



STORY GRID

Heroic Journey 2.0

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External; Objective; Alien Unknown; Obstacle; Operation; Environment; Domain; Arena

External; Objective; Familiar Known; Tool; Operation; Environment; Domain; Arena

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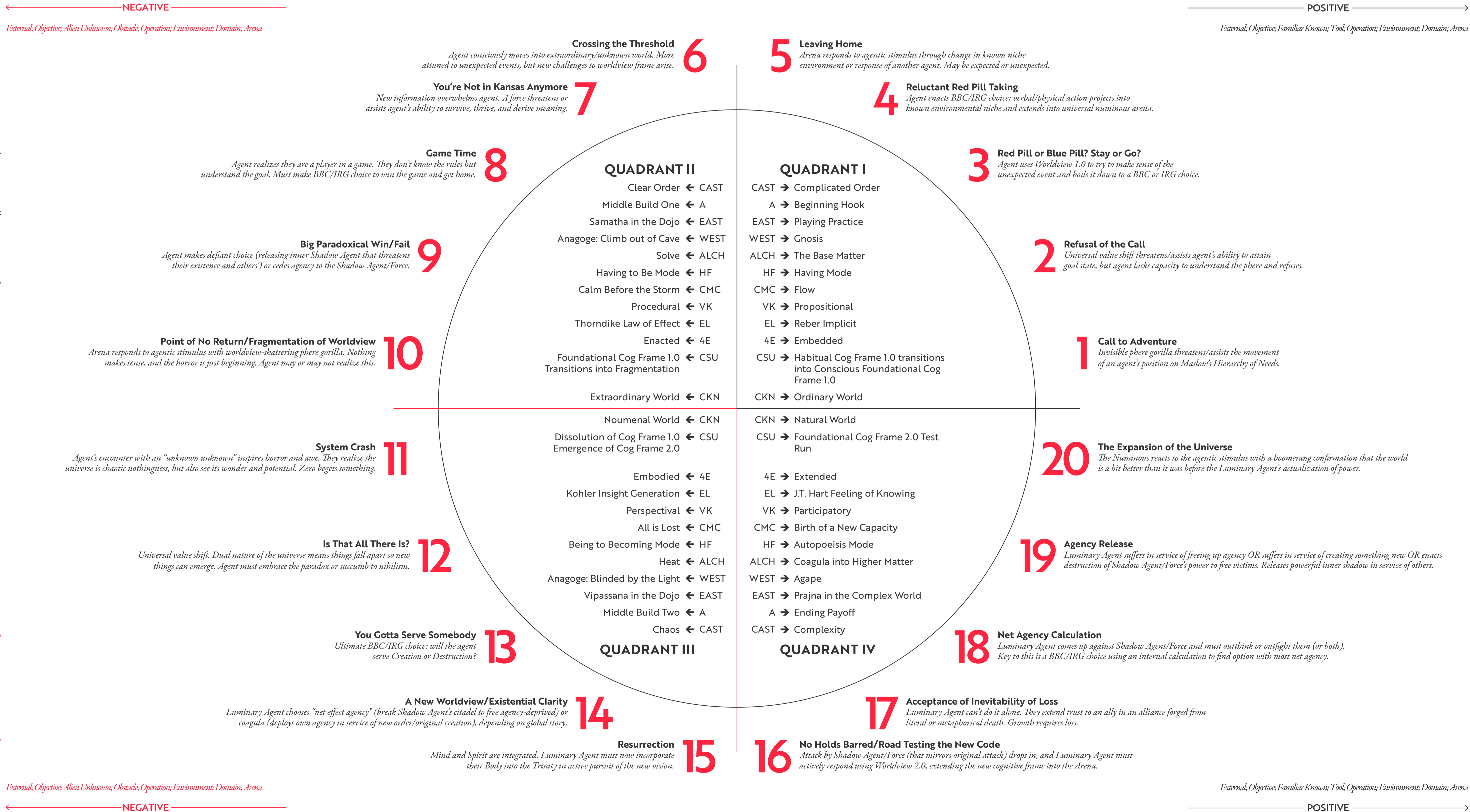
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Internal; Subjective; Known Code; Algorithm/Heuristic; Operator; Environment; Domain; Arena

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6 Crossing the Threshold
Agent consciously moves into extraordinary/unknown world. More attuned to unexpected events, but new challenges to worldview frame arise.

5 Leaving Home
Arena responds to agentic stimulus through change in known niche environment or response of another agent. May be expected or unexpected.

7 You're Not in Kansas Anymore
New information overwhelms agent. A force threatens or assists agent's ability to survive, thrive, and derive meaning.

4 Reluctant Red Pill Taking
Agent enacts BBC/IRG choice; verbal/physical action projects into known environmental niche and extends into universal numinous arena.

8 Game Time
Agent realizes they are a player in a game. They don't know the rules but understand the goal. Must make BBC/IRG choice to win the game and get home.

3 Red Pill or Blue Pill? Stay or Go?
Agent uses Worldview 1.0 to try to make sense of the unexpected event and boils it down to a BBC or IRG choice.

9 Big Paradoxical Win/Fail
Agent makes defiant choice (releasing inner Shadow Agent that threatens their existence and others') or cedes agency to the Shadow Agent/Force.

2 Refusal of the Call
Universal value shift threatens/assists agent's ability to attain goal state, but agent lacks capacity to understand the pber and refuses.

10 Point of No Return/Fragmentation of Worldview
Arena responds to agentic stimulus with worldview-shattering pber gorilla. Nothing makes sense, and the horror is just beginning. Agent may or may not realize this.

1 Call to Adventure
Invisible pber gorilla threatens/assists the movement of an agent's position on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

11 System Crash
Agent's encounter with an "unknown unknown" inspires horror and awe. They realize the universe is chaotic nothingness, but also see its wonder and potential. Zero begets something.

20 The Expansion of the Universe
The Numinous reacts to the agentic stimulus with a boomerang confirmation that the world is a bit better than it was before the Luminary Agent's actualization of power.

12 Is That All There Is?
Universal value shift. Dual nature of the universe means things fall apart so new things can emerge. Agent must embrace the paradox or succumb to nihilism.

19 Agency Release
Luminary Agent suffers in service of freeing up agency OR suffers in service of creating something new OR enacts destruction of Shadow Agent/Force's power to free victims. Releases powerful inner shadow in service of others.

13 You Gotta Serve Somebody
Ultimate BBC/IRG choice: will the agent serve Creation or Destruction?

18 Net Agency Calculation
Luminary Agent comes up against Shadow Agent/Force and must outthink or outfight them (or both). Key to this is a BBC/IRG choice using an internal calculation to find option with most net agency.

14 A New Worldview/Existential Clarity
Luminary Agent chooses "net effect agency" (break Shadow Agent's citadel to free agency-deprived) or coagula (deploys own agency in service of new order/original creation), depending on global story.

17 Acceptance of Inevitability of Loss
Luminary Agent can't do it alone. They extend trust to an ally in an alliance forged from literal or metaphorical death. Growth requires loss.

15 Resurrection
Mind and Spirit are integrated. Luminary Agent must now incorporate their Body into the Trinity in active pursuit of the new vision.

16 No Holds Barred/Road Testing the New Code
Attack by Shadow Agent/Force (that mirrors original attack) drops in, and Luminary Agent must actively respond using Worldview 2.0, extending the new cognitive frame into the Arena.

CAST: Complex Adaptive Systems Technology (Cymefin) • A: Aristotelian Arc Categories • EAST: Eastern meditative practice altering states of consciousness to achieve enlightenment model • WEST: Western Neo-platonic and Christian ascension to enlightenment process • ALCH: Alchemical process to higher order • HF: Heidegger and Fromm's existential modal behavior
CMC: McLaughlin/Coyne Qualitative Quadrant State theory, extending Csikszentmihalyi's Flow State Conception • EL: Empirical four kinds of Learning categories • 4E: 4 E Cognitive Science states • CSU: Coyne Worldview transformation as information processing "software upgrade" model • CKN: Extension of Campbell's "ordinary world, extraordinary world" model with Kari's Numinous and Natural Complexity