

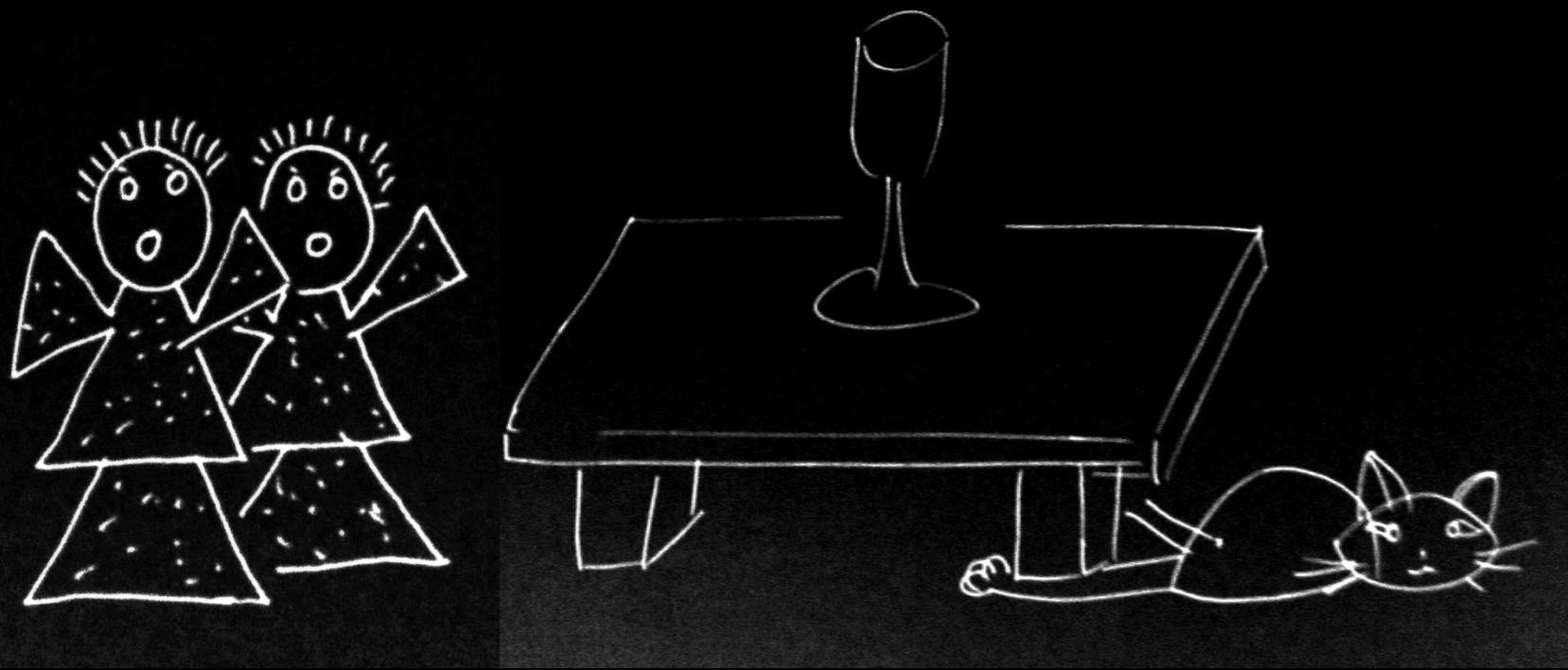
Joint Action without Shared Intention

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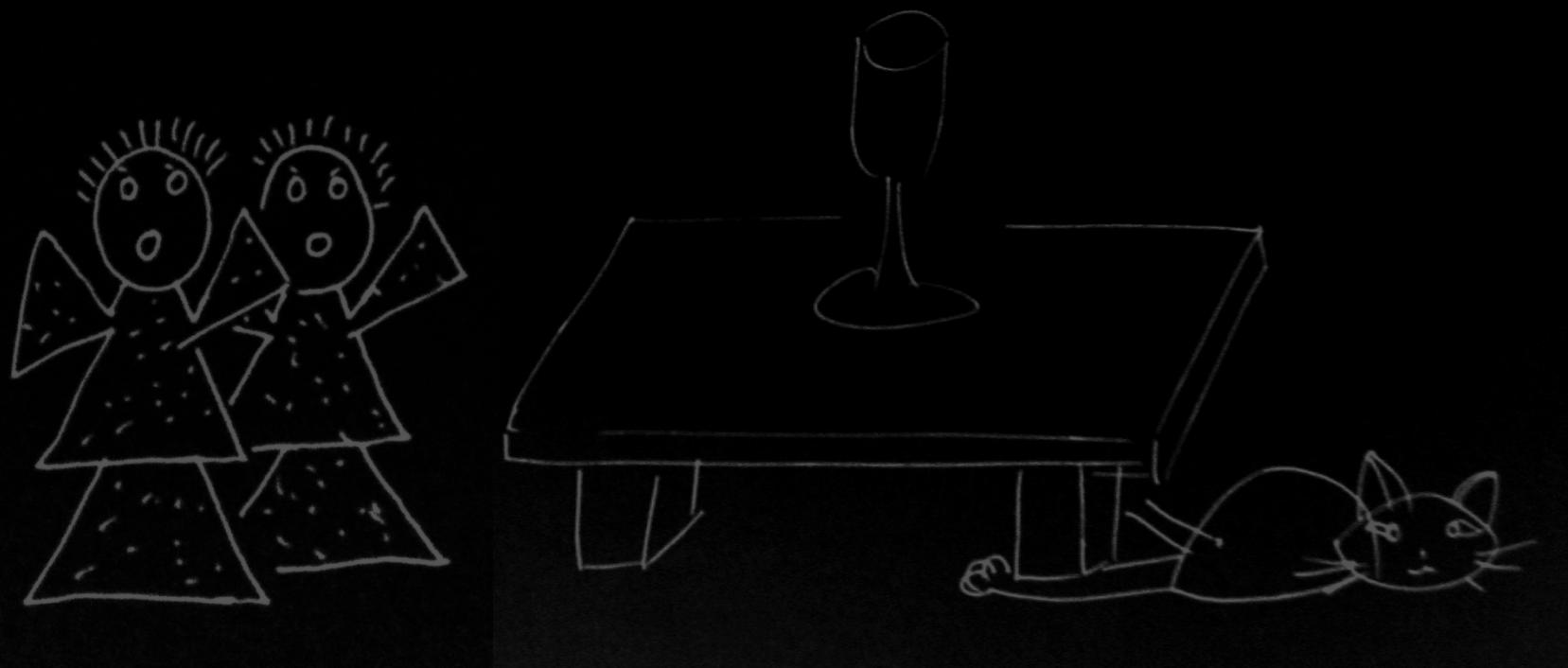


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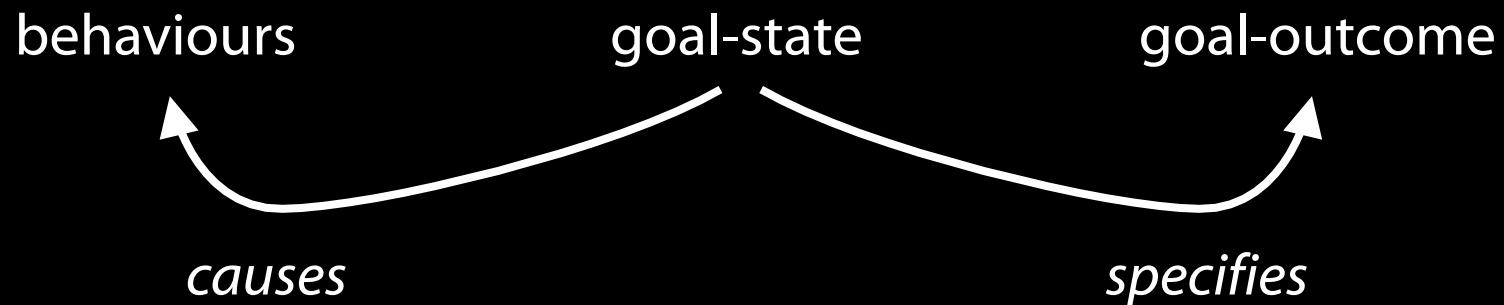
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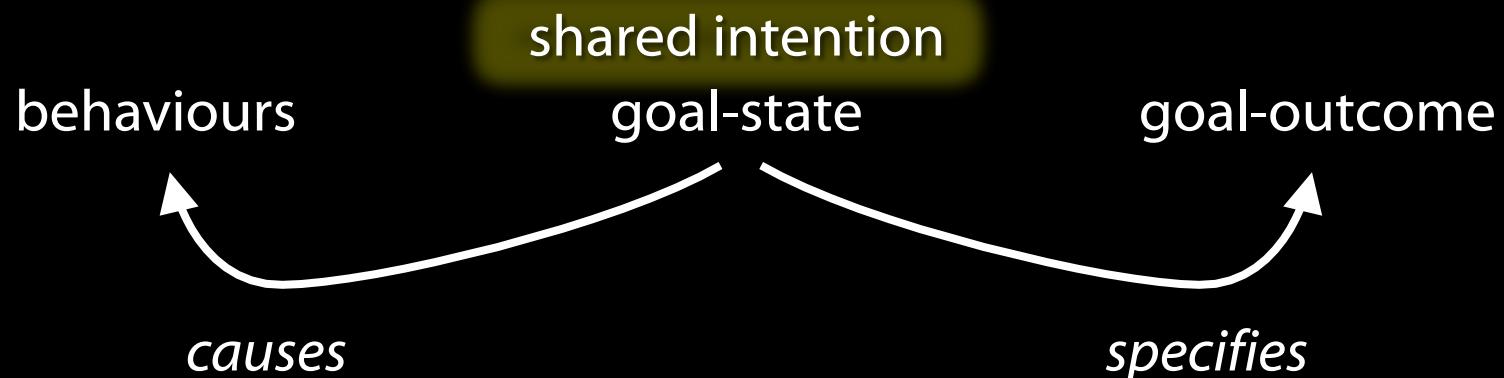
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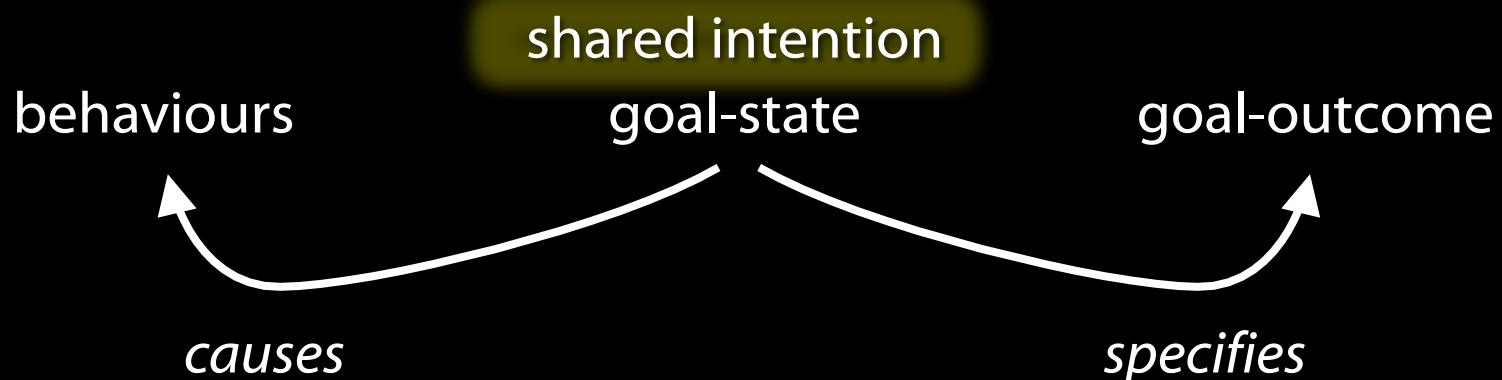
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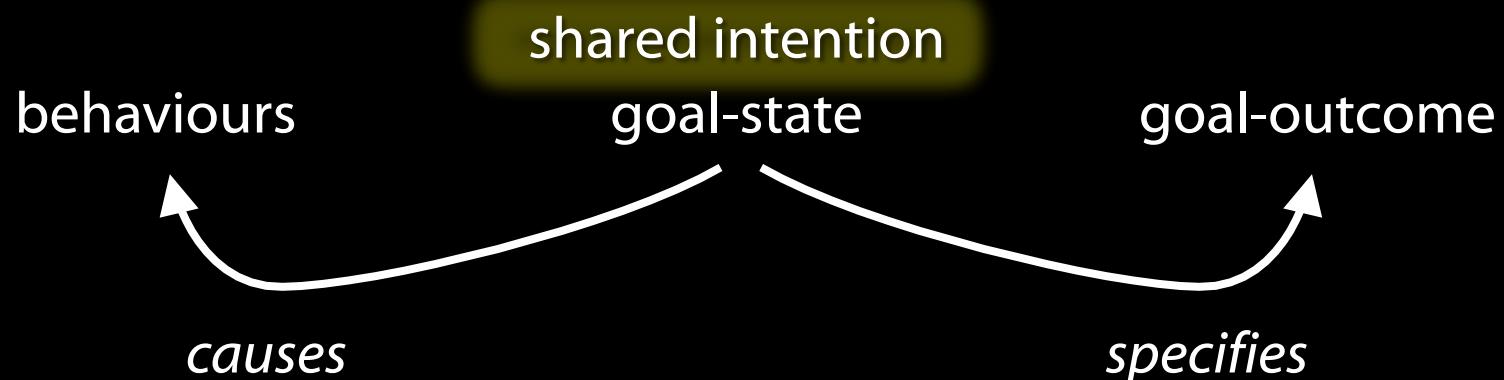
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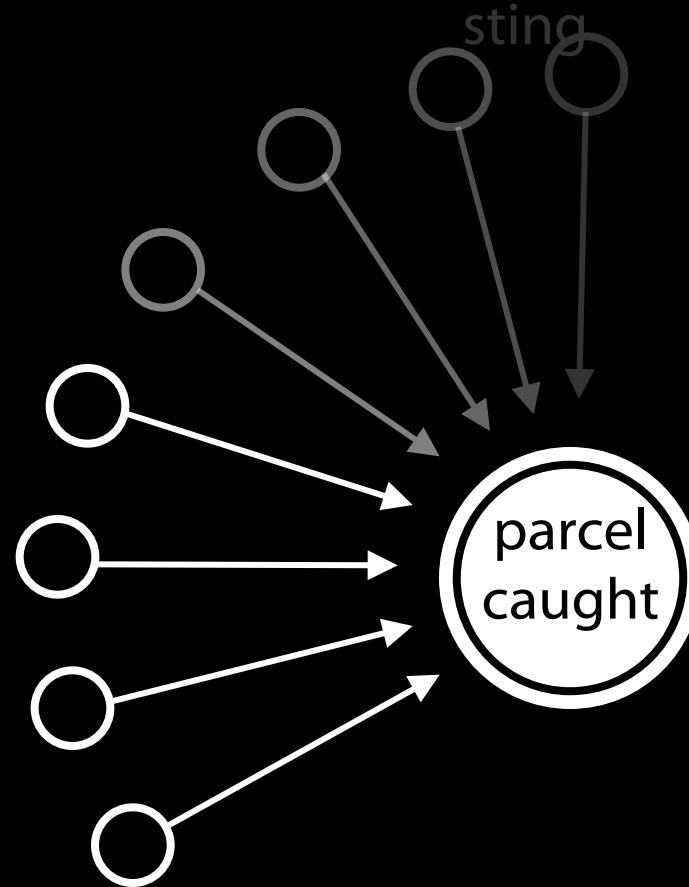
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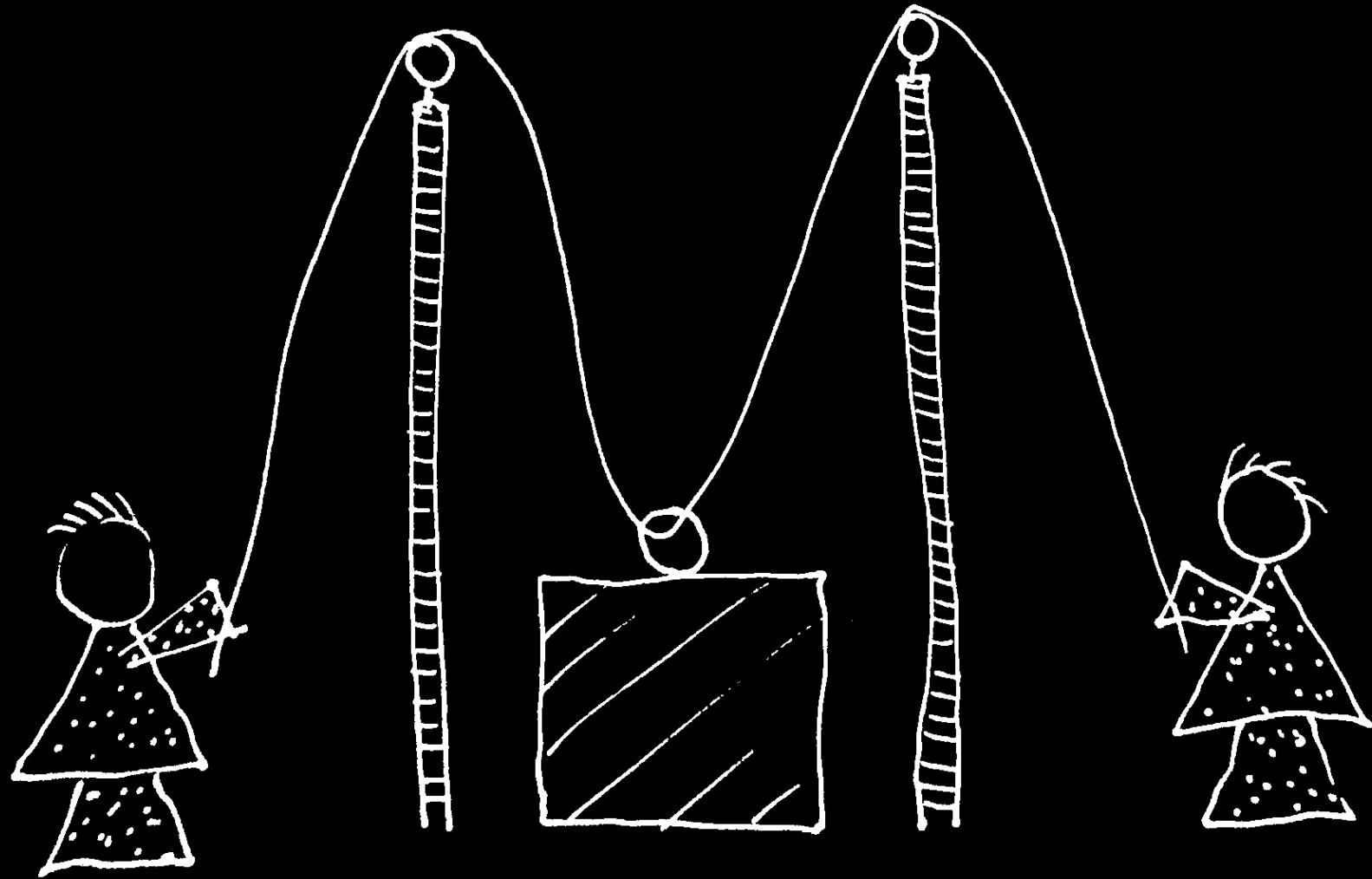
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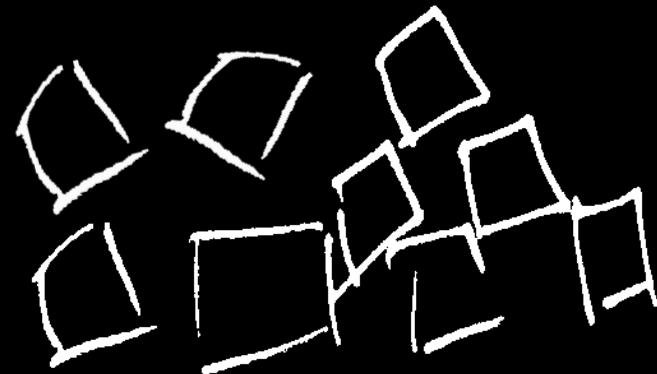
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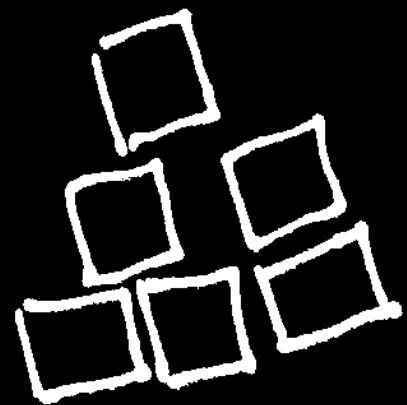
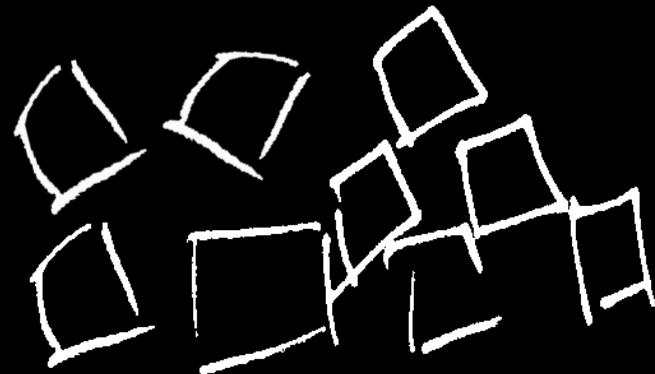
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cf. Vesper et al (forthcoming)







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A close-up photograph of several small, bright orange flowers with long, thin stamens. They are growing from a green, textured surface, possibly a leaf or a piece of fabric. The background is a soft-focus purple.

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