PITFALLS of MANAGING PROJECTS

Overloading the Canaries

Not a project.

Jumping the Tracks

New idea

Wrong choice in vendor.

Did not select 2 projects for yourself

Desired outcomes unclear.

Individual is a leader in title but not in role.

Poorly planned project.

Taking over someone's project "Get out of my way!"

Unnecessary project wasting resources.

Lack of monitoring.

Coaching absent.

Project did not get organizational support or protection.
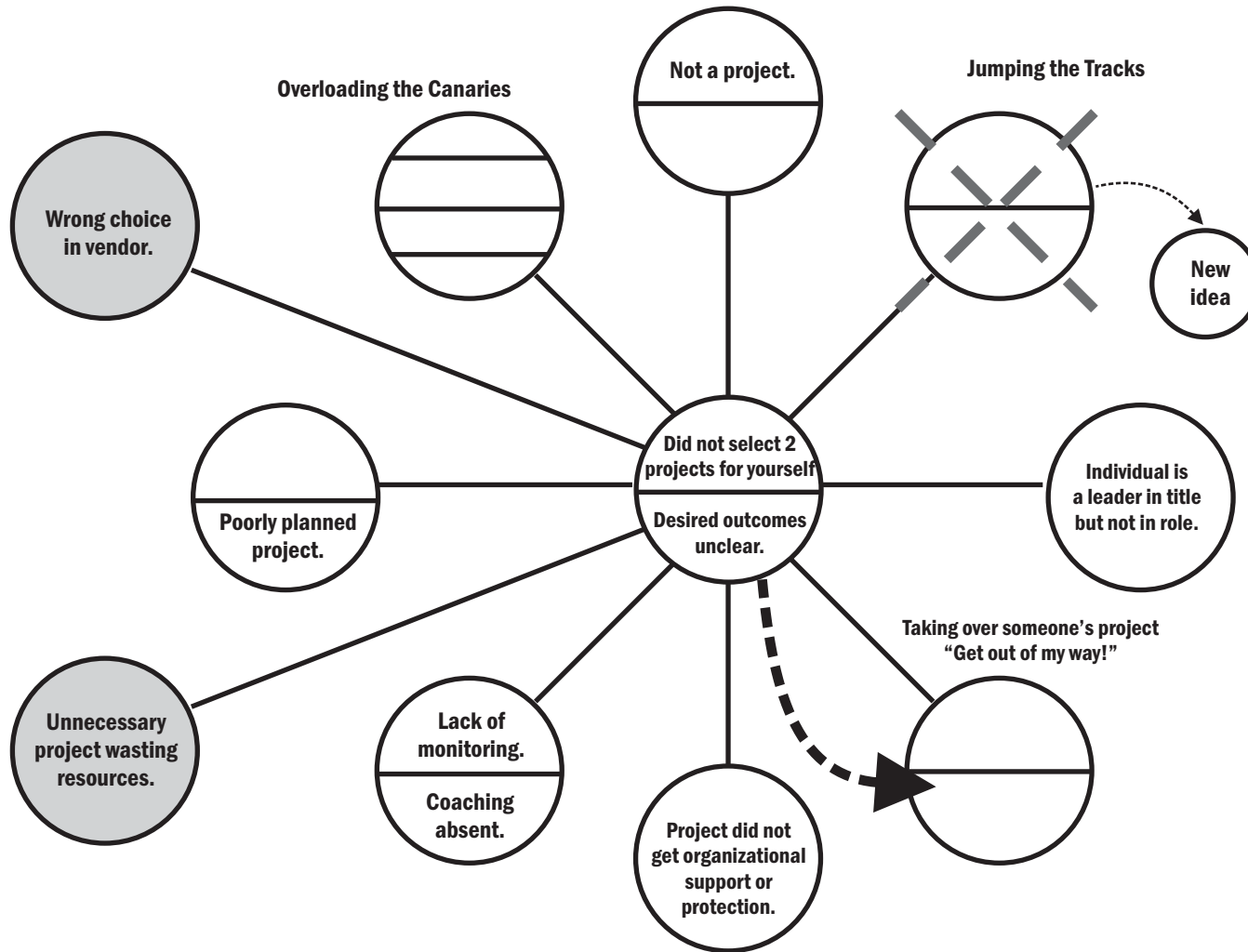
- Selecting tasks instead of projects.
- Overloading the Canaries with too many projects
- Becoming a Jumper and letting projects slide.
- Losing track of who's project is who's
- Not thinking through a project before handing it off to others.
- Improperly evaluating time, ROI, impact or cost.
- Lack of monitoring of the status of the project.
- Poor assessment of the skills of the individual or group.
- Too optimistic about a project.
- Ineffective support throughout the organization for the initiative.
- Poorly selling the project to those impacted or involved.
- Improper forecasting of trends, cycles and patterns.
- No recognition or reward for a job well done.
- Guidelines not established for behaviors for the group.
- Believing you can override the Two-Project Rule.
- Forgetting to let others manage their projects and acting as if the projects are yours.
- Identifying a front-liner as a leader (a person with a title but not a manager).
- Not having focused desired outcomes for the projects.
- Forgetting to select two projects for yourself.
- Inconsistent effort by leadership towards the projects.

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