

Who are you selling to? → Dealing with Buyer Zombies

*Companies don't make decisions.



People at companies make decisions



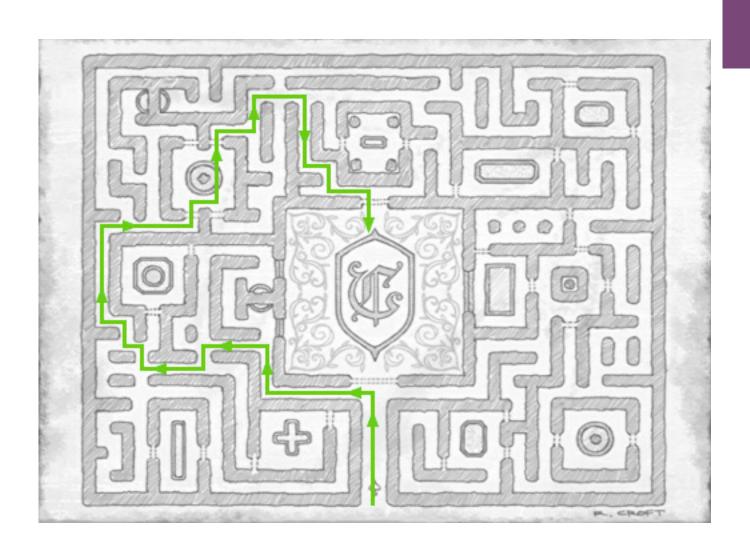


*WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Less of this...



+ More of this...



* Most buyers are novices



*Beware of the Buyer Zombies!





*Zombie #1: The buyer that talks price in the first conversation.



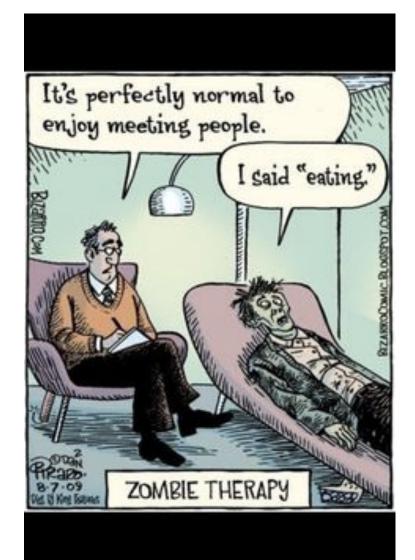
*Zombie #2: "I make the decision on this."



*Zombie #3: "Send me a onepager and I'll present at the next meeting."



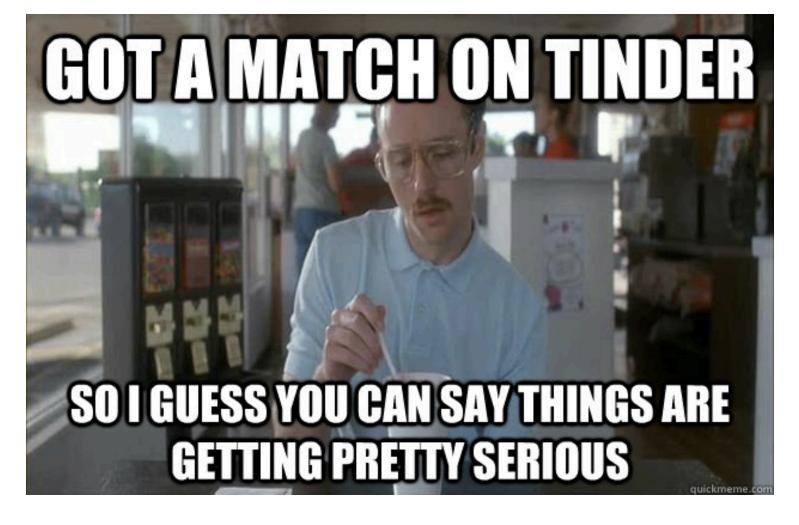




Zombie #4: The job of IT, procurement, & vendor management is to keep their job.

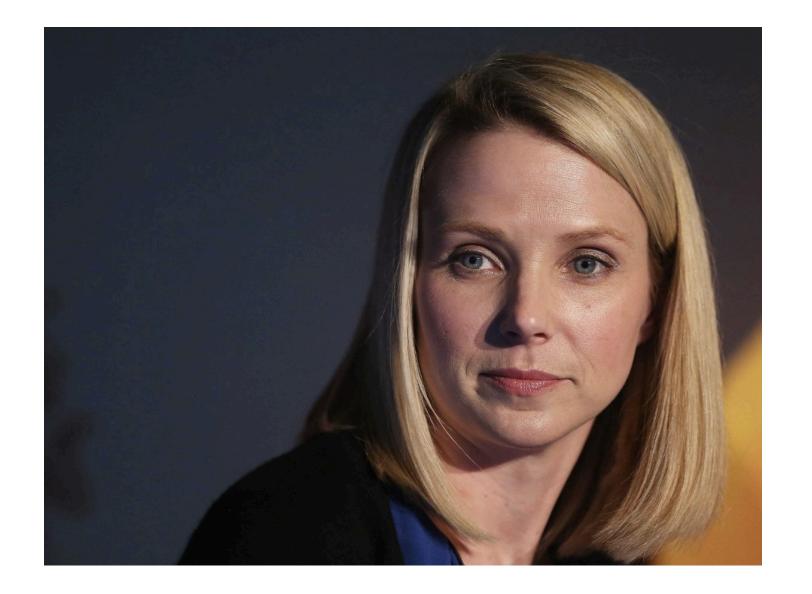


*There is never a shortage of interesting conversations.





+ Find the decision-maker.







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*"How long has this been a problem?"



+ "How urgent is this problem?"



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"How have you tried to solve this problem so far?"



*"How have decisions like this been made in the past?"



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"Who else in your company is usually involved with these kinds of decisions?"

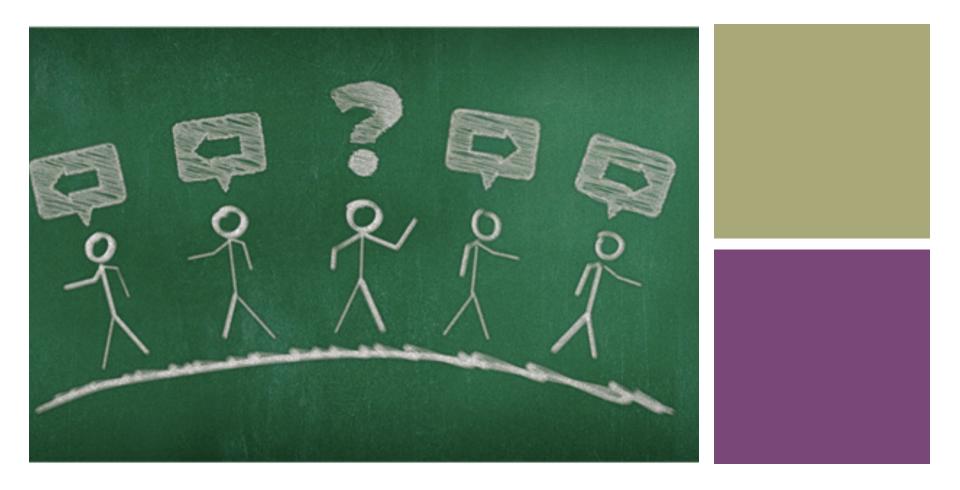




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*Now what?



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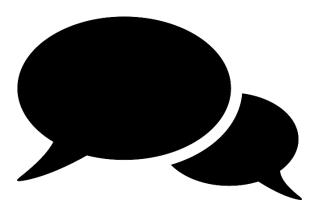
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