



Transformers

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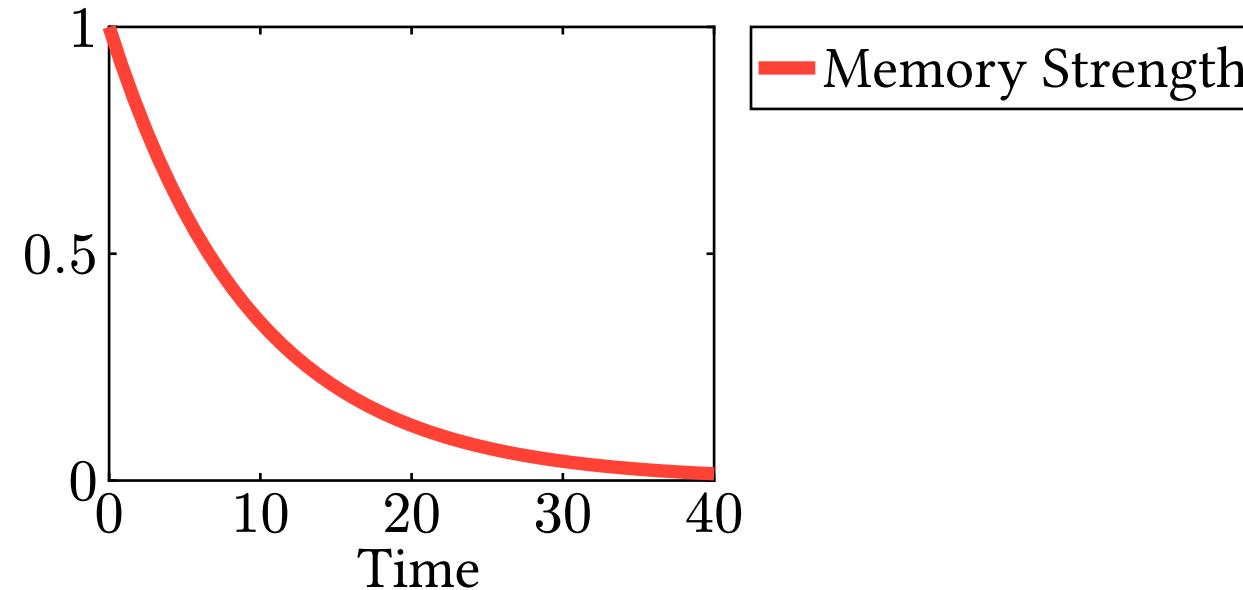
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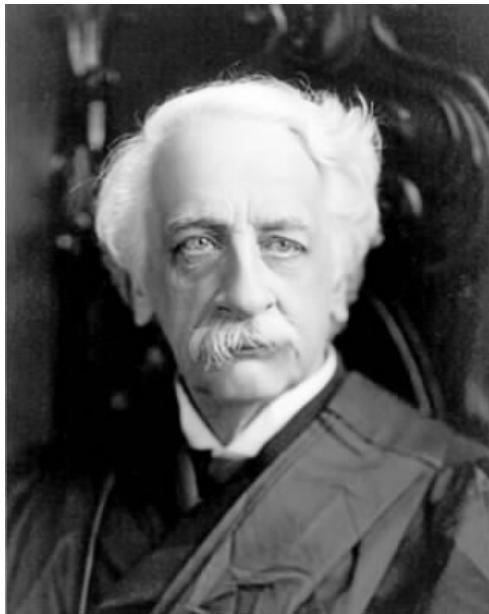
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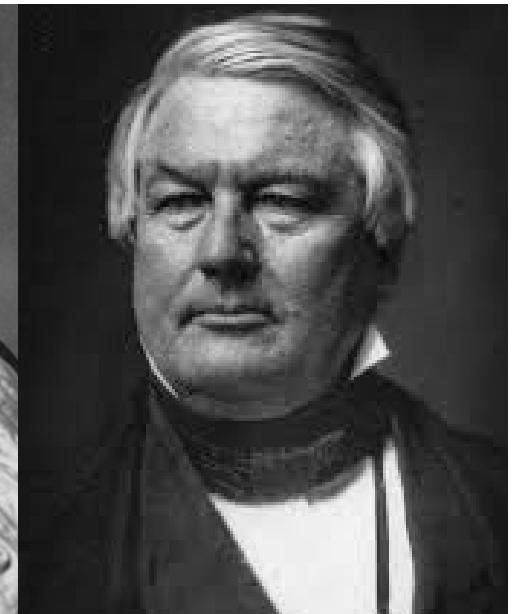
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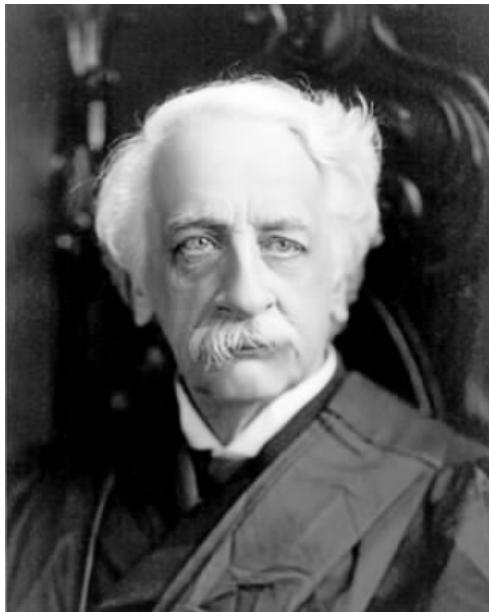


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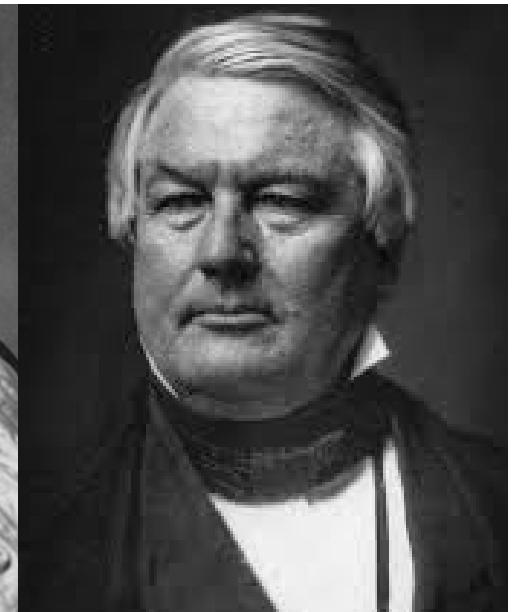
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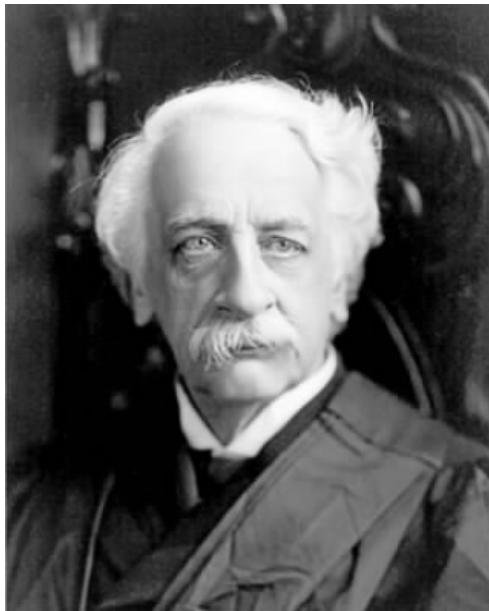


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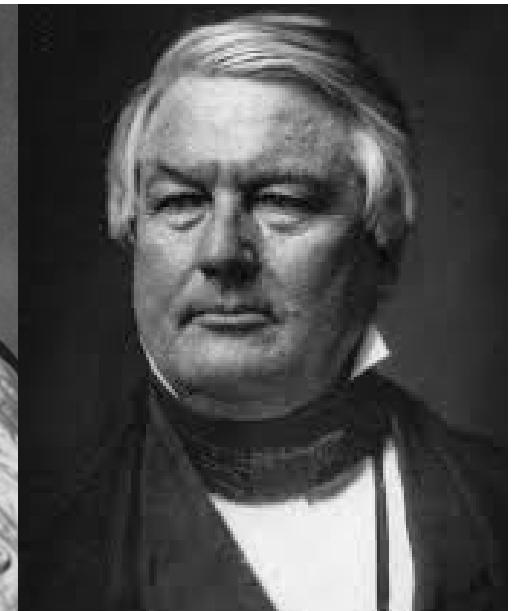
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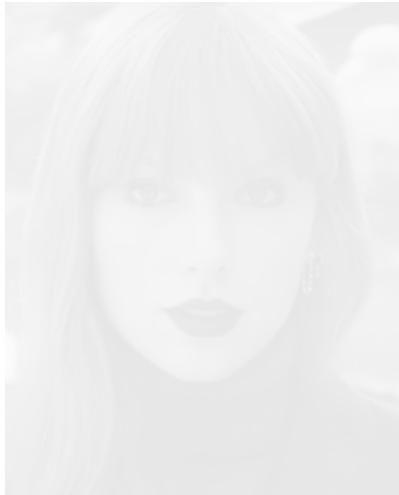
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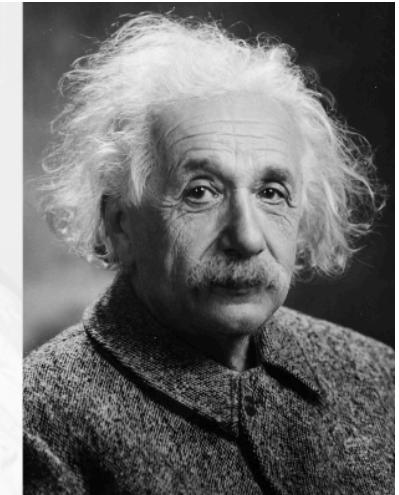
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In dot-product attention, we call $\boldsymbol{\theta}_V^\top \mathbf{x}_i$ the **value**

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With enough layers, all the information in \mathbf{x} is lost!

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So, our final transformer is

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Let us code up the transformer in colab

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1qVlIbQKpTuBYIa7FvC4IH-kJq-E0jmc0d#scrollTo=iQtXjGYiz5CD>

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word_index = {word: i for i, word in enumerate(unique_words)}
embeddings = nn.Embedding(len(tokens), d_x)
# Convert from words to parameters
xs = []
for sentence in sentences:
    xs.append([])
    for word in sentence:
        index = word_index[word]
        representation = embeddings[word_index]
        xs.append(representation)

print(xs)
>>> [[Tensor(...), Tensor(...), ...]]
```

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    x = torch.stack(tokenized_sentence)
    y = model(x)
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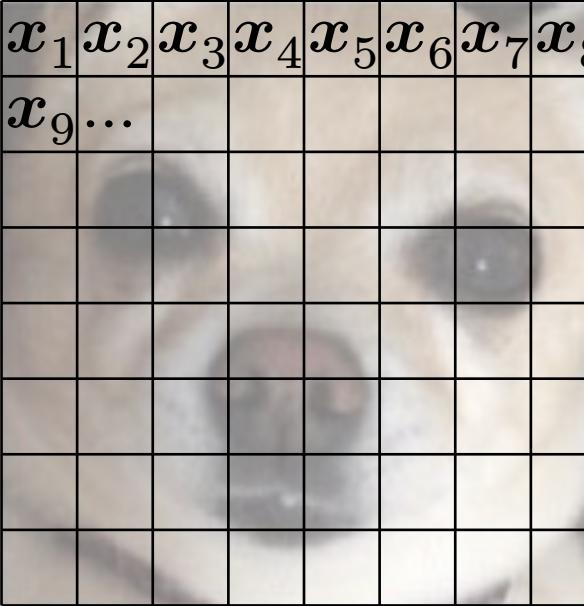
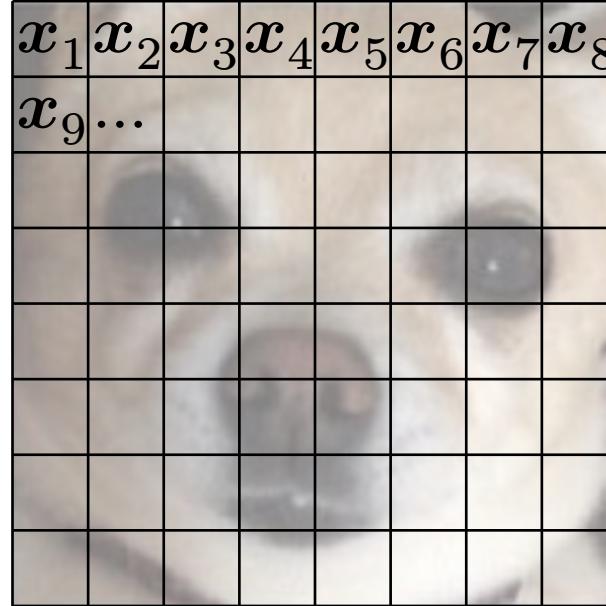


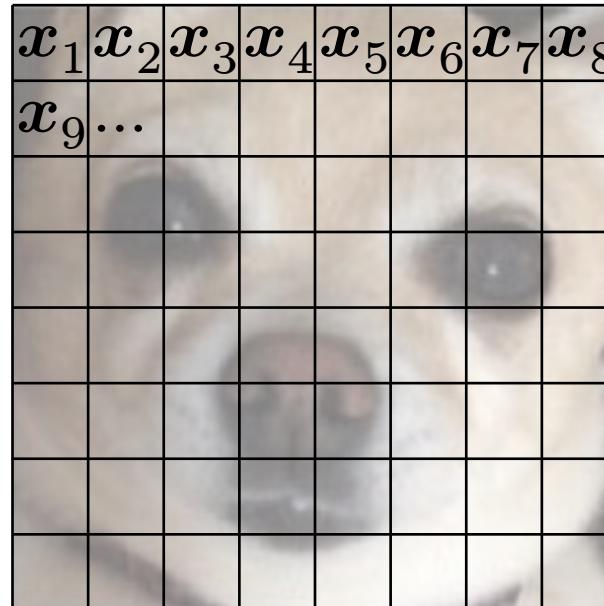
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    for j in range(0, x.shape[1] - k + 1, k):
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            x[i: i + k , j: j + k]
)
patches = stack(patches, axis=0)
print(patches.shape)
>>> (T, k, k)

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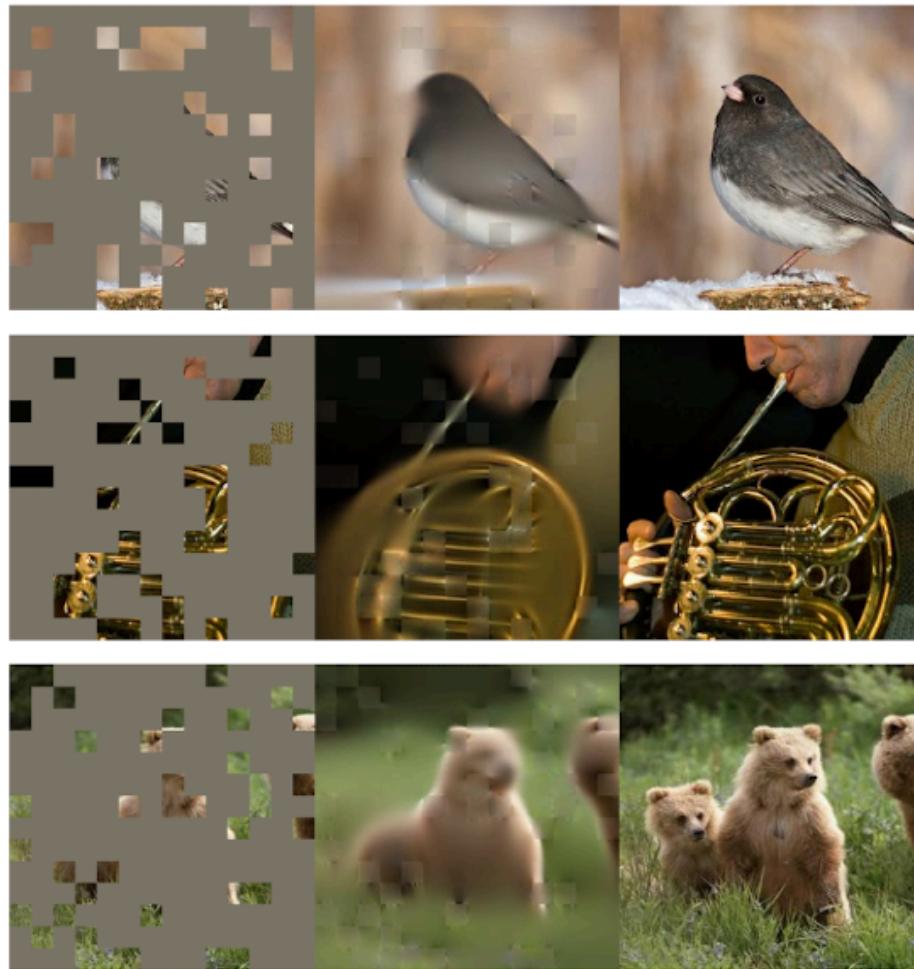
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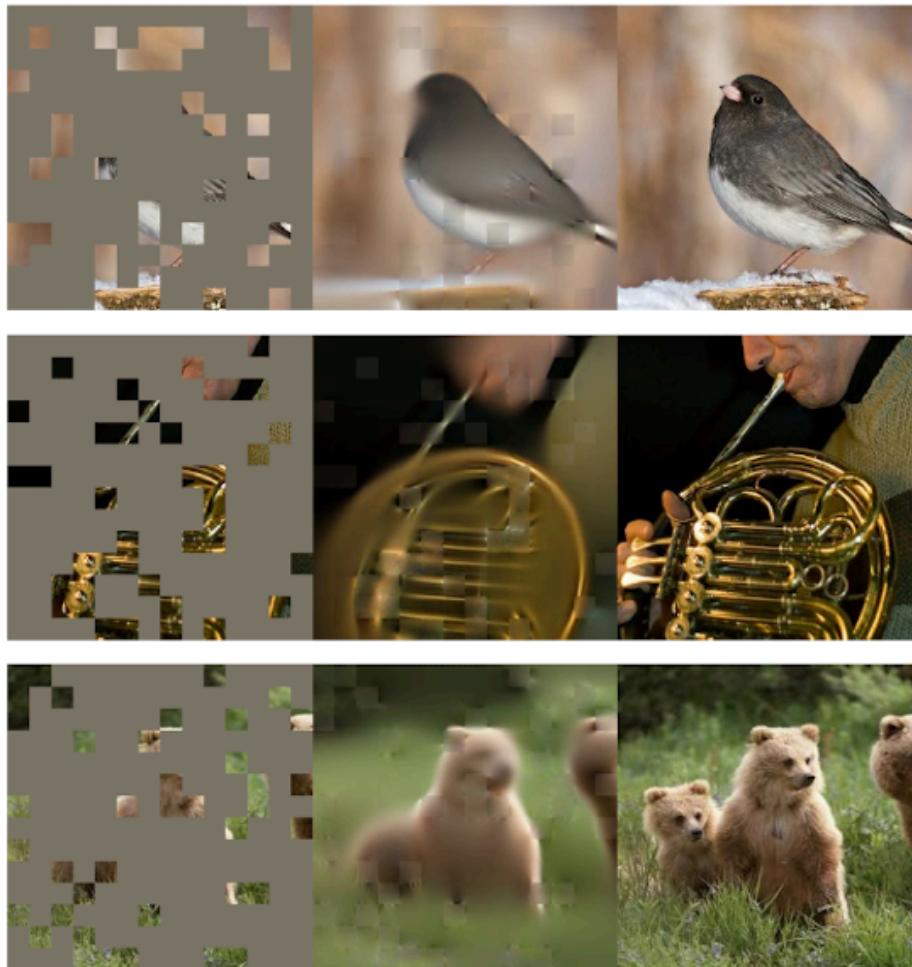
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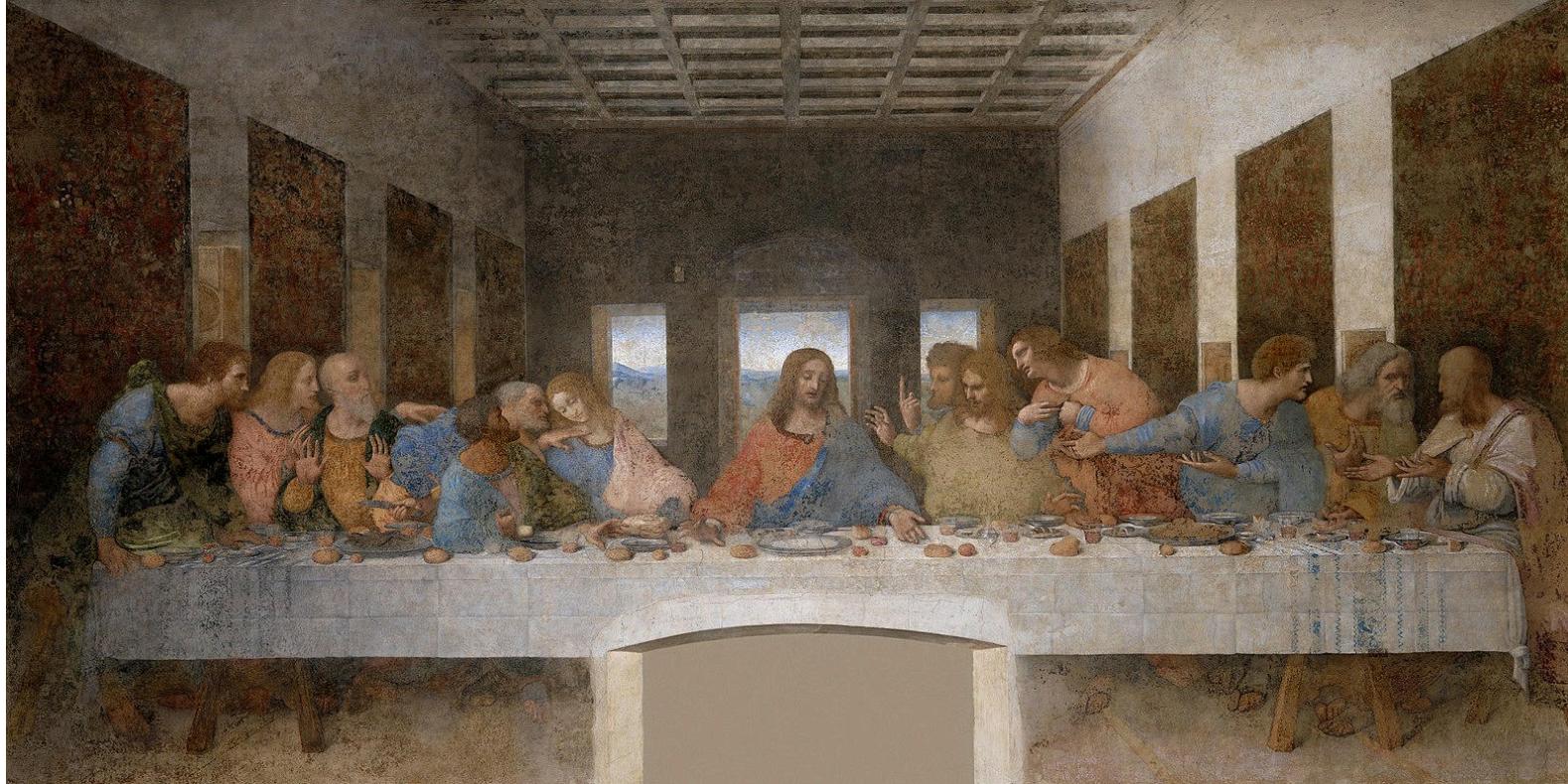
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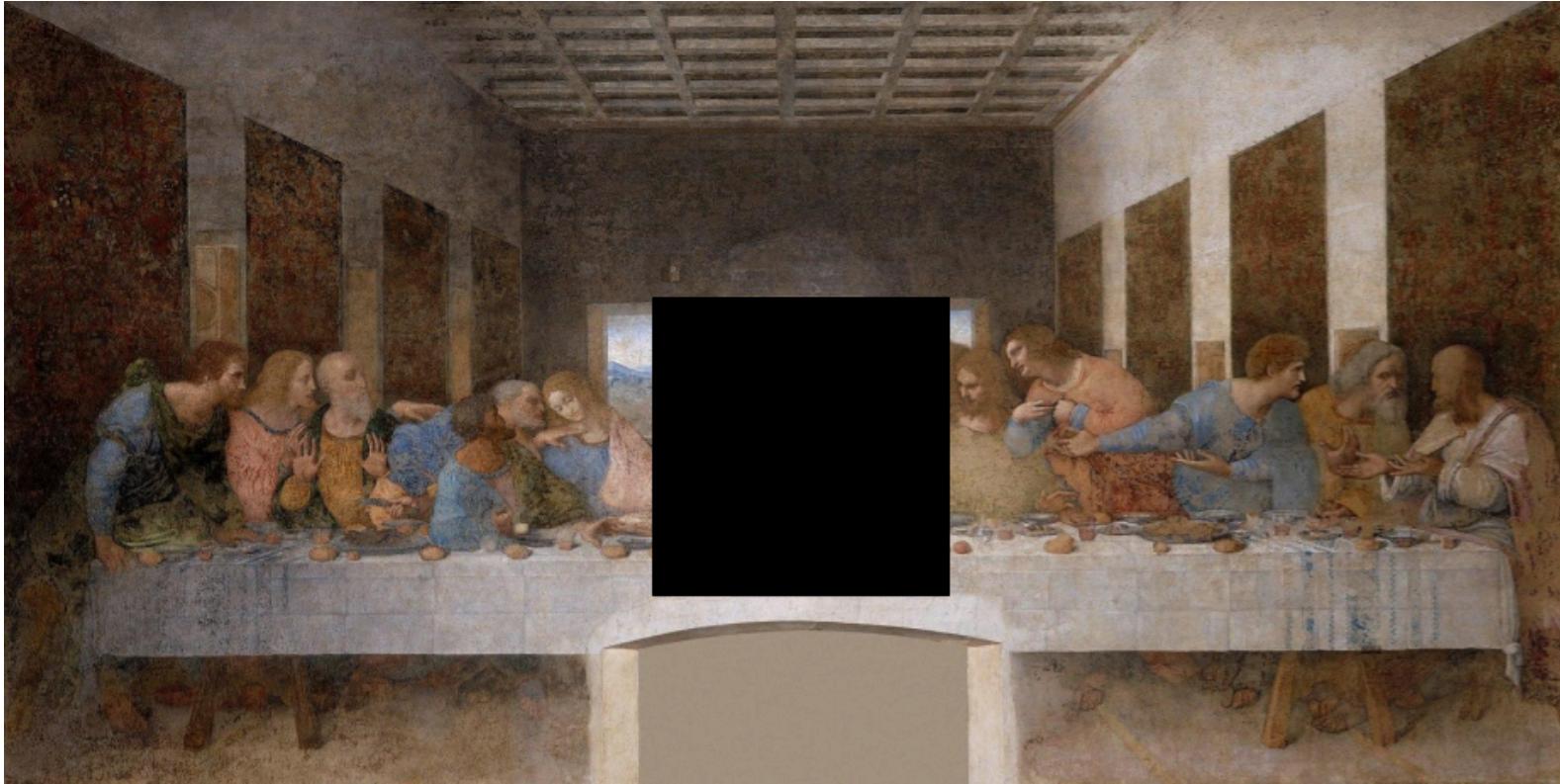
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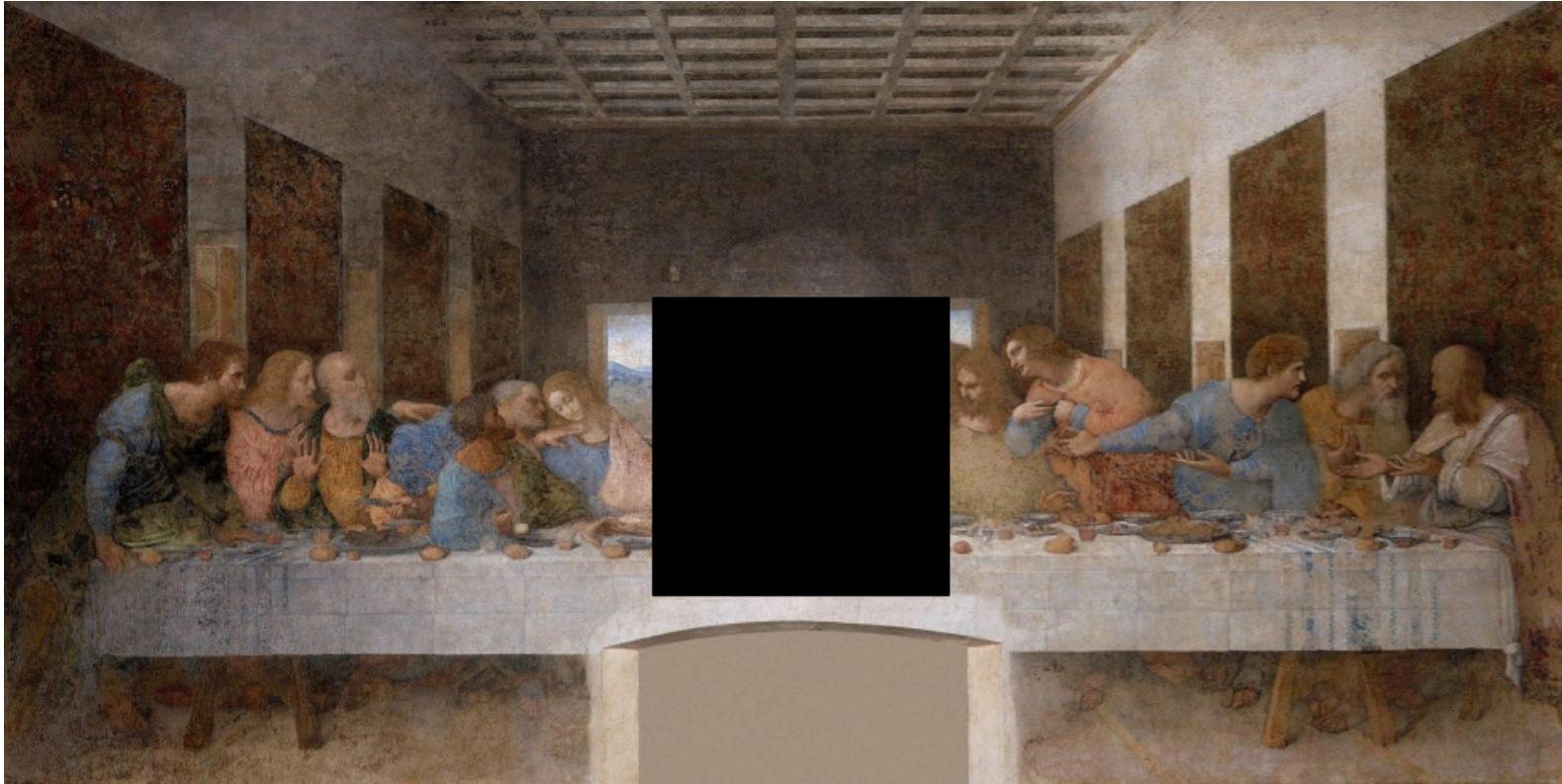
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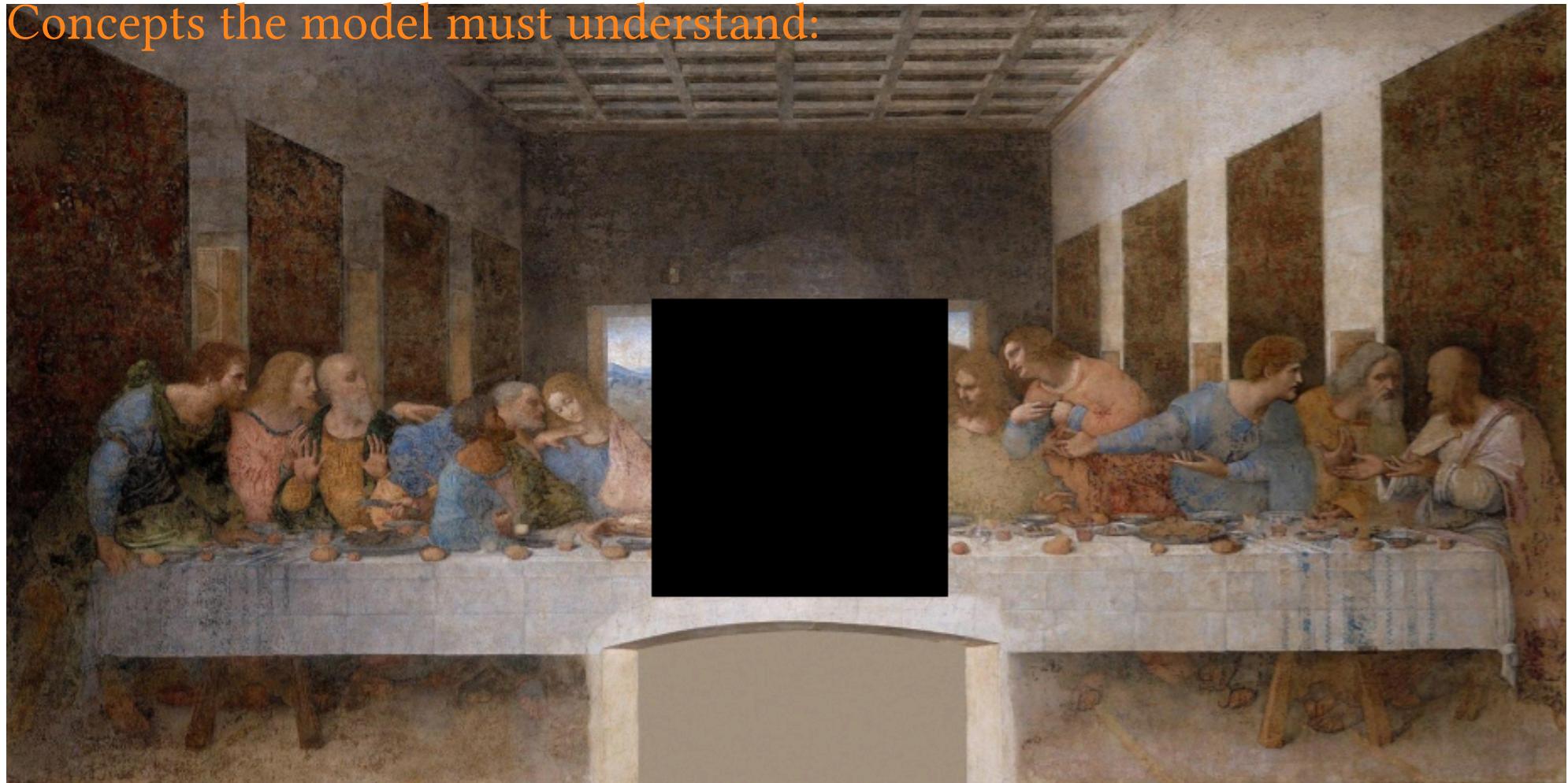
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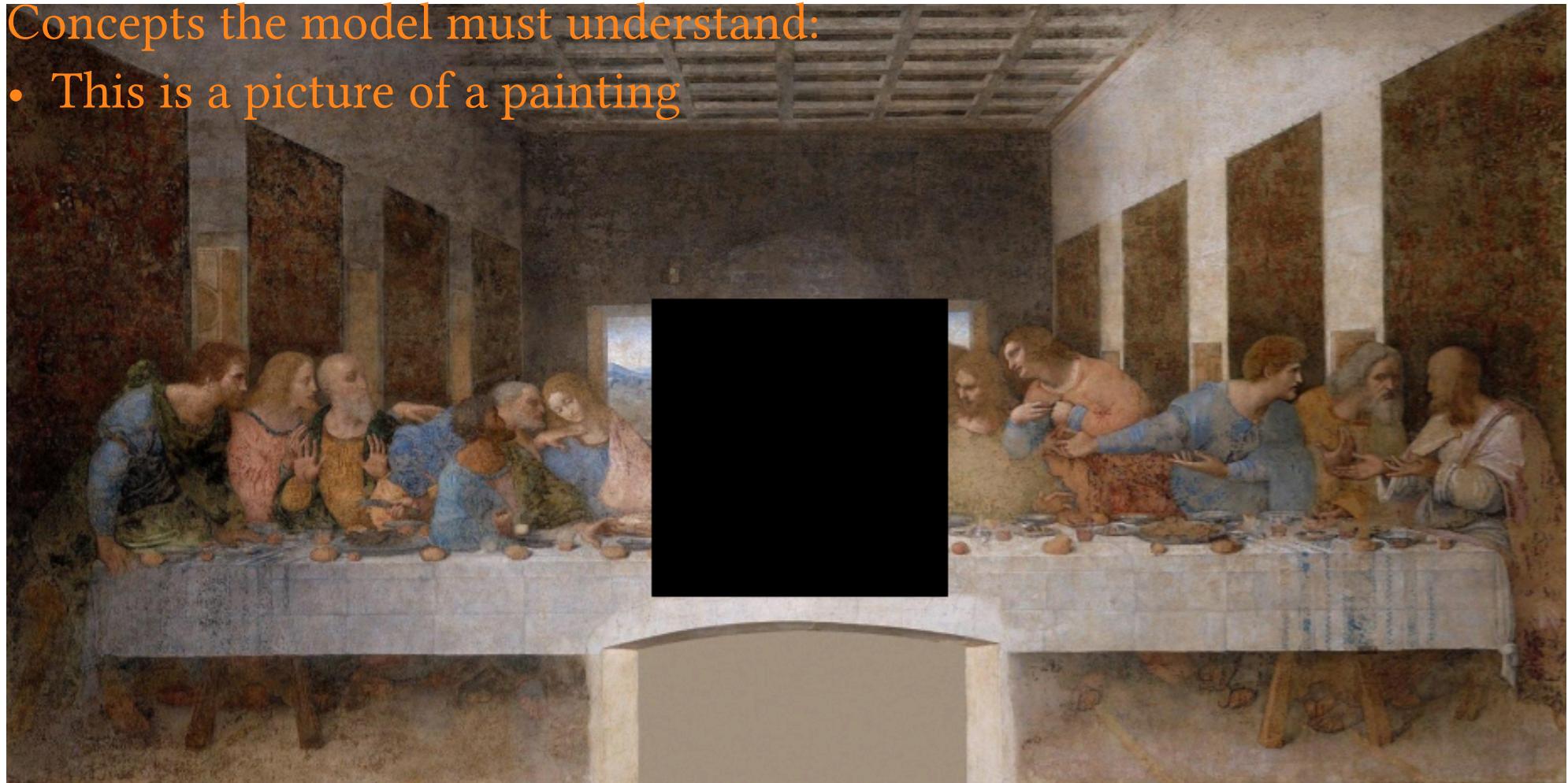
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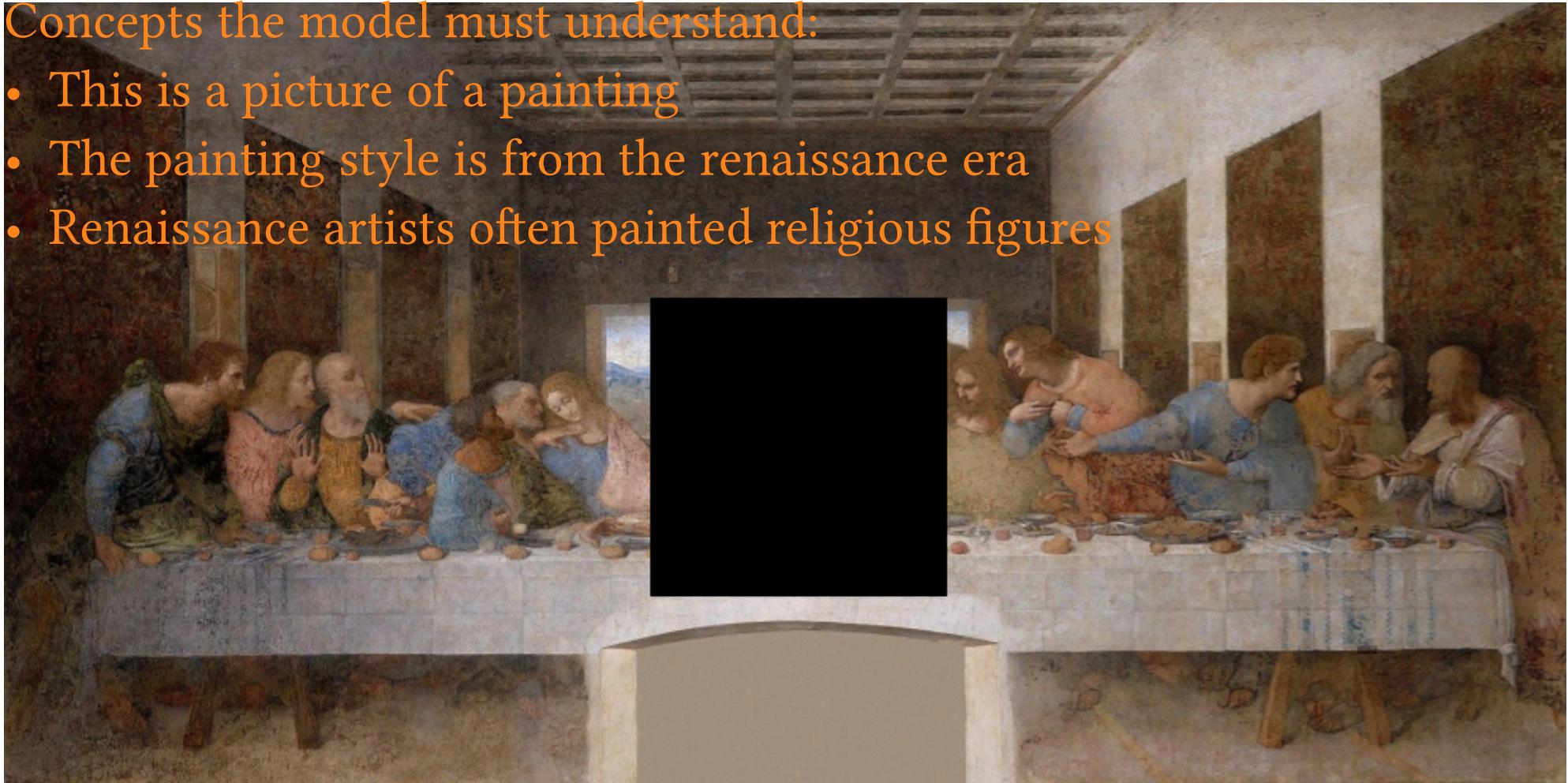
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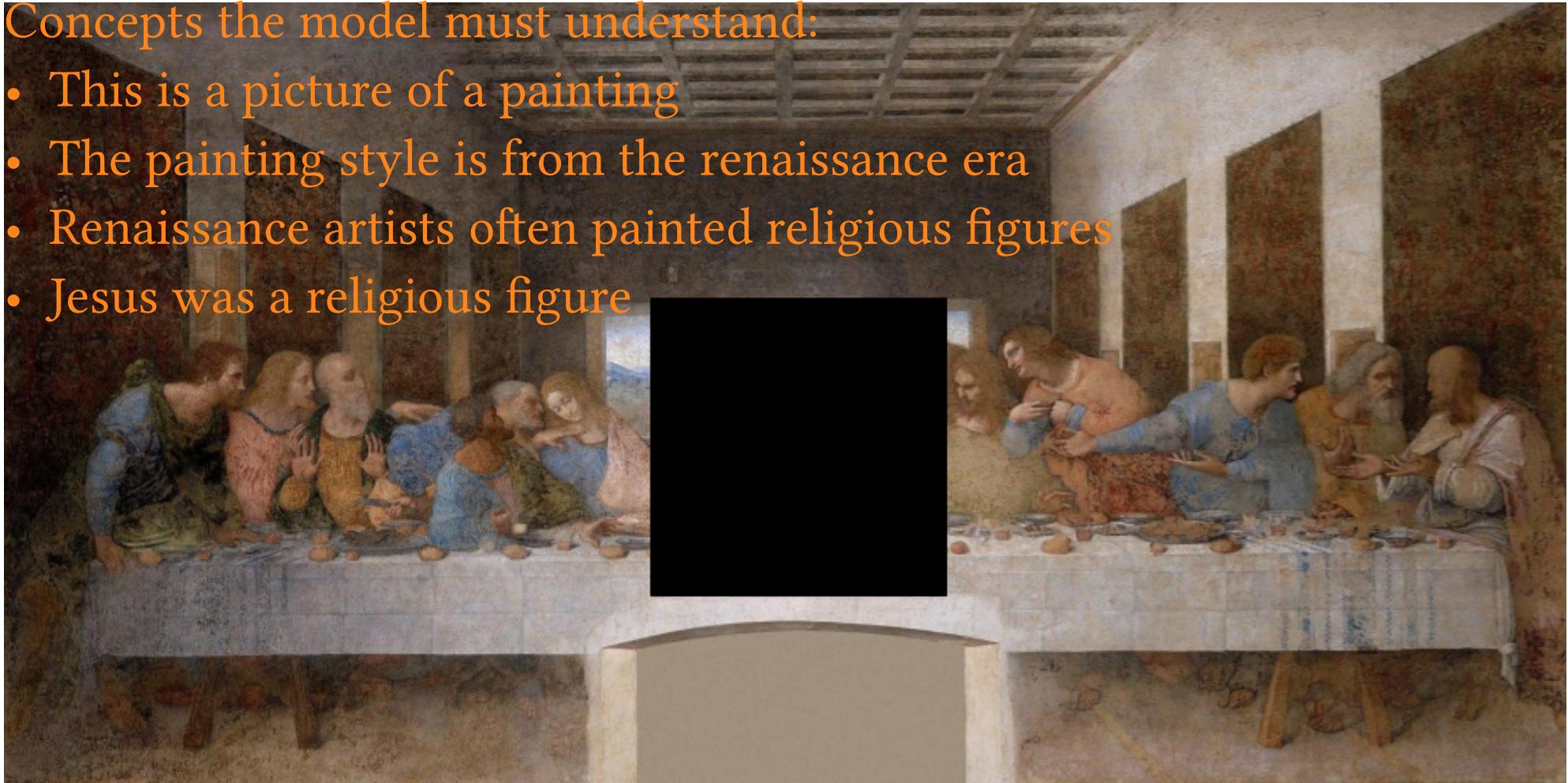
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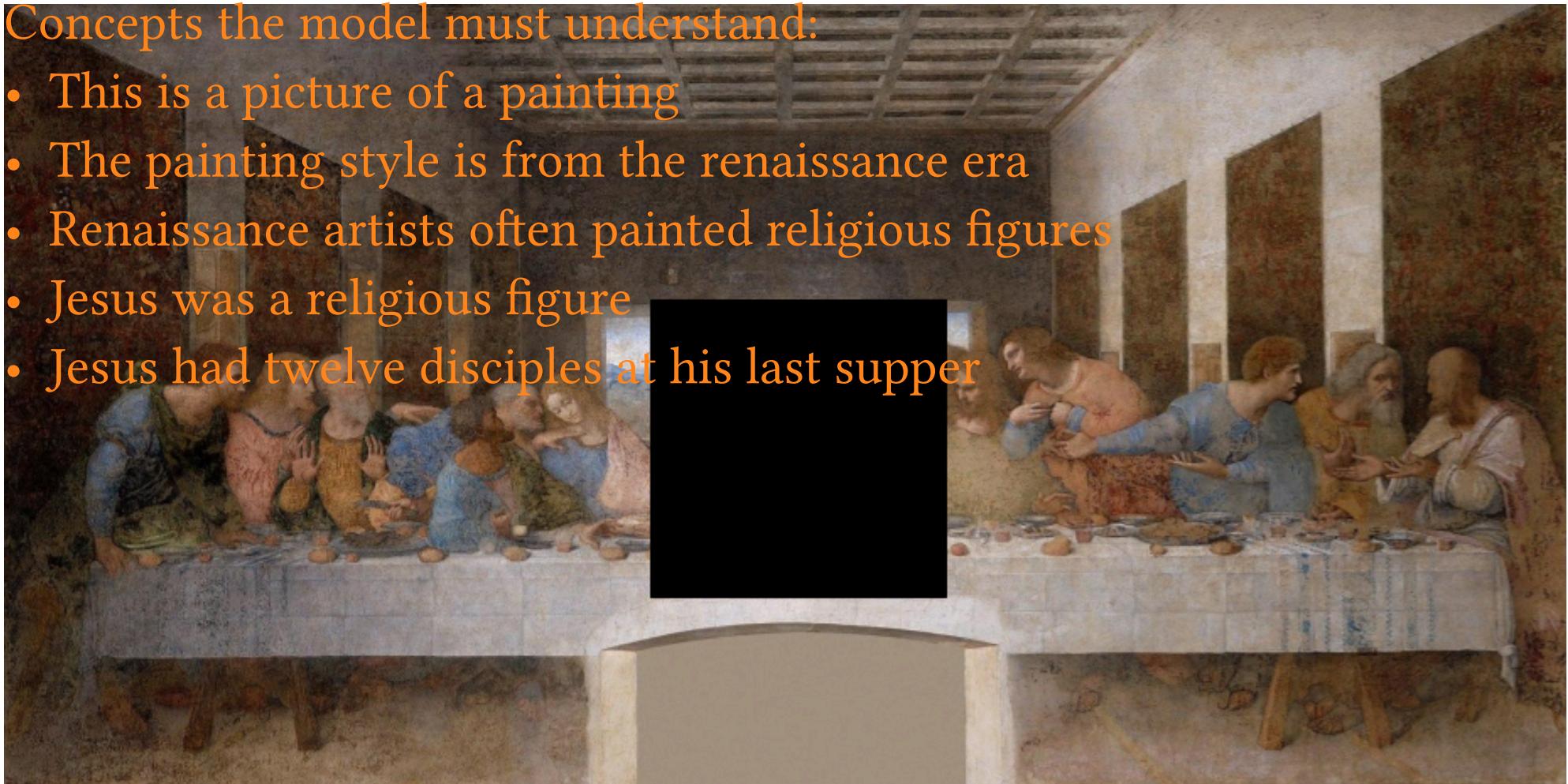
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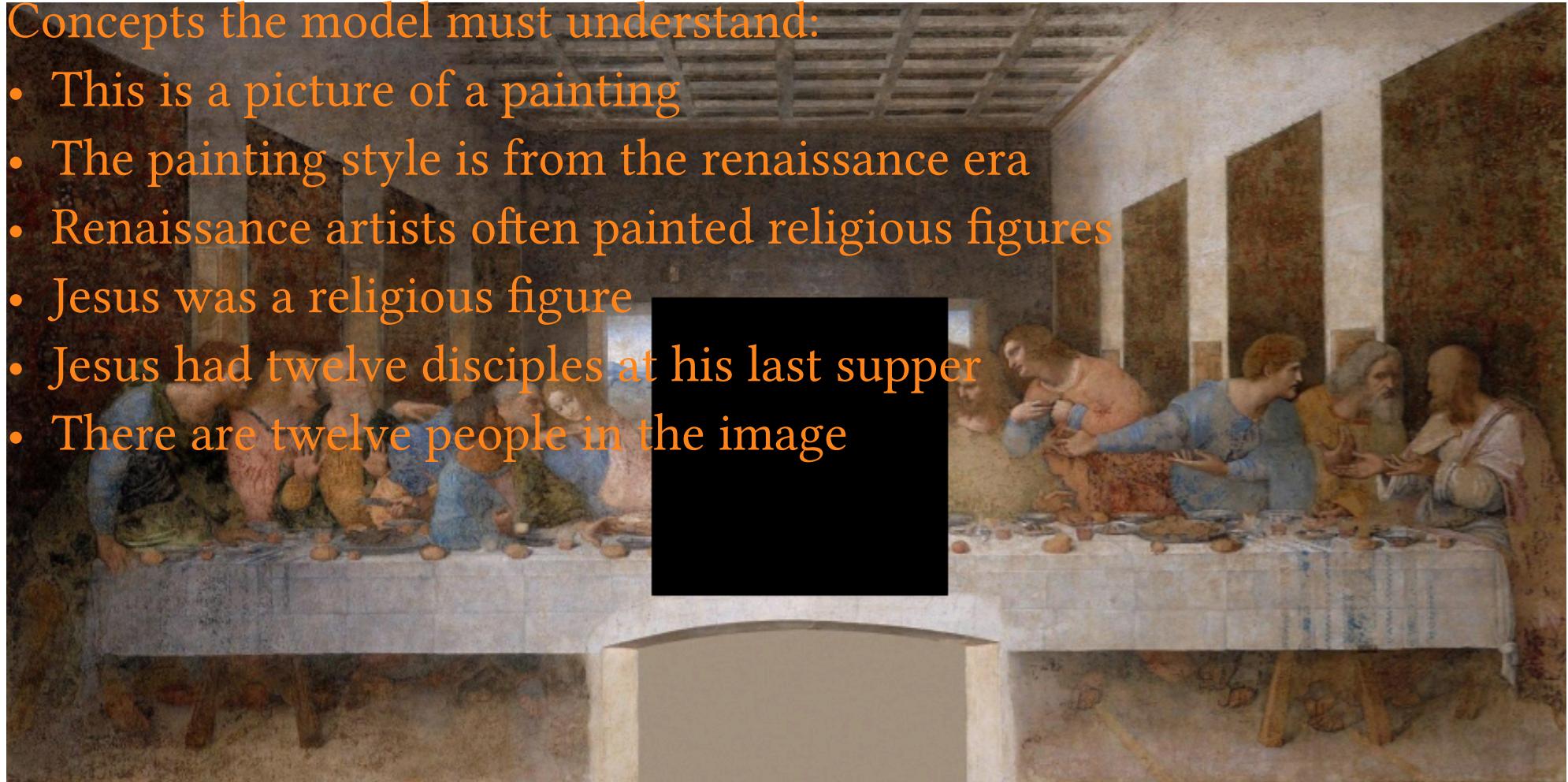
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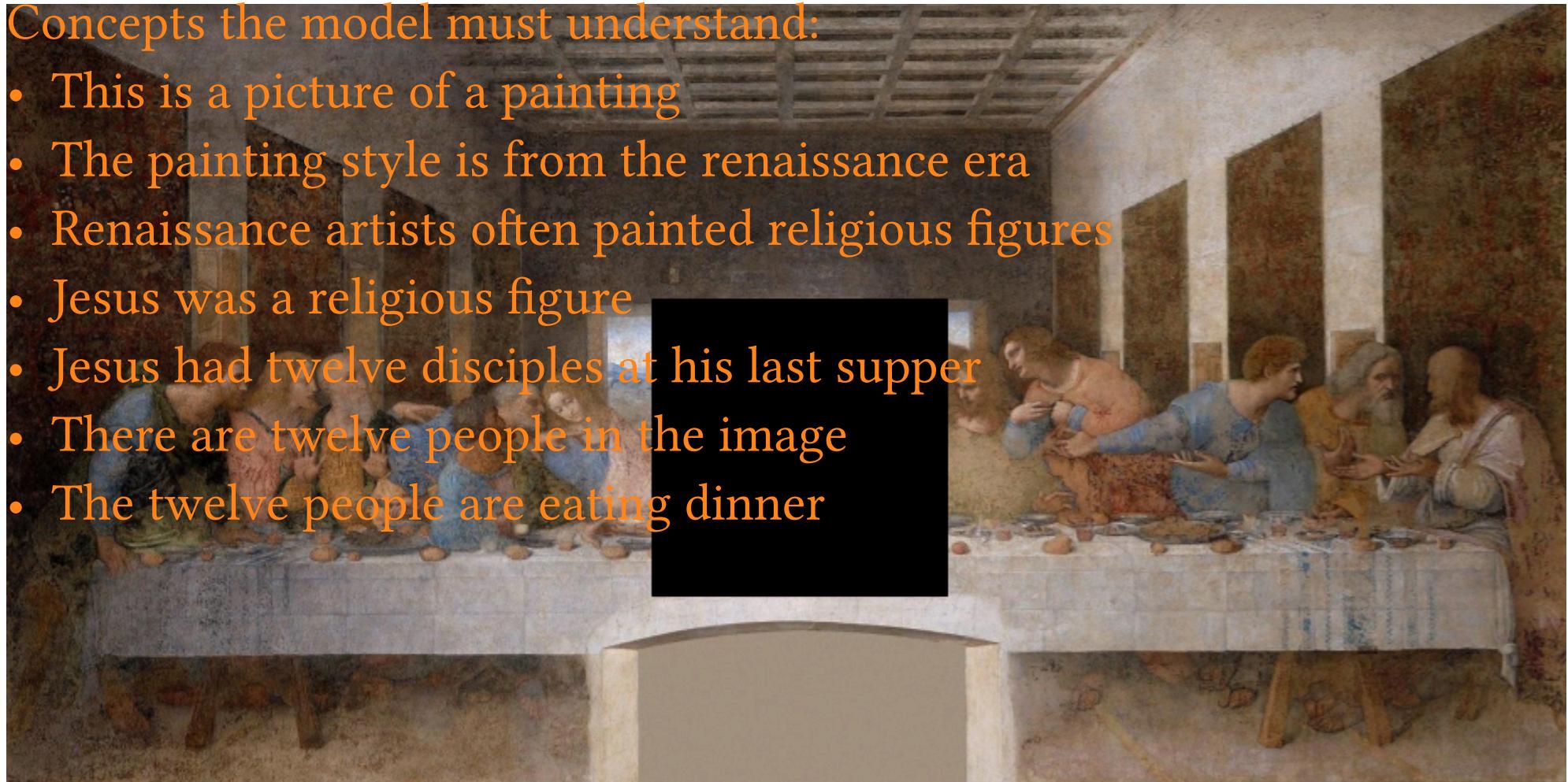
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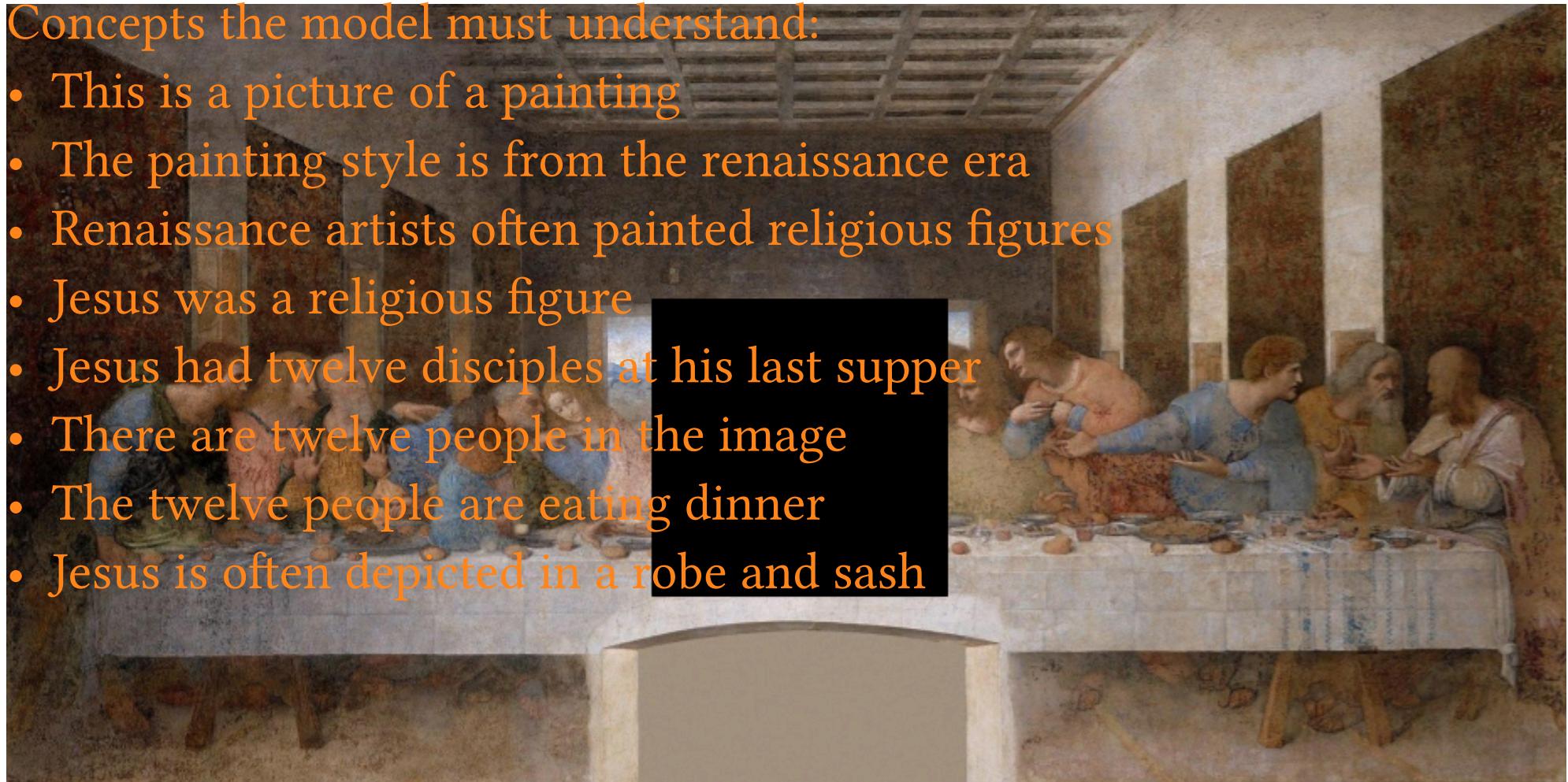
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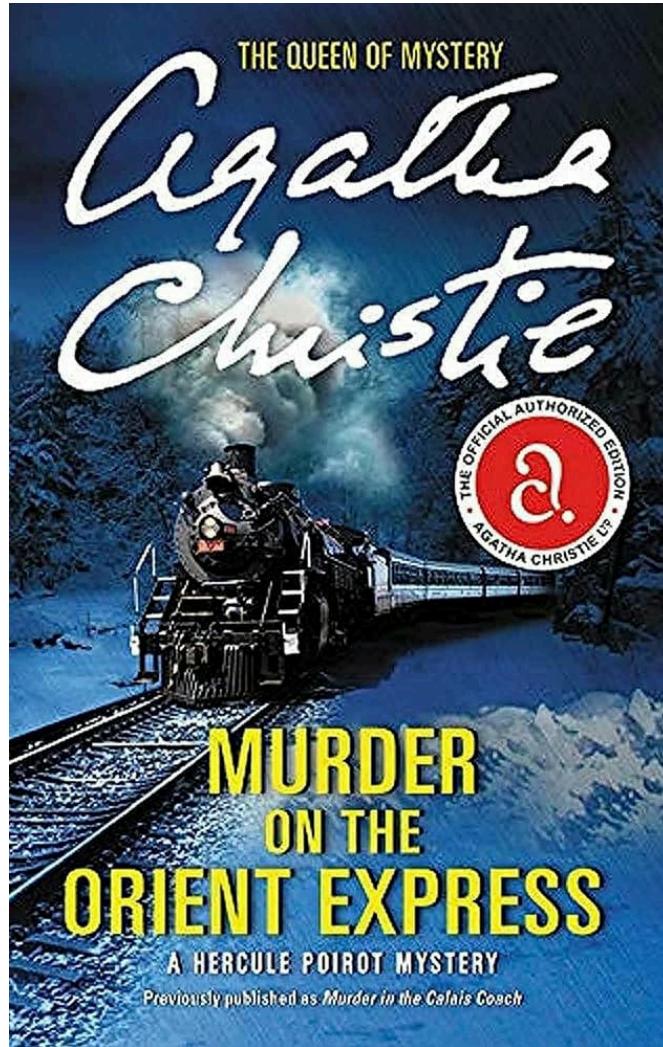
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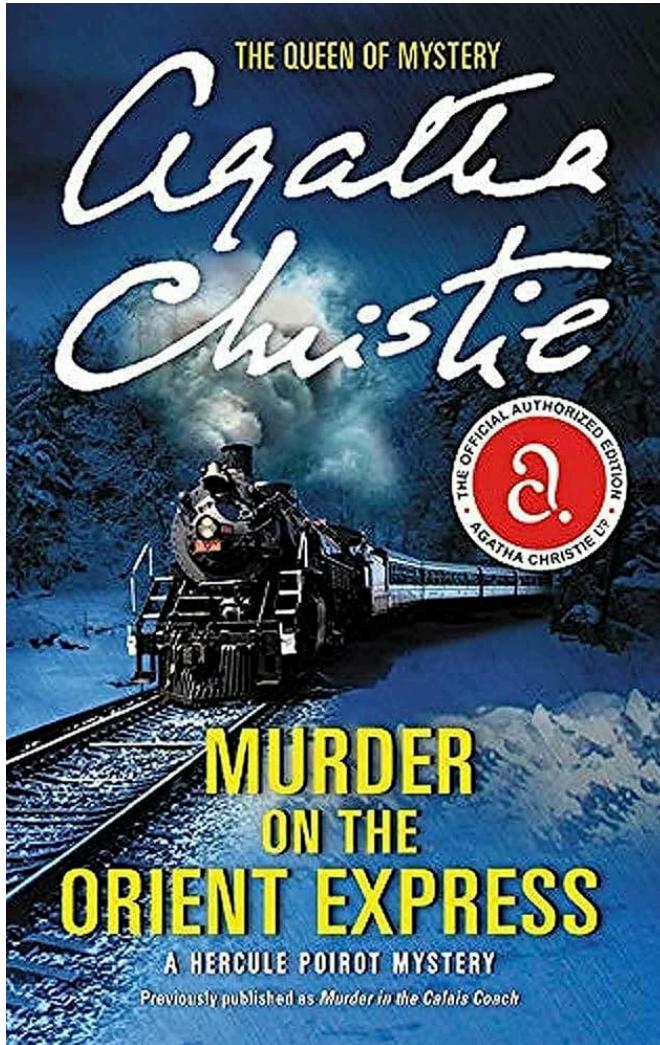
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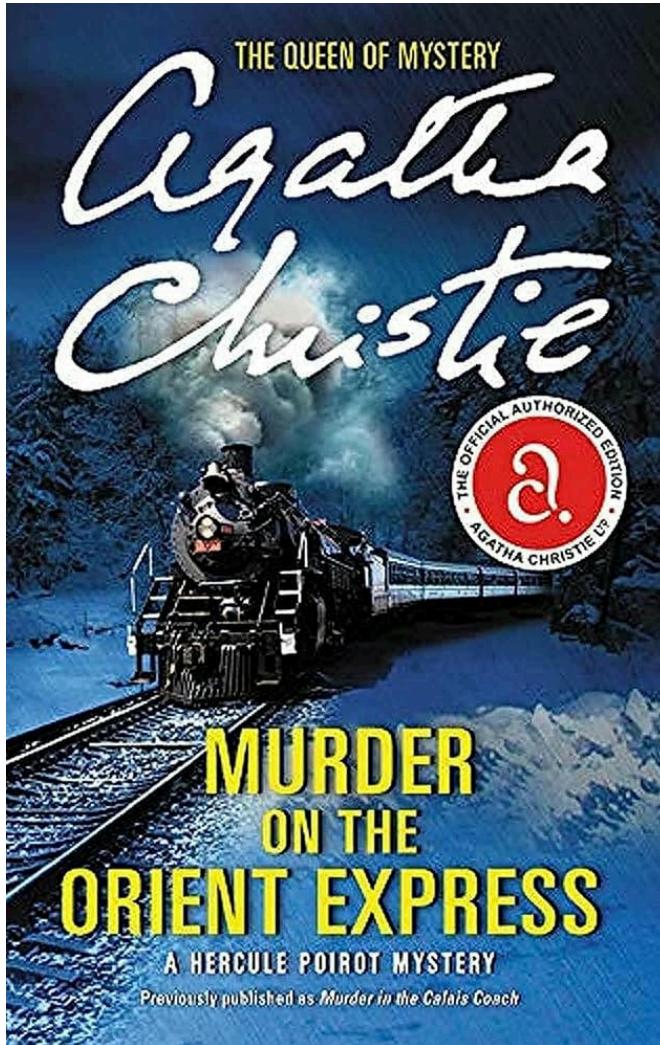
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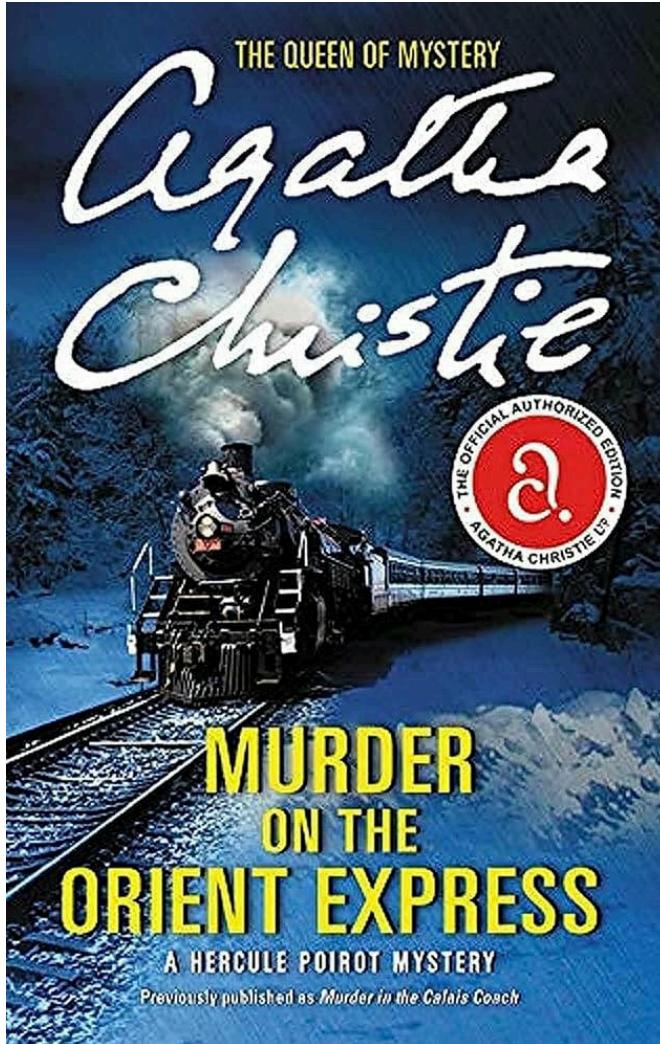


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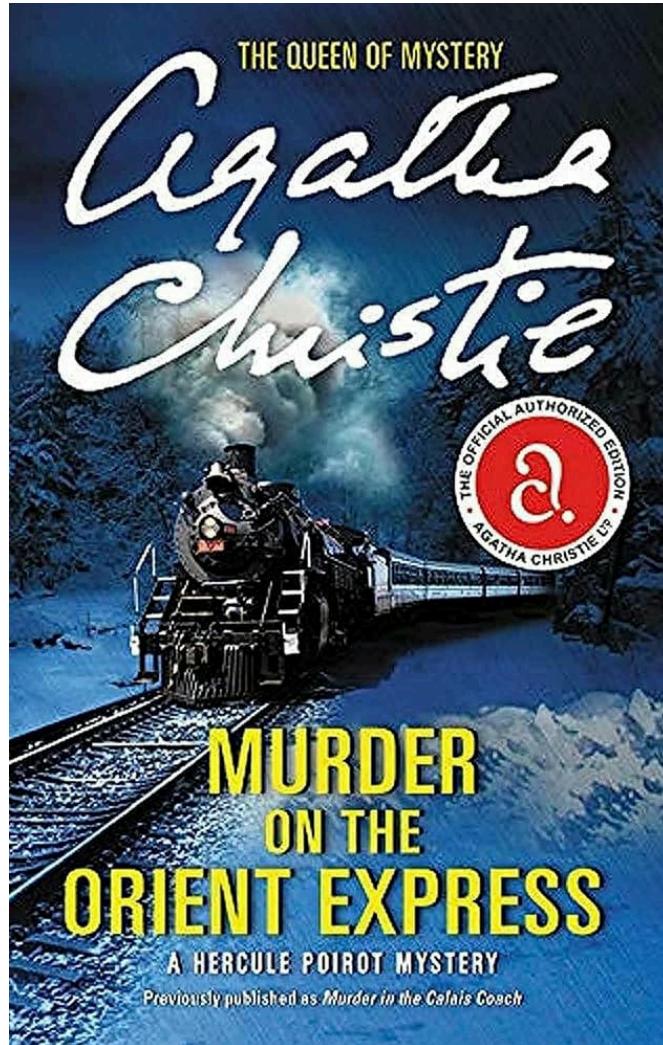
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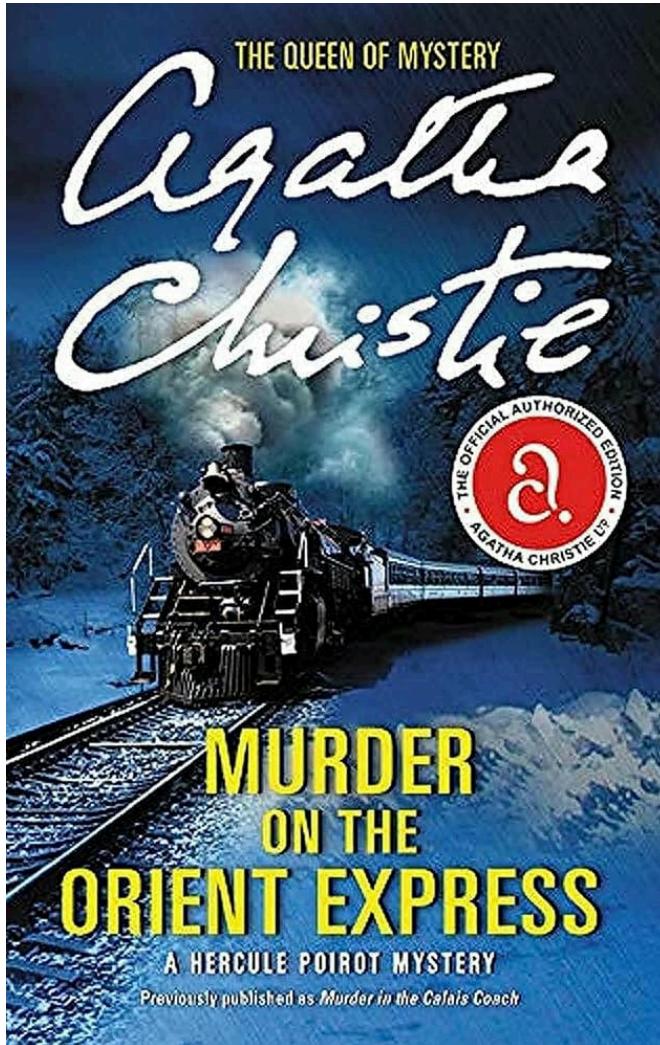
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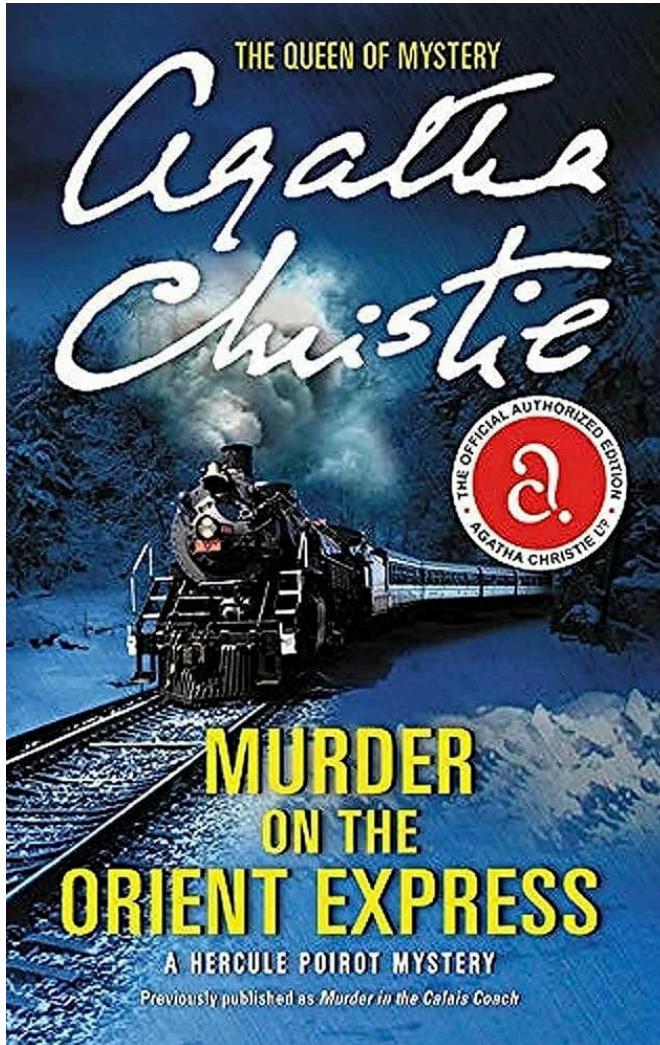
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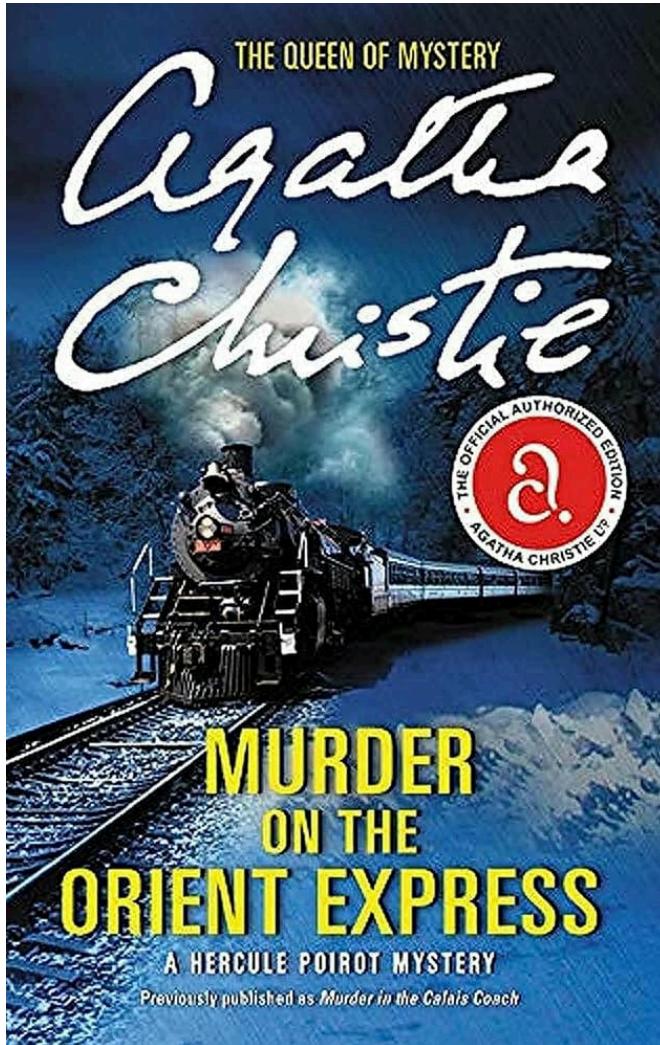
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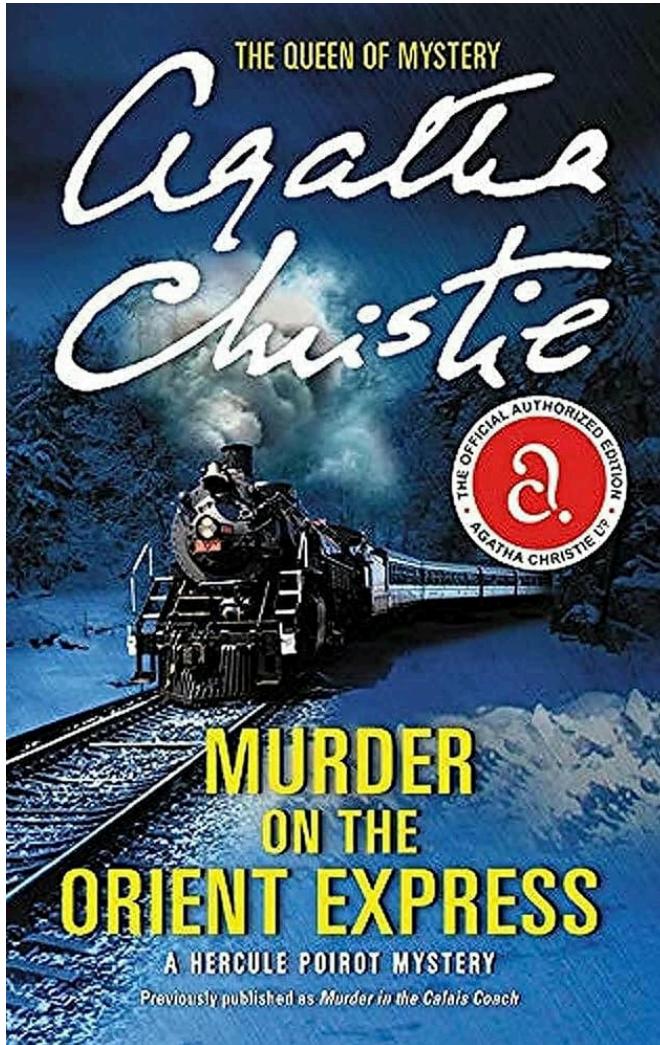
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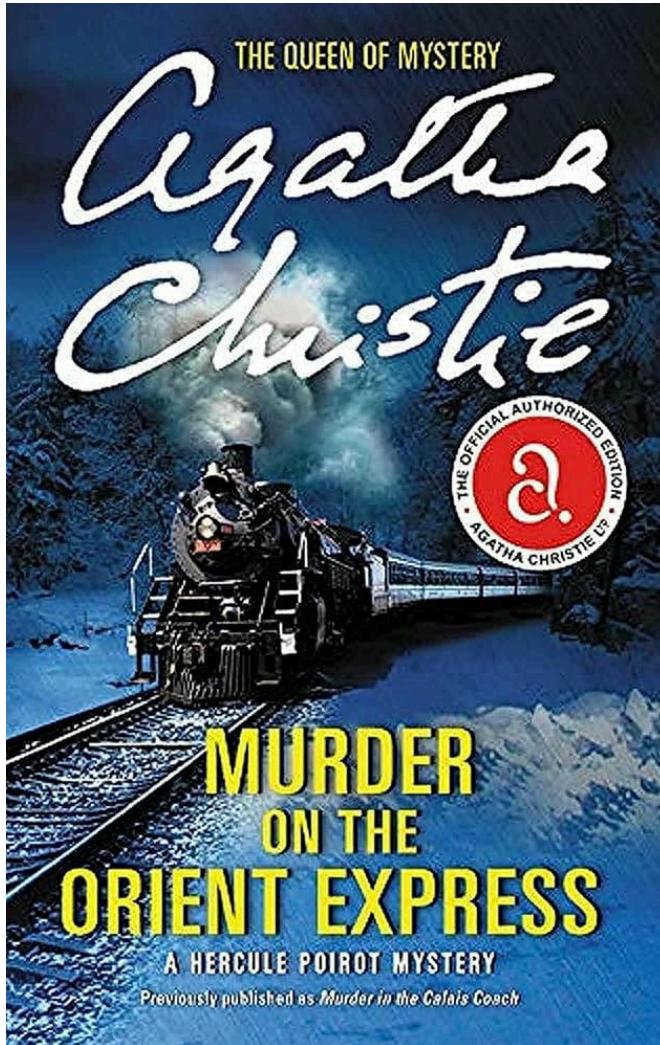
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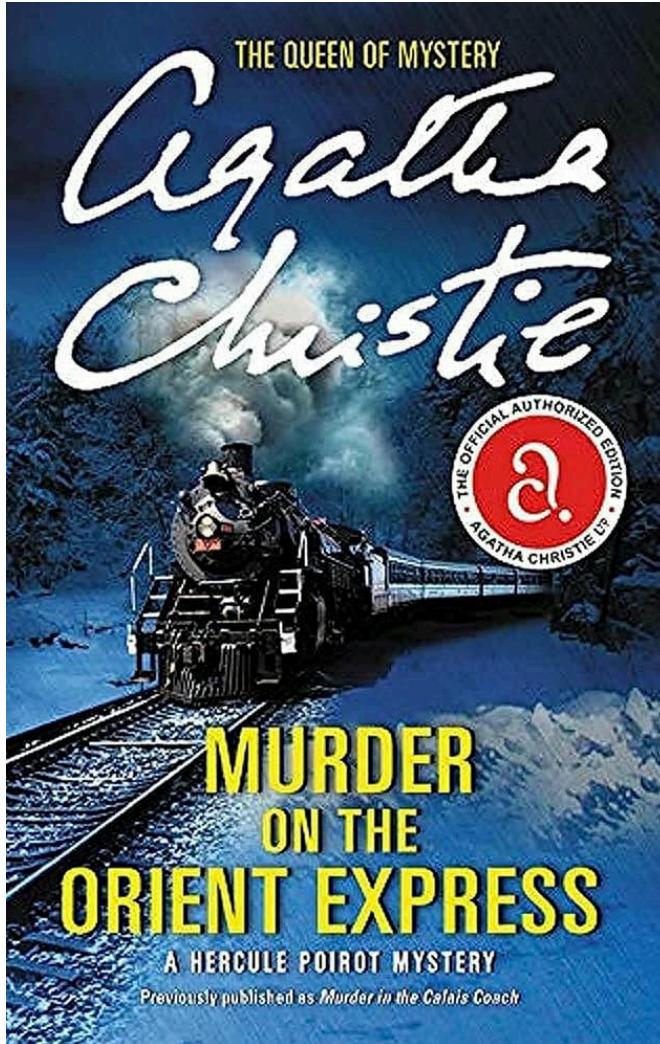
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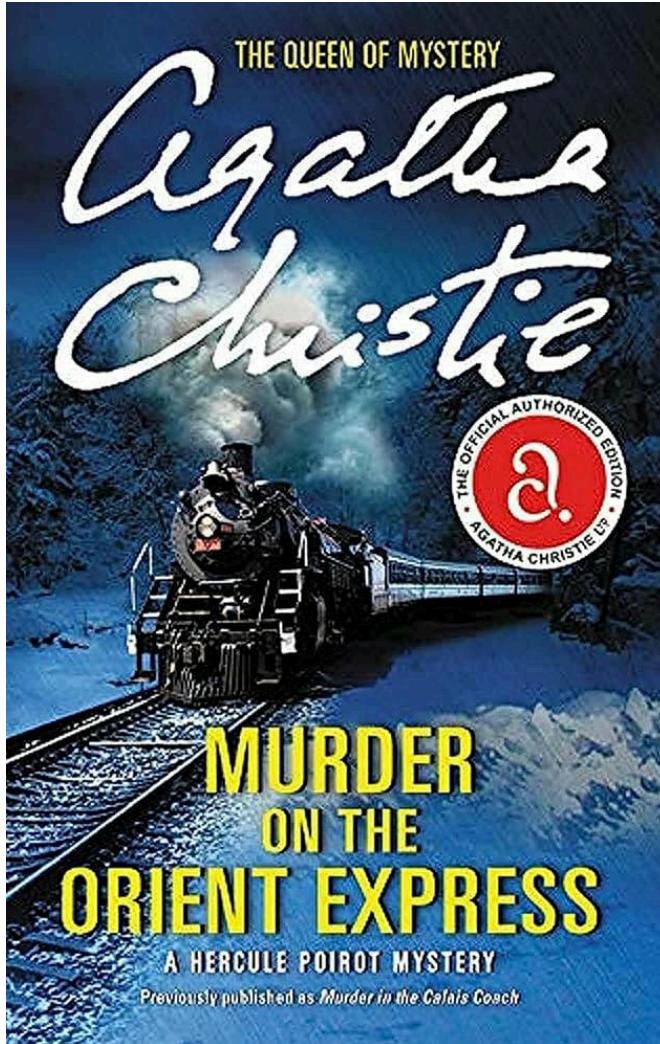
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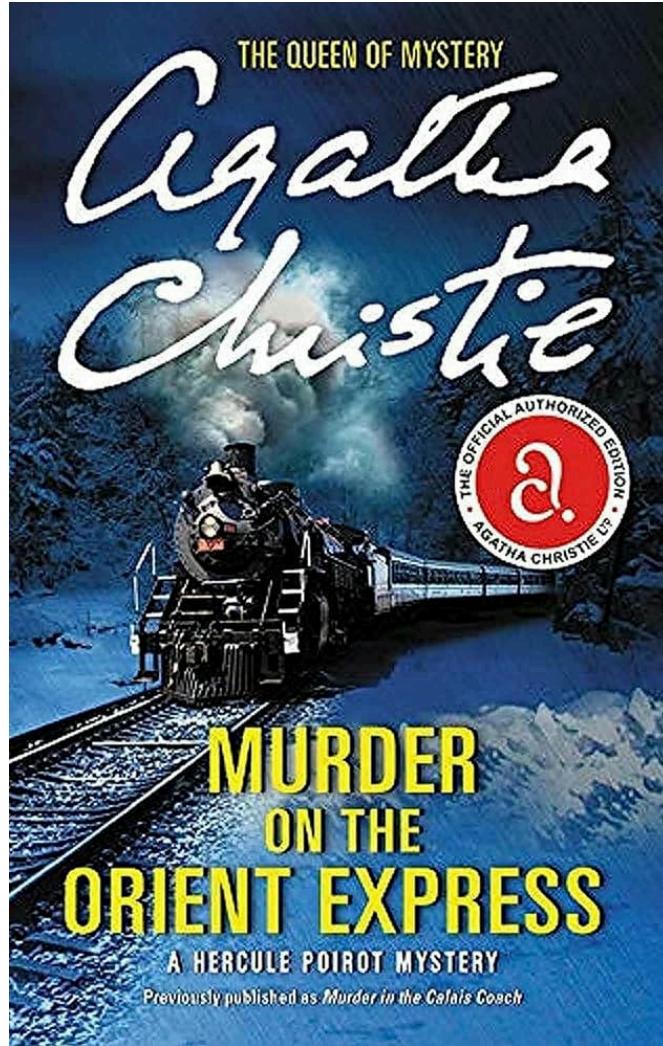
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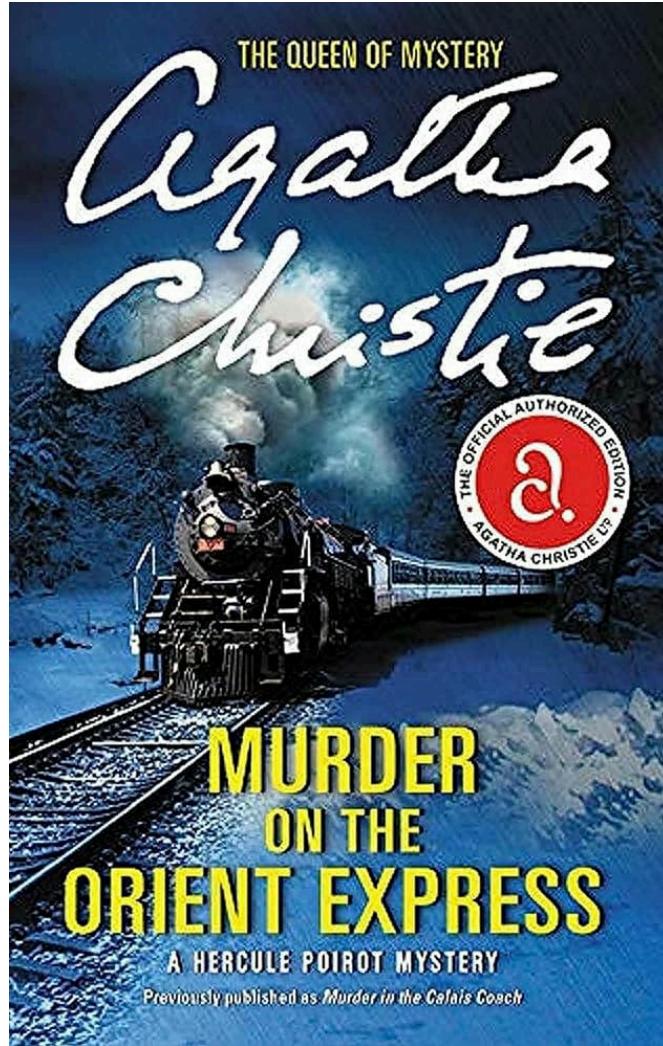
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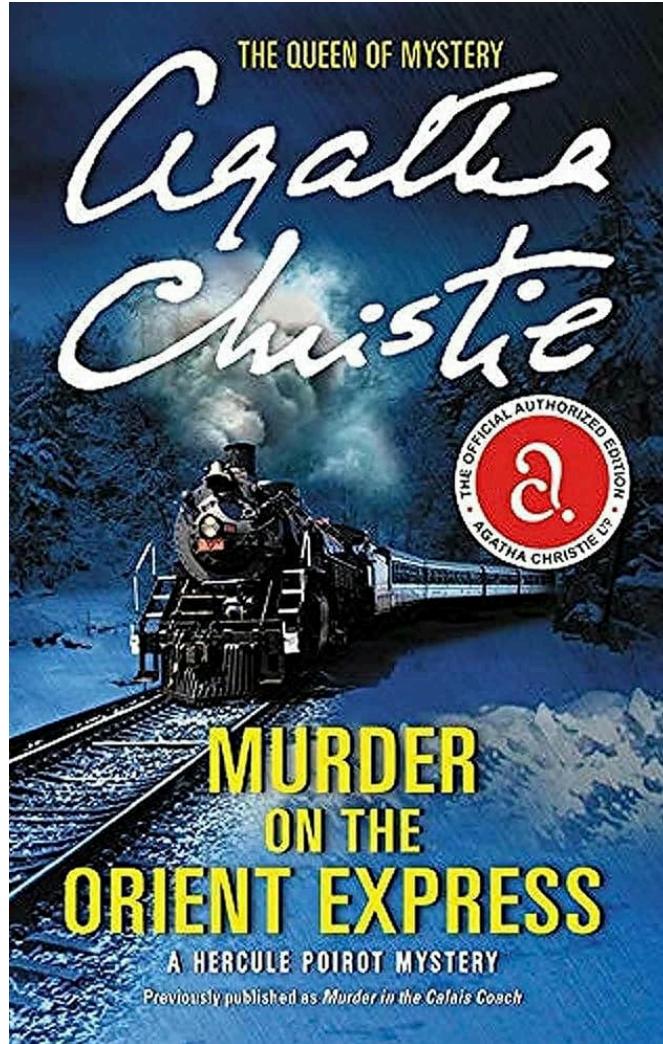
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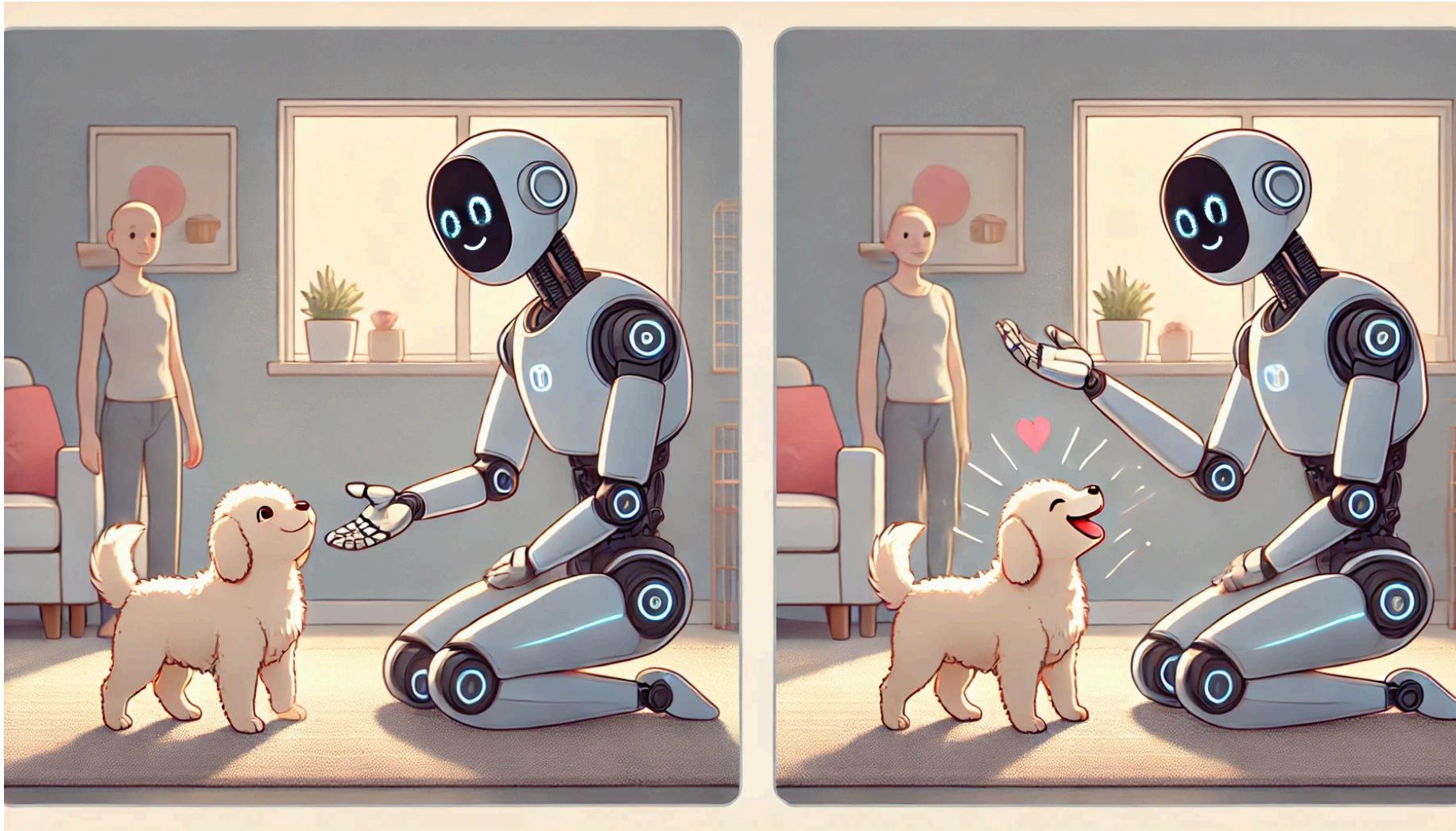
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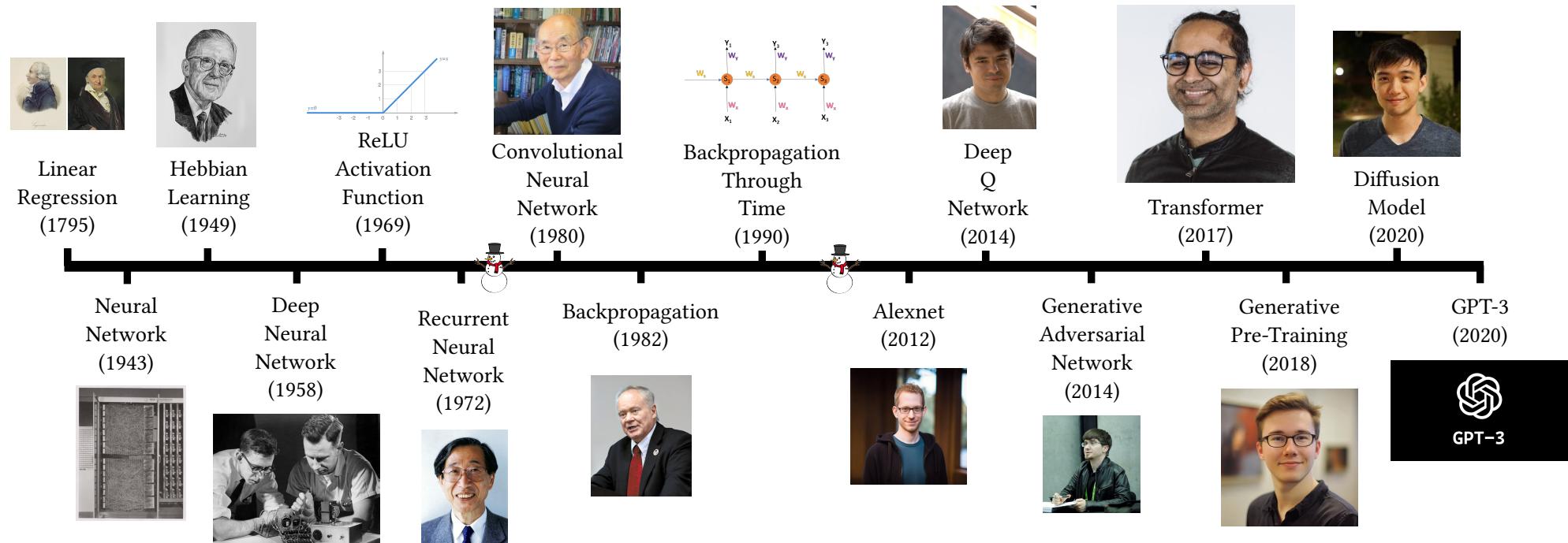
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