

# THE ART OF COLLABORATION

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Giving Before You Get

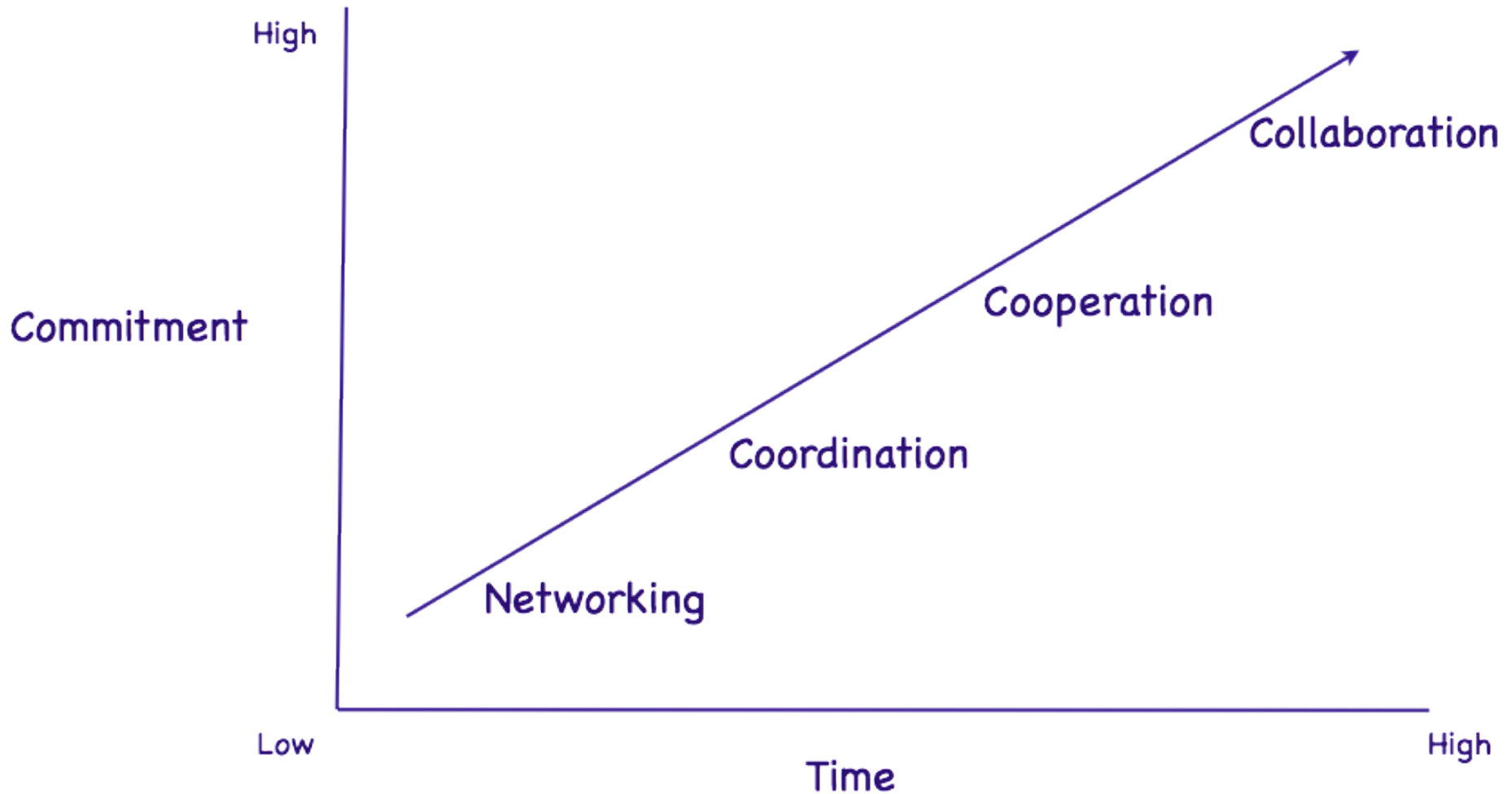
# Today's Agenda

- Intros
- Jump right in: Alien, Tiger, Cow
- What is Collaboration?
- Observe Collaboration in Action: Traffic Jam
- Reflect and wrap-up

# What are we talking about?

Networking	Coordinating	Cooperating	Collaborating
<p>Involves the exchange of information for mutual benefit.</p> <p>Requires little trust between those involved.</p>	<p>Exchanging information and altering activities for a common purpose.</p>	<p>Involves exchanging information, altering activities and sharing resources.</p> <p>Requires a significant amount of time, high level of trust and sharing turf between agencies.</p>	<p>In addition to the other activities already described, includes <b>enhancing the capacity of the partners for mutual benefit and a common purpose.</b></p> <p>Requires giving up turf to create a better or more seamless service system.</p>

# Another way to look at it...



# What is Collaboration?

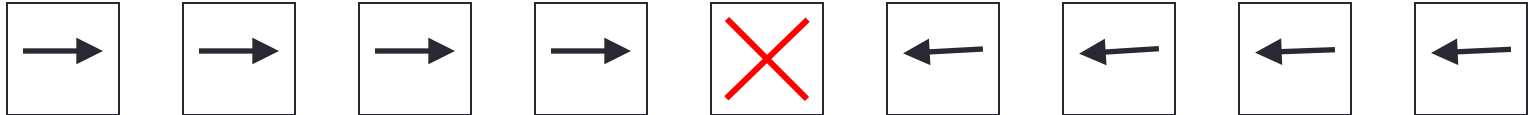
Collaboration is a process through which parties who see different aspects of a problem can constructively explore their differences and search for solutions that go beyond their own limited vision of what is possible.

Barbara Grey

# The Rules of Improv

- Always accept offerings - everything is a gift. **Find a way to keep an open mind.**
- **Yes, and... Find a way to contribute.**
- Make the other person look good; you'll look good in turn!  
**Find a way to support others.**
- **Listen and be attentive. Find a way to be in the moment.**
- There are no mistakes, only opportunities. **Find a way to fail joyfully!**
- **Trust others. Find a way to believe in the best of people!**

# The Traffic Jam Test



**Learning Objective: Get the fastest time you can**

## **Illegal Moves:**

1. Any move backwards
2. Any move around someone facing the same way you are
3. Any move which involves two persons moving at once

## **Legal Moves:**

1. A person may move into an empty space in front of him/her
2. A person may move around a person who is facing him into an empty space

# Reflection and Discovery

- Consider the following and complete one statement that fits for you right now.
  - I learned that.....
  - I was surprised that.....
  - I remembered.....
  - I found it hard to believe.....
  - I was saddened that.....
  - I enjoyed.....
  - I never knew.....
  - I plan to change.....

Source: Groups at Work, Mink, Mink & Owen, 1987