

Front Steps — LinkedIn DM (Concise)

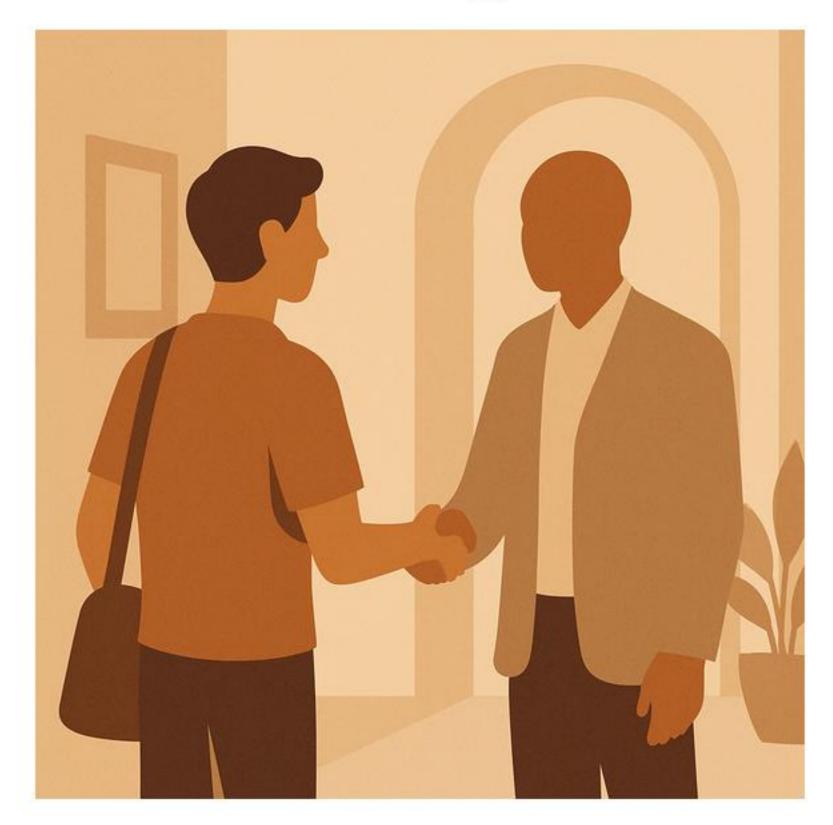


Scene & cue: Alex spots a role match and sends a light, precise DM to a hiring team member.

Skeleton: Reason in one line → one proof point → soft ask (15 min?).

Example: "Hi Maya—your team's platform work aligns with my Python + MLOps background. I've shipped agentic workflows with HITL checks and own the code end-to-end (Cursor for scaffolding, tests for guardrails). Open to a quick 15-minute chat to see if there's a fit?"

Foyer — Networking reconnect (mento



Scene & cue: Alex warms up a dormant connection.

Skeleton: Friendly catch-up → current focus (1–2 lines) → one specific, easy ask. Example: "Hi Priya—hope all's well. I've been focused on Python data platforms and Al-assisted delivery (first-principles + HITL). I'm exploring roles where reliability and customer outcomes lead. If you have a recent talk, paper, or person I should review/connect with, I'd appreciate a pointer."

Coat Closet — Recruiter-brief (screeni



Scene & cue: Alex replies to a recruiter fast.

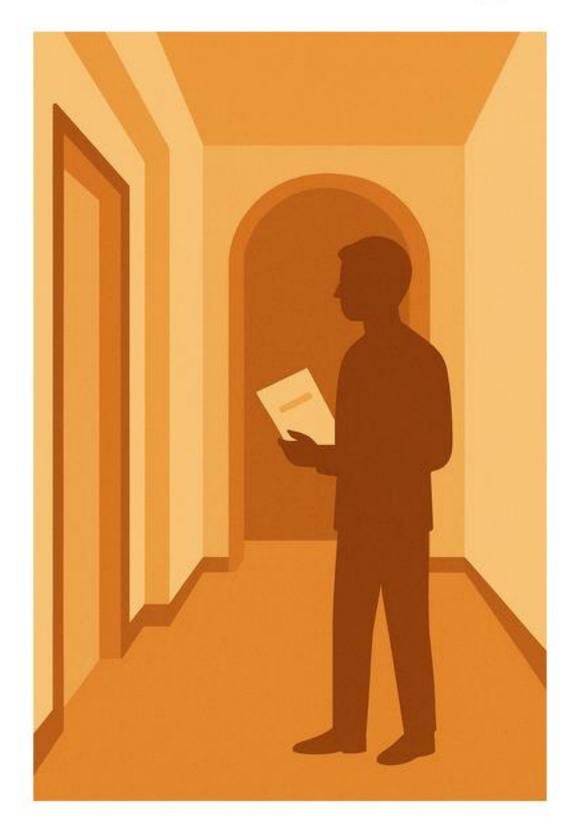
Skeleton: Subject line with role and availability → one-line fit → three bullets (skills/domains/outcomes) → availability.

Example: "Subject: Platform Engineer — availability + fit highlights Hi Jordan—my background lines up with your platform role.

- Python + DevOps: services, tests, Cl.
- Agentic/HITL workflows; accountable for code (Cursor assists).
- Shipped data products with measurable impact.

Open this week after 11 a.m. ET."

Hallway — Referral request (internal/e



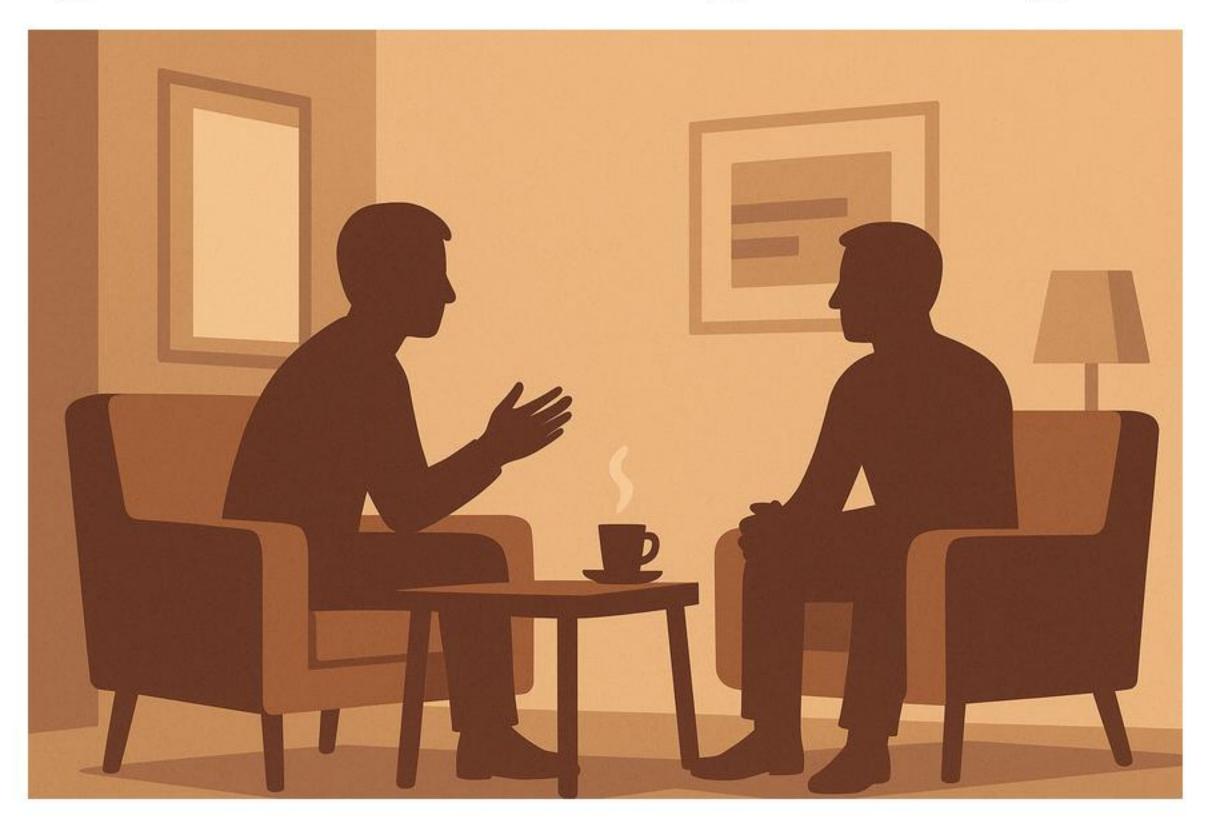
Scene & cue: Alex asks for a boost without pressure.

Skeleton: Warm context → one-line reason → two proof bullets → low-lift ask. Example: "Hi Elena—quick favor. I'm applying to the Platform Engineer role on your team.

- Recent delivery: on-demand pipelines with tests + monitoring.
- Customer-facing debugging; concise updates, no fluff.

Would you be comfortable submitting a referral or pointing me to the right contact?"

Living Room — Hiring-manager intro p

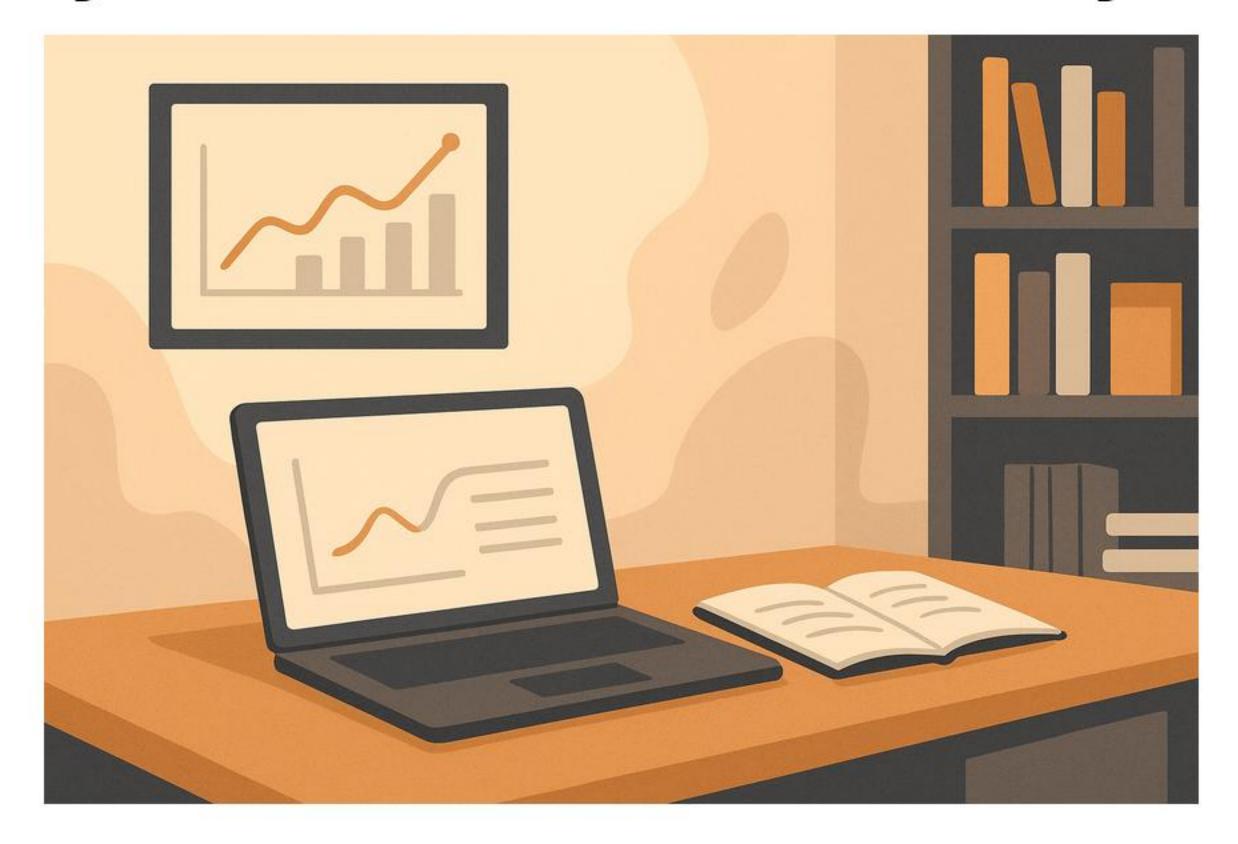


Scene & cue: Direct note to the team lead.

Skeleton: Why them \rightarrow two or three outcome proofs \rightarrow how you work (HITL + Al-assisted) \rightarrow offer to share work.

Example: "Hi Jen—your team's focus on reliable customer outcomes resonates. I've delivered Python services that reduced support tickets and cut cycle time. I work fast with HITL checkpoints, tests, and transparent Al-assisted scaffolding. Happy to share a brief case study if useful."

Study — Portfolio / case study share



Scene & cue: Alex proves it with a concise story.

Skeleton: Problem \rightarrow outcome \rightarrow how (first-principles + Al-assisted) \rightarrow link(s) \rightarrow offer.

Example: "Context: nightly job failures on a legacy ETL. Outcome: 0 failed runs in 30 days; runtime down 37%.

How: first-principles trace → simplify DAG → add tests + alerts; Cursor for

boilerplate, I owned the logic.

Links: [repo/summary].

I can walk through the decisions in 10 minutes."

Workbench — Al-assisted workflow ex

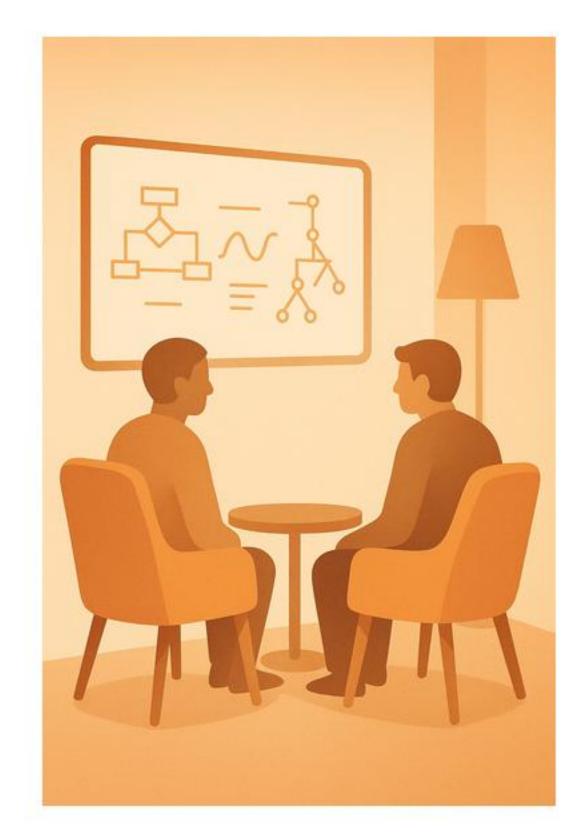


Scene & cue: Set expectations about Cursor/tab-completion.

Skeleton: Why (speed/quality) \rightarrow how (HITL, tests, reviews) \rightarrow accountability \rightarrow guardrails.

Example: "I use an AI-assisted IDE for scaffolding to move faster without skipping rigor. I design the approach, keep HITL checkpoints, and add tests and code reviews. I'm fully accountable for correctness and readability; the tool accelerates boilerplate, not judgment."

Conference Nook — CTO/VP technical



Scene & cue: Alex outlines approach and trade-offs for a senior technologist.

Skeleton: Problem → first-principles framing → approach (3 bullets) →

risks/mitigations → next step.

Example: "Problem: flaky batch jobs, unclear ownership.

Frame: reduce moving parts; surface failure early.

Approach:

- Collapse DAG to bounded steps with idempotent writes.
- Add contract tests; emit structured events.
- SLOs: latency, error budget, on-call rotation.

Risks/Mitigations: schema drift → contract tests; noisy alerts → thresholds.

Next: 1-week spike; share metrics."

Interview Room — Post-interview follo



Scene & cue: After a working session.

Skeleton: Thanks \rightarrow specifics recalled \rightarrow what worked/what you'd improve \rightarrow invite feedback.

Example: "Hi Jim—thanks for the collaborative session. I kept explanations precise and outlined how I'd split the three outputs into on-demand functions rather than rush it. I'm self-taught in Python and favor first-principles + HITL. Happy to share a refactor branch if helpful."

Elevator — Thank-you + next-steps nu

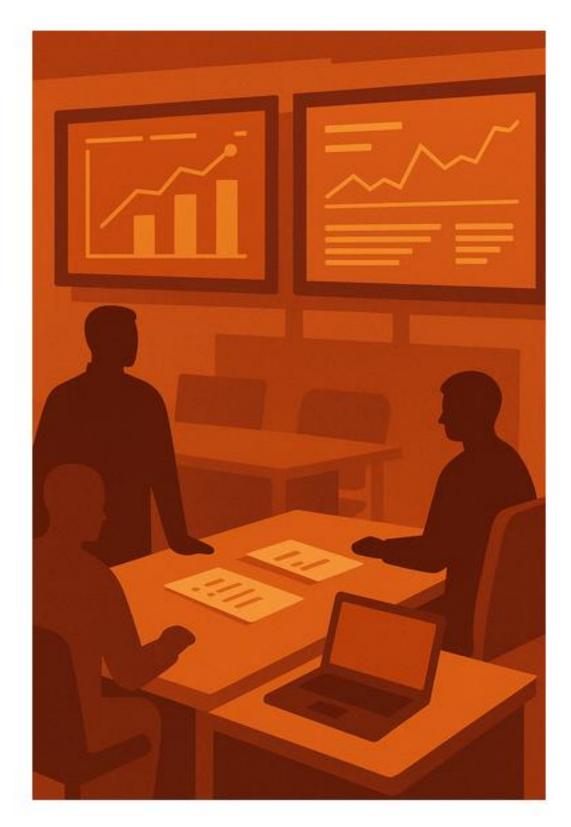


Scene & cue: Gentle follow-through a few days later.

Skeleton: Gratitude → one concrete callback → offer (code/doc/short call) → availability.

Example: "Hi Jen—appreciate the time last week. I've prepped a short readme on the refactor plan we discussed. I can send it over or walk through it in 10 minutes. I'm open after 11 a.m. ET any day."

Stand-up Corner — Status update w/ r



Scene & cue: Alex is now contributing and sends a crisp update.

Skeleton: Done \rightarrow next \rightarrow risks (3 bullets) \rightarrow mitigations \rightarrow blockers/decision

needed.

Example: "Done: pipeline contracts + smoke tests merged.

Next: alert tuning; SLO dashboard.

Risks: noisy pages; schema drift; unexpected latency.

Mitigations: thresholds; contract checks in CI; cached reads.

Decision: approve error budget targets (99.5% to start)."

War Room — Decision note (recomme



Scene & cue: Alex proposes a choice.

Skeleton: Decision statement → 2-3 options (pros/cons) → recommendation +

rationale → timeline/owner.

Example: "Decision: consolidate schedulers.

Options:

A) Keep both (low change; high complexity).

B) Migrate to Airflow (shared skills; moderate effort).

C) Migrate to Temporal (strong guarantees; bigger lift).

Recommend B for speed and maintainability; reevaluate C in Q2.

Timeline: 3 weeks; owner: Alex."

Town Hall — Product pitch to non-tech

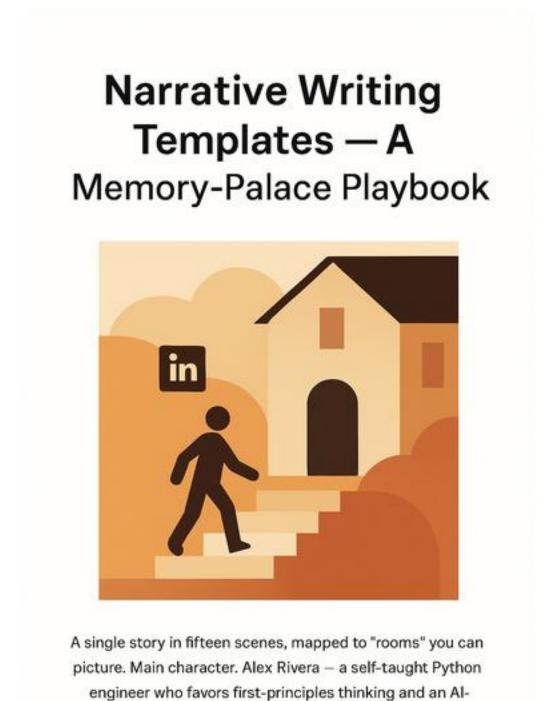


Scene & cue: Align value with outcomes.

Skeleton: Pain \rightarrow proposed approach \rightarrow measurable impact \rightarrow cost/effort \rightarrow call to discuss.

Example: "Teams can't trust nightly numbers. We'll add simple "contracts" so data fails fast and loudly. Expect fewer fire drills and faster reports (target: 30% runtime reduction). Two sprints with existing staff. Happy to review the plan in a short session."

Ops Bench — Incident / post-mortem b



Scene & cue: Blameless summary after an issue.

Skeleton: Impact → root cause (plain) → fix applied → follow-ups (prevention) →

assisted IDE (Cursor).

owner + ETA.

Example: "Impact: 2 missed loads; 1 delayed dashboard.

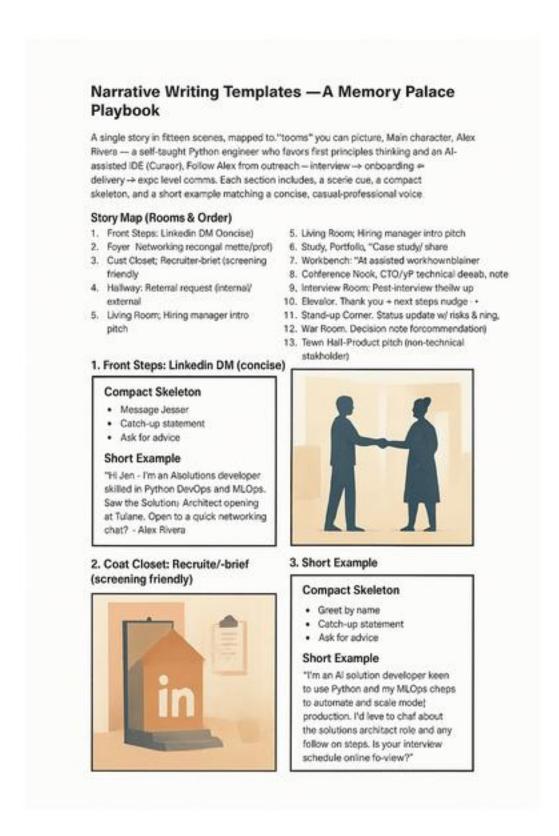
Root cause: unhandled schema change.

Fix: hotpatch to contract checks; replay completed.

Follow-ups: add producer notification; block deploys on failed contracts.

Owner: Alex; ETA for follow-ups: Friday."

Boardroom — Executive-formal (C-suit



Scene & cue: High-stakes, neutral, precise.

Skeleton: One-sentence context \rightarrow 3 crisp bullets (options/risks/recs) \rightarrow one-line ask.

Example: "Context: reliability improvements for reporting.

- Option A (status quo): lowest cost, highest risk.
- Option B (Airflow migration): moderate cost, near-term stability.
- Option C (Temporal): highest cost, strongest guarantees.

Recommendation: Option B this quarter; revisit C next fiscal.

Ask: approve B budget and timeline."