

Engineering Magic

Finding Inspiration in Magic and Mysticism to Inspire Interactions with Technology

Wi-Fi Divining Rod

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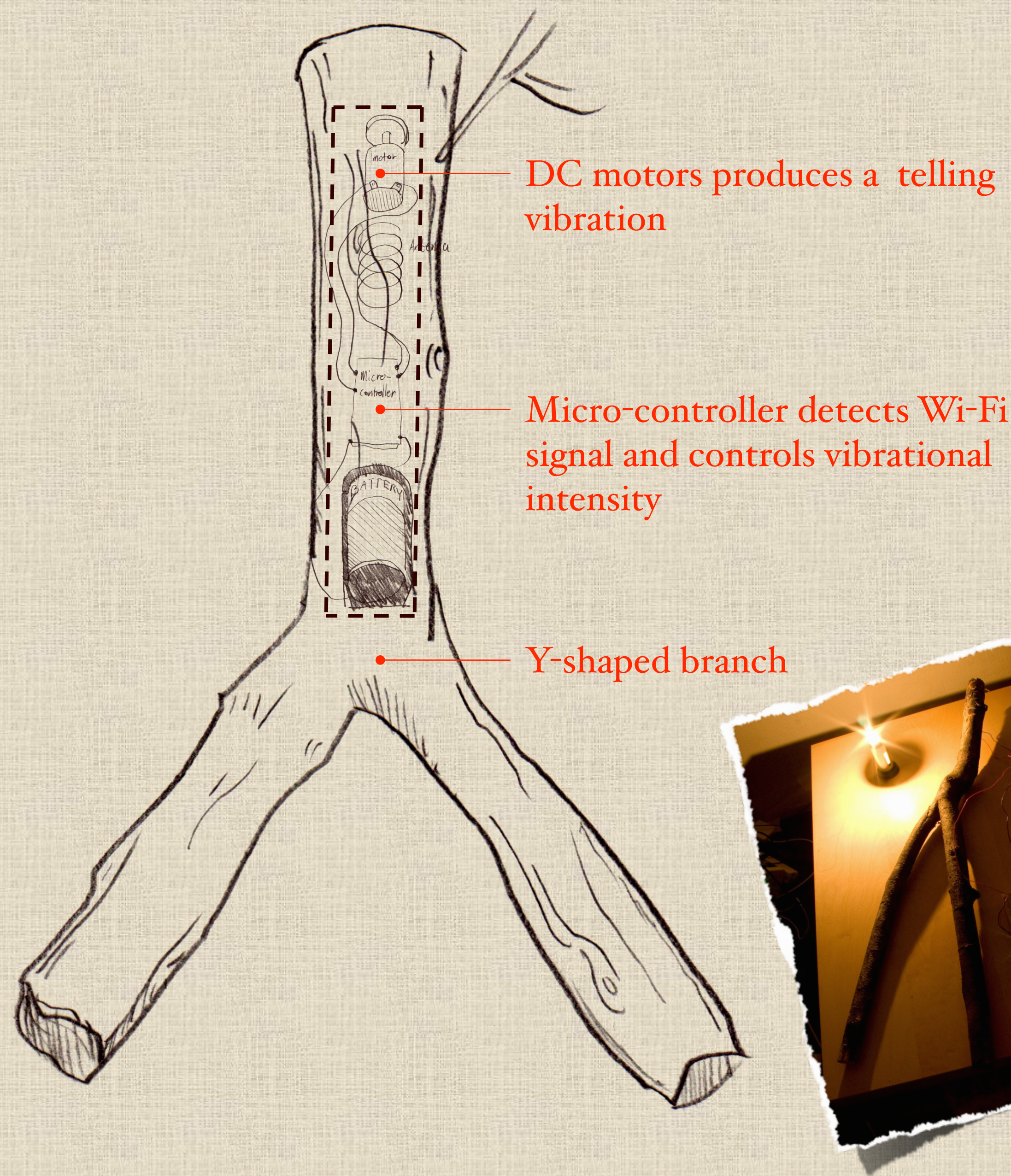


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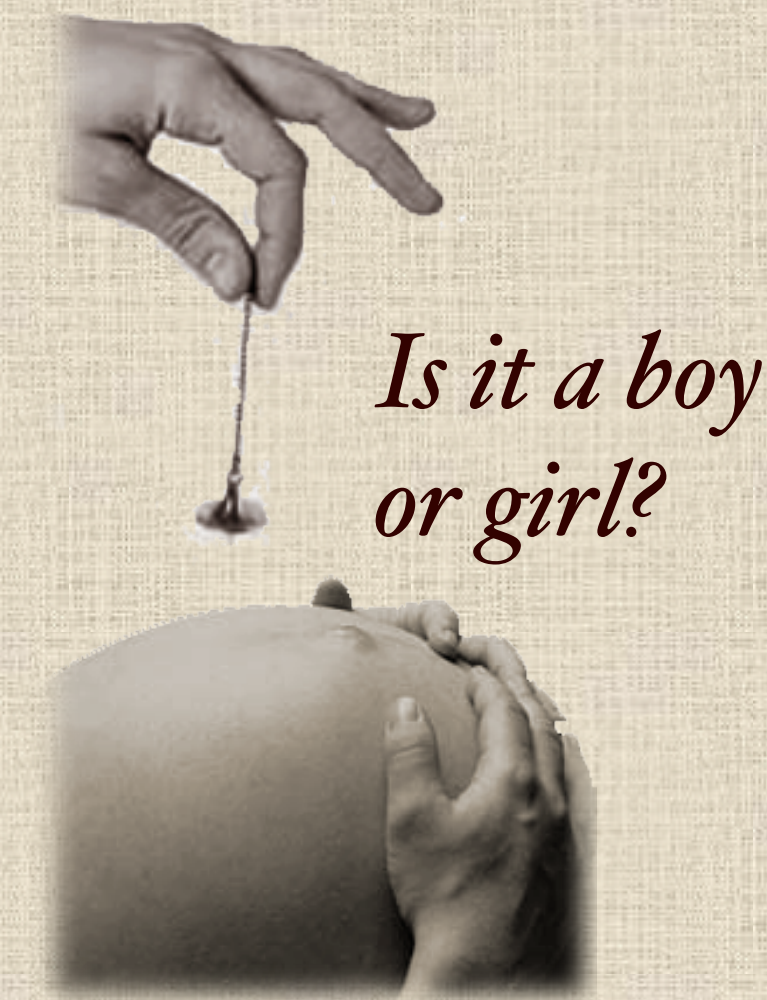
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Book Review Pendulum Scry

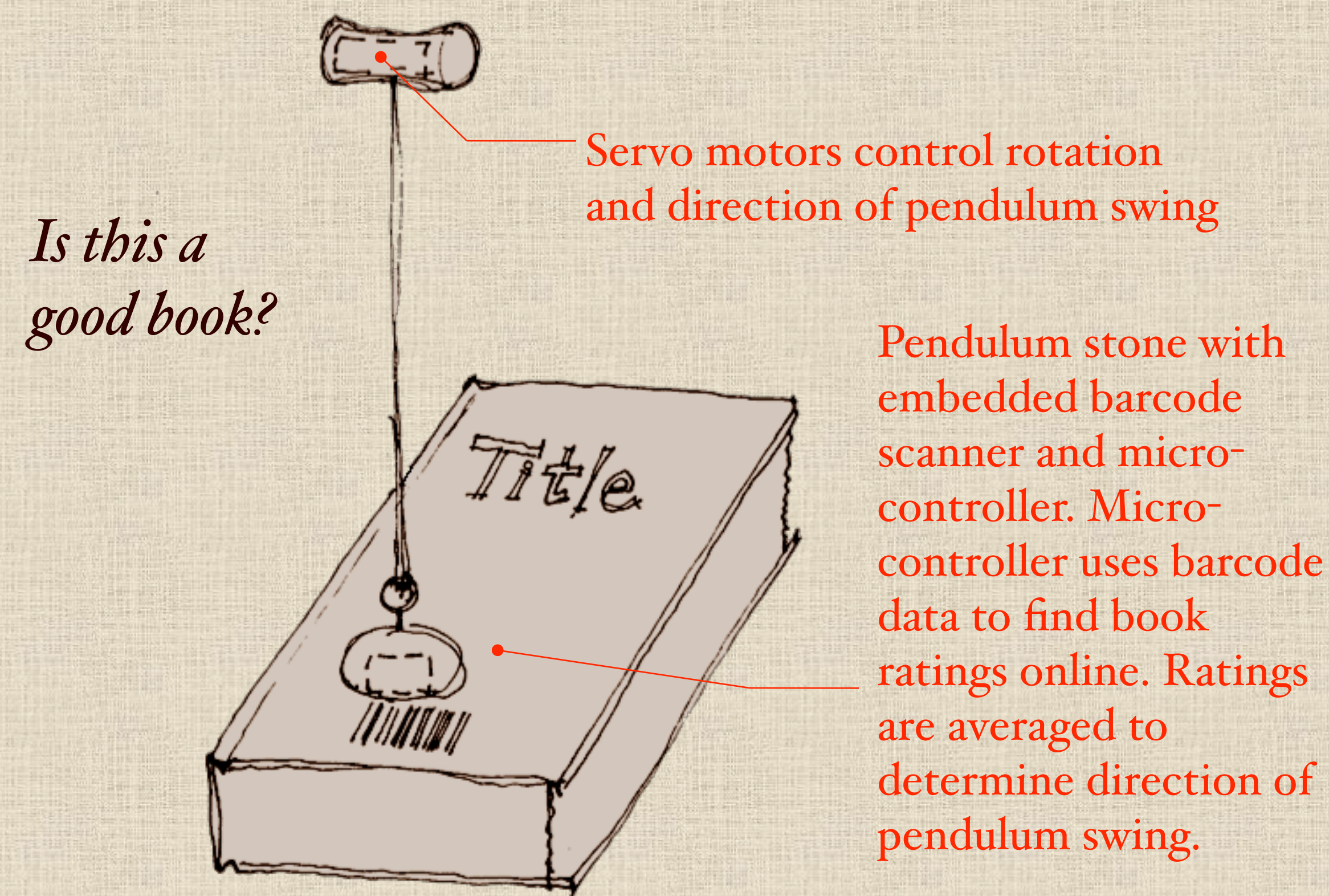
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Engineered Magic:

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Sea Conditions Scrying Pool

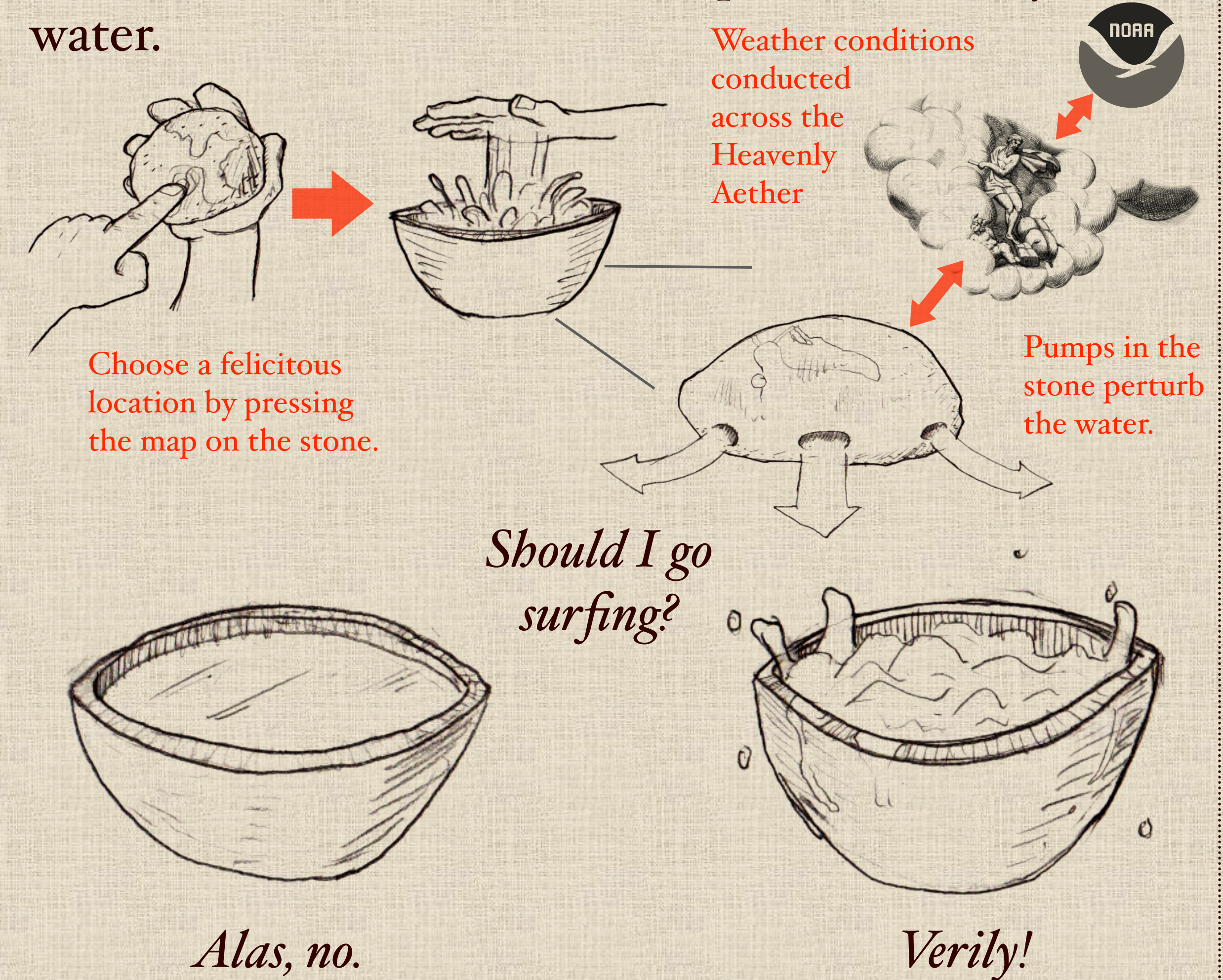
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Reflections in a pool of water reveal visions of events far away or in the future.



Engineered Magic:

The condition of the water in the scrying pool reflects the sea conditions in a particular body of water.



Justification

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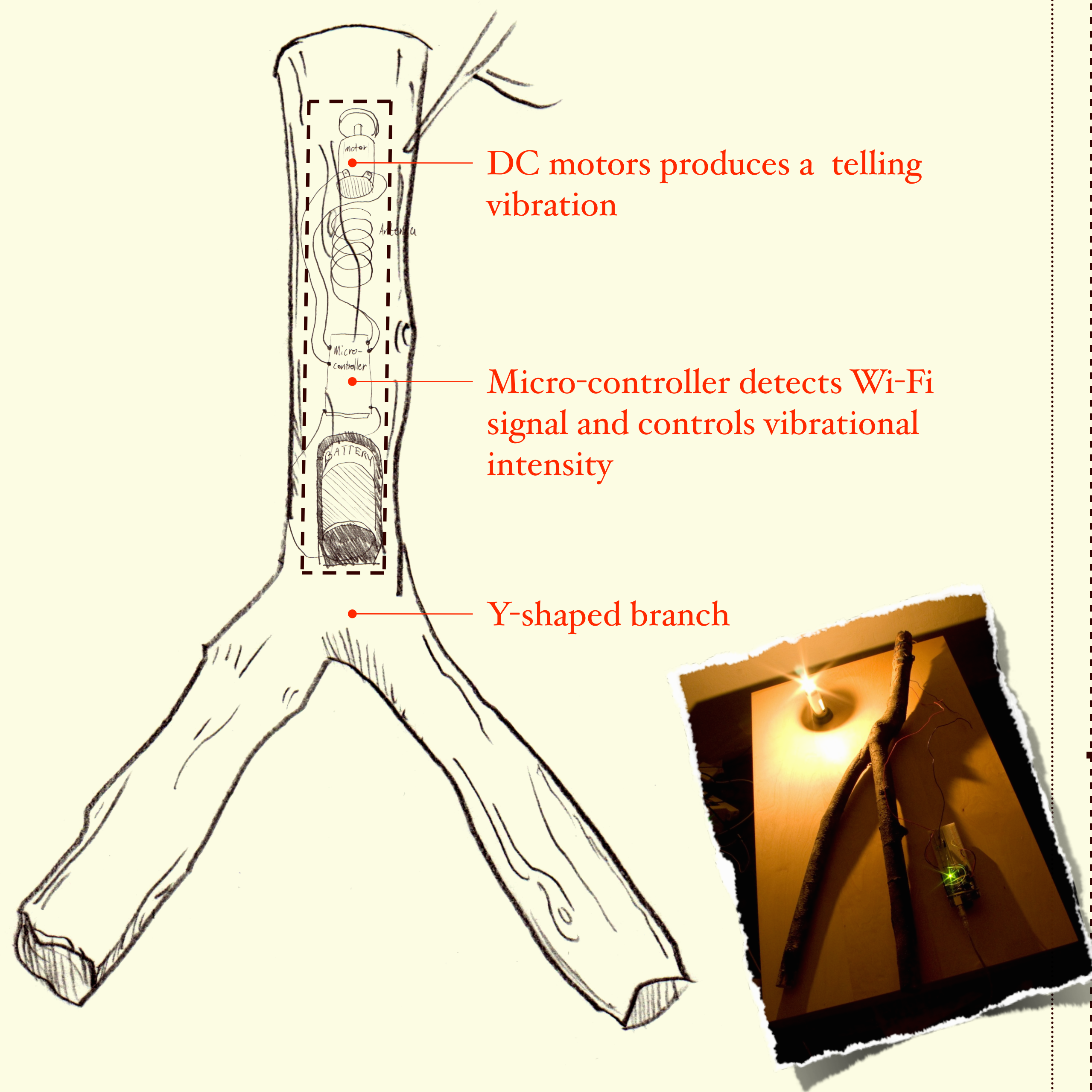


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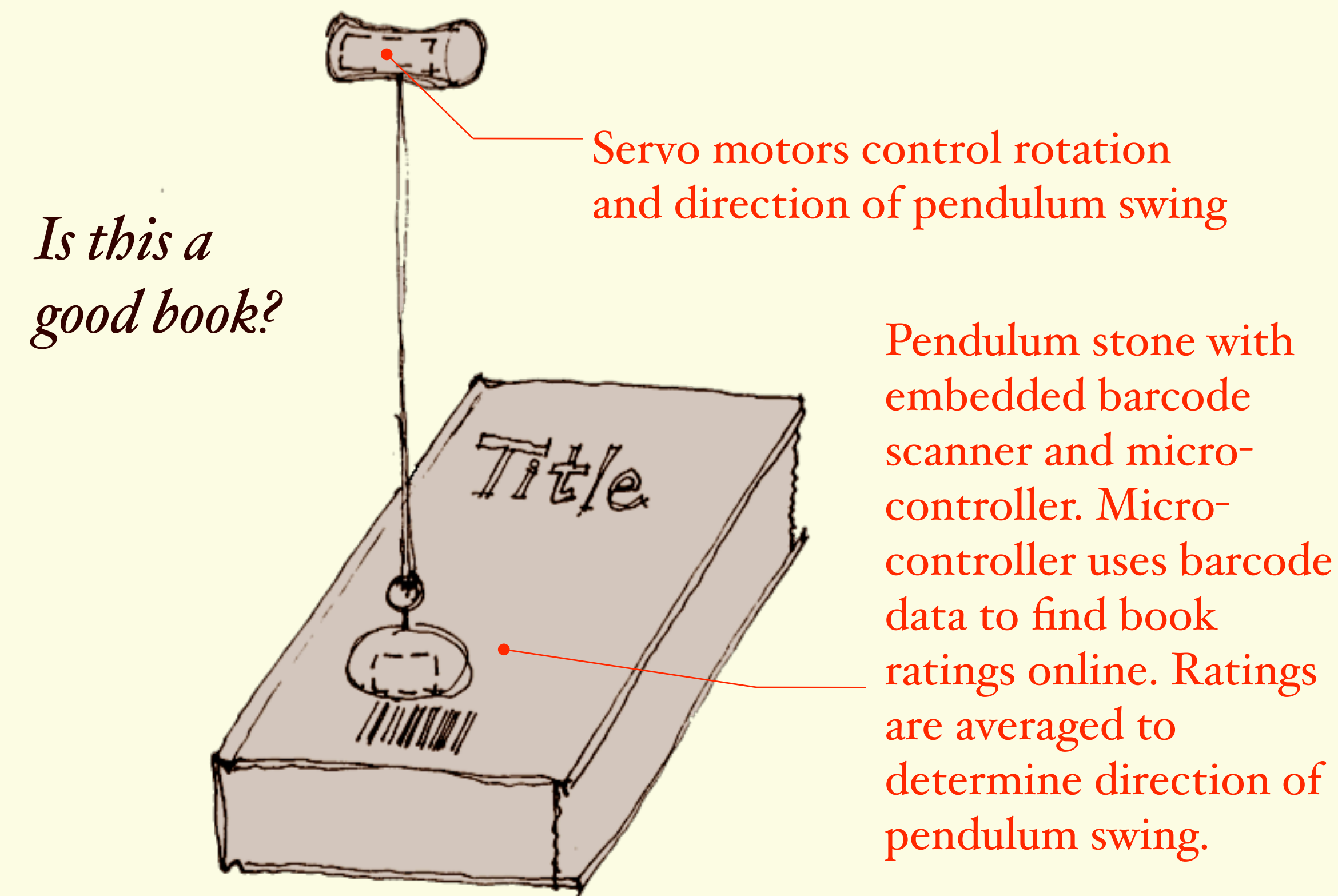
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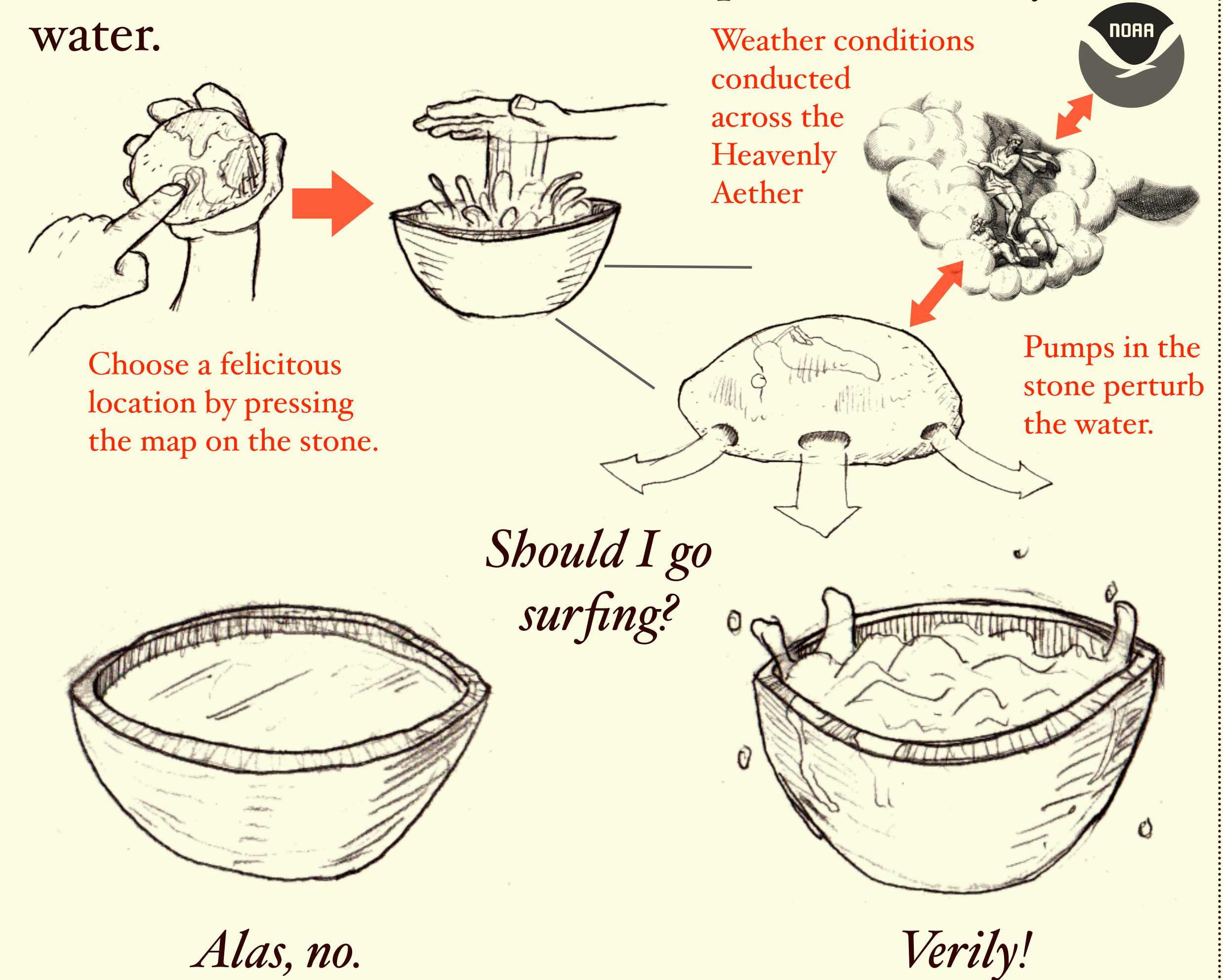
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