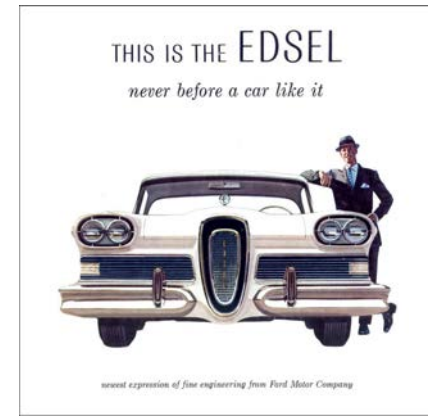Hack The Future: Mastering Pre-Mortem
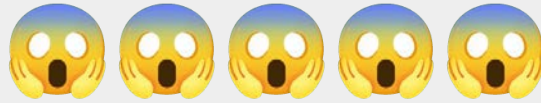(For those not fluent in metal writing)

Projects fail (sometimes)

74% of all IT projects fail

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Source: The Standish Group

But what's a pre-mortem?

A Risk Discovery Technique

A simple two-steps process:

1. Hypothetical future: project launched on May 4th, it is a complete wreck.
2. What did go wrong?

Increases the ability to identify reasons for future outcomes by 30% 🏆🏆🏆

Source: University of Colorado

Do's and Don'ts

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✅ Do: Small team

✅ Do: Diversity of thoughts

✕ Don't: Problem solve

✕ Don't: Reject causes yet

✅ Do: Keep asking why

☑ Do: Remind the goal(s)

Then what?

Adjust your plan

1. Group and cleanup items
2. Assess risk
3. Share risk mitigation plan

Thank you!

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