

From survivors to an amazing race team

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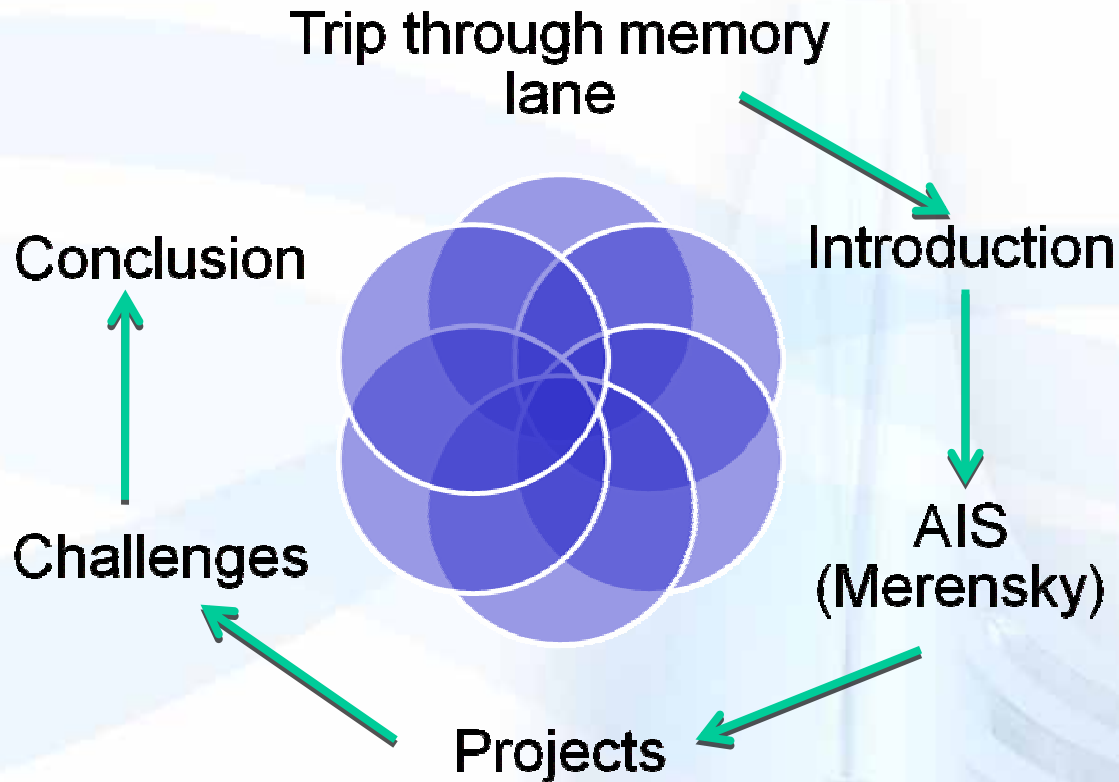
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Overview



Trip through memory lane: Survivor



- Early 80's
 - Terminals
 - Card Catalogues
- Late 80's
 - Terminal to Workstations





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Survivor ► Amazing race starts



- 90's
 - Start of electronic journals
- 2000
 - More electronics
- 2003 Start as Information Specialist
- No IS experience

flying environment.

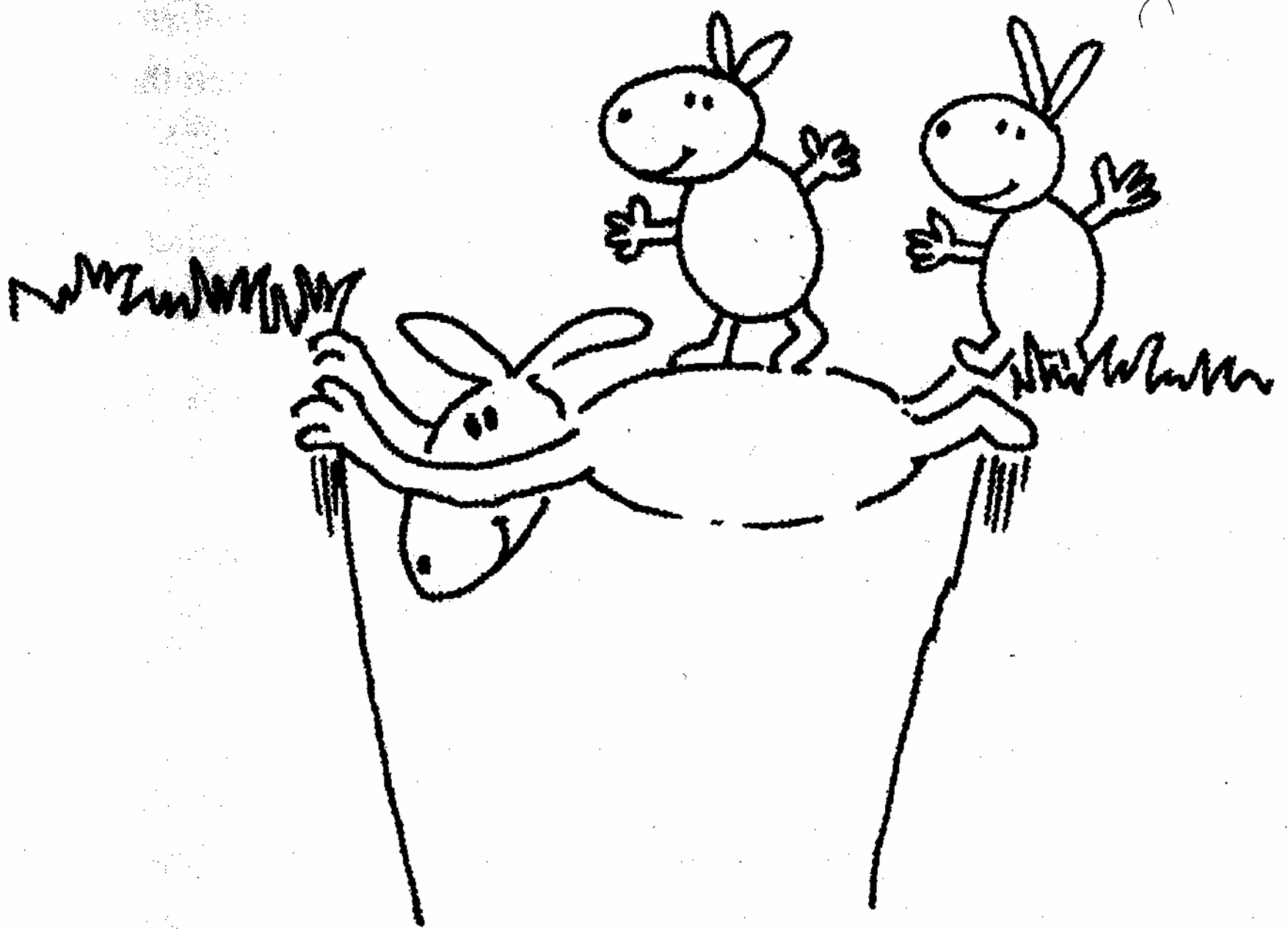


...have a serious purpose!

Survivor race Cont.



- Changing from bibliographic reference to full text
- Role of traditional Librarian starts changing
- Change the way we are working
- More clients are information literate
- Librarians have to change and adapt to:
 - New demands
 - Professional tasks
 - Working conditions



...be flexible but firm!



- Became an active partner in the learning process
- Facilitating access to platforms and databases
- Give guidance and be a mentor
- Must have good ICT knowledge
- Accessibility supportive environment
- Skilled staff in supporting learners and learning process
- Resources in all formats
 - Paper
 - Media
 - Digital
 - Partnerships



- AIS investigate electronic thesis's
- 2004 compulsory
- Assist with Web-CT
- Start testing UpSpace in 2005
- 2006 UpSpace active
- 2006 change to ClickUP
- 2006 start with OpenUP



Projects



- Focus on new study curriculums
- Partnerships with Departments and Faculties
- Involved with Masters and Doctoral students
- Train the trainers
- Help with CIL courses
- Lifelong Learning
- Mentorship

Projects Cont.



- 2007 Start with strategic plan of level 5 EBIT and NS
- Marketing
- 2009 a restructuring of EBIT and NS

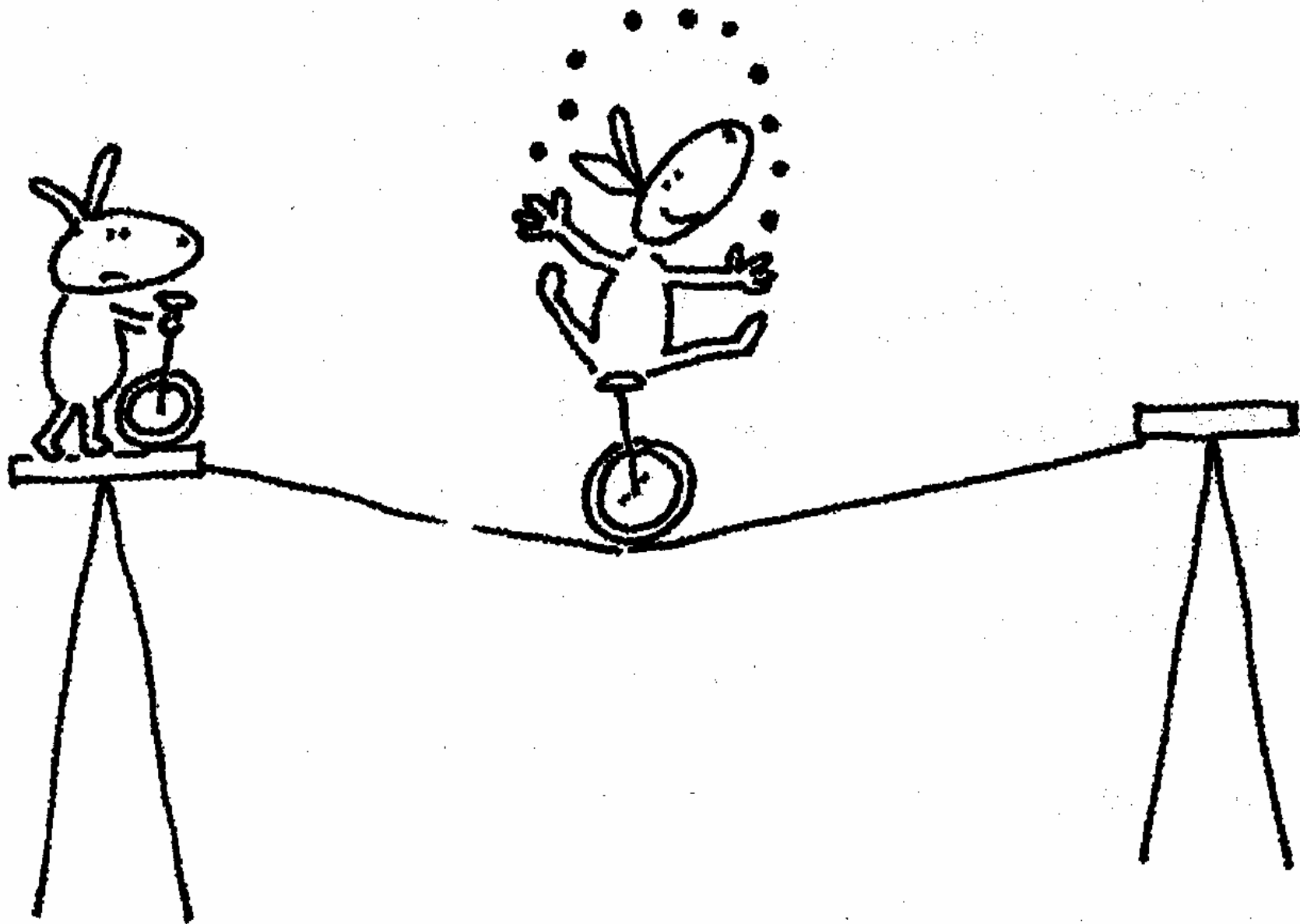
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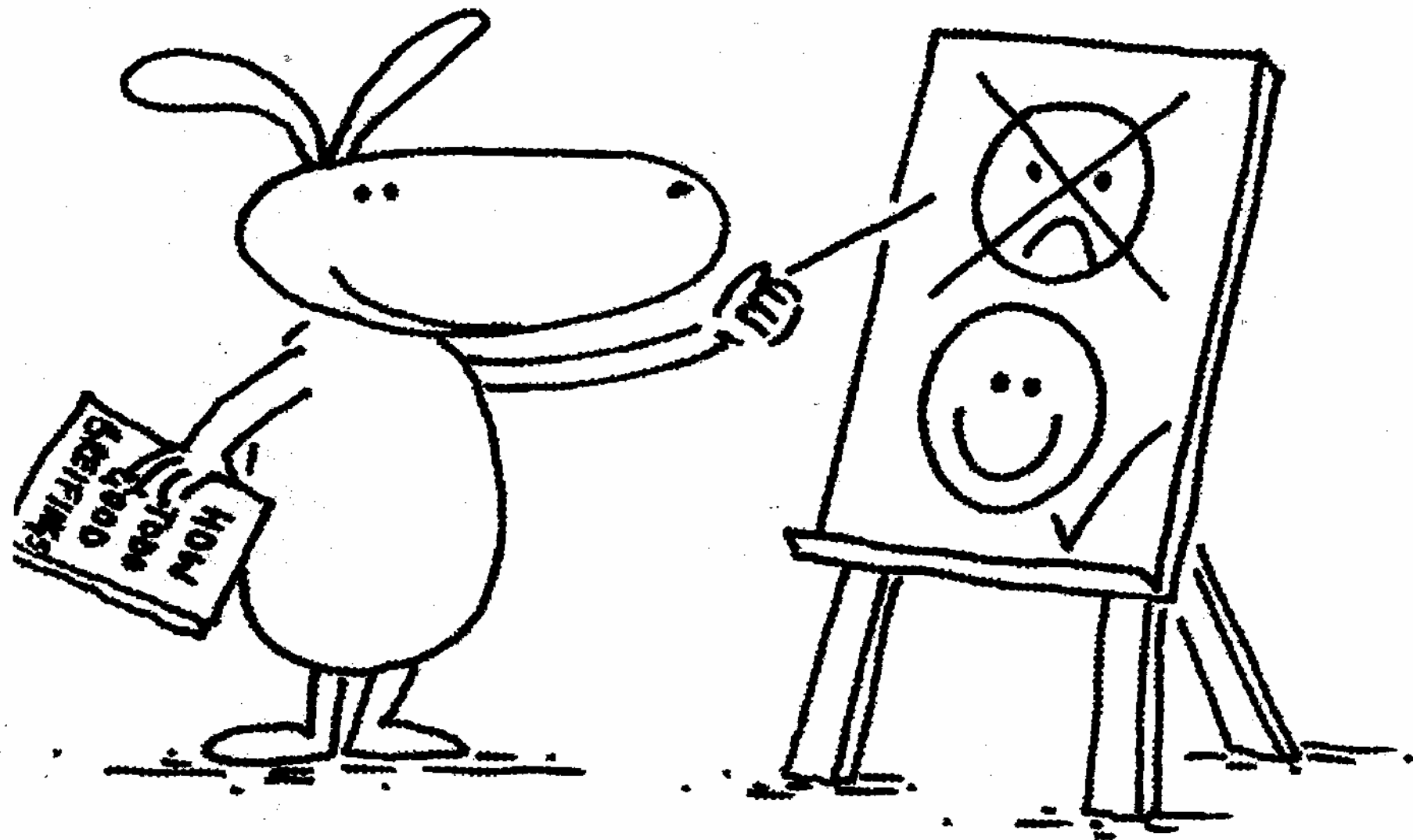
- Design information skills programs for continuously changing and complex information environment
- Information explosion
- Digital revolution



- Identification of information needs become more precise
- More advanced browsing skills
- Effective communication with researchers all over the world
- Internet > critical evaluation
- IT skills in:
 - Managing, storing and presenting information



...practice makes perfect!



...practice good briefings!

Conclusion



- Jarvis 2000 suggested the way ahead is about:
 - Lifelong Learning and not work life learning
 - People and not profits
 - Enriching people rather than utilizing human resources
 - Responding to needs, not meeting targets
- Goal is to contribute to the creation of high quality research and training environment



...do not expect too much too soon!



THANK YOU