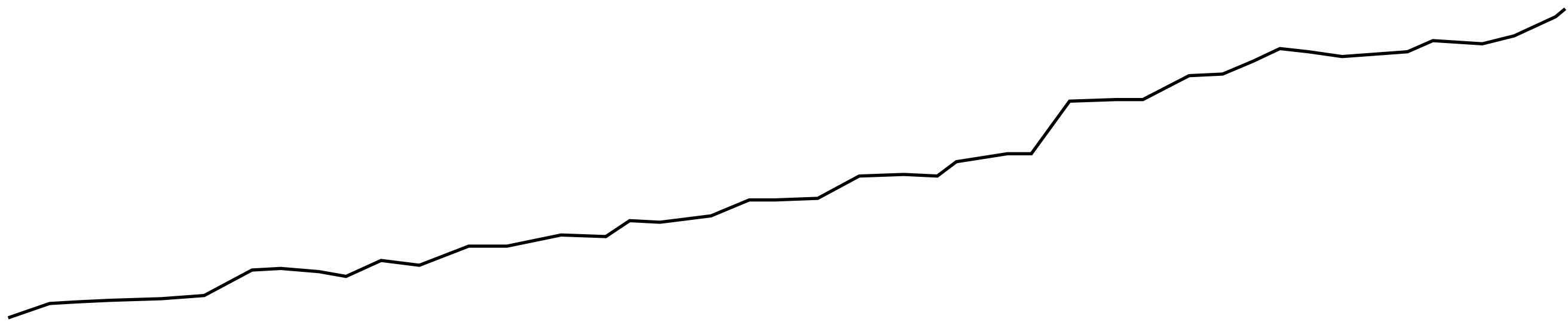
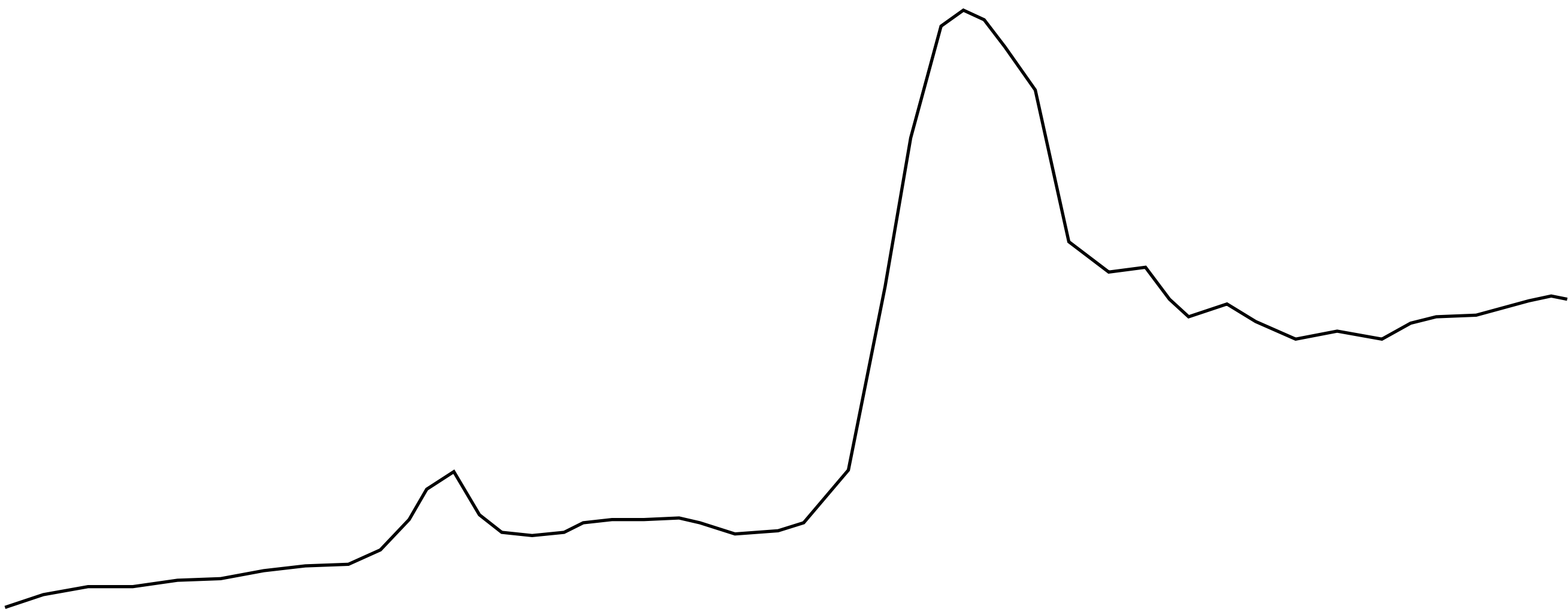


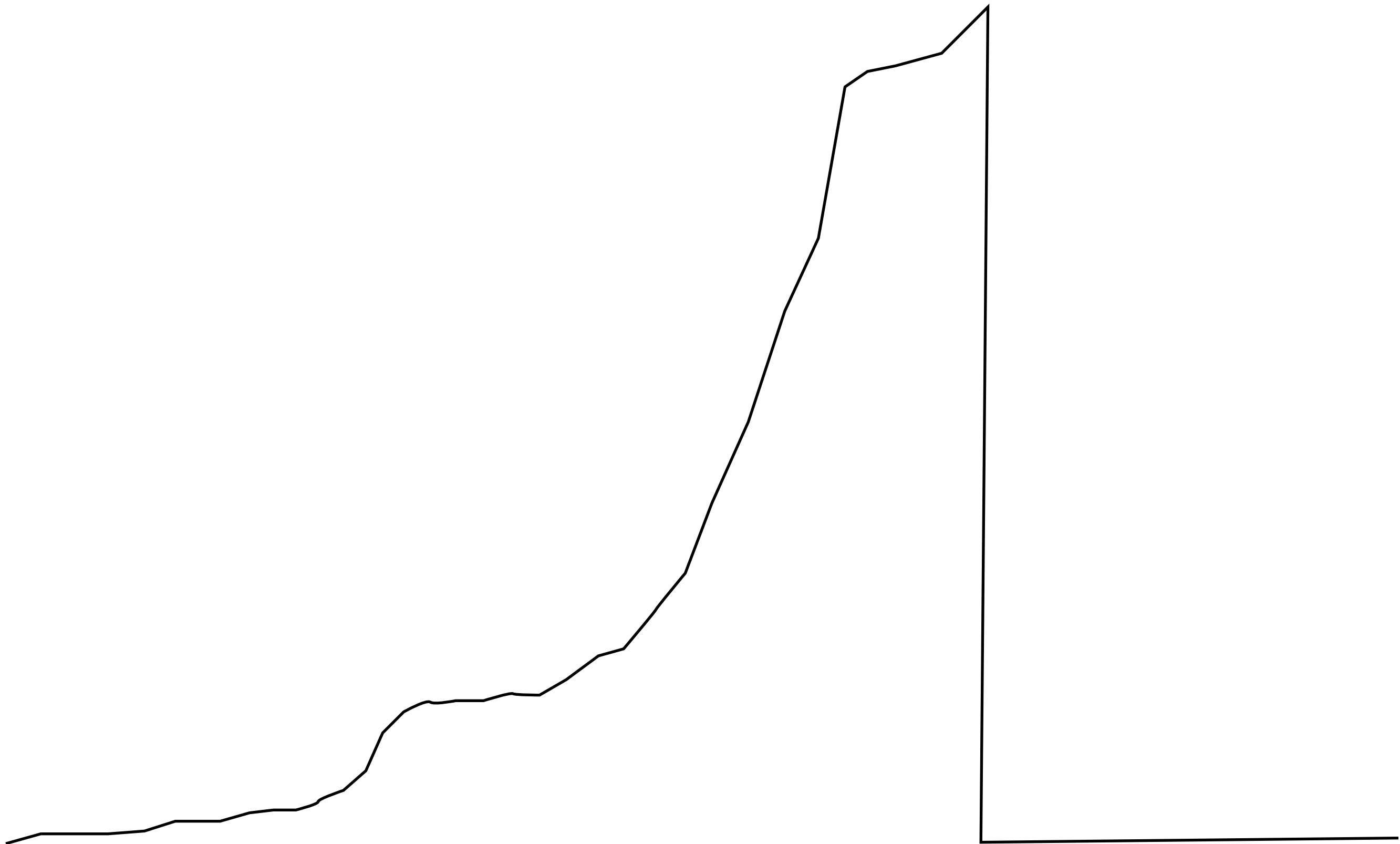
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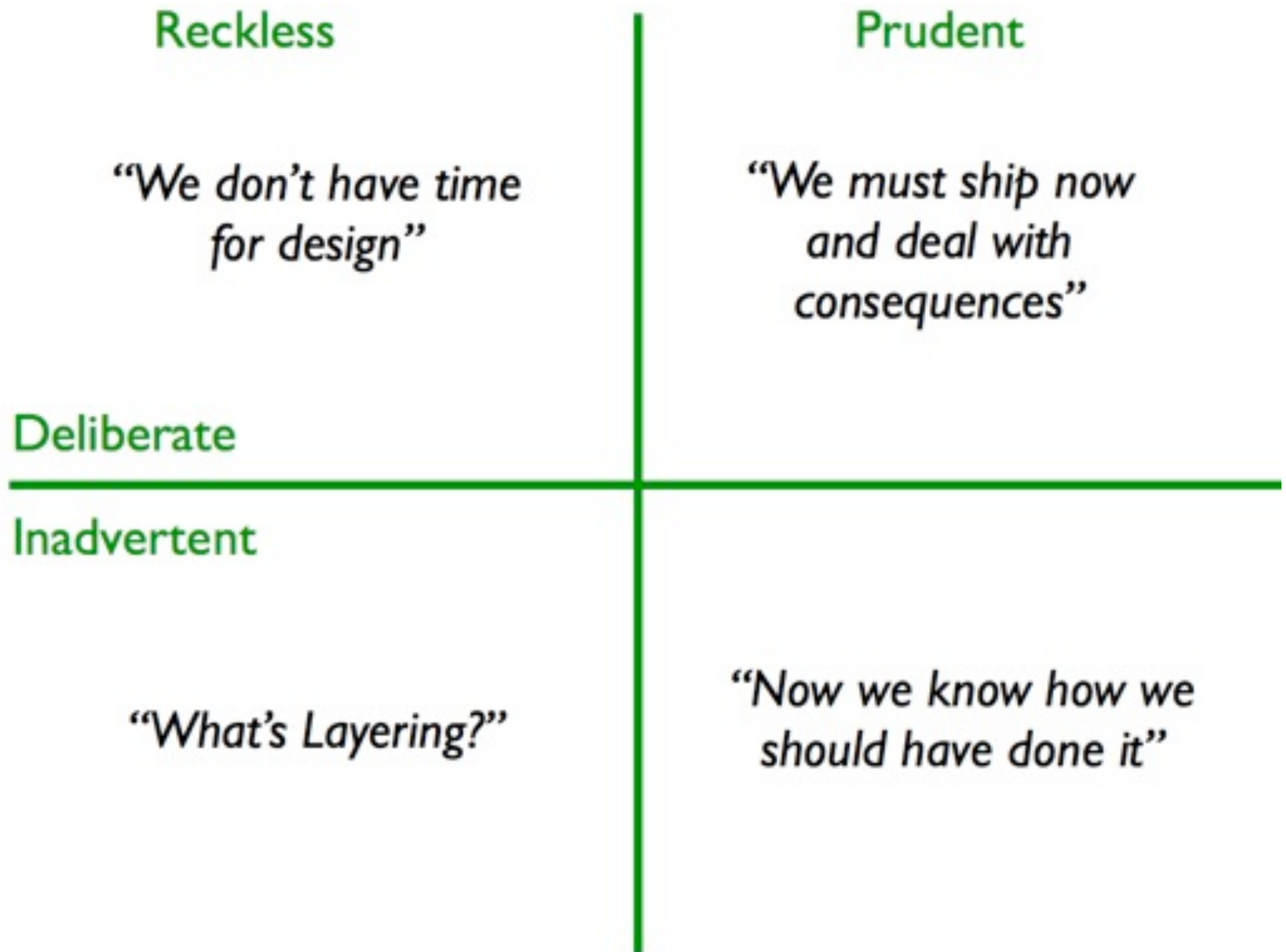
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Technical Debt Quadrant







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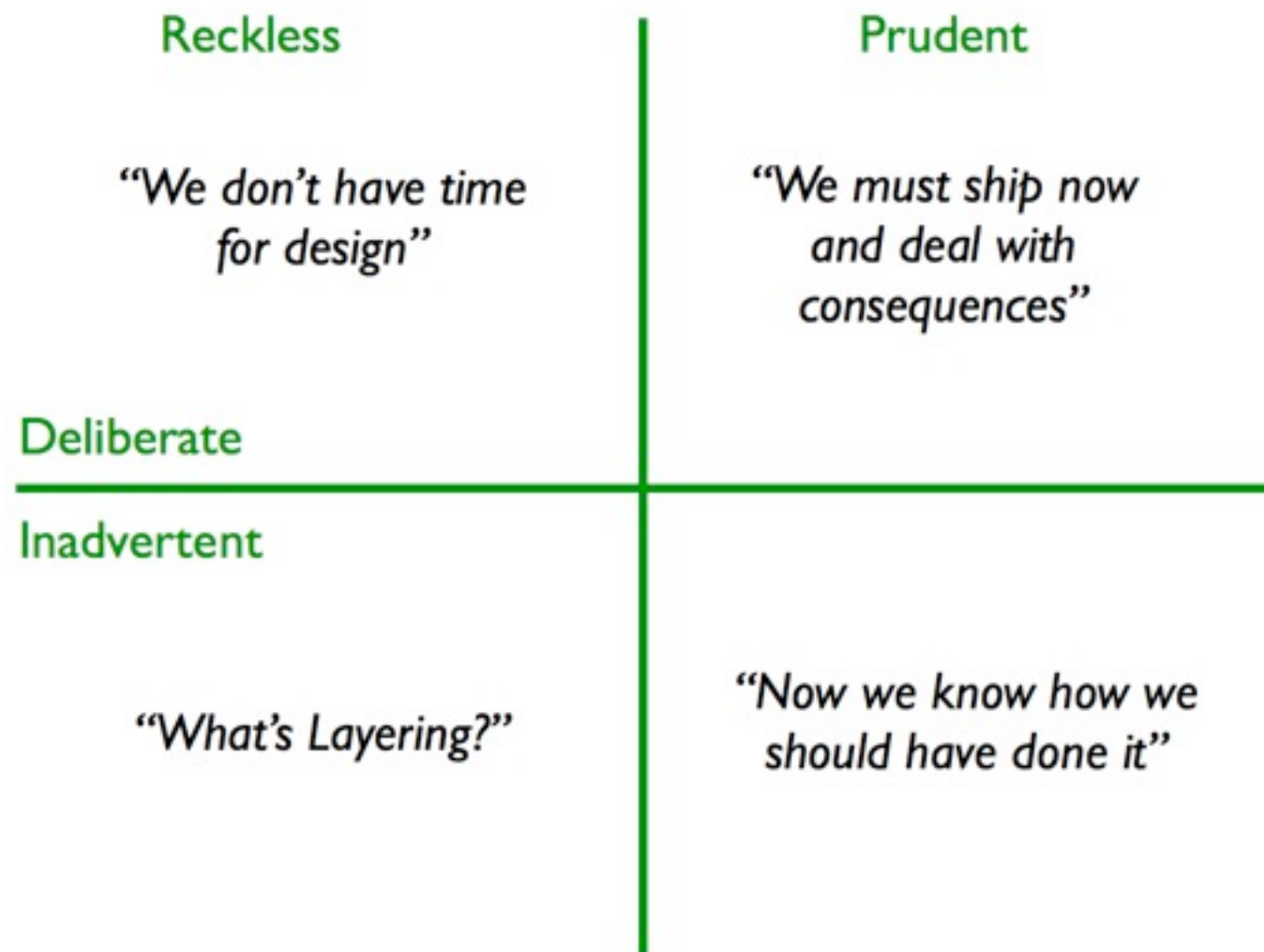
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“The savvy developer treats technical debt just as the entrepreneur does financial debt. They use it. It speeds delivery, so long as it is properly managed.” (quote from a wiki)



Greed is good!



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