## What You Can Do

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- 3. Do they reflect biases in an unethical way?

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  Developing, along the way, great portfolio pieces!



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Maybe...just maybe.... the real treasure...was the friends we made along the way... (end scene)



