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There's nothing magical about mixing and matching industry keywords that are known to be investable. I'd bet 300 ideas generated from this little tool produce 30 decent ones and 3 great ones.

Yeah, you could sit down and think of ideas. Great. Do that too. Throw them in the mix and rank them all. Throw everything and the kitchen sink at it. It's maybe a 5 hour investment for making the most important decision over the next 5-7 years of your life.

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there is also hardly any value in mixing and matching industry keywords... but sure, for brainstorming purposes, why not.

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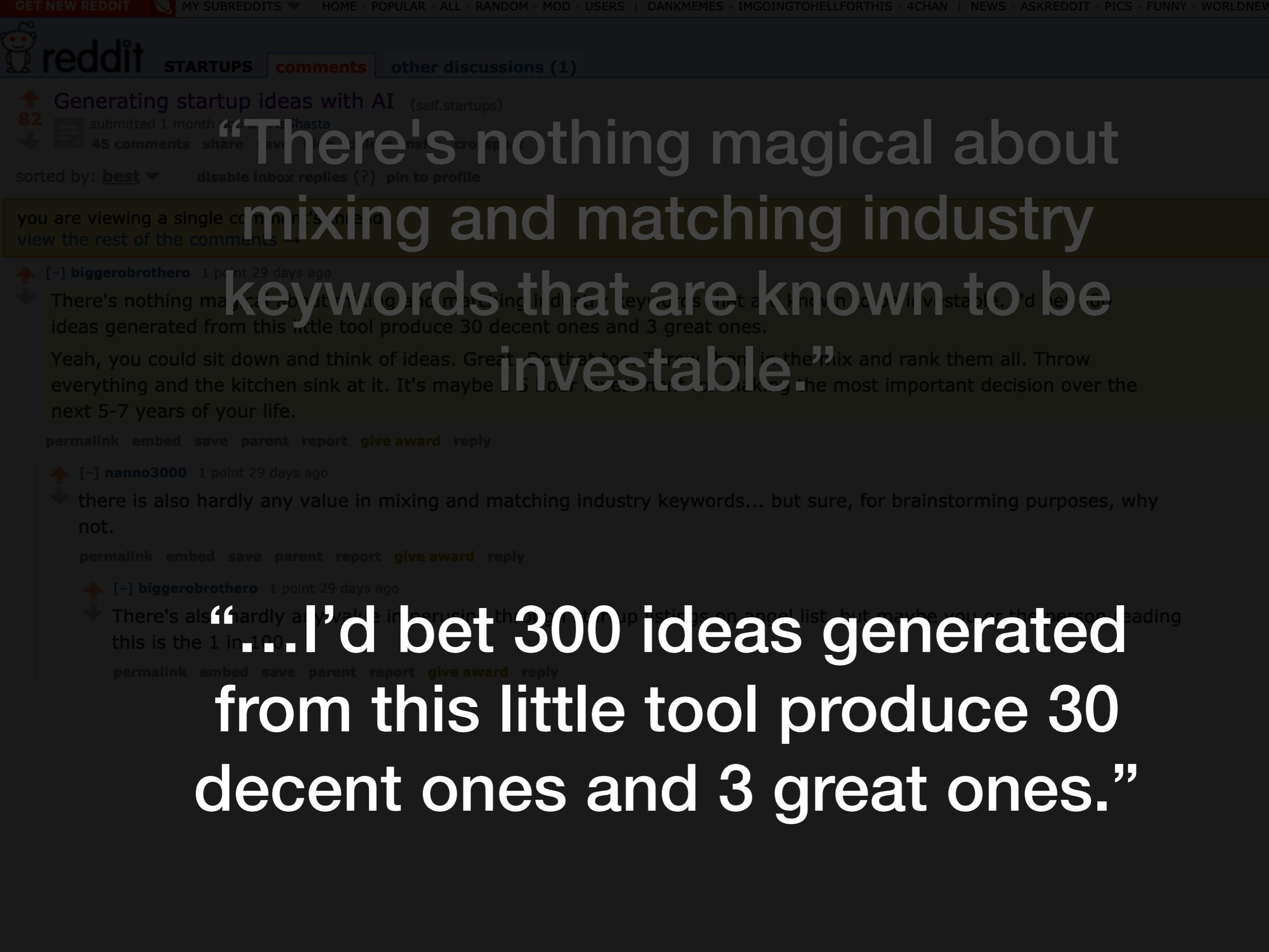
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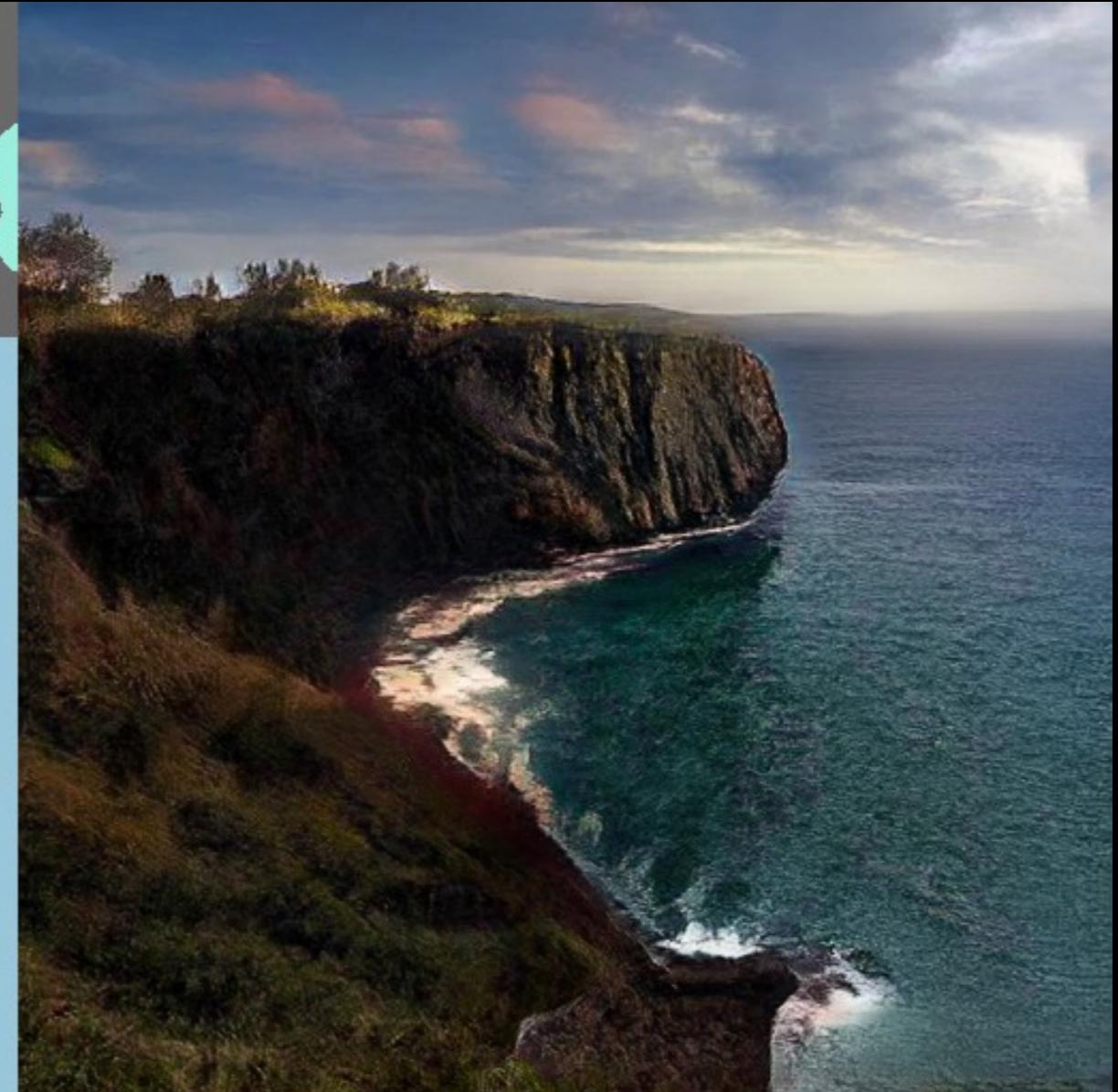
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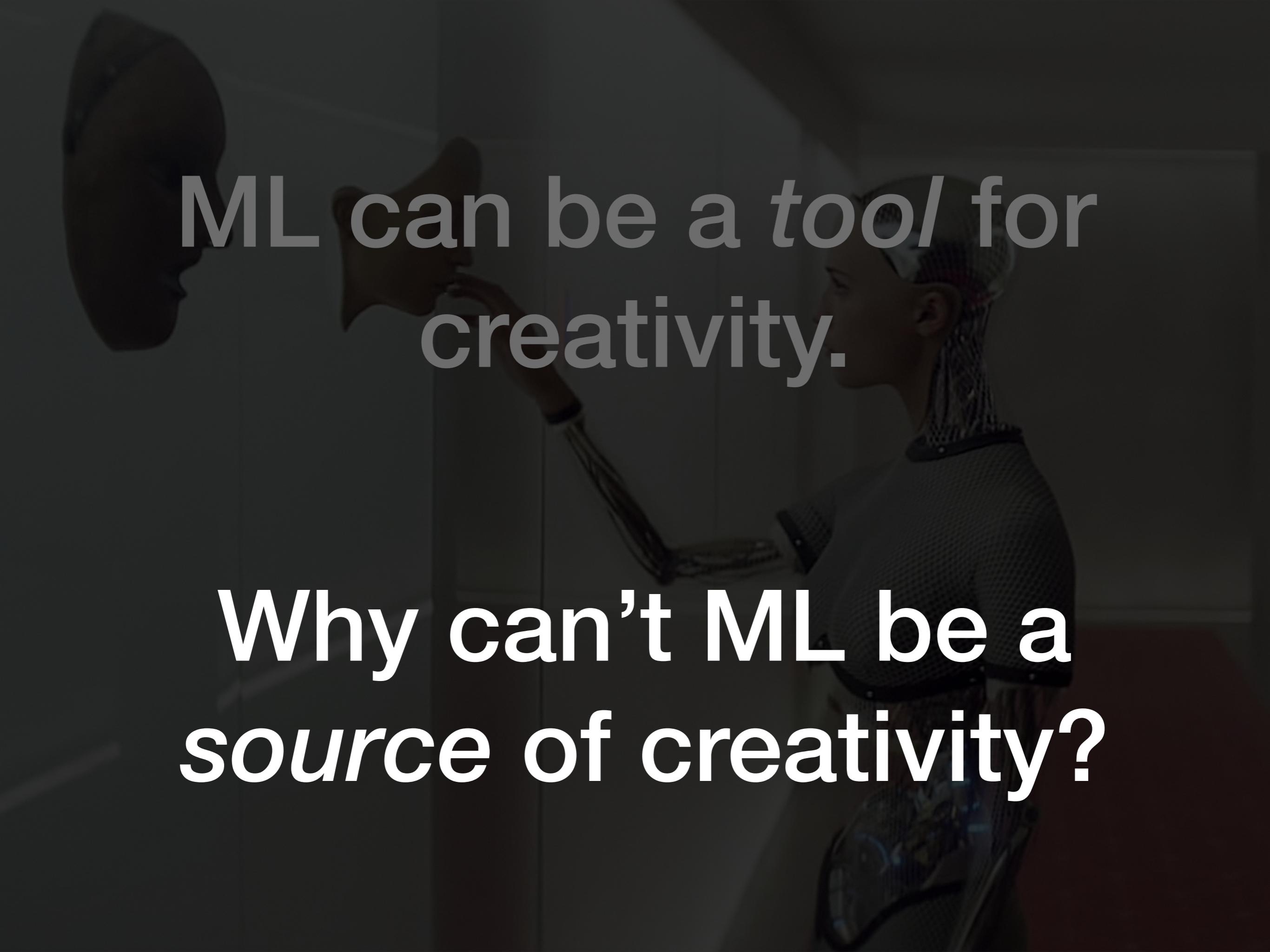
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So if you do conceptually similar things, then you probably aren't going to see dogs and cars as similar in any common sense. I mean when I first heard "Uber for Dogs" I had no idea what it meant. "Do people bring dogs to you? Do you keep other peoples' dogs? Are you dog sitting?"

So you really need a system to understand "people need to get places without themselves driving" is analogous to "dog walking". That's not a clear path, so you have to teach your system that dog walking takes time, it can be done by someone else (unlike brushing your teeth (mostly)), people will pay people to do it, and it doesn't need to be the same person each time (which may not be the case for other services). So yes, if you could build an AI that could do all of that reasoning for you, learn that knowledge, and then generalize or make that knowledge more specific for a different domain, then you could have an AI generate ideas for you.

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So if you do come up with similar things, then you probably aren't going to sell your car because there's many common sense things like "I first had the idea for Dog Walking app". Do people bring dogs to dog walking?

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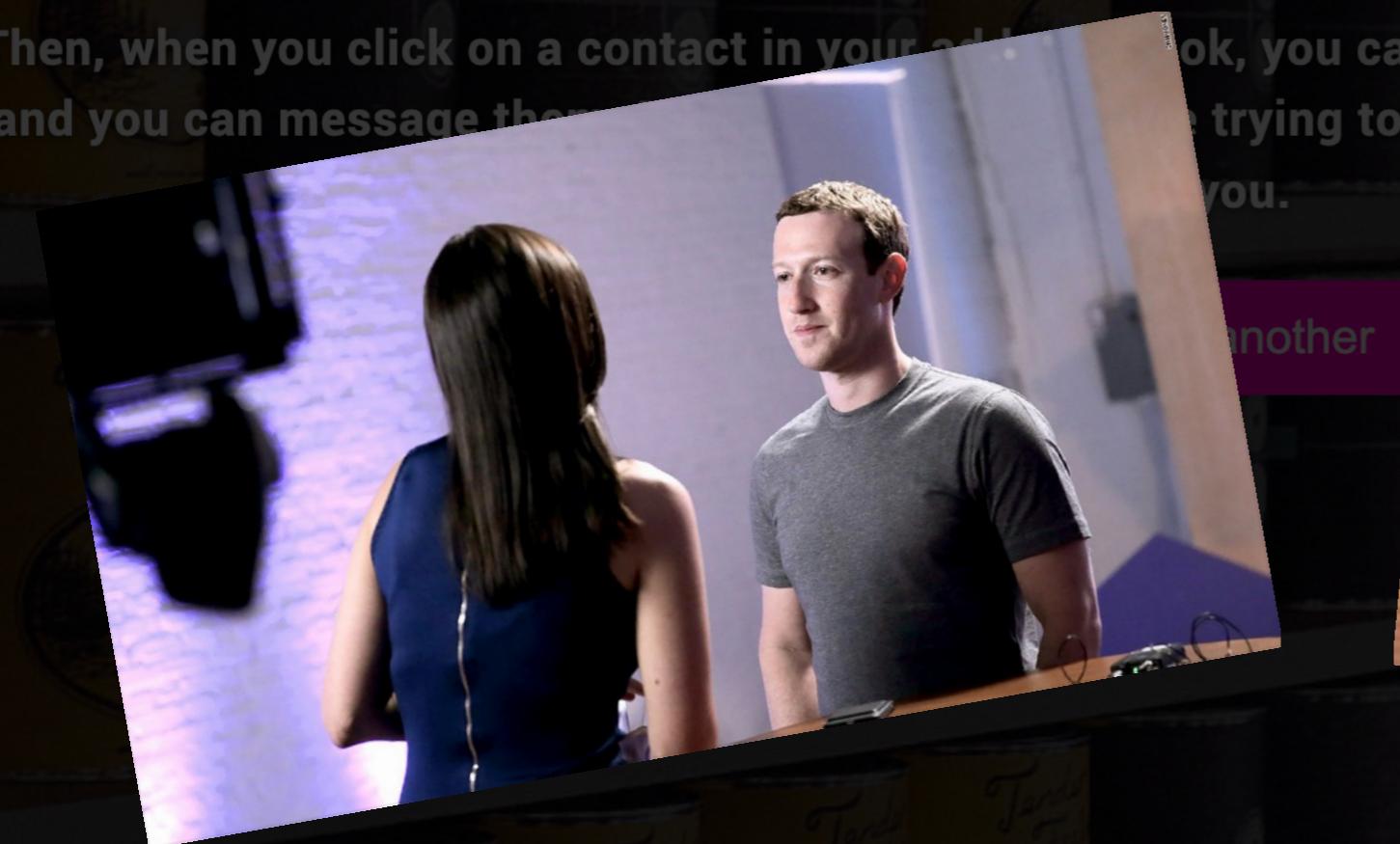
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