

Agents & Arbiters

An Adventurer's Guide to Multi-Agent Collaboration
with LangGraph.js



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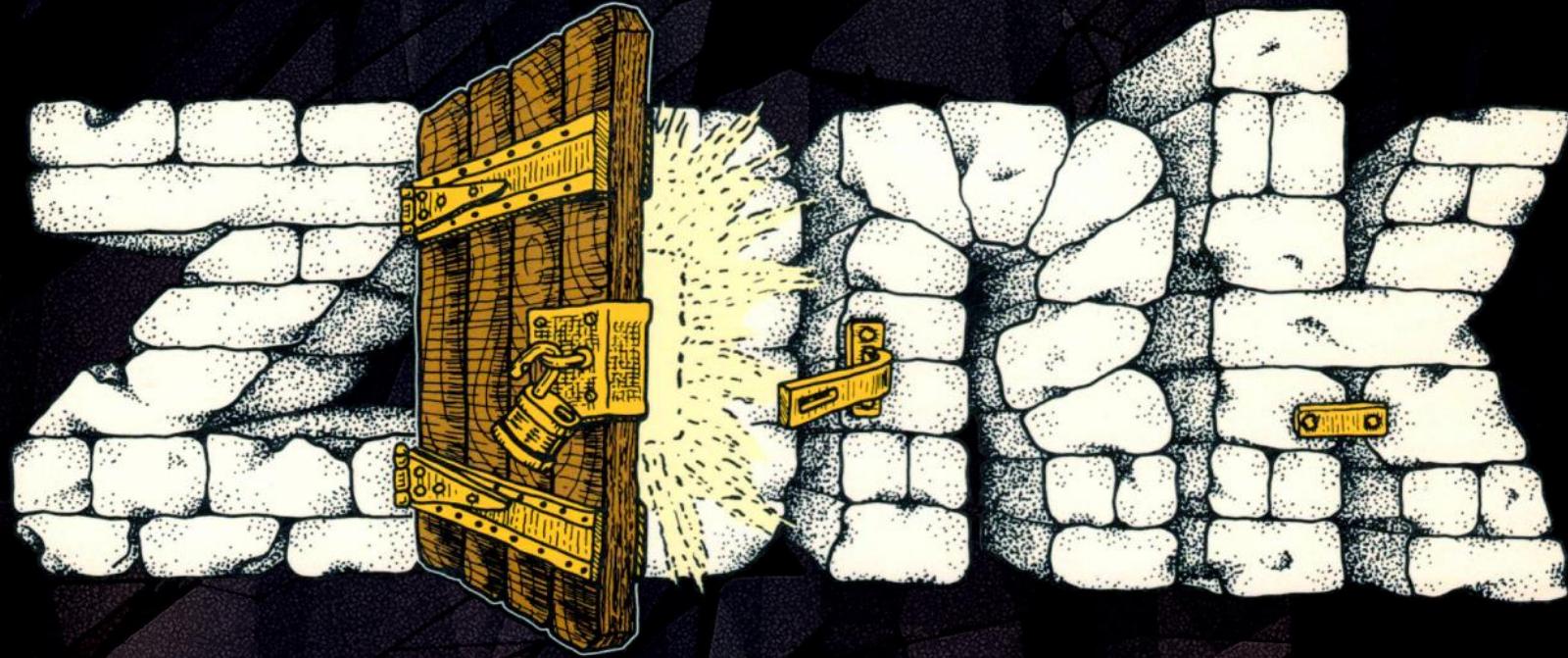
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West of House

>Look

West of House

You are standing in an open field west of a white house, with a boarded front door.

There is a small mailbox here.

>Look in mailbox

The small mailbox is closed.

>Open mailbox

Opening the small mailbox reveals a leaflet.

>Take leaflet

Taken.

>Look at leaflet

"WELCOME TO ZORK!

ZORK is a game of adventure, danger, and low cunning. In it you will explore some of the most amazing territory ever seen by mortals. No computer should be without one!"

>

Score: 0

Moves: 0

"ZORK1 for
Zork I: The Great Underground Empire
(c) Copyright 1983 Infocom, Inc. All Rights Reserved."

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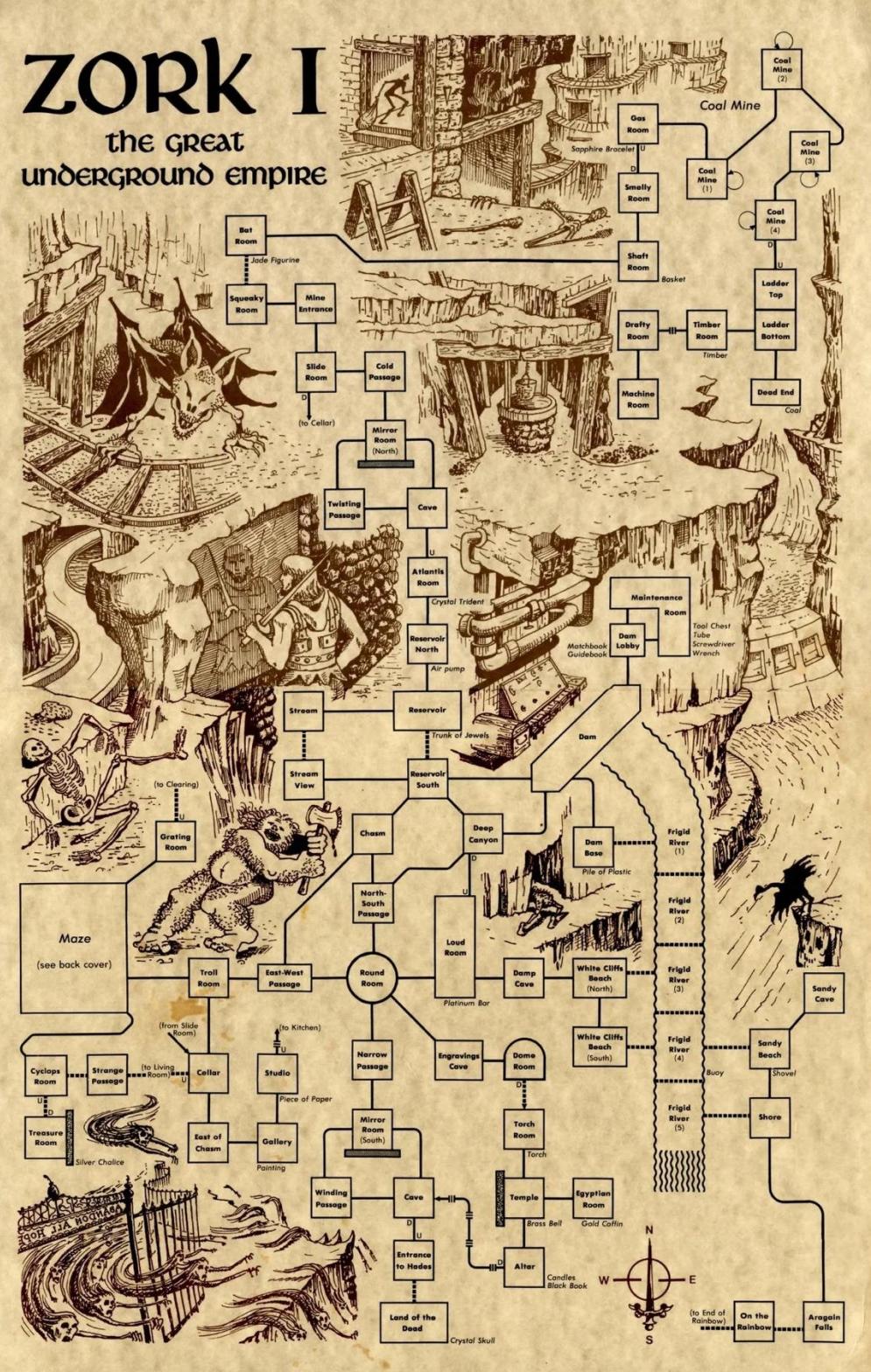
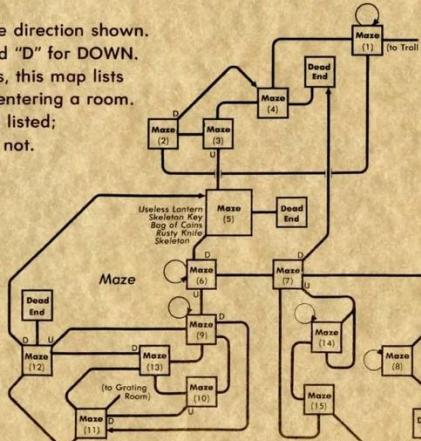
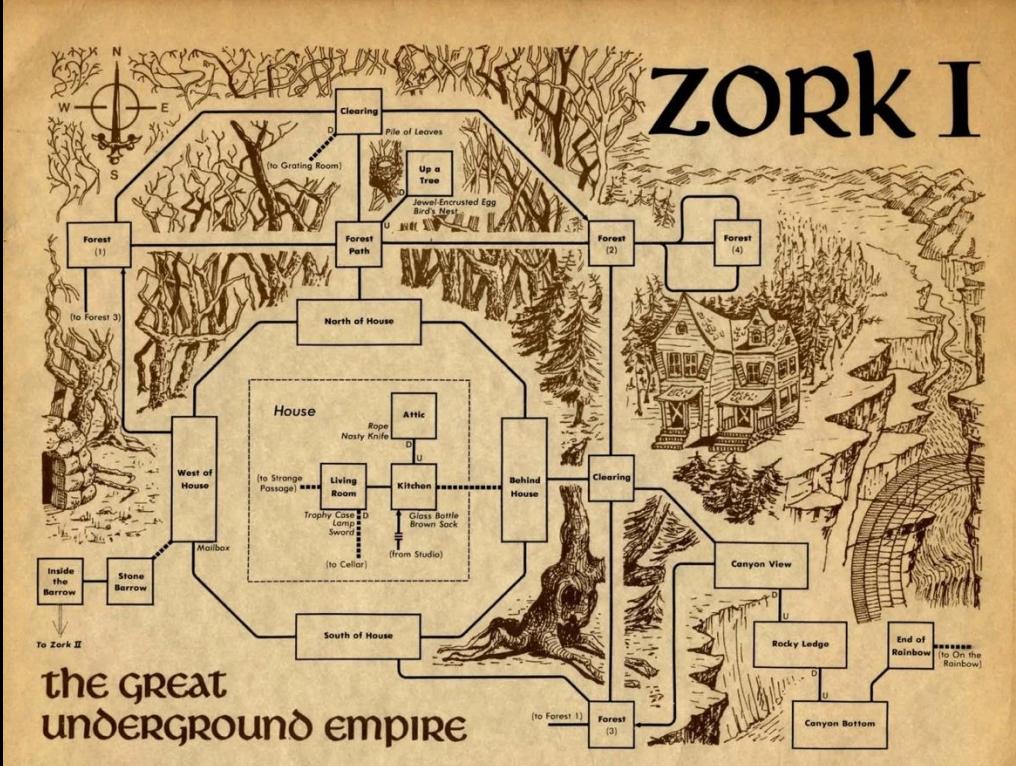
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Game State



Main Game Loop

Describe

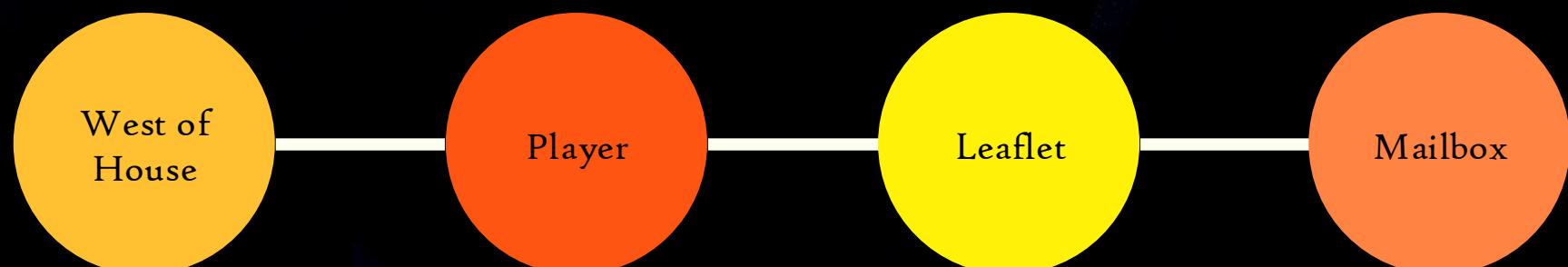
Parse

Process

Timers

You are standing in an open field west of a white house, with a boarded front door.

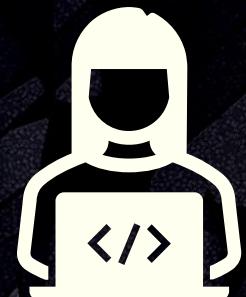
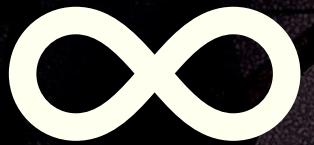
LOOK
OPEN MAILBOX
LOOK AT MAILBOX
TAKE LEAFLET FROM MAILBOX



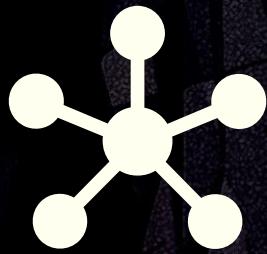
closed: false



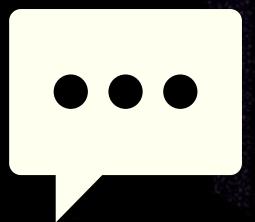
Commands



Arbiter



Responses



Main Game Loop

Describe

You are standing in a field next to a white house. The front door is boarded shut. There is a rusty mailbox here leaning at an angle.

Parse

I open the mailbox. Is there anything in it?

Process

Remove "Rusted Shut"
Add "Open", "Rusty"

Timers



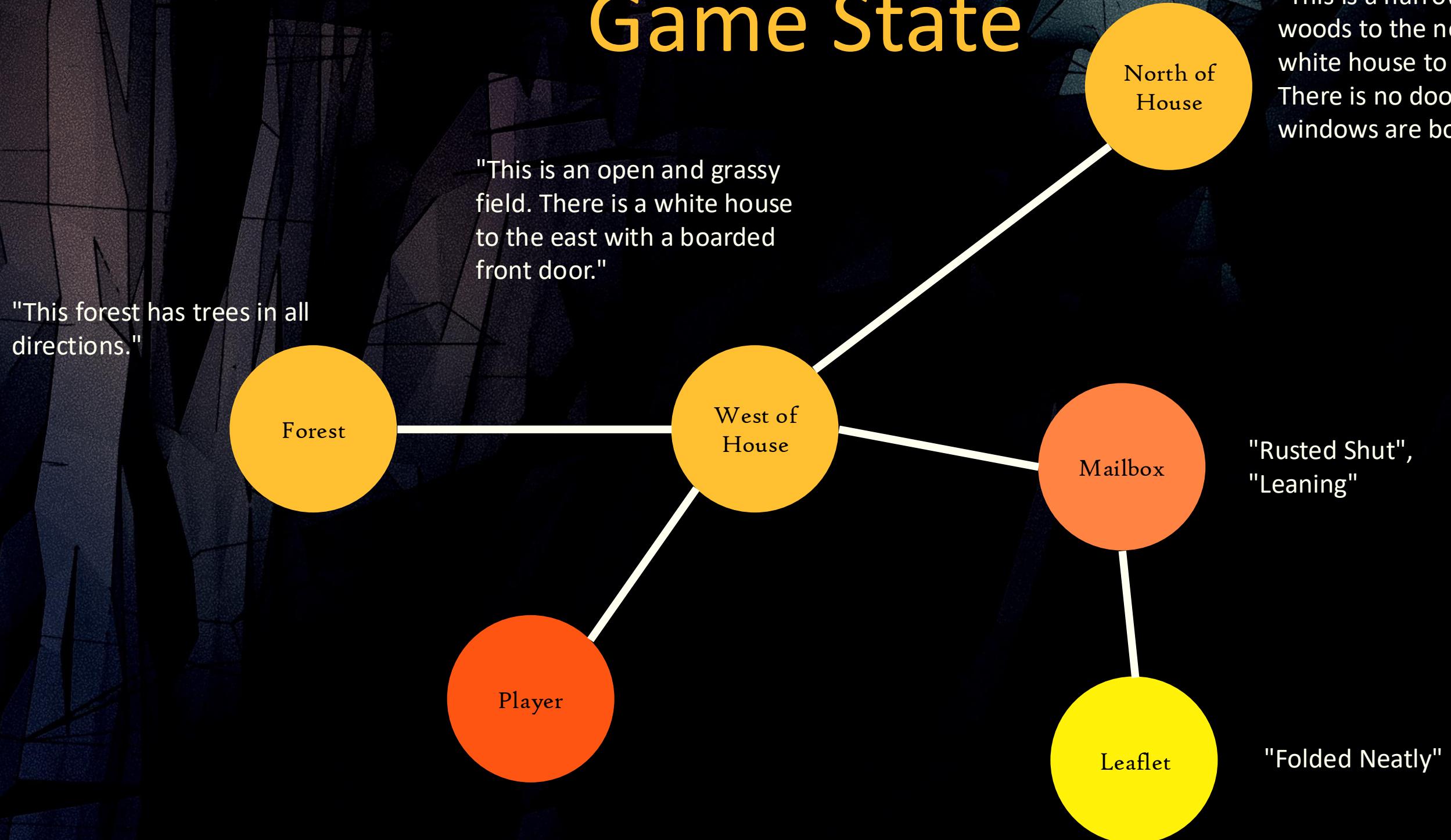
Player

West of House

Mailbox

"Leaning", "Boarded", "Rusty"

Game State



The background features a dark, abstract pattern composed of numerous overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes. These shapes include triangles, trapezoids, and irregular polygons, primarily in shades of dark blue, teal, and black. They create a sense of depth and motion, resembling shards of broken glass or crystalline structures.

Let's Build This

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Forest



West of
House



North of
House



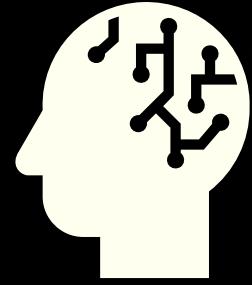
Mailbox



Leaflet



What's An Agent?



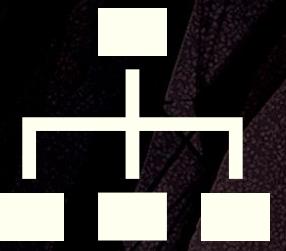
LLM



System
Prompt



Tools



Composable

A Simple Agent

What does the
brass lantern
do?



It keeps you
from being
eaten by a grue.

```
// create the graph
const graph = new StateGraph(MessagesAnnotation) as any

// add the node that is the agent
graph.addNode('zork_expert', async (state: typeof MessagesAnnotation.State) => {

  const SYSTEM_PROMPT = dedent`  

    You are a helpful assistant that answers questions about the classic  

    text adventure game Zork.`

  const llm = fetchLLM()

  const response = await llm.invoke([
    new SystemMessage(SYSTEM_PROMPT),
    state.messages[0]
  ])

  return { messages: [response] }
})

// add edges to start and stop the graph
graph.addEdge(START, 'zork_expert')
graph.addEdge('zork_expert', END)

// compile the graph
const workflow = graph.compile()
```

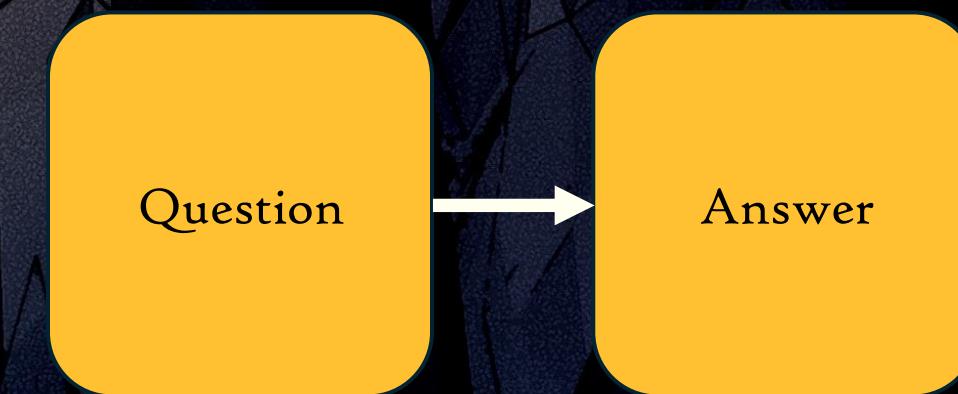
A Simple Agent

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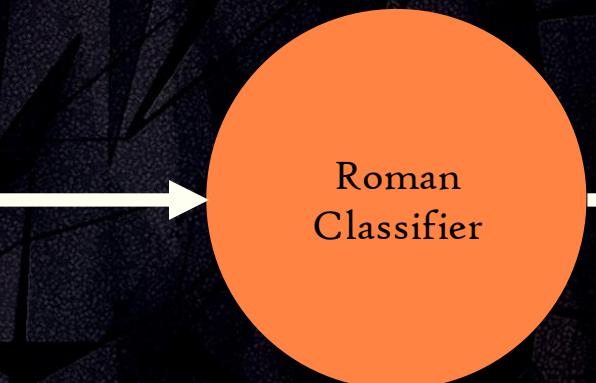
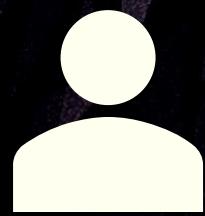


```
// run the workflow
const response = await workflow.invoke({
  messages: [new HumanMessage('What does the brass lantern do?')]
})

// Return the answer which is the last message
const answer = response.messages [1] as AIMessage
```



Chained Agents



Before Julius Caesar came to power, he crossed to Rubicon. This was a symbolic act that marked the beginning of civil war.

Julius Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon River symbolized the start of a civil war before he came to power.

Yes, the civilization described in the passage is Ancient Rome.

Chained Agents

```
const graph = new StateGraph(MessagesAnnotation) as any

graph.addNode('summarizer', async (state: typeof MessagesAnnotation.State) => {
  const SYSTEM_PROMPT = dedent`

You are a summarization AI. You will be provided with a text passage that contains historical information about ancient civilizations. Your job is to summarize the text passage.


```

```
  const response = await llm.invoke([
    new SystemMessage(SYSTEM_PROMPT),
    state.messages[0]
  ])

  return { messages: [response] }
})

graph.addNode('classifier', async (state: typeof MessagesAnnotation.State) => {
  const SYSTEM_PROMPT = dedent`

You are a civilizational classifier AI. You will be provided with a text passage that contains information about an ancient civilization. You need to determine if that civilization is Ancient Rome or not.

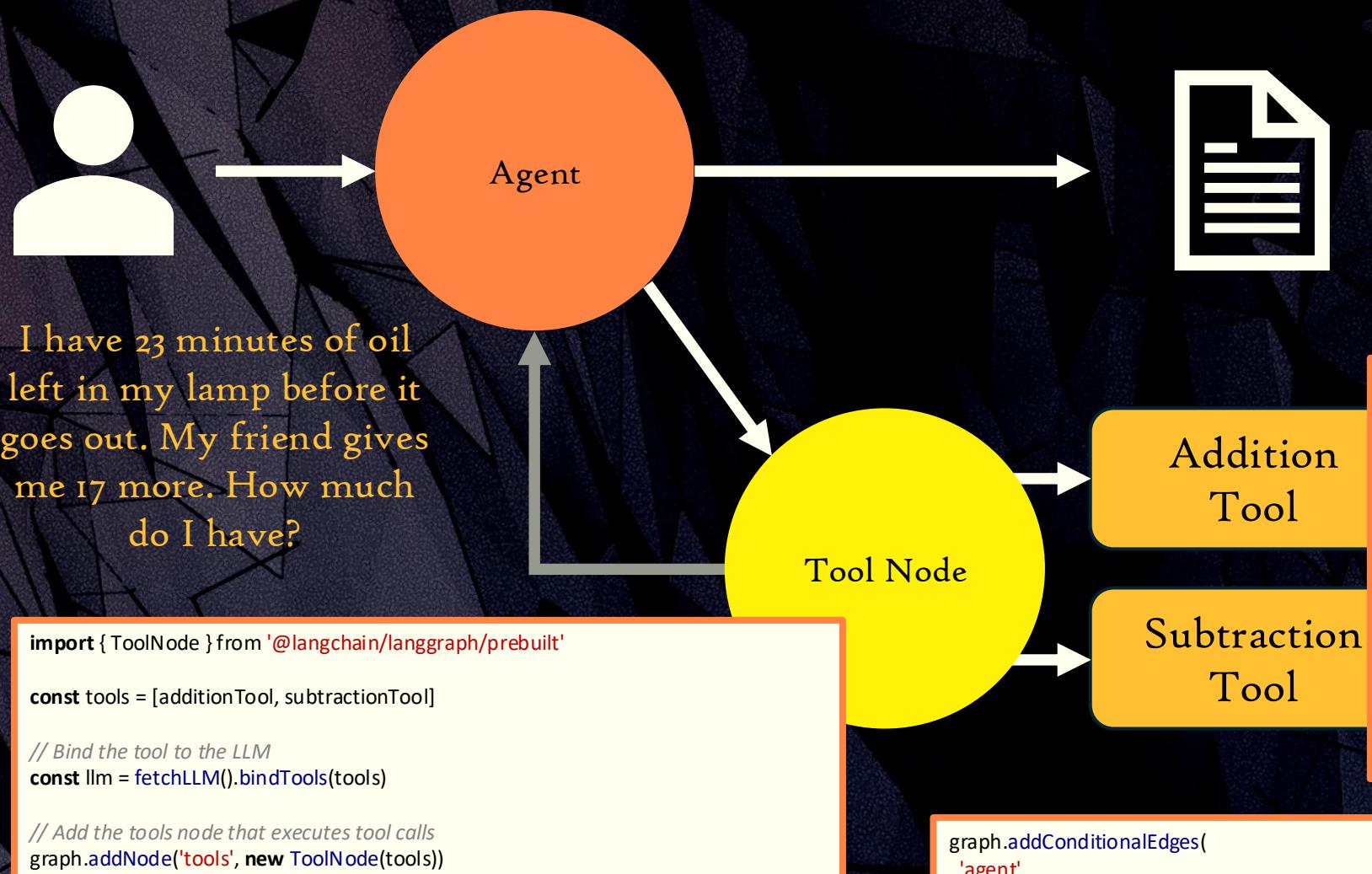

```

```
  const response = await llm.invoke([
    new SystemMessage(SYSTEM_PROMPT),
    state.messages[1]
  ])

  return { messages: [response] }
})
```

```
graph.addEdge(START, 'summarizer')
graph.addEdge('summarizer', 'classifier')
graph.addEdge('classifier', END)
```

Tool Using Agent



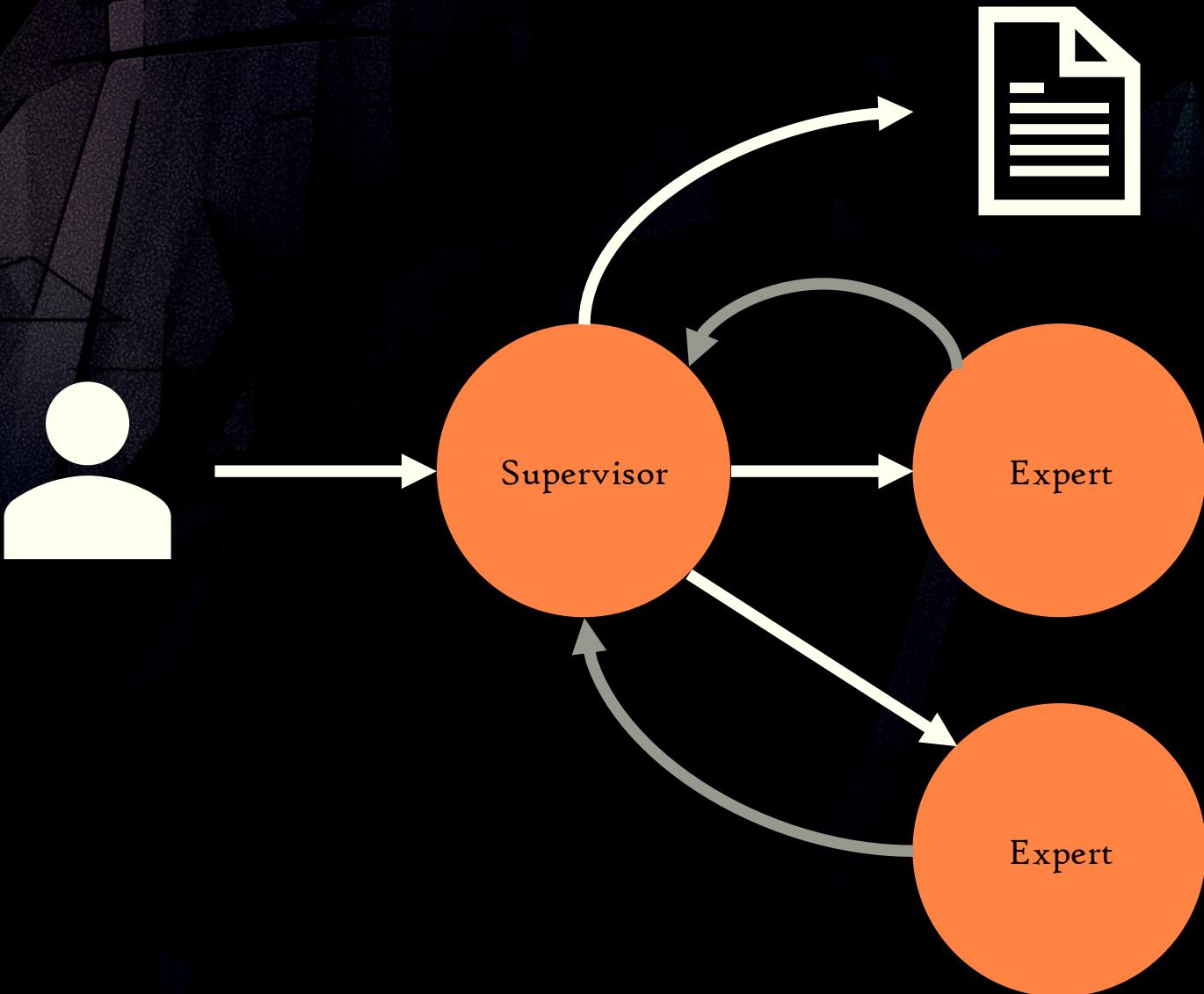
You have a total of 40 minutes left before your lamp goes out and you are eaten by a grue.

```
import { tool } from '@langchain/core/tools'
import { z } from 'zod'

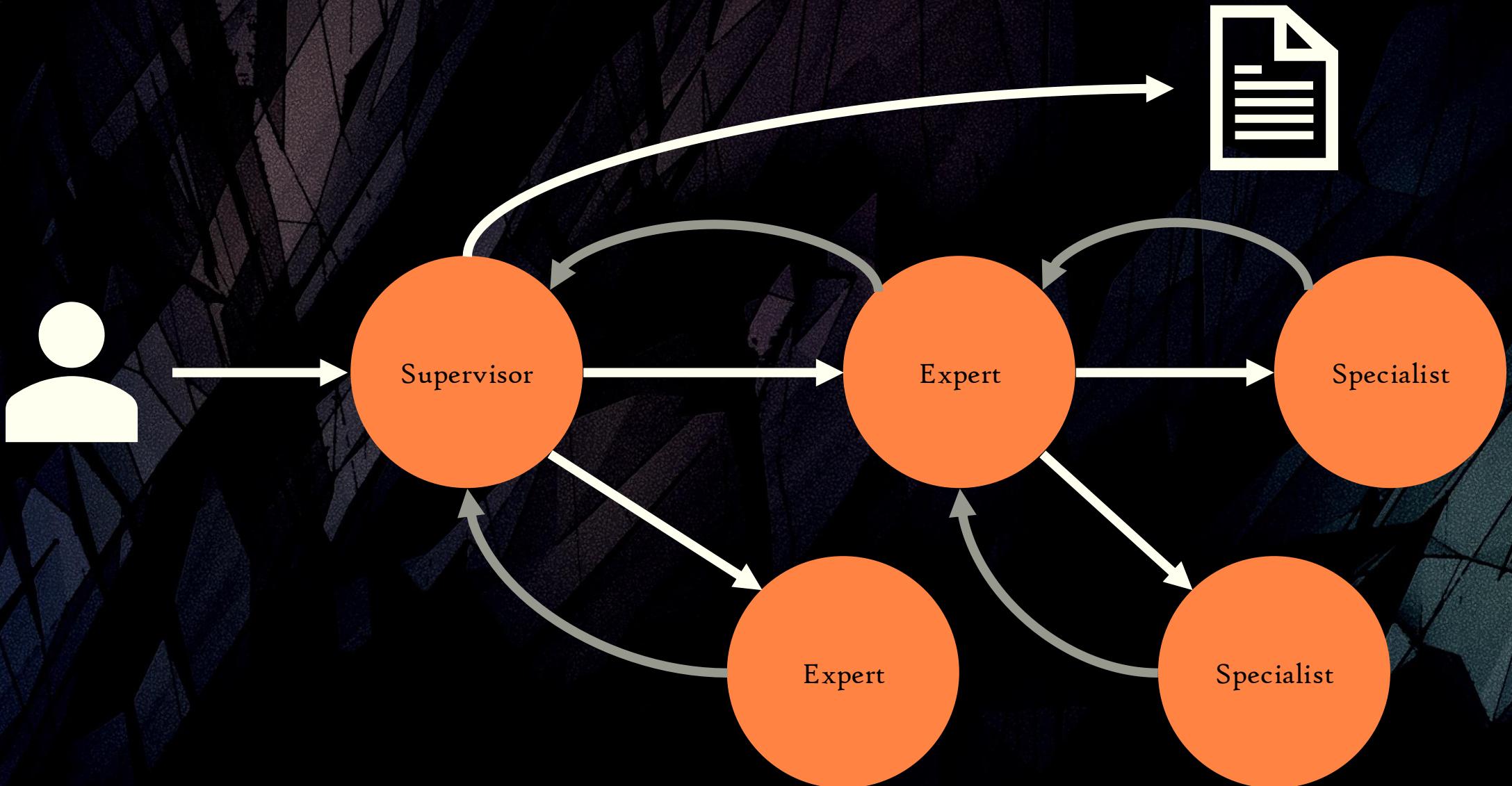
const additionTool = tool(
  args => args.numbers.reduce((a, b) => a + b),
  {
    name: 'AddArrayOfNumbers',
    description: 'Accepts an array of numbers and adds them together',
    schema: z.object({
      numbers: z.array(z.number()).describe('The numbers to add together')
    })
  }
)
```

```
graph.addConditionalEdges(
  'agent',
  (state: typeof MessagesAnnotation.State) => {
    const lastMessage = state.messages[state.messages.length - 1] as AIMessage
    const areThereTools = lastMessage.tool_calls !== undefined && lastMessage.tool_calls.length > 0
    return areThereTools ? 'tools' : END
  },
  ['tools', END]
)
```

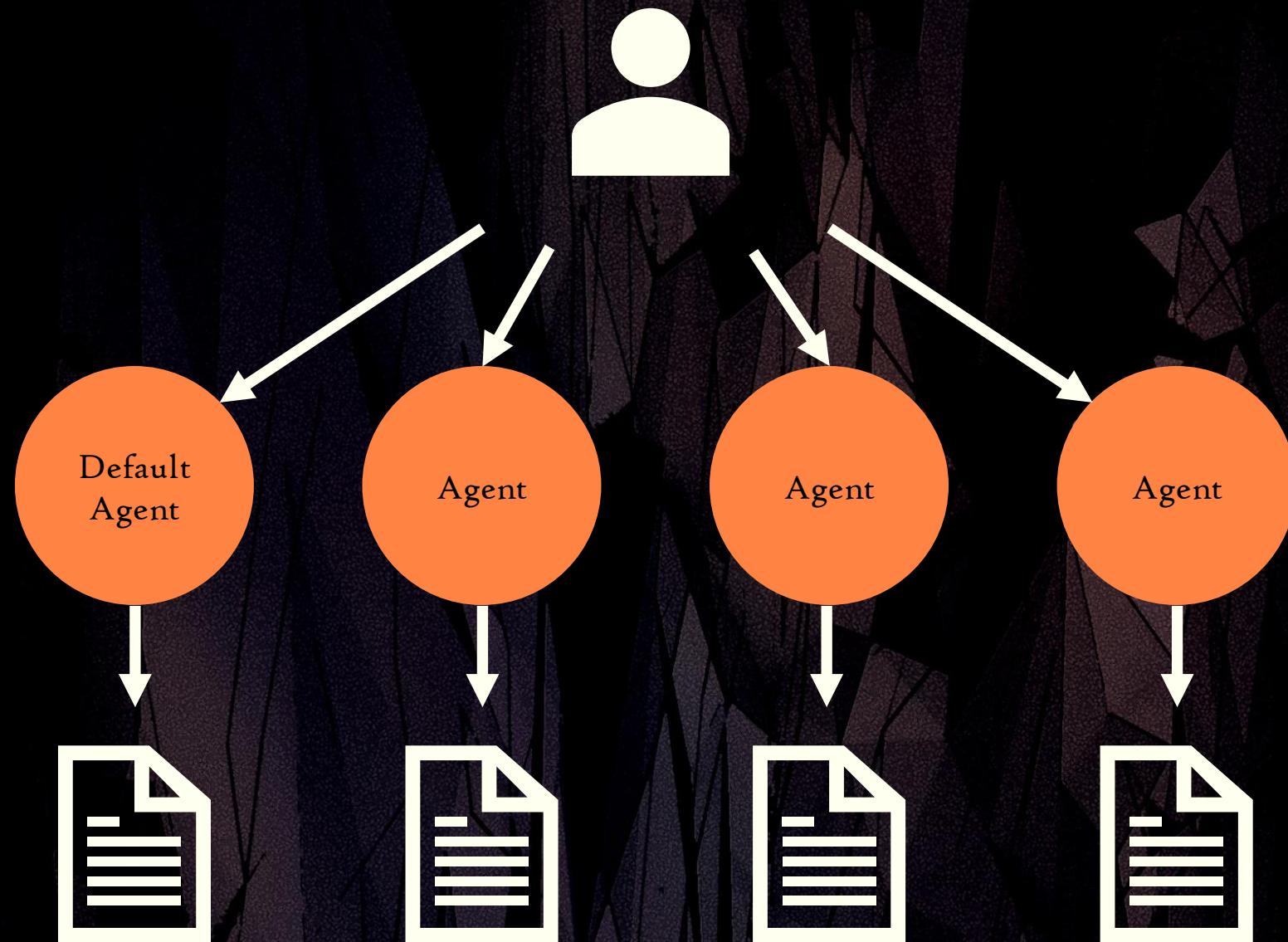
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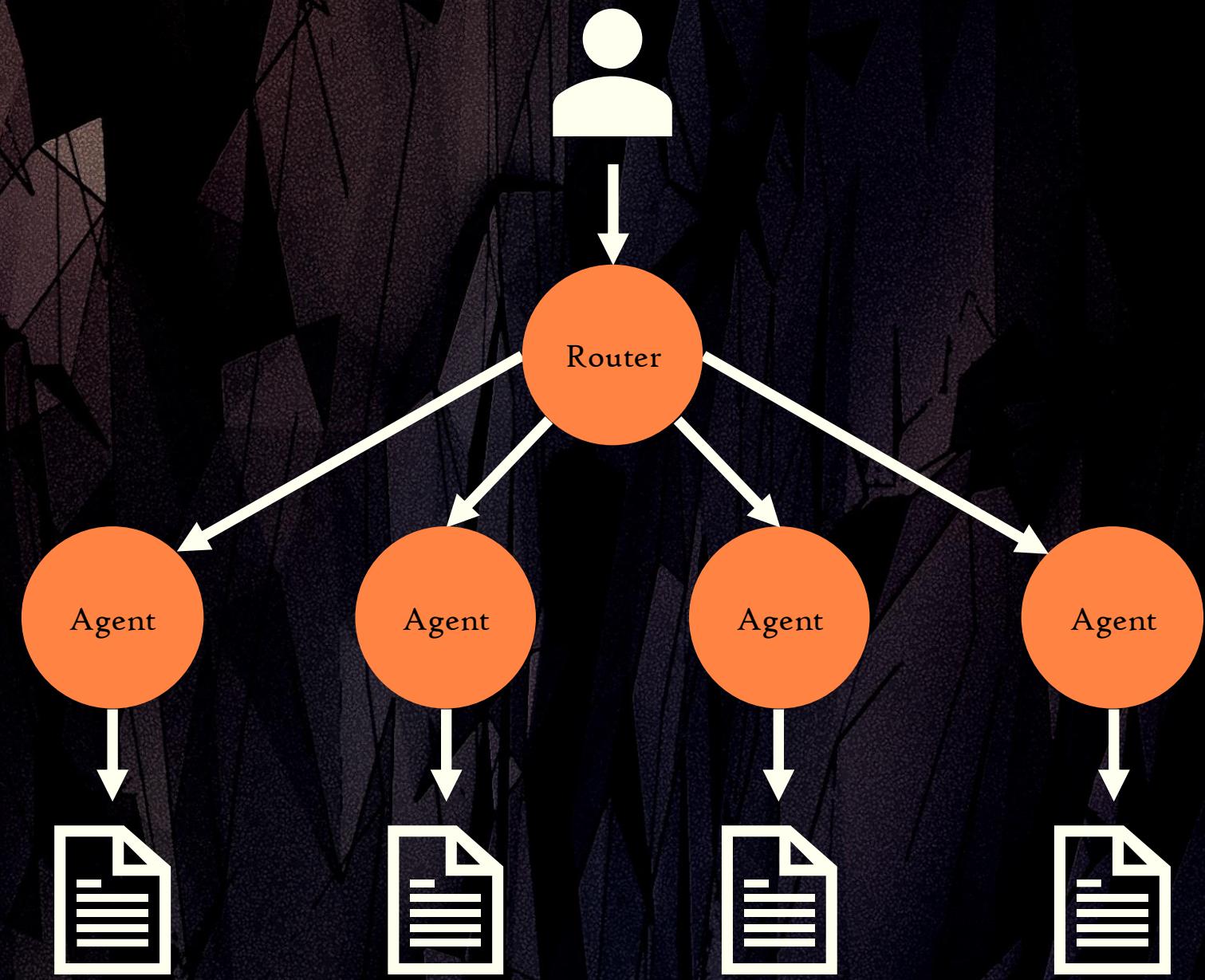
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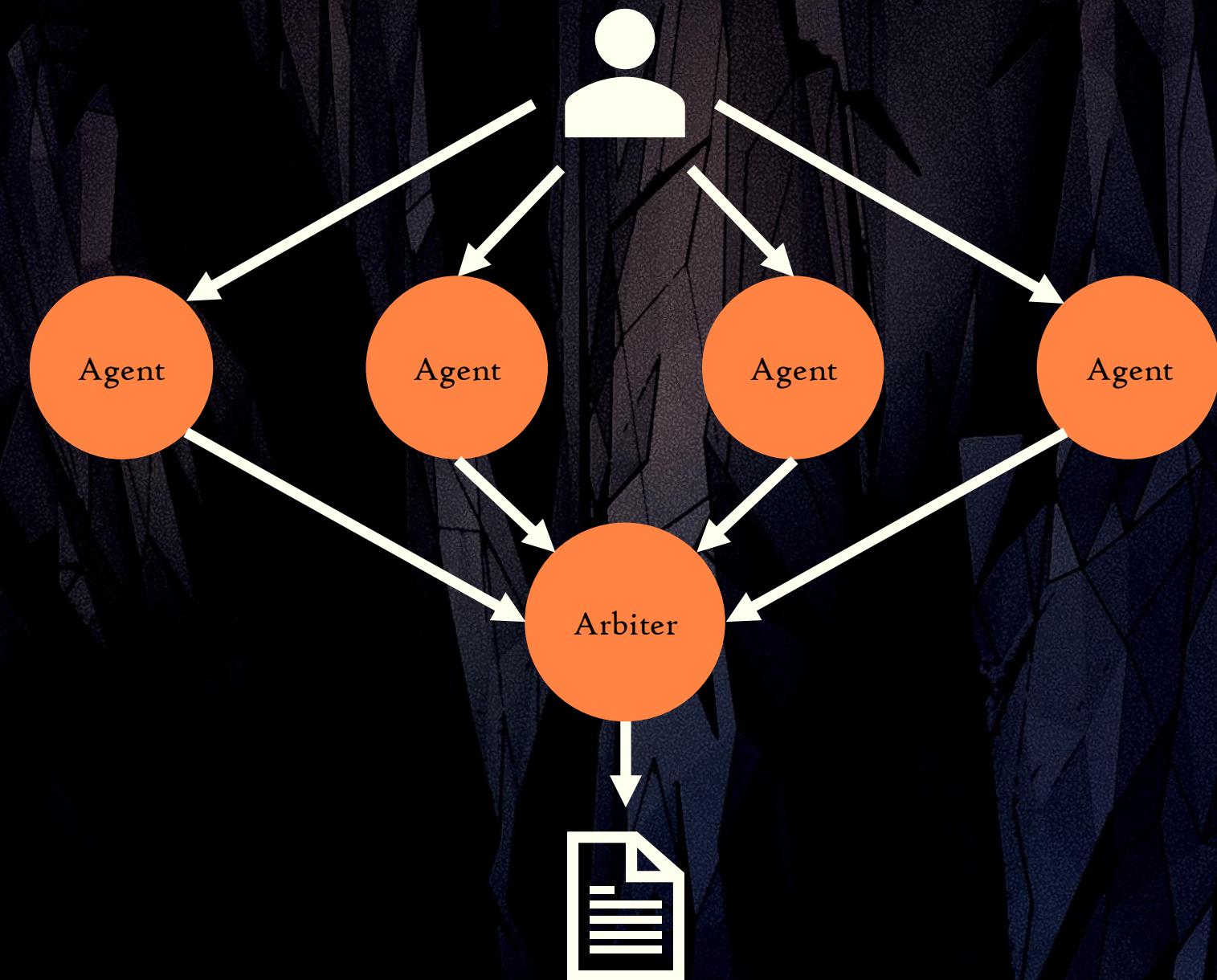
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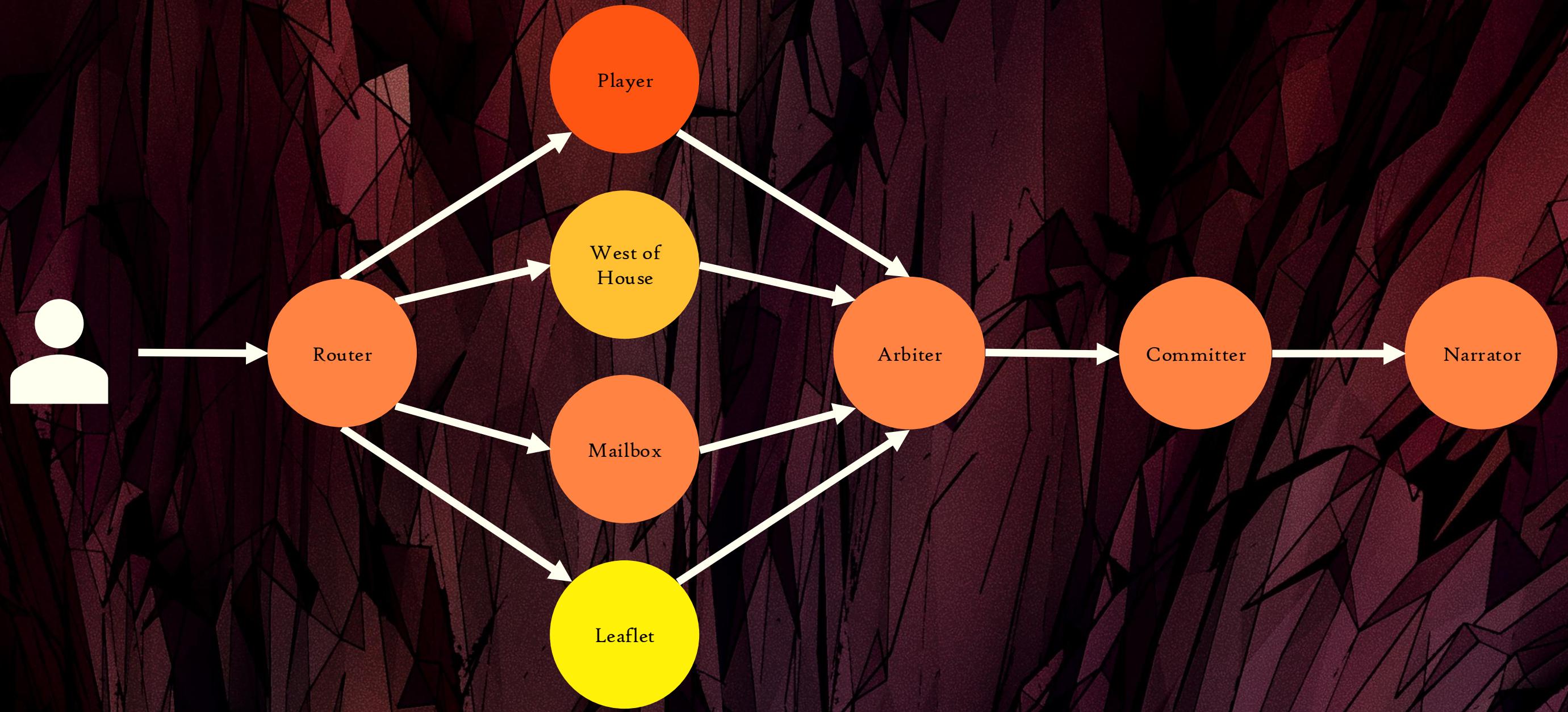
Router



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Agents & Arbiters Workflow



Annotations

What's An Annotation?

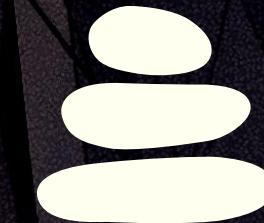
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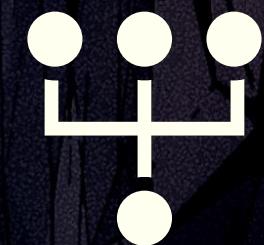
State



Channel



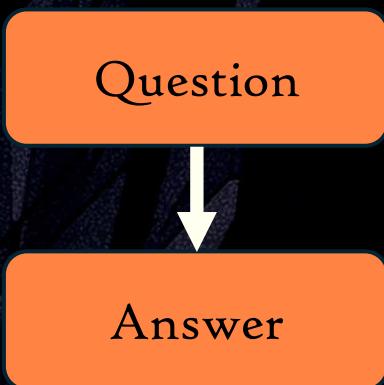
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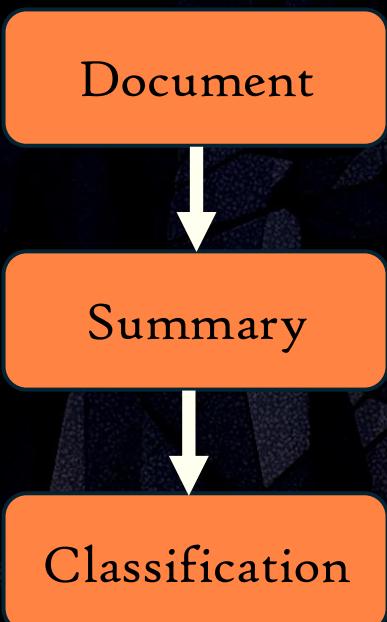
Reducer

Message Annotation

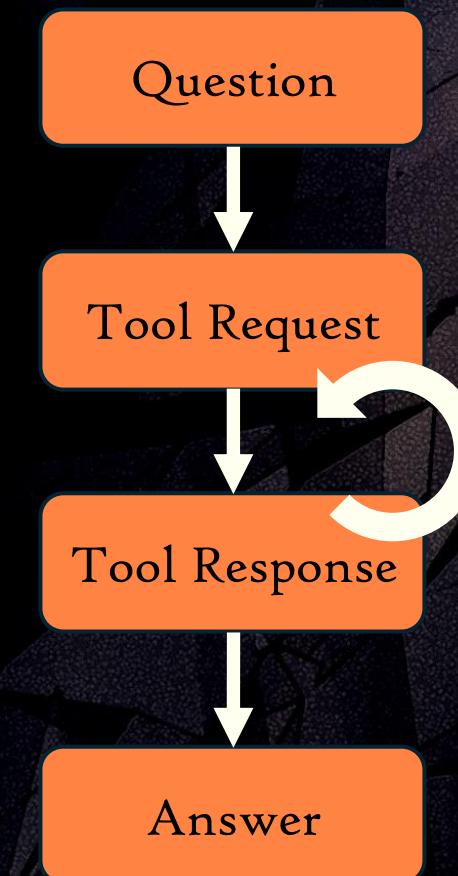
Simple



Chained



Tool



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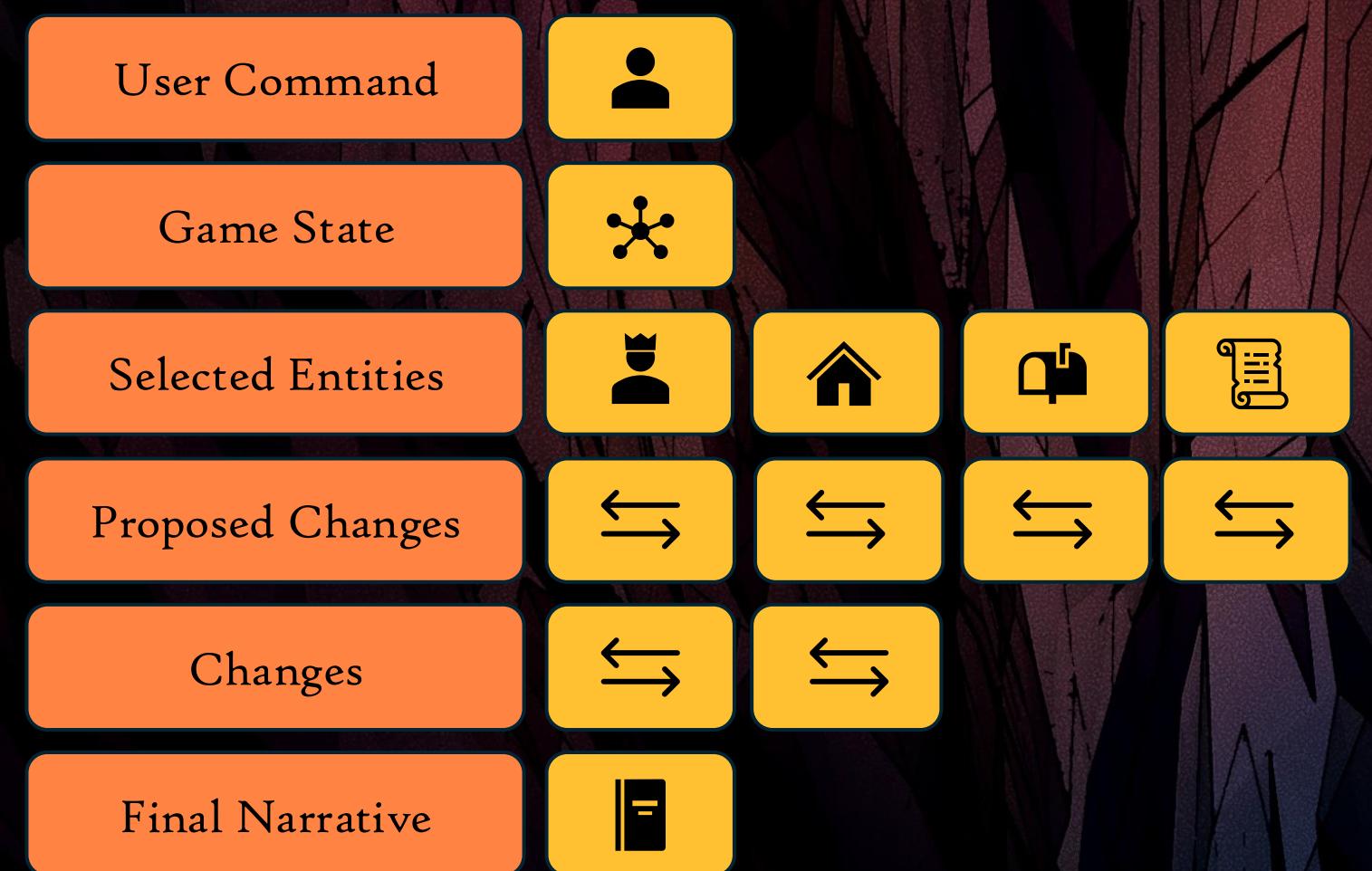
Message Annotation

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  const llm = fetchLLM()  
  
  const response = await llm.invoke([  
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  ])  
  
  return { messages: [response] }  
}  
  
// add edges to start and stop the graph  
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// compile the graph  
const workflow = graph.compile()  
  
// run the workflow  
const response = await workflow.invoke({  
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}  
  
// Return the answer which is the last message  
const answer = response.messages[1] as AIMessage
```

```
const graph = new StateGraph(MessagesAnnotation)
```

```
const MessagesAnnotation = Annotation.Root({  
  messages: Annotation<BaseMessage[]>({  
    default: () => [],  
    reducer: (prev, next) => [...prev, ...next]  
  })  
})
```

Multi-Channel Annotation



```
export const GameTurnAnnotation = Annotation.Root({
  userCommand: Annotation<string | null>({
    reducer: (_prev, next) => next,
    default: () => null
  }),

  gameState: Annotation<GameState | null>({
    reducer: (_prev, next) => next,
    default: () => null
  }),

  selectedEntities: Annotation<SelectedEntity[]>({
    reducer: (_prev, next) => next,
    default: () => []
  }),

  entityChangeRecommendations: Annotation<EntityChangeRecommendation[] | EntityChangeRecommendation>({
    reducer: (prev, next) => {
      const result = []
      Array.isArray(prev) ? result.push(...prev) : result.push(prev)
      Array.isArray(next) ? result.push(...next) : result.push(next)
      return result
    },
    default: () => []
  }),

  entityChanges: Annotation<EntityChange[]>({
    reducer: (_prev, next) => next,
    default: () => []
  }),

  finalNarrative: Annotation<string | null>({
    reducer: (_prev, next) => next,
    default: () => null
  })
})
```

```
const graph = new StateGraph(GameTurnAnnotation)
```

```
const gameState = await GameState.fetch(gamId)
const command = 'I open the mailbox and look inside'

const result = await workflow.invoke({
  userCommand: command
  gameState: gameState,
})

async function router(state: typeof GameTurnAnnotation.State): Promise<ClassifierReturnType> {

  const gameState = state.gameState
  const userCommand = state.userCommand

  const llm = await fetchLLMClient()
  const prompt = buildPrompt(gameState, userCommand)
  const selection = await llm.invoke(prompt)

  return { selectedEntities: selection.selectedEntities }
}
```

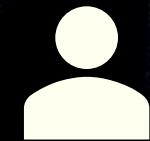


Memory

Without Memory



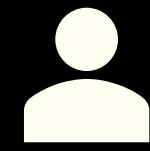
You are West of the House. There is a rusty mailbox on a post leaning at an angle.



I open the mailbox.



You yank on the mailbox and manage to break through years of rust. The mailbox is now open.

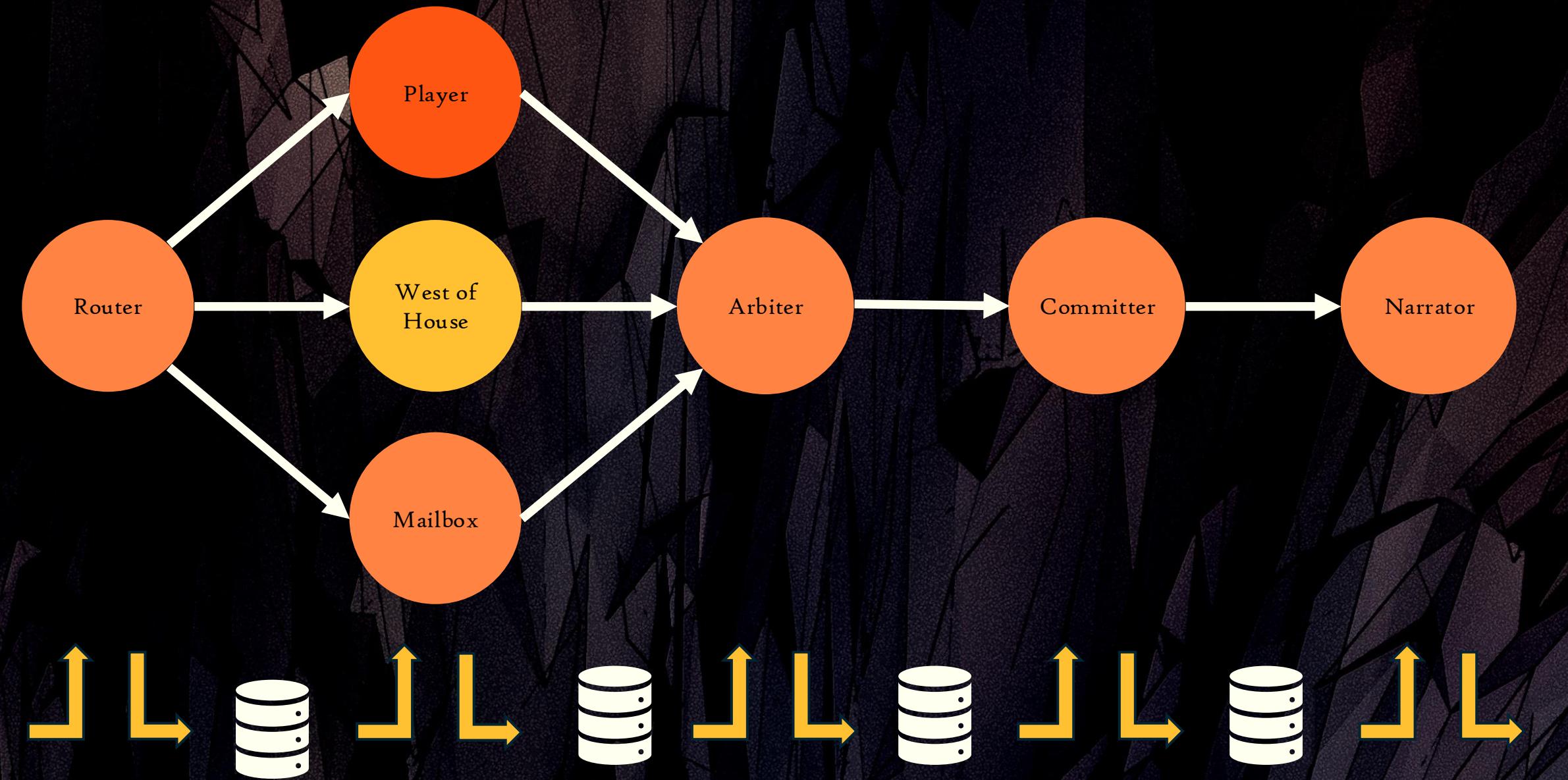


Is there anything in it?

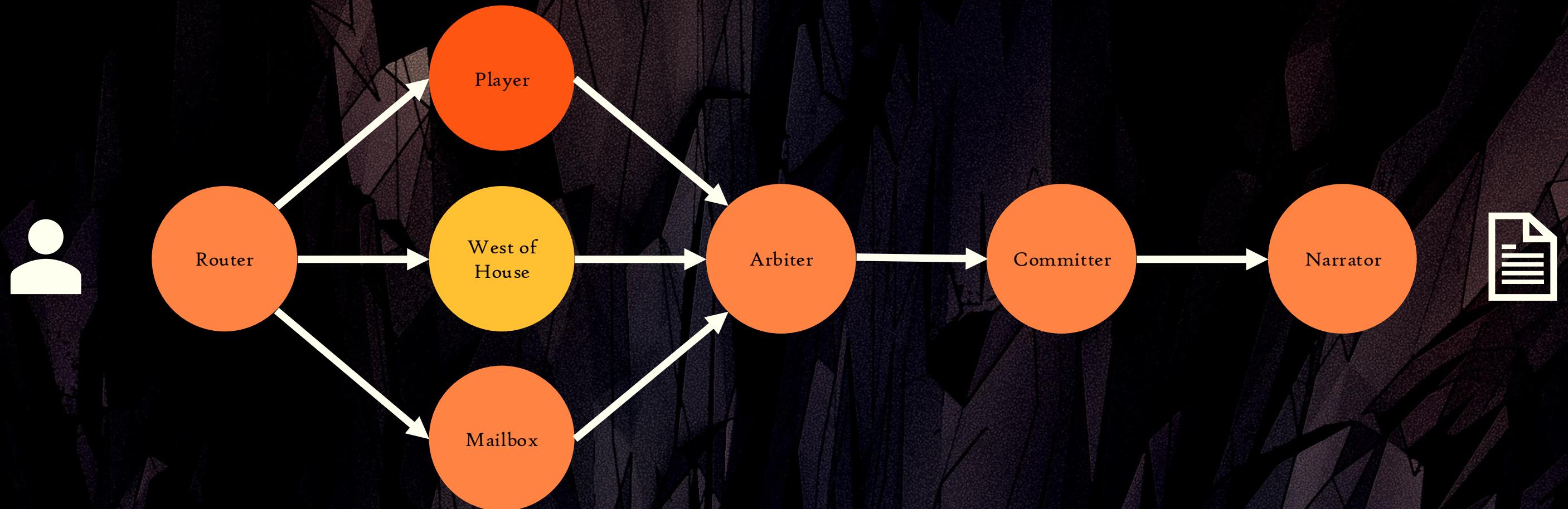


In what?

Checkpointer



Checkpointer



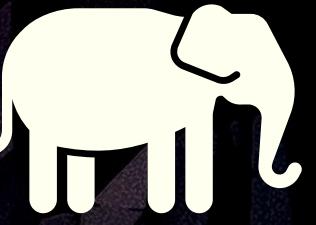
Agent Memory Server



Store



COMPACT

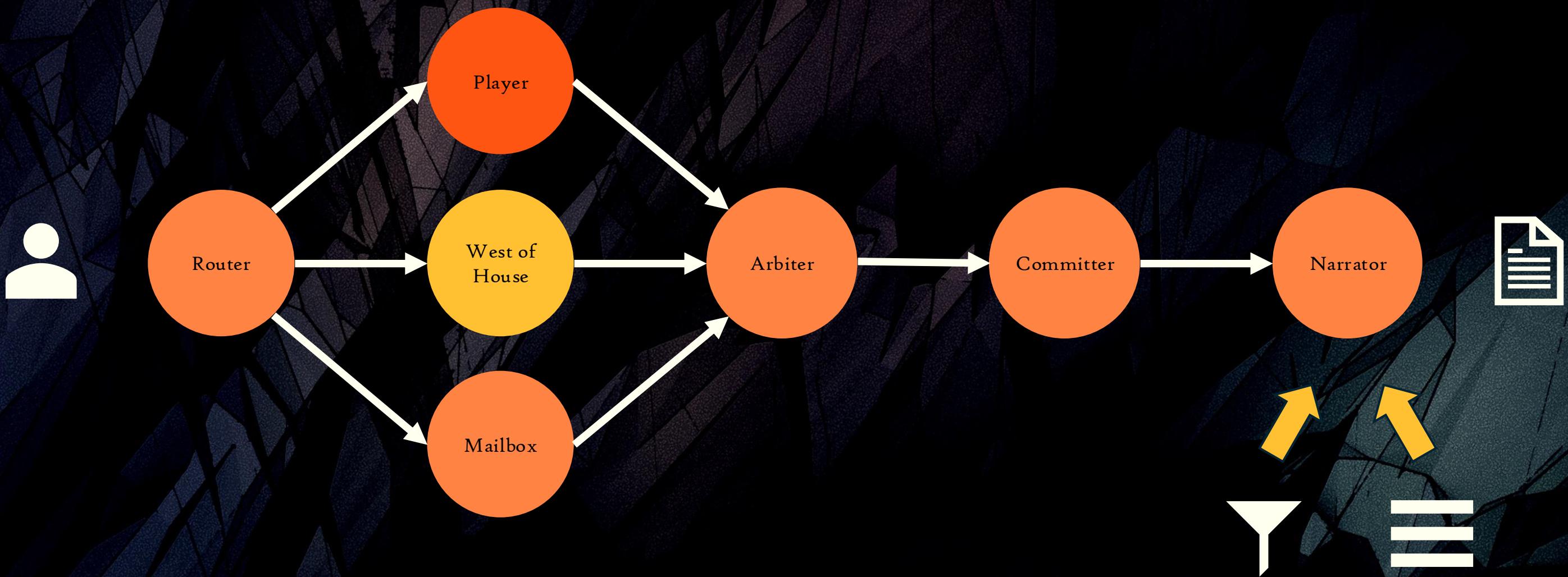


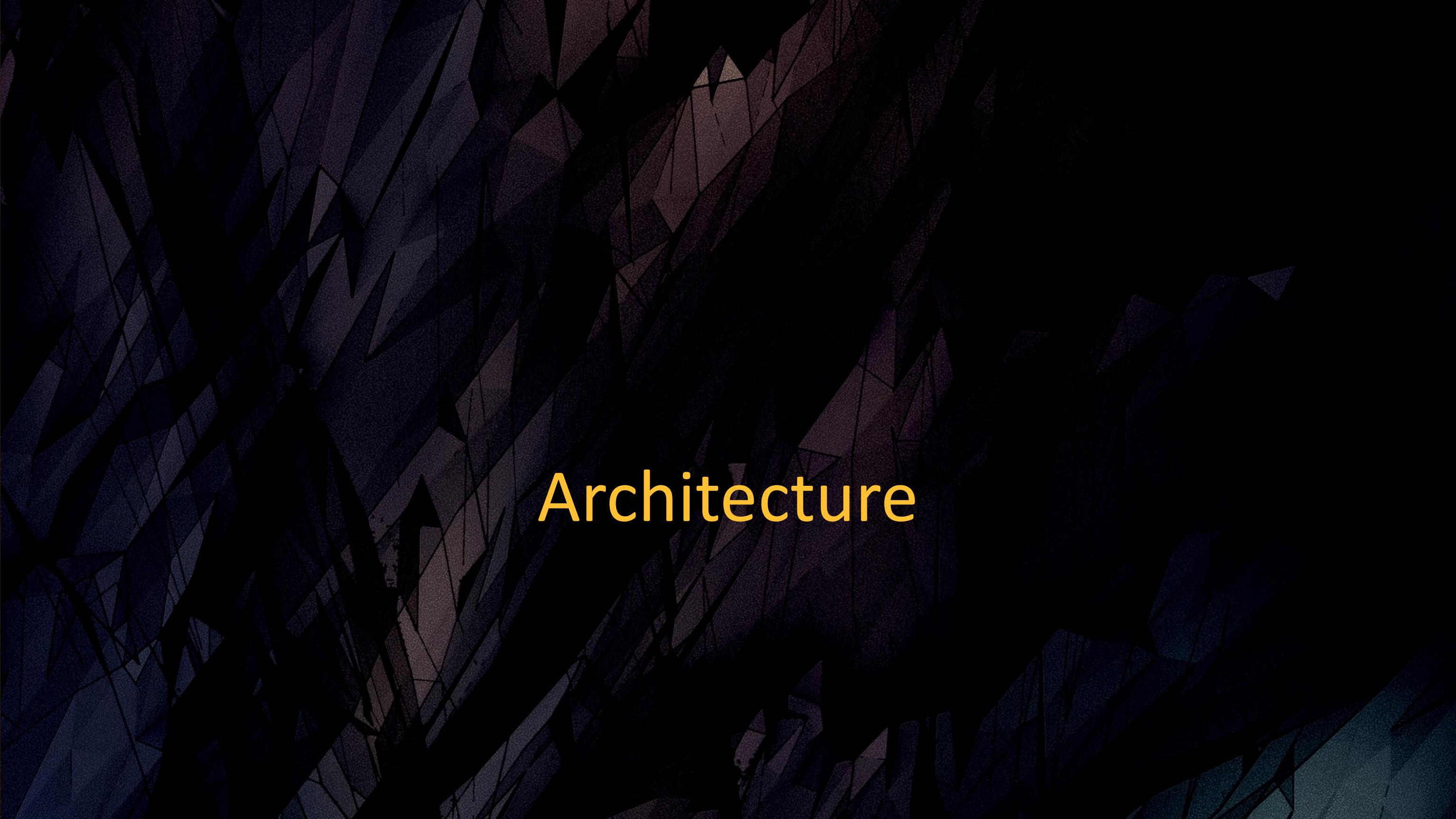
Extract
Memories



AUTOMATIC

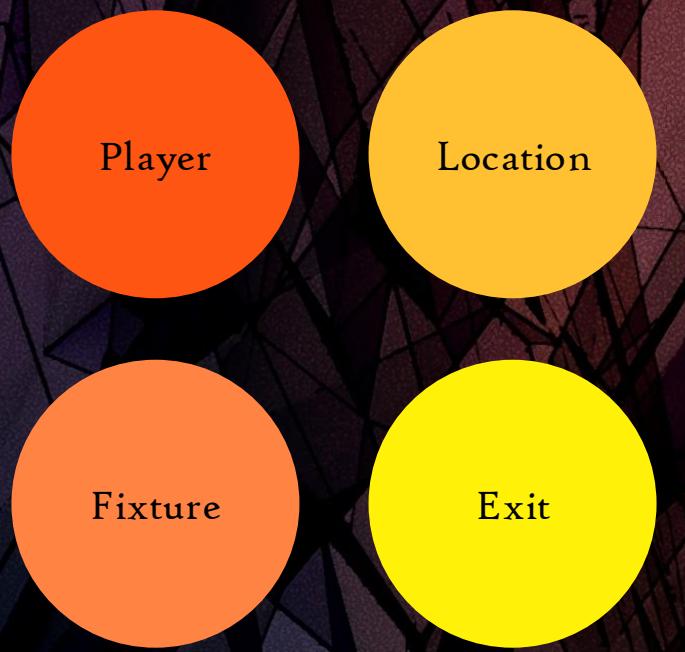
Agent Memory Server



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Architecture

Storing JSON in Redis

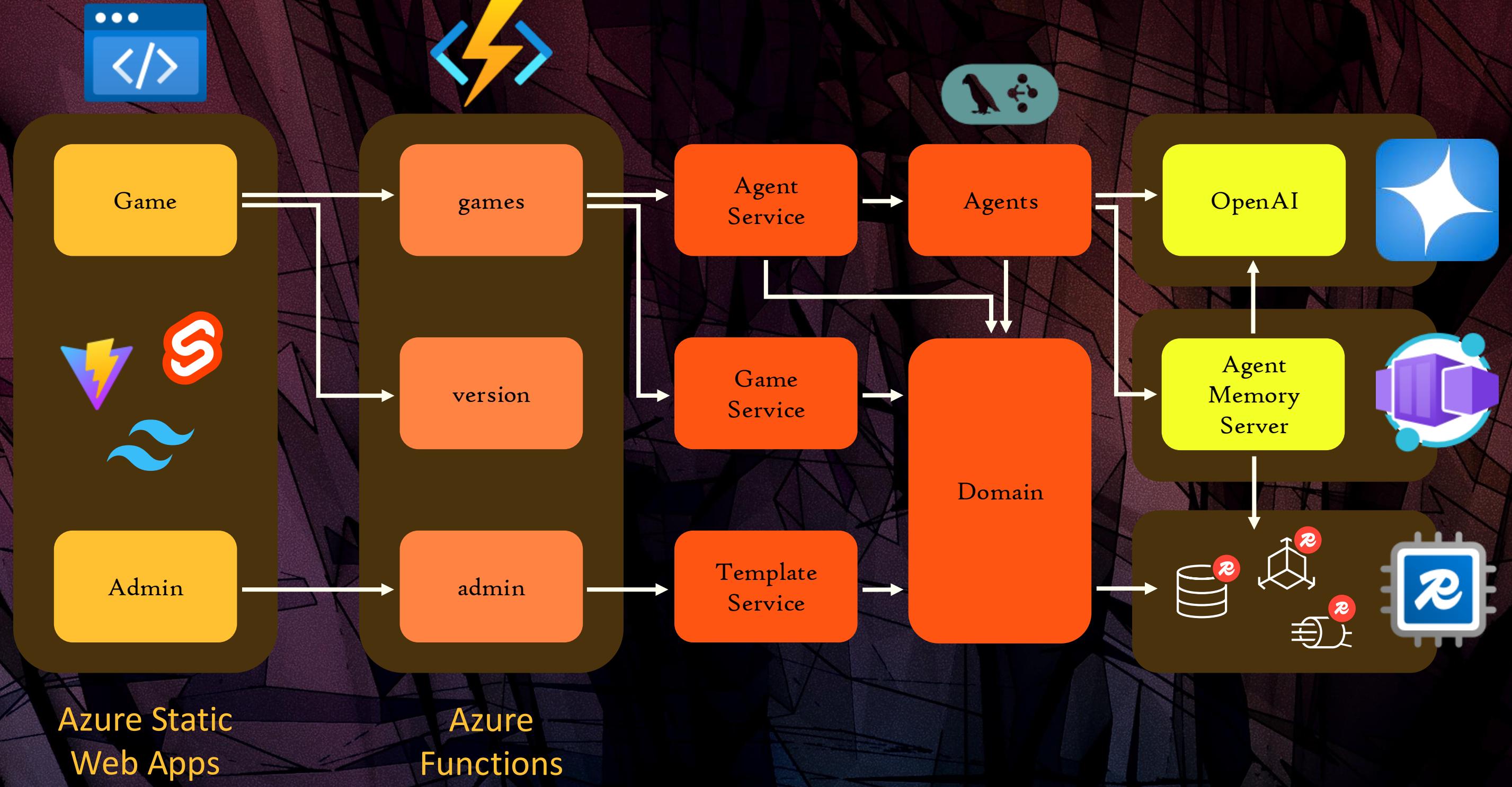


```
{  
  "id": "01KEJ2Y2QTZ1H08RCPTD04V1ZZ",  
  "name": "Mailbox",  
  "description": "It's a mailbox on a post.",  
  "statuses": [  
    "Rusty",  
    "Leaning",  
    "Rusted Shut"  
  ],  
  "location": "01KEJ2GTMKT1Z6JRNZJPY3YMH3",  
  "fixtureIds": [  
    "01KEJ2P51HZXXTGD1VWJ5ZD4RE",  
    "01KEJ2P51K2ZA2Y8Y8B1D6FE4D",  
    "01KEJ2P51KQD9T21MB8CHCZSN7"  
  ],  
  "exitIds": [  
    "01KEJ2P51MP7P61CVQAB8NBTR0",  
    "01KEJ2P51MT3BQNQTFRQ9TFK5C"  
  ],  
  "destinationId": "01KEJ2P51K9GZG96GW2PF3H596"  
}
```

```
await redisClient.json.merge(key, '$', json)
```

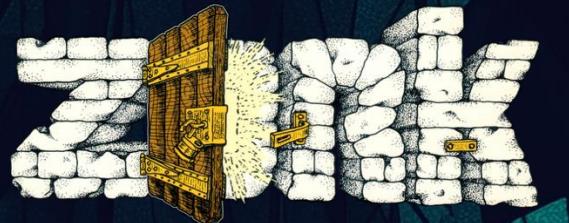
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JSON.MERGE \  
game:01KEJ2Y2QTZ1H08RCPTD04V1ZZ:entity:01KEJ2Y2QTZ1H08RCPTD04V1ZZ \  
'$' '{"id": "01KEJ2Y2QTZ1H08RCPTD04V1ZZ", "name": "..."}'
```





Demo

Resources



zilf.io

github.com/historicalsouce/zork1

github.com/historicalsouce/zork2

github.com/historicalsouce/zork3



github.com/langchain-ai/langgraphjs

docs.langchain.com/oss/javascript/langgraph/overview

Redis

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