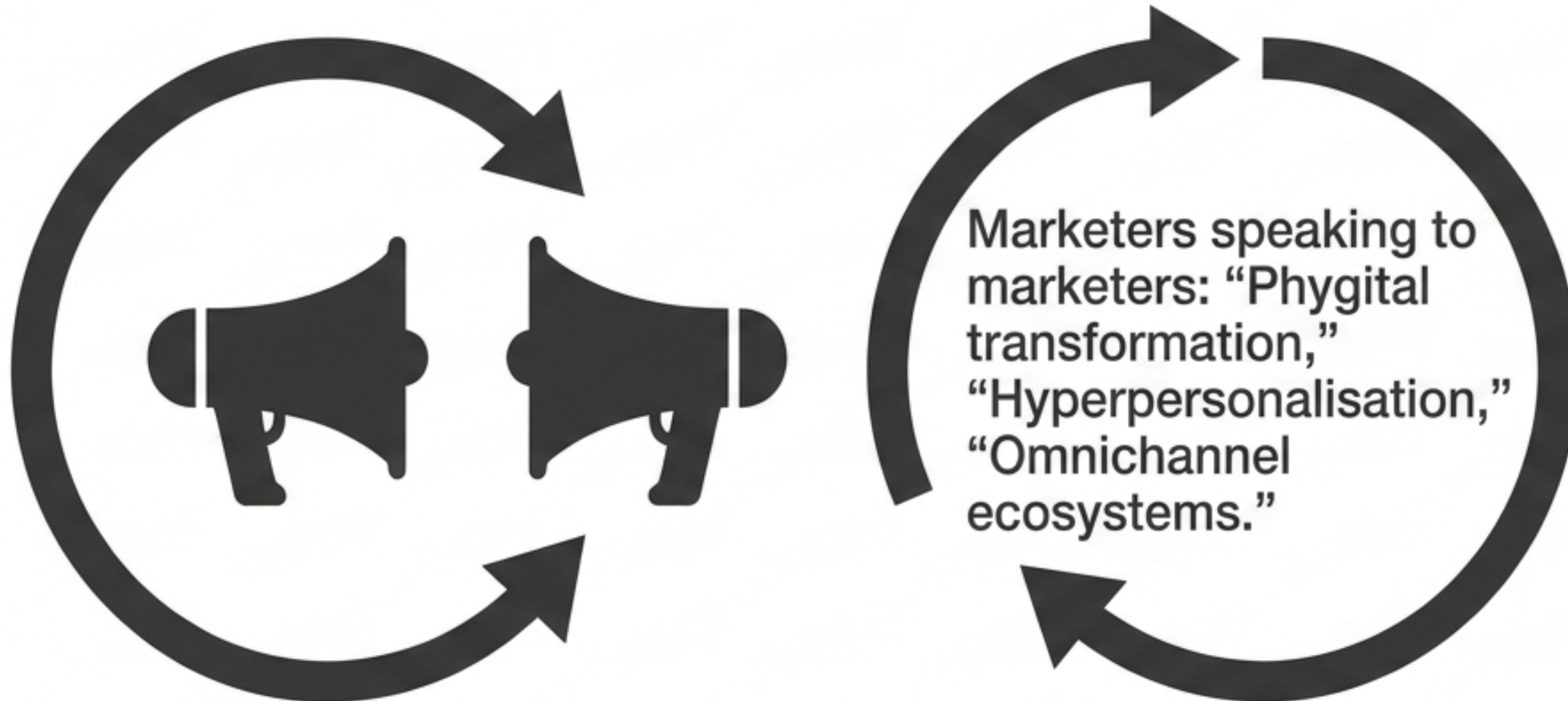
Jargonisation frequently creates the illusion of progress without actual change. Organizations become trapped in endless frameworks and rebranded initiatives.

Technology becomes branding before capability.

Many firms describe themselves as 'AI-powered' long before AI meaningfully improves customer outcomes.

Marketing's Vulnerability

Marketing exists to communicate with the market,
yet increasingly suffers from communication failure.
Brand language loses humanity.



— The Customer.
Unengaged.

Clarity Scales.

The most effective brands simplify complexity rather than amplifying it.
Clarity requires the confidence to distill.



Nike: Just Do It.



**Stripe: Payments infrastructure
for the internet.**



Slack: Where work happens.

**Apple did not market an “integrated digital lifestyle ecosystem.”
It marketed “1,000 songs in your pocket.”**

The Paradigm Split



Weak Organisations.
Complexity as a Shield.

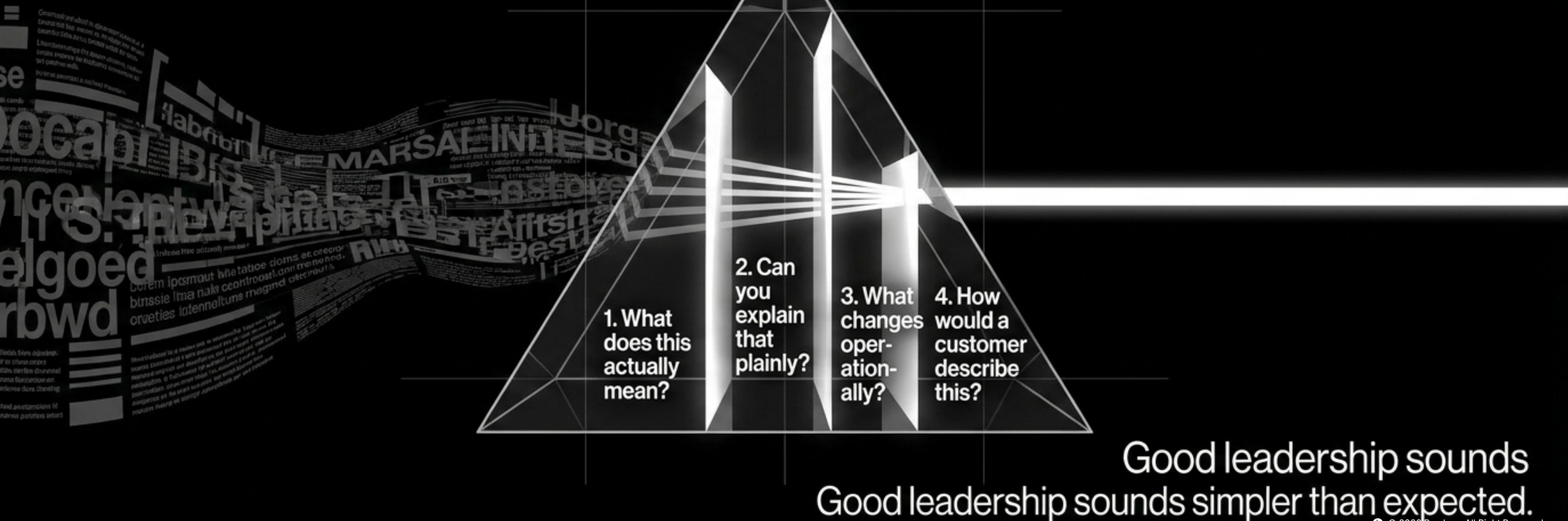
- Use complexity to maintain plausible deniability.
- Hide priorities beneath abstraction.
- Protect egos by softening accountability.

Strong Organisations.
Clarity as a Weapon.

- Use clarity to generate execution speed.
- Force strict prioritisation.
- Embrace falsifiability and deep understanding.

The Leadership Clarity Filter.

Executives shape language culture.
Reverse the cycle by subjecting
abstract terminology to four cuts:



Customer Calibration.

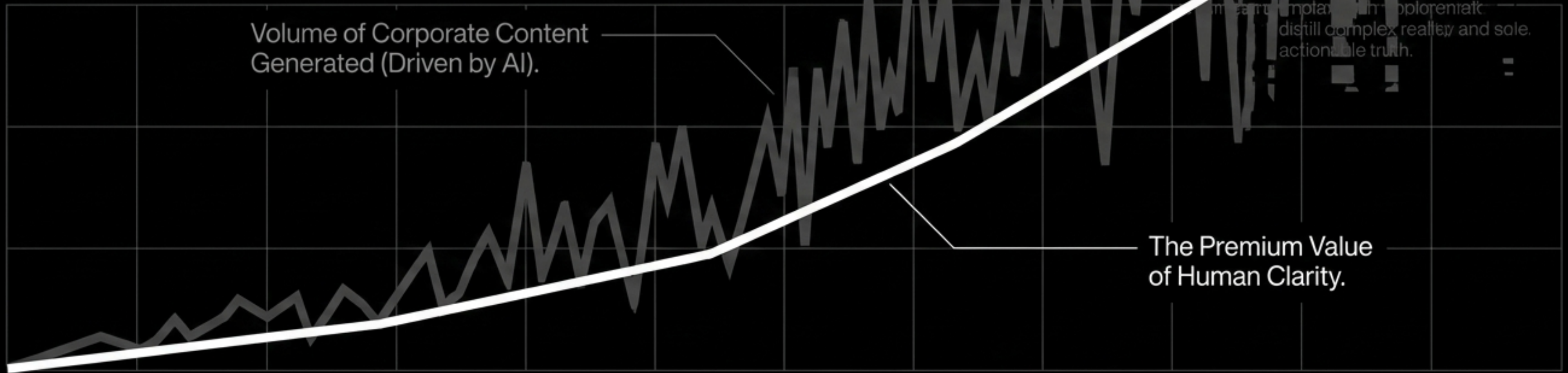
Customer language must shape company language.

The best strategists listen obsessively to unvarnished reality: search behaviour, sales conversations, complaints, support tickets, and reviews.

Customers usually describe problems far more clearly than strategy decks do.



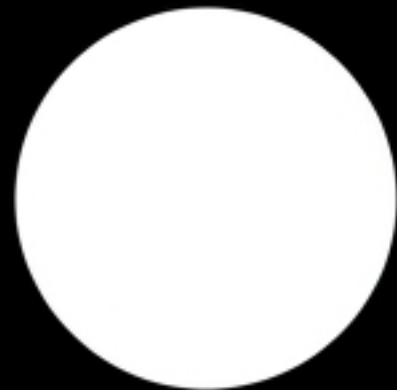
Signal vs. Noise in the AI Era.



When generative systems can produce infinite, polished ambiguity for free, jargon risks multiplying exponentially.

The firms that win will not be those producing the most language. Competitive advantage belongs exclusively to those who can distill complex reality into simple, actionable truth.

The Ultimate Sophistication.



Clear communication does not guarantee good strategy,
but unclear communication almost always signals deeper problems.

Customers reward clarity.
Teams execute clarity.
Markets punish confusion.