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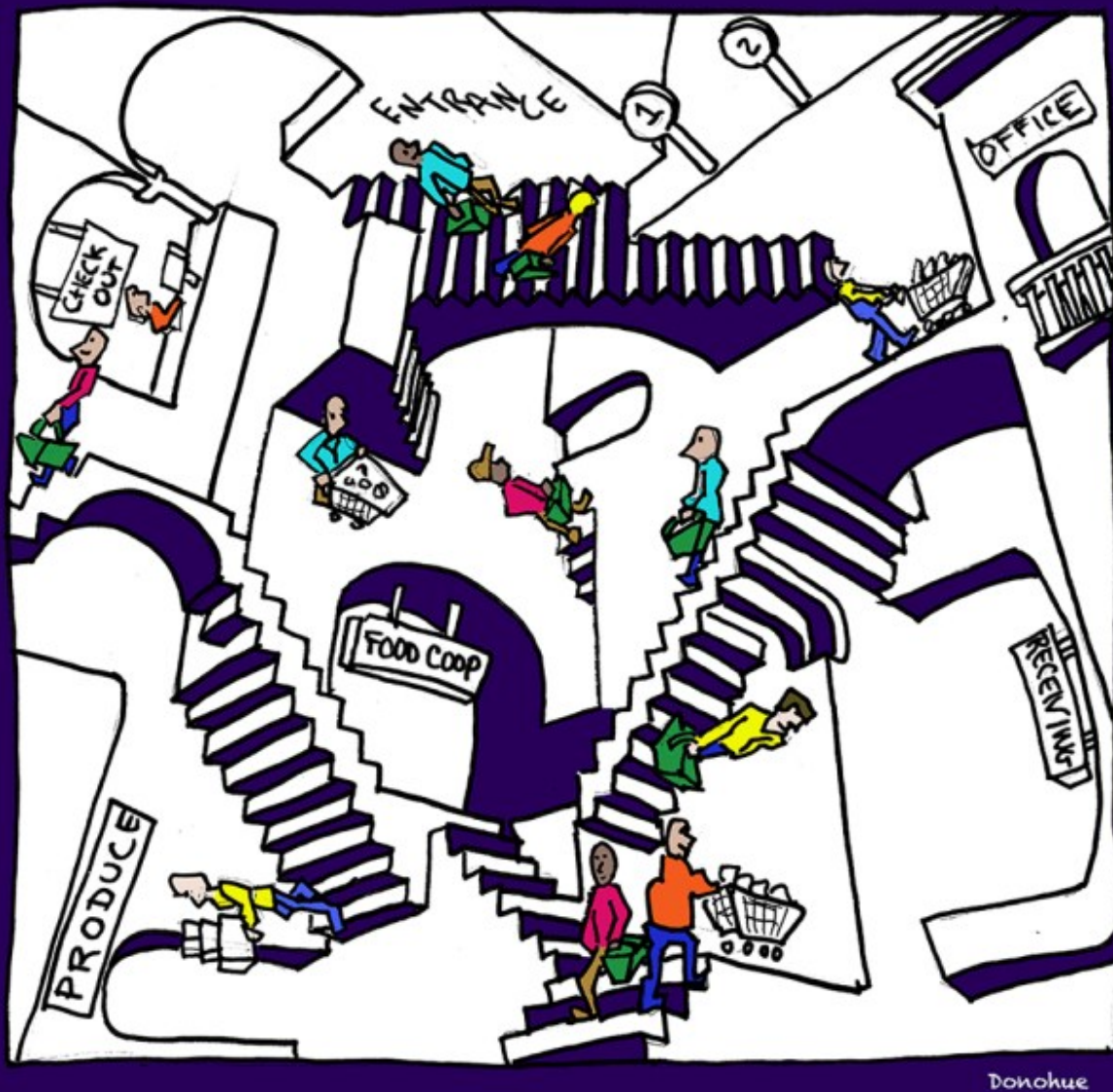


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You: A literary agent who handles academics.

I walked you home several years ago and explained my book idea. I am now ready to write! Maybe you are still interested.

You: Shopping, with ball cap and beard

Me: Doing checkout, with glasses and goatee

I said I thought cremini mushrooms were just baby portabellos—then I started to doubt myself. Well, I just looked it up. Guess what? I was right! Anyway, if you see this and you're not busy, we could talk some more—about mushrooms, or anything else!

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