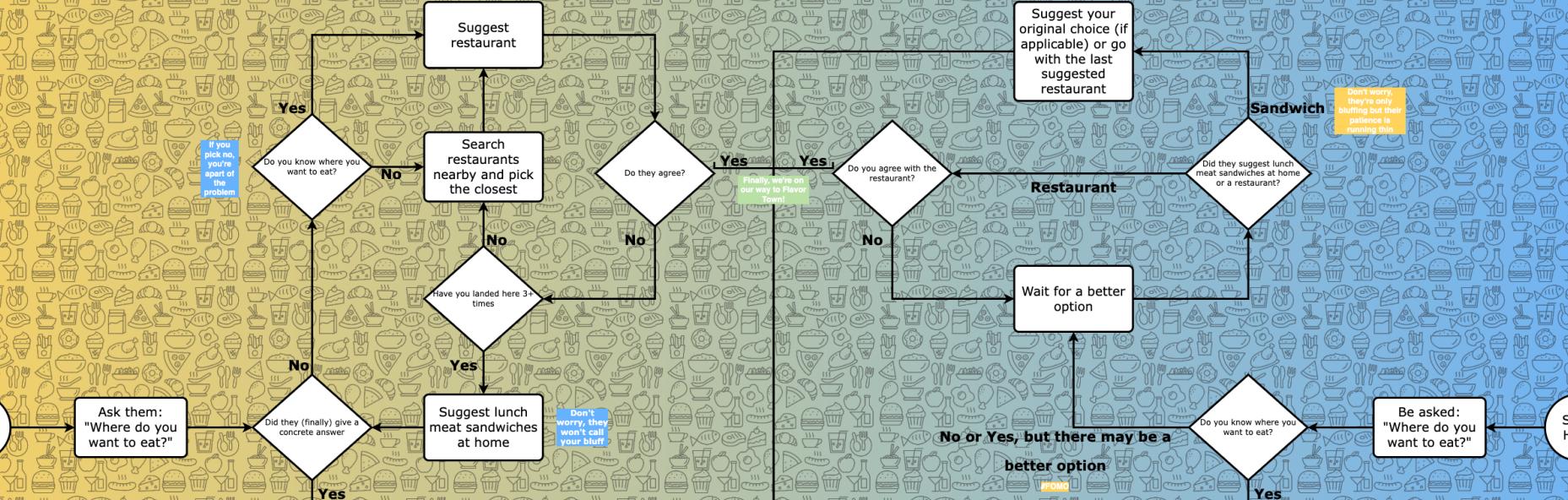


How to decide where to eat with your significant other

Are you hungry and willing to compromise or are you indecisive about where to eat?



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How to Choose Where to Eat with Your Significant Other: A Process Flow Diagram

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This diagram comically maps out how a couple goes about deciding where to eat. It plays off the joke that girlfriends are notoriously indecisive about what they want to eat. The boyfriend will typically ask them where she wants to eat and the two go around in circles until somebody, usually the boyfriend, puts their foot down and decides for the both of them, a process that is both funny and frustrating.

In this diagram, I created two pools: one for the decisive one (I.e., the boyfriend) and one for the indecisive one (I.e., the girlfriend). The decisive one starts by asking the other where they want to eat, and depending on the indecisive one's responses, may find themselves in a loop where the former repeatedly suggests restaurants while the latter constantly turns them down. There is an out clause in the loop that will prevent them from getting stuck and eventually reach a decision with the indecisive one. Likewise, the indecisive one starts by being asked where they want to eat, and depending on their decisiveness, may end up in a loop fueled by their waiting on a suggestion from the decisive one that they can agree to. Their out clause in the loop is dependent upon the decisive one's feedback. The result is a slightly redundant path to a restaurant that both can agree to.

One major assumption is made for the premise of the diagram and this is that the indecisive one is not just indecisive for indecisive sake, but because they are actually suffering from FOMO (fear of missing out). They have a restaurant in mind initially, but don't want to suggest it because there may be a better option they are not thinking of. This assumption helps in the out-clause of the loops as the decisive one can use a bluff to draw out that initial restaurant idea they suspect their significant other is holding on to.