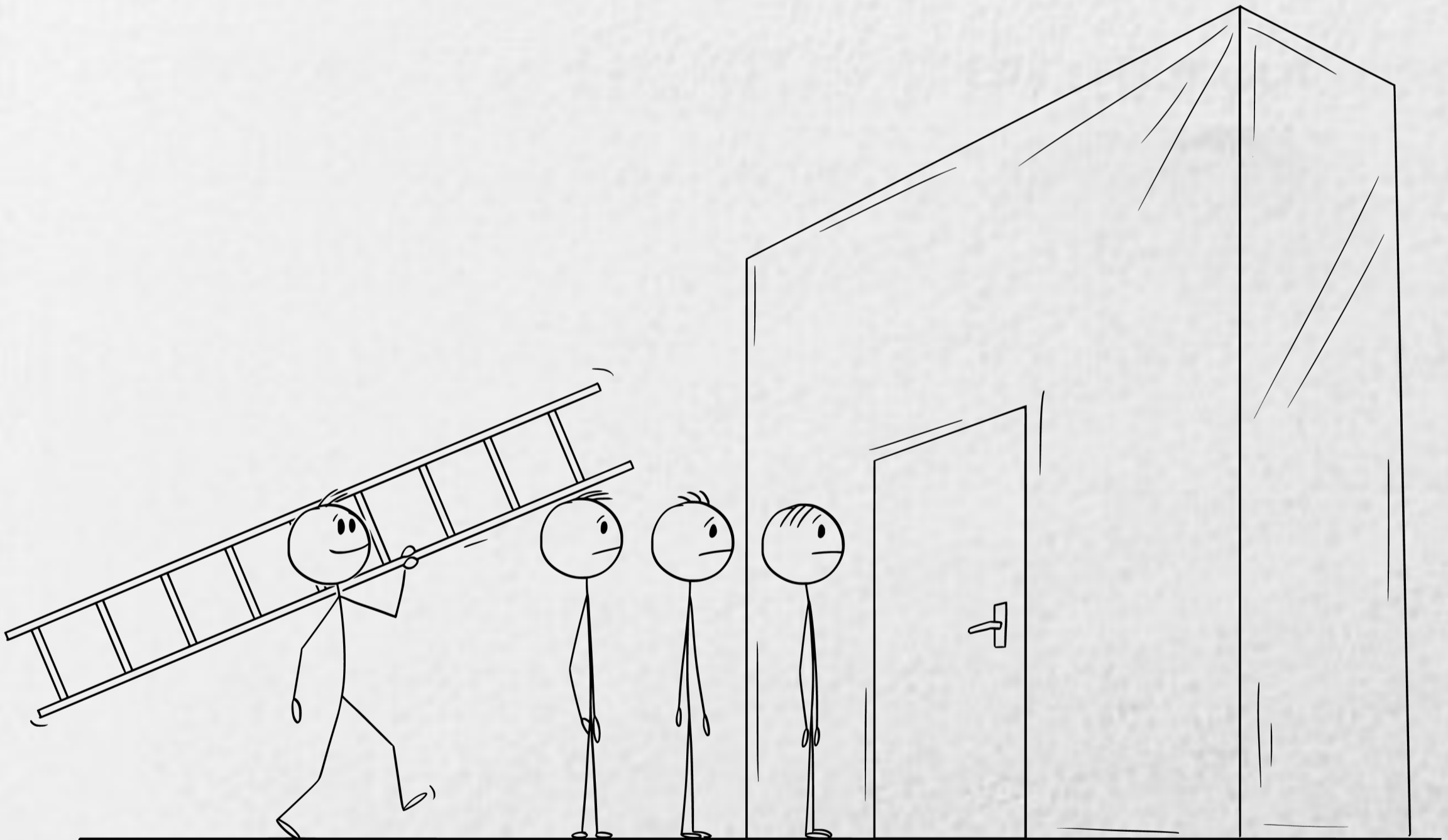




10 **Lies** You're Told About Climbing the Career Ladder

(And how to deal with that)



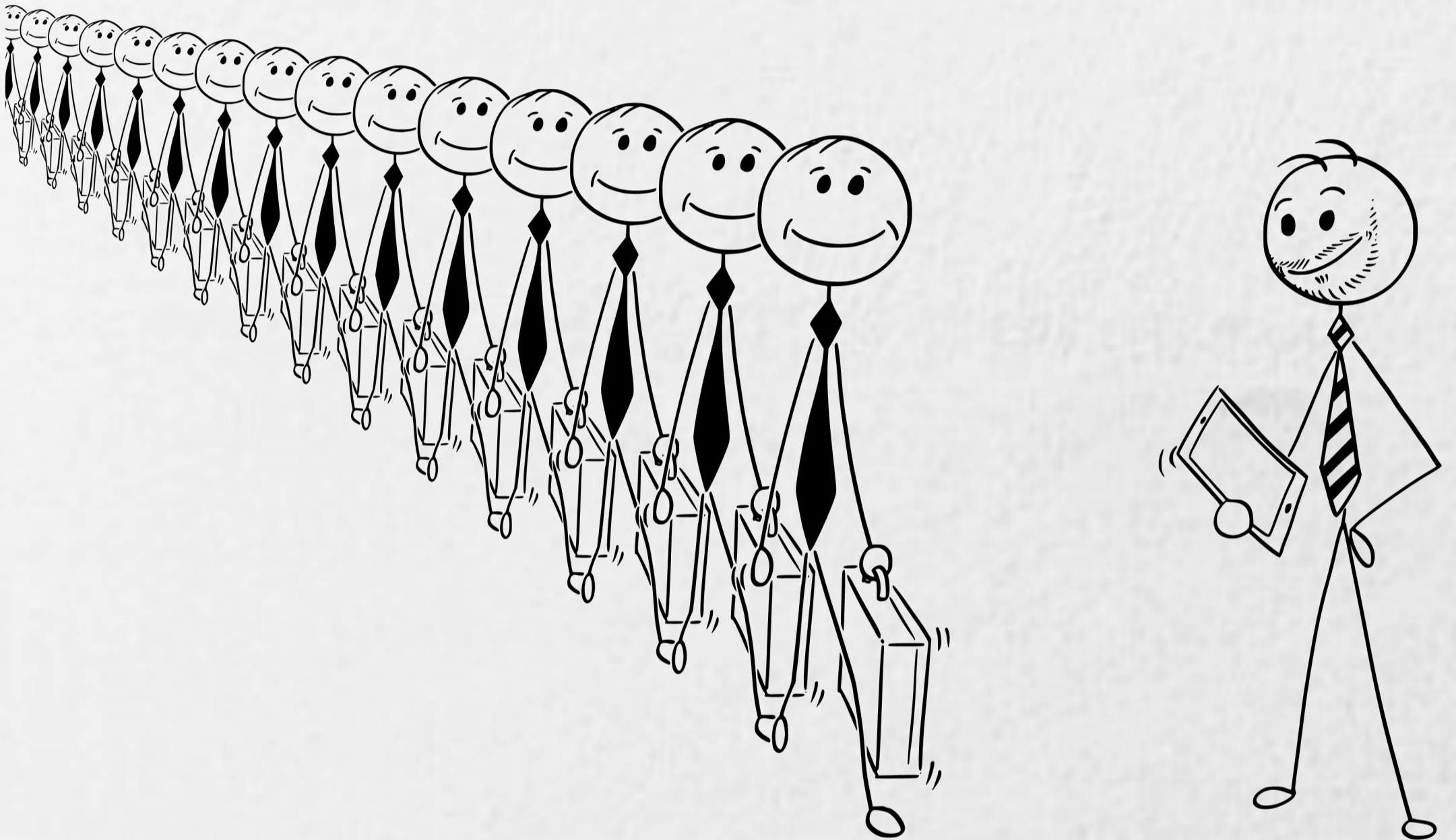
1. Hard Work Alone Guarantees Success



Reality : Effort matters, but visibility, networking, and strategic thinking matter more.

✓ Build relationships and make your contributions known.

2. Your Boss Will Notice Your Efforts

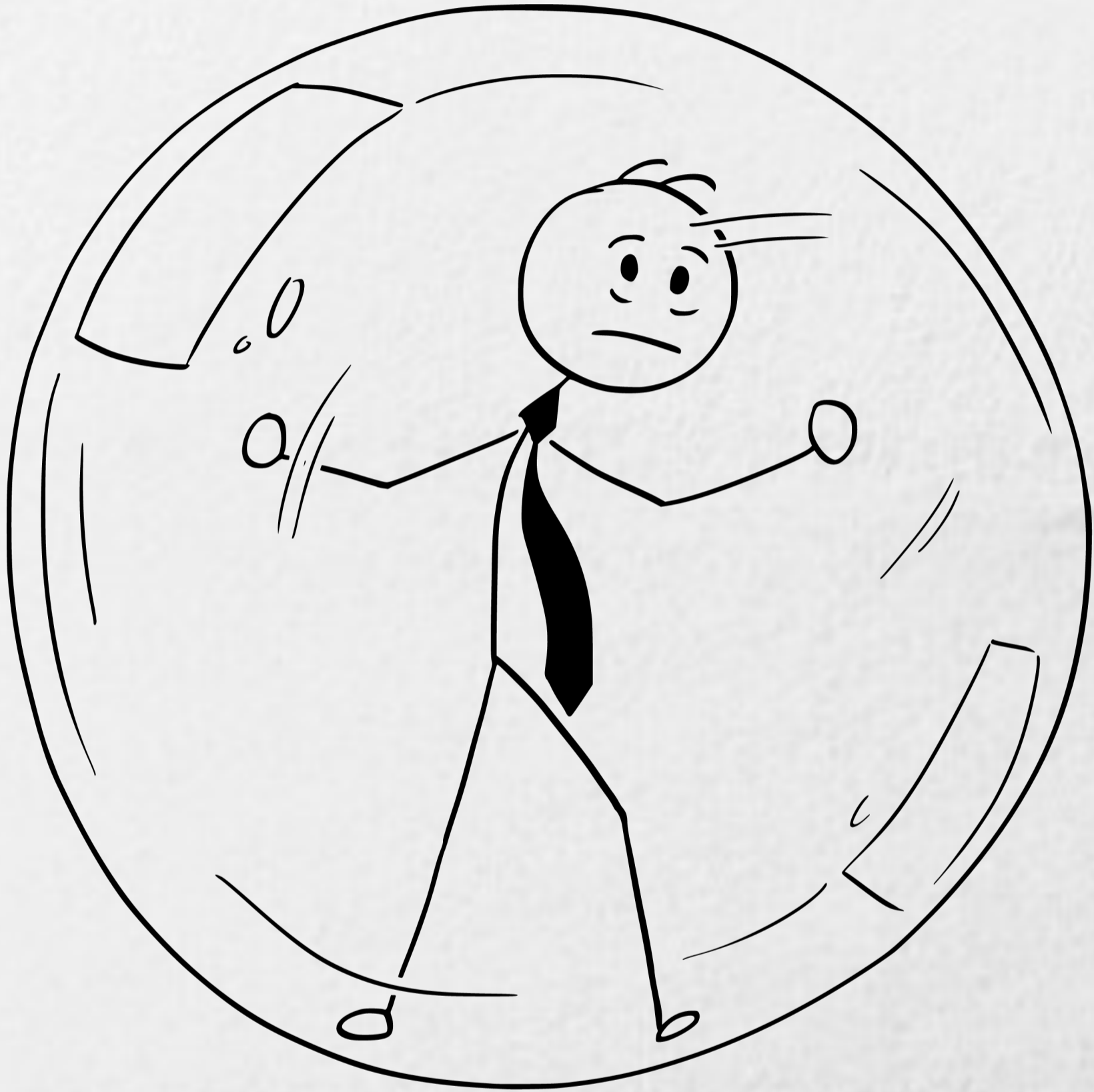


Reality: Leaders are busy; they won't automatically recognize your work.

✓ Advocate for yourself—highlight your achievements.



3. Climbing the Ladder Means More Freedom

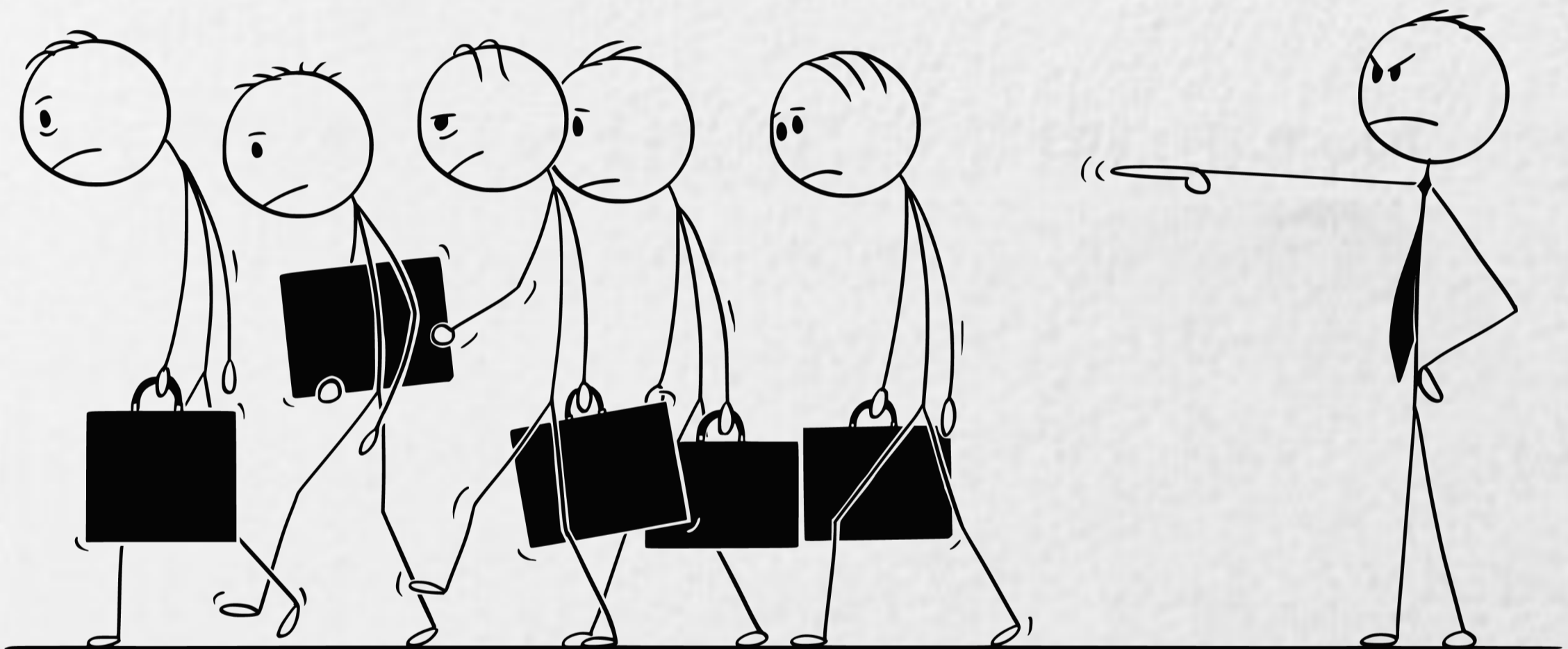


Reality: More responsibility often means more pressure and accountability.

✓ Learn to manage time and set boundaries early



4. Job Security Comes with Loyalty

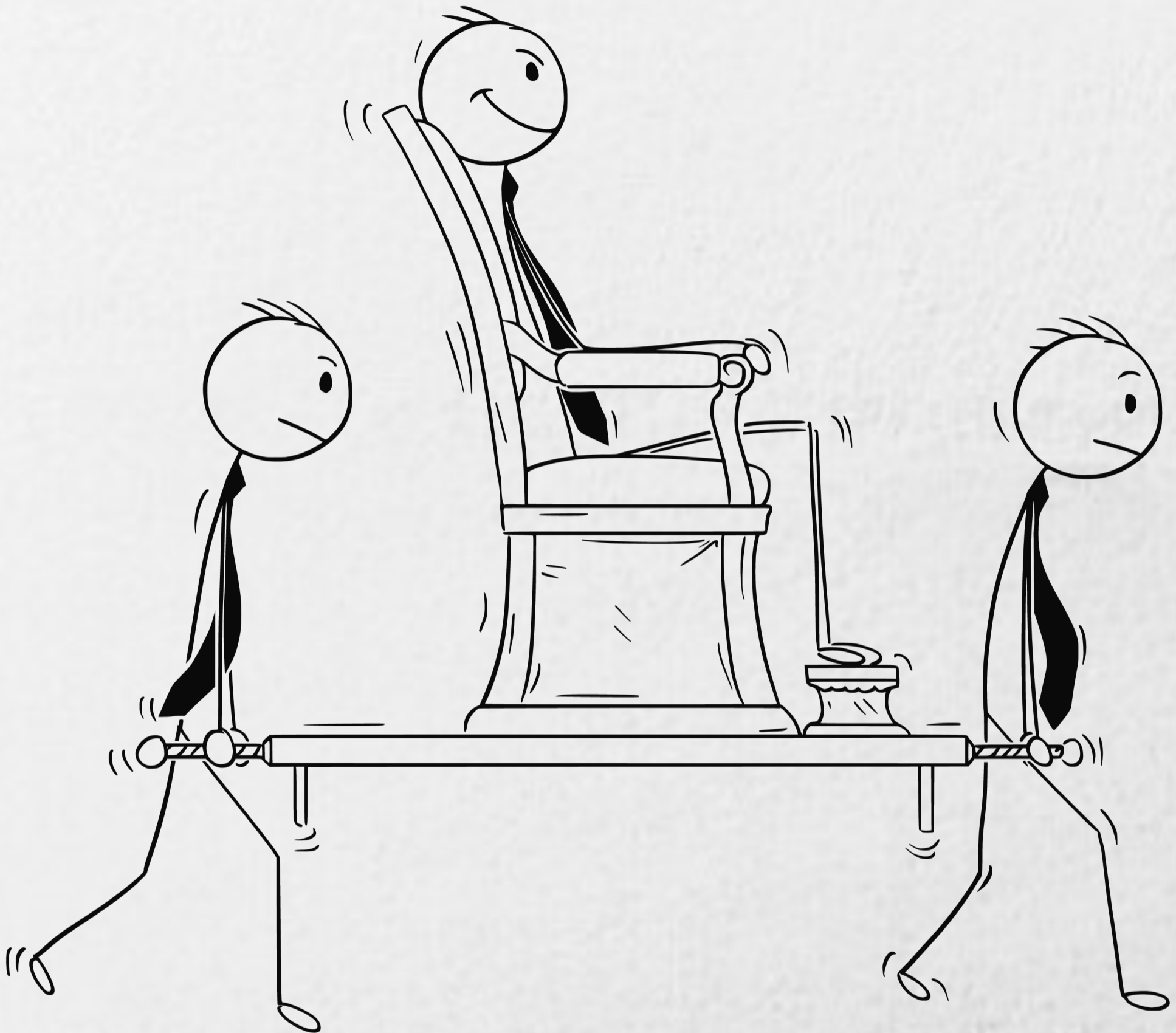


Reality: No job is truly secure; companies change, priorities shift.

✓ Keep learning, upgrading skills, and staying relevant.



5. Office Politics Can Be Ignored

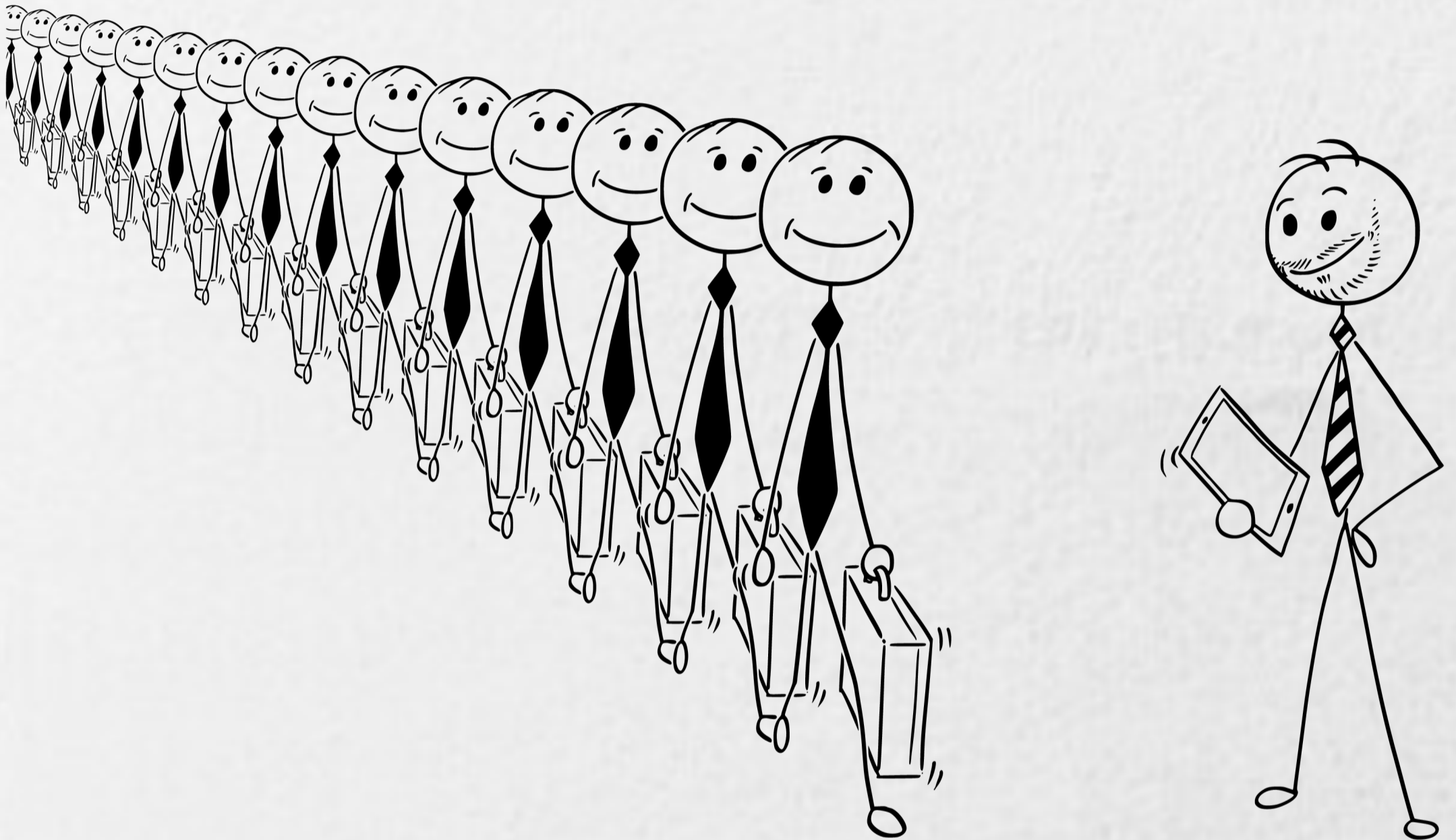


Reality: Whether you like it or not, politics influence decisions.

✓ Stay aware, build alliances, and maintain integrity.



6. Promotions Are Based on Merit

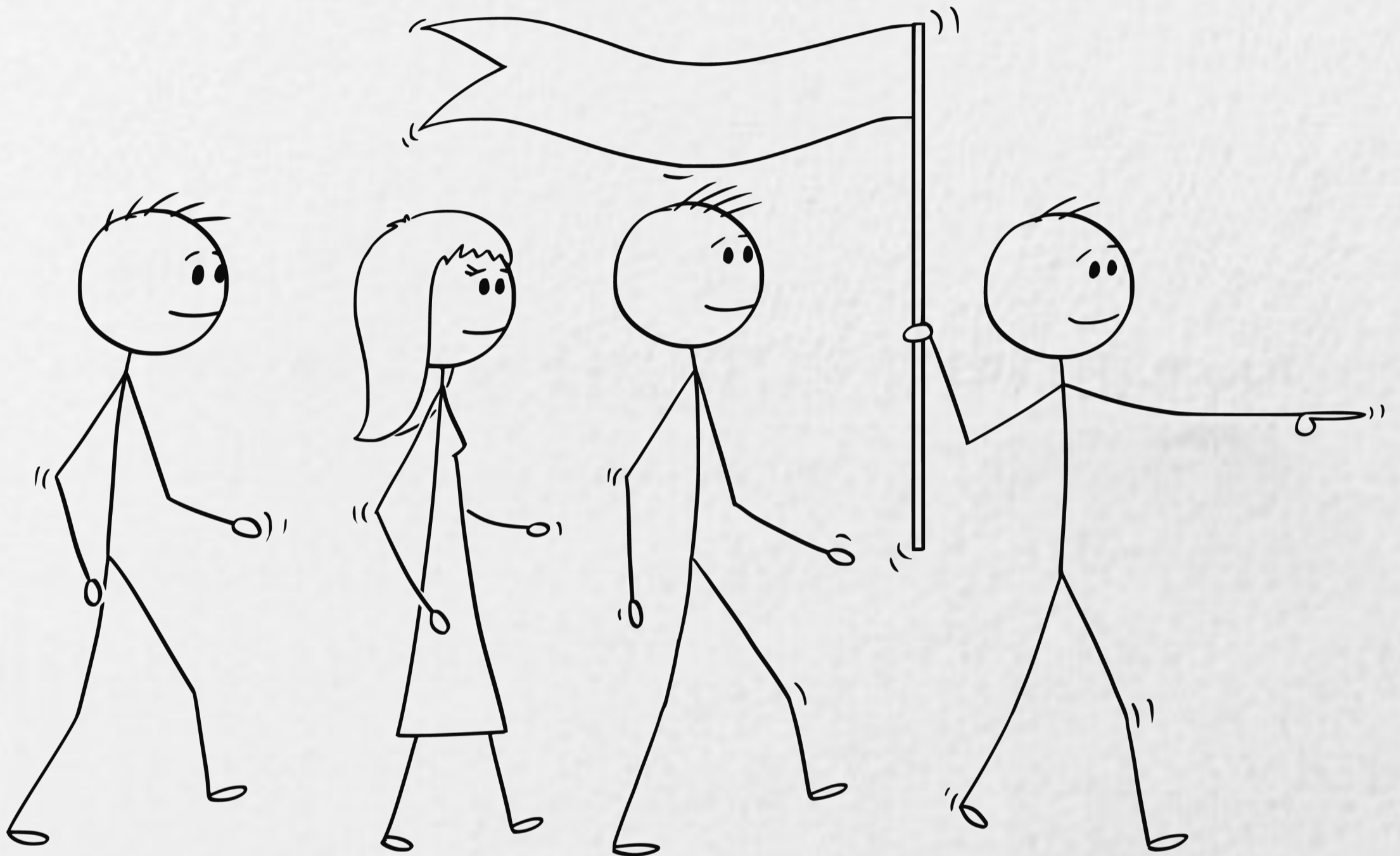


Reality: Skills matter, but perception, influence, and timing play a big role.

✓ Position yourself strategically and communicate your value.



7. Leadership Means Doing It All Yourself

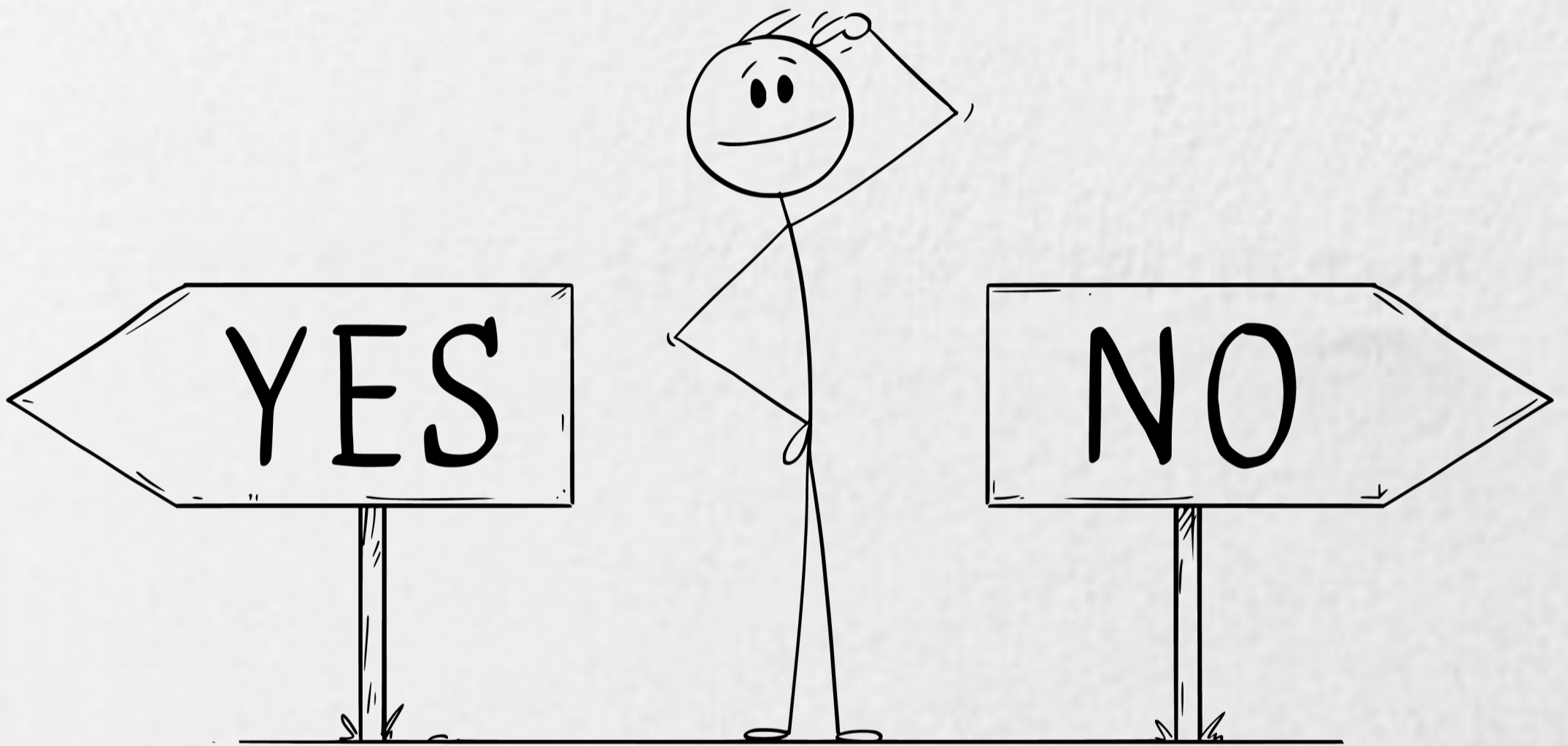


Reality: Great leaders delegate and empower others.

✓ Focus on team success, not just individual effort.



8. Saying Yes to Everything Helps You Grow



Reality: Overcommitting leads to burnout, not progress.

✓ Prioritize tasks that align with your long-term goals.



9. Your Work Will Speak for Itself

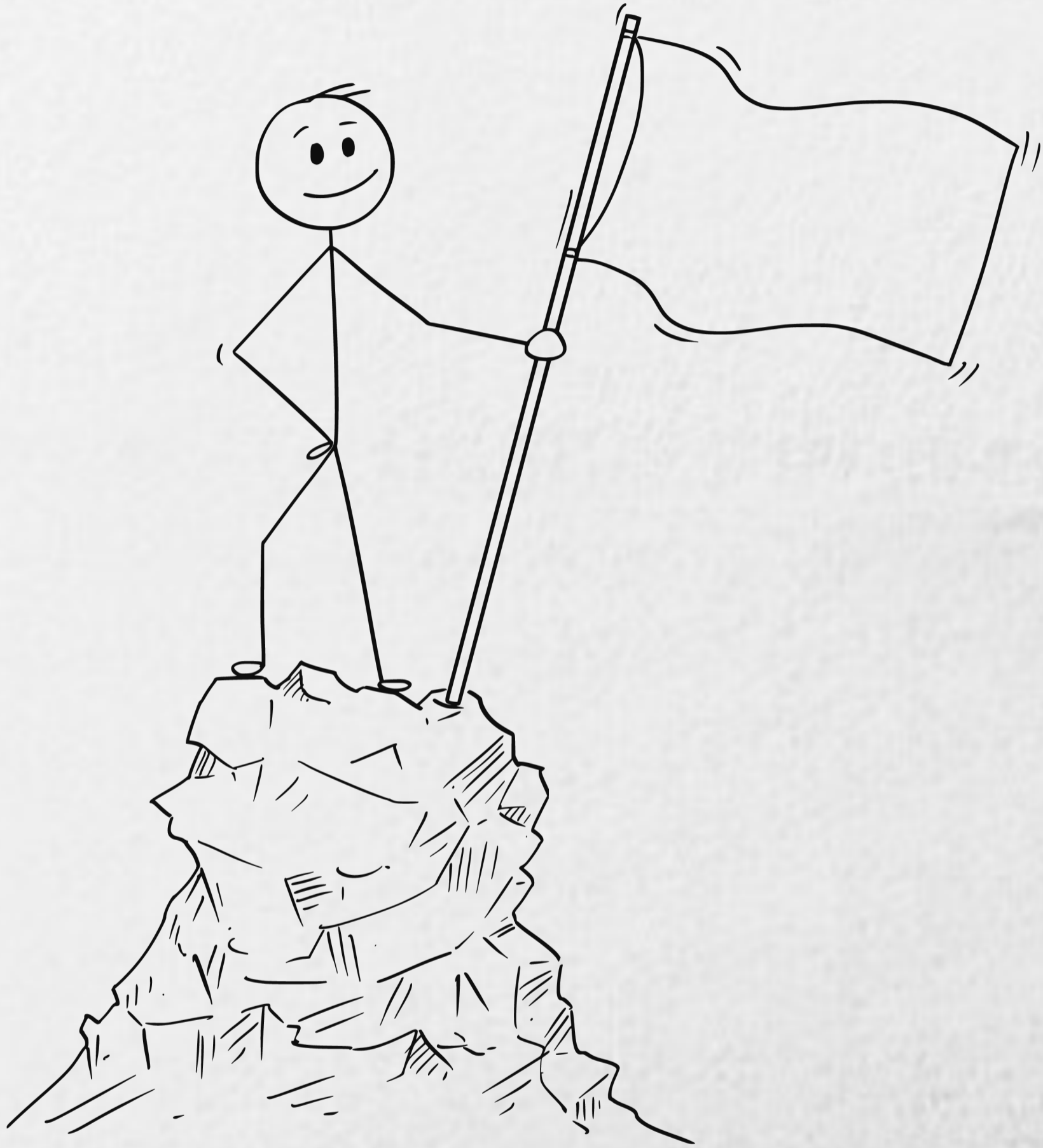


Reality: If you don't speak up, someone else will take credit.

✓ Own your achievements and communicate them effectively.



10. Once You Reach the Top, You've Made It

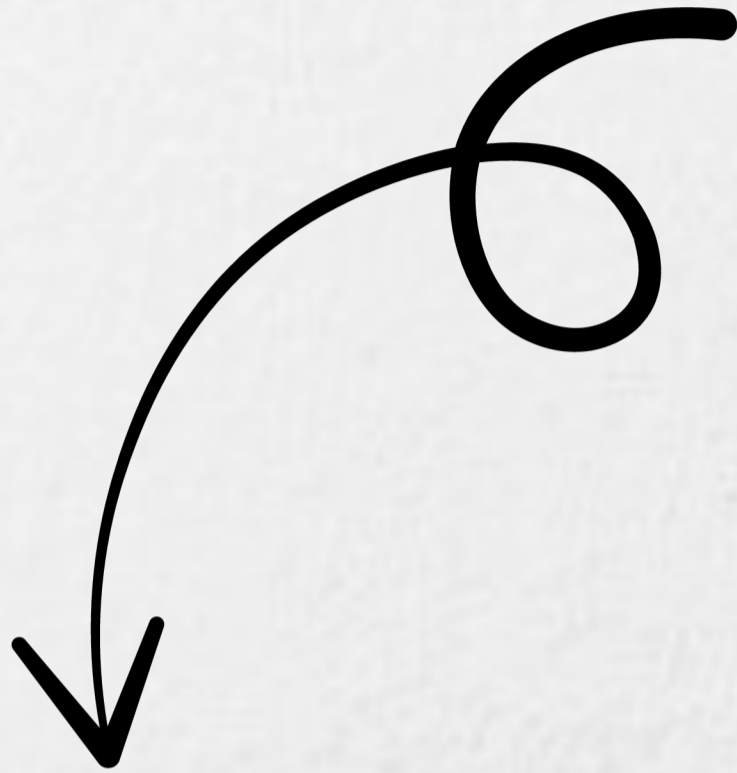


Reality: Growth never stops; complacency leads to decline.

✓ Keep evolving, learning, and preparing for the next challenge.



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