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I like those things
I can't anticipate:
the sound of water
in the depths of the forest,
open endings
and those late night chats
that, like the flow of a river,
can lead us to places
known and unknown.*

*I like surprises,
I like the chance and fortune.
For this I yearn for the calm
that might end up bringing me
chancefully to the next moment.*

Goals of this talk

1. Describe surprising(ly mundane) features of Raku.
2. Consider how they might be used in module design.
3. Demo some ways to (re)create some potentially useful things.
4. Show ways existing modules have approached things to stay Raku-ish.
5. Provide a rough checklist for module development.

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Smart defaults save people time that they might
not even know they're otherwise losing.

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```
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```
$foo.bar( $a, $b)
```

OO style

```
$foo.bar: $a, $b
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Procedural style

```
bar $foo: $a, $b
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```
say substr  
    $string,  
    0,  
    max $string.elems, 8
```

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unless $foo && $bar  
    || $abc && $xyz  
    || $override  
{ initial-setup }
```


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Methods, subs and control
statements can be visually similar.

Blocks

In Raku, all blocks are objects.

```
sub foo ($a) { say $a }  
sub bar ($a) { $a() }
```

```
foo { say "surprise!" } -> ;; $_ is raw = OUTER::<$_>  
{ #` (Block|140425853909408) ... }  
bar { say "surprise!" } surprise!
```

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is really just a sub?

Basically, yes.*

* Internally it's a bit more complicated since loop is defined in NQP and we need to handle things like last, etc., but then again everything is really just ultimately defined there as a sub or method anyways. Just shhh...

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Gather / Take

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  code();  
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my @primes = collect {  
  grab $_  
  if .is-prime  
  for ^100  
}  
  
say @primes;
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```
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  collect {  
    grab $_ if $_ %% 2  
    for collect {  
      grab $_ if $_ %% 3  
      for ^100  
    }  
  }  
  
say @six-factors;
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say @six-factors; [0 6 12 18 24 30 36 42 48  
54 60 66 72 78 84 90 96]
```

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```
say "Hello"; # normal say
```

```
localized {  
    say "Hello"; # localized say  
}
```

```
say "Good-bye"; # normal say
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```
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localized {  
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&say.wrap: sub ($s) {  
    if $*LOCALIZED { callwith translate $s }  
    else           { callsame           }  
}
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    if $*LOCALIZED { say translate $s }  
    else           { say           $s }  
}
```

```
&say.wrap: sub ($s) {  
    if $*LOCALIZED { callwith translate $s }  
    else           { callsame           }  
}
```

By wrapping, we don't need to call a special sub.
Wrapping is global, so the conditional ensures other calls to say are unchanged.

Localized Block

```
foo "Hello";
```

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my $x
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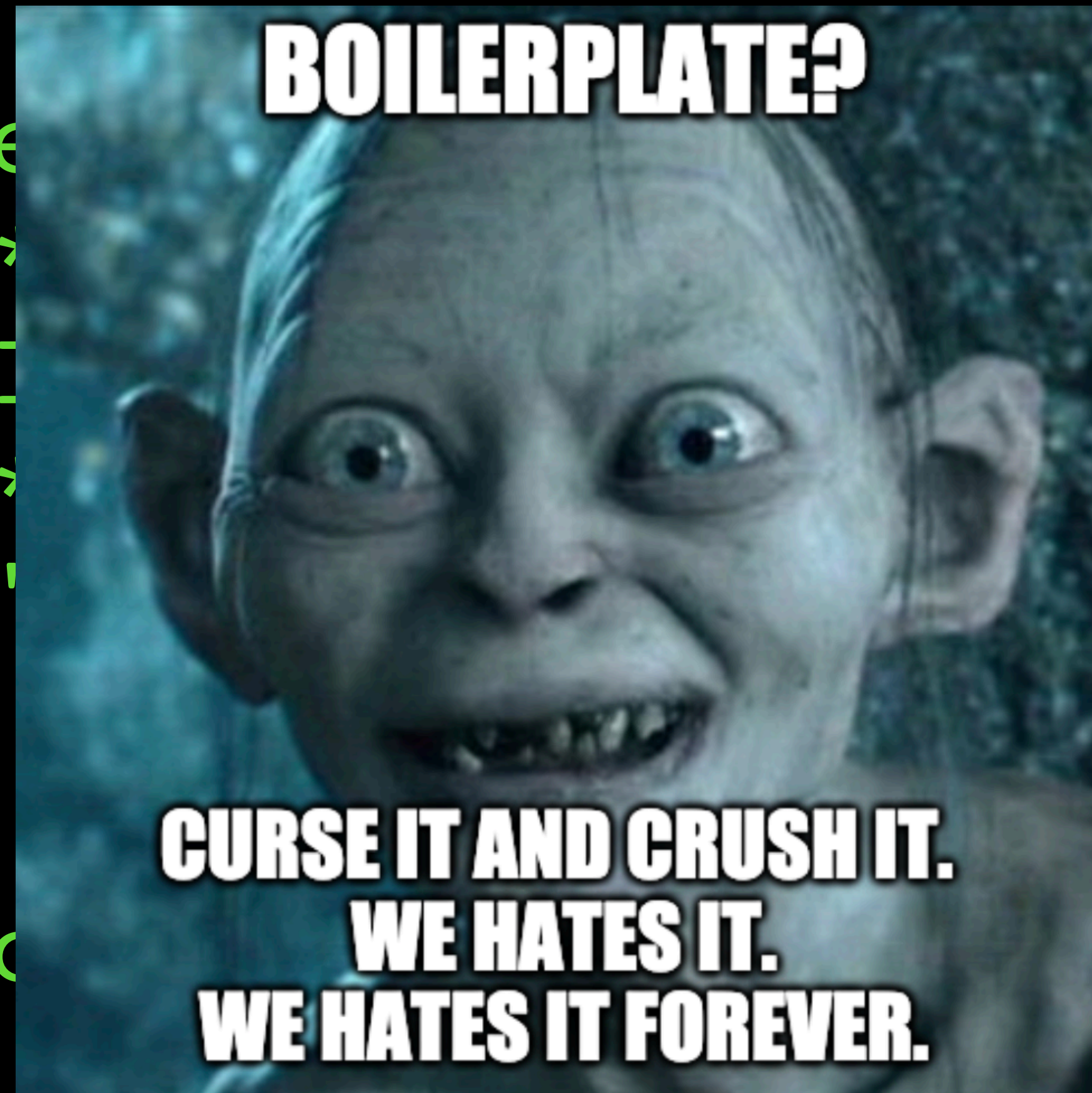
```
use
```

```
my $x
```

```
foo
```

```
}
```

```
foo "Good
```



```
; language;
```

Localized Block

```
sub localized (Block &block) {  
    use Intl::UserLanguage;  
  
    my $*LOCALIZED = True;  
    my $*LANGUAGE = user-language;  
  
    block();  
}
```

Localized Block

```
say "hello";          # 'hello'

localized {
  say "hello";        # '¡Hola!'
  say "goodbye";      # '¡Adiós!'
}

say "bye";            # 'bye'
```


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```
say "hello";          # 'hello'

localized {
  language 'ko';
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  say "goodbye";      # 'Tchüss!'
}

say "bye";            # 'bye'
```

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localized {
  language 'chr';
  say "hello";        # 'ᵂᵂᵂ!'
  say "goodbye";      # 'Vᵂᵂᵂ!'
}

say "bye";            # 'bye'
```

Localized Block

```
unit module LocalizedBlocked;

#| Creates a localized environment to run code in
sub localized (
    Block &block #= Code to run with localized says
) is export {
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    my $*LOCALIZED = True;
    my $*LANGUAGE = user-language;

    block();
}

#| Sets the language for a localized block
sub language (
    Str $s #= Manually set the language of a localized block
) is export {
    warn "Useless use of language() outside of localized block"
        without $*LOCALIZED;
    $*LANGUAGE = $s
}

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```
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These can be declared outside of regexen/grammars to be used across multiple definitions.

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describe 'I got the job! 😊'; # Emotional
describe 'I failed the test 😞'; # Emotional
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Don't forget the possibility of returning
0 but True to make a 0 a truthy valid

Showcase

Modules that Just Work™
(and how)



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Overwritten during building to a class that mimicks an
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Cro

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      }
    }
  }
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```
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  has Str $.title   is unique;  
  has Str $.body    is column;  
  has Int $!author-id is referencing{ :model<Person>, :column<id> };  
  has      $.author  is relationship( *.author-id,      :model<Person> );  
}
```

```
model Person is rw {  
  has Int $.id      is serial;  
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  has      @.posts  is relationship( *.author-id, :model<Post> );  
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custom declarator

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```
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custom traits allow complex setup
to happen in the background

Because traits are subs, they can also accept
anything that a sub would as arguments:

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Test::Inline

```
unit module Rectangle;

use Test::Inline;

has Point $.a; # bottom left
has Point $.b; # top right

sub calculate-area($x, $y) {      $x * $y }
sub distance(      $a, $b) { abs $a - $b }

method area {
    calculate-area
    distance($!a.x, $!b.x),
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my Sub @tests;

#| Marks a sub as being for internal test purposes
multi sub trait_mod:<is>(Sub $sub, :$test!) is export {
    @tests.push: $sub if $test;
}

#| Calls all subs marked as 'is test' in loaded modules
sub inline-testing is export(:testing) {
    use Test;

    # Provided by the Test module
    subtest {
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Here there be dragons



Here there be dragonflies?



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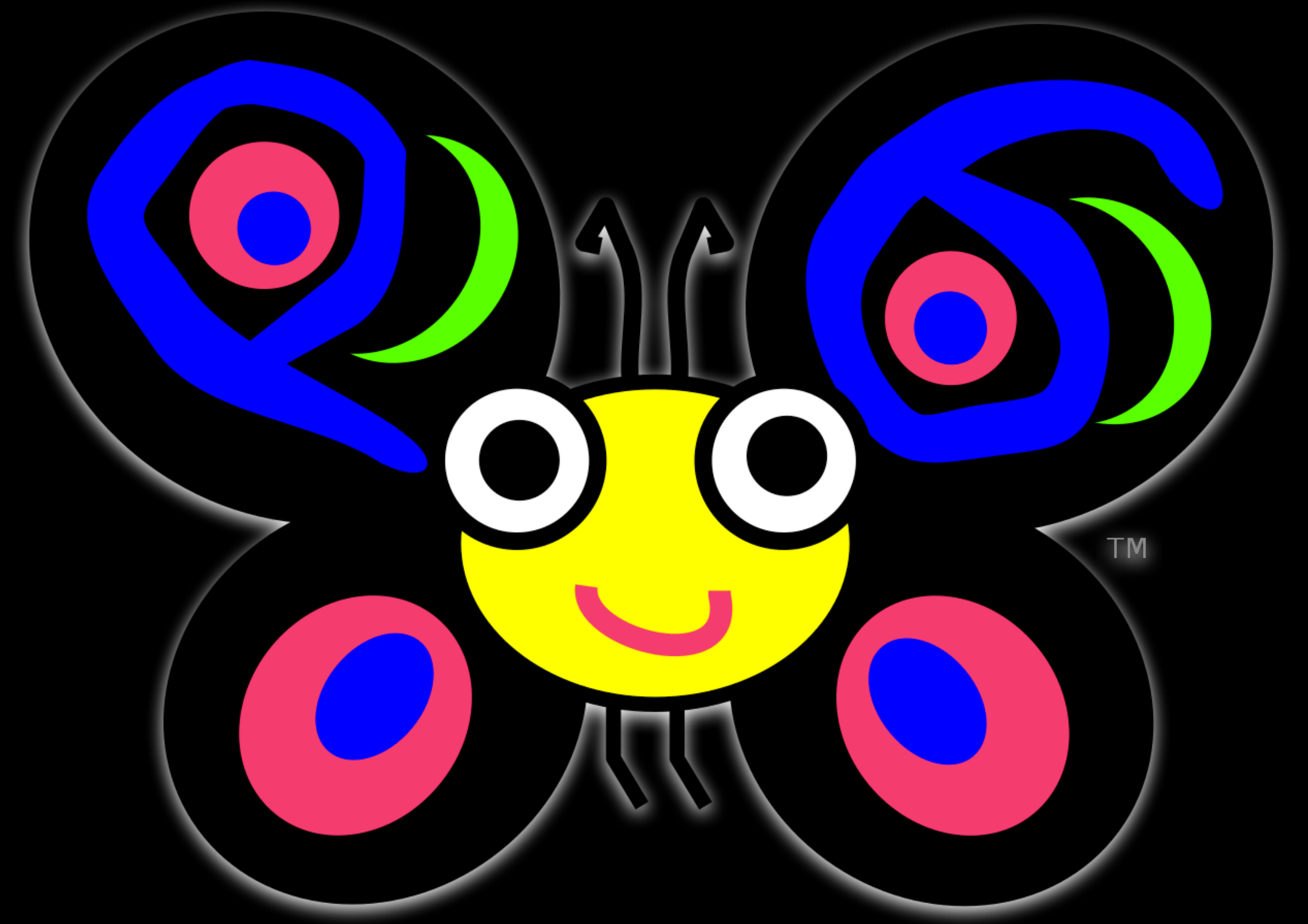
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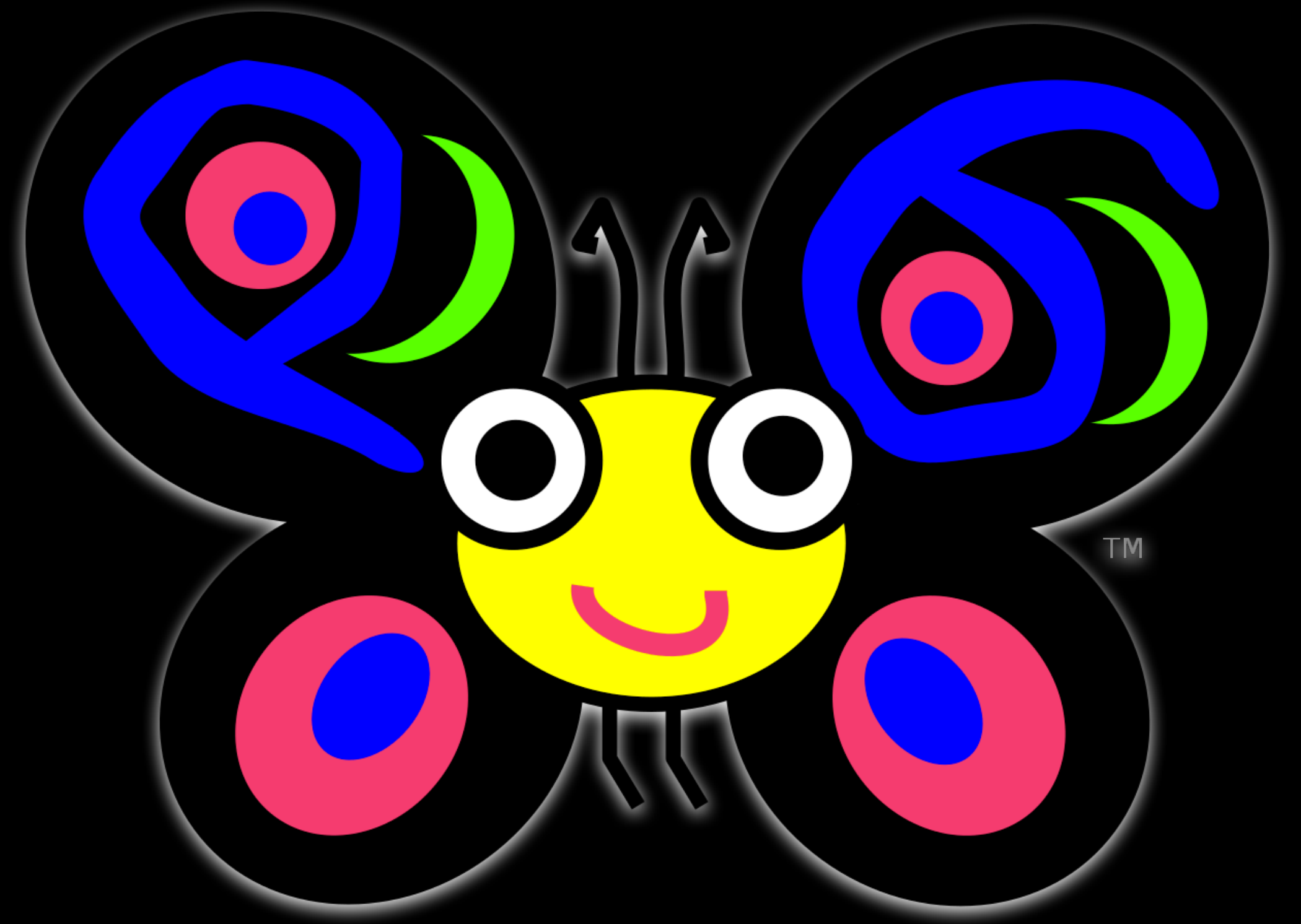
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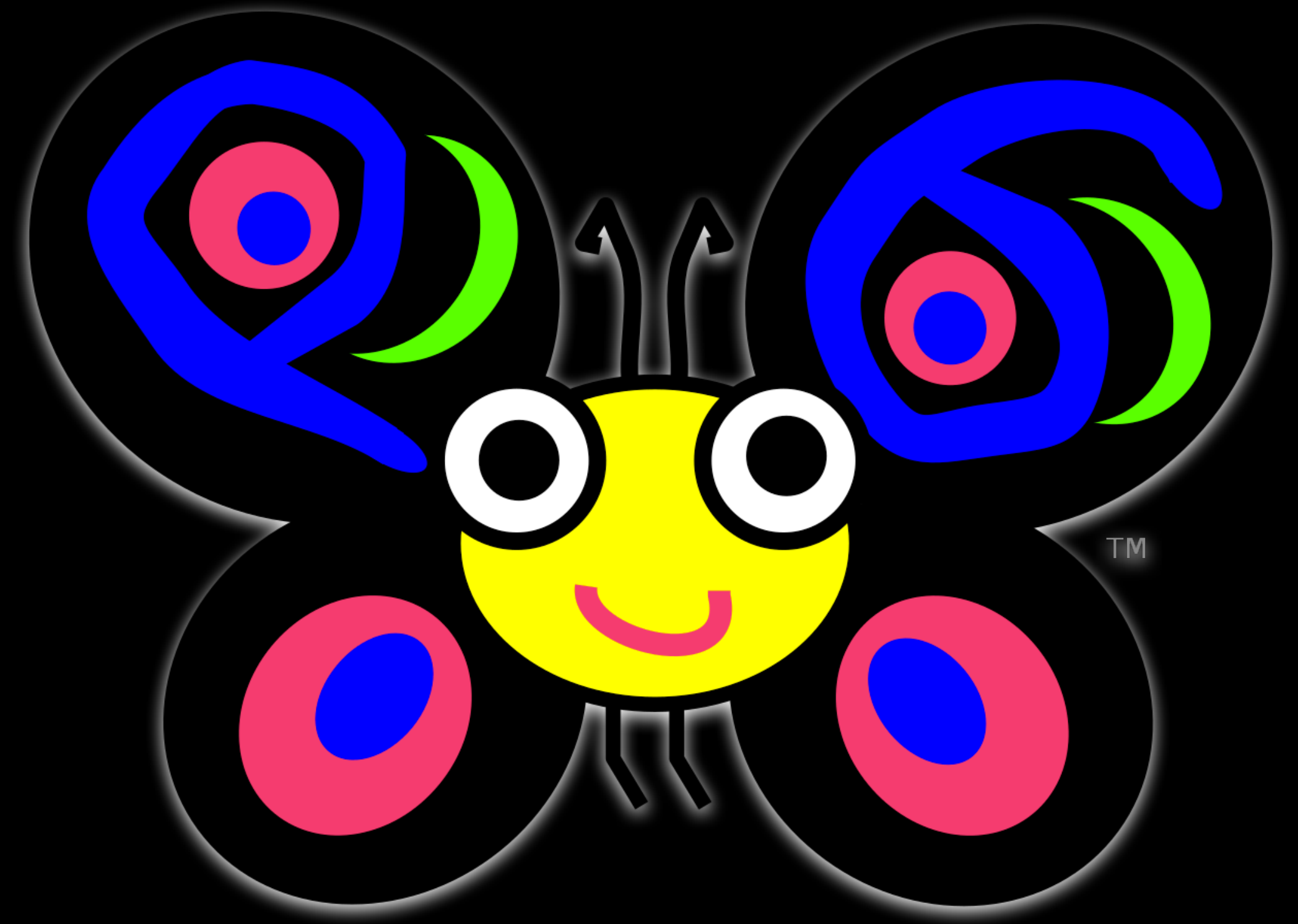
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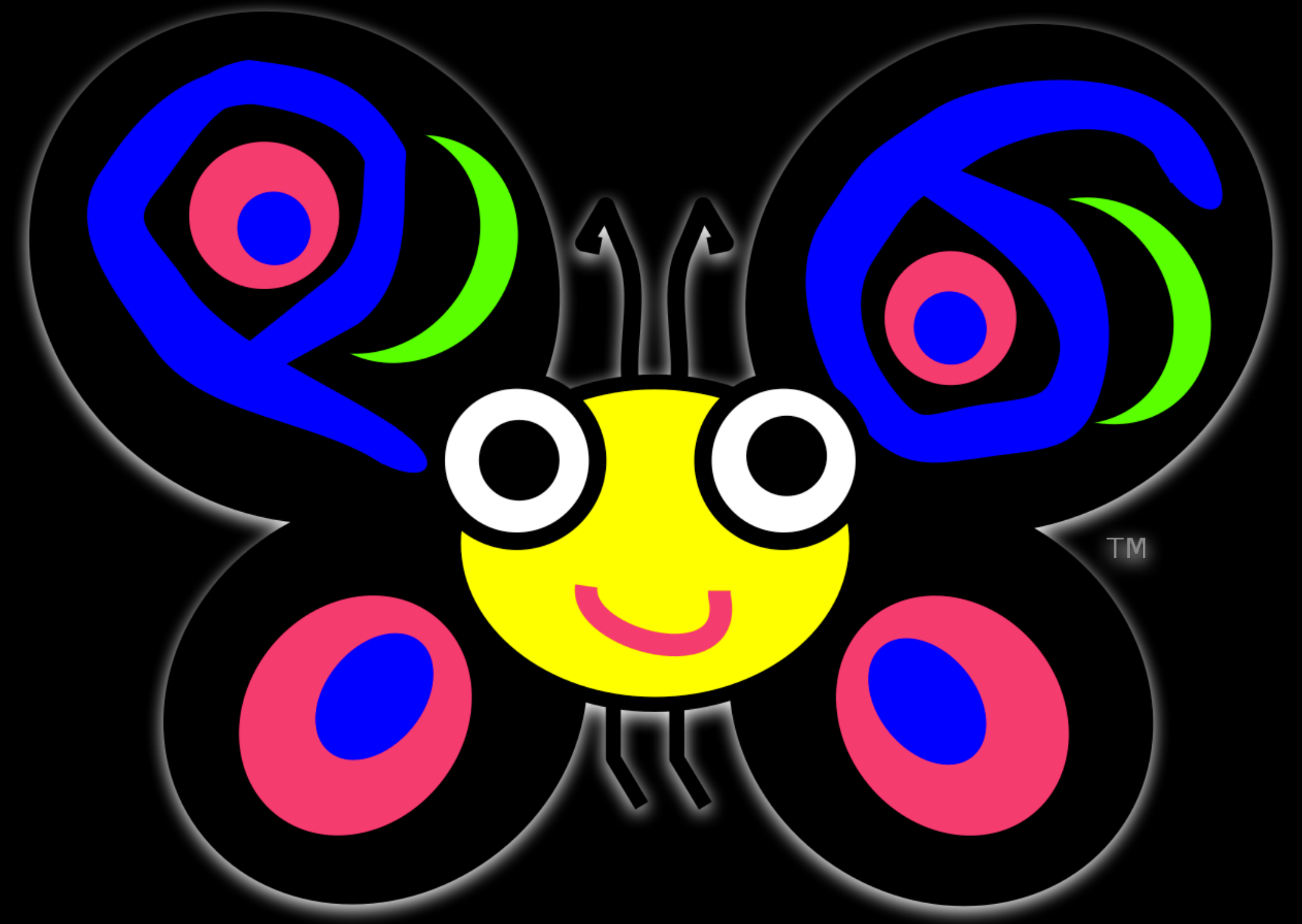
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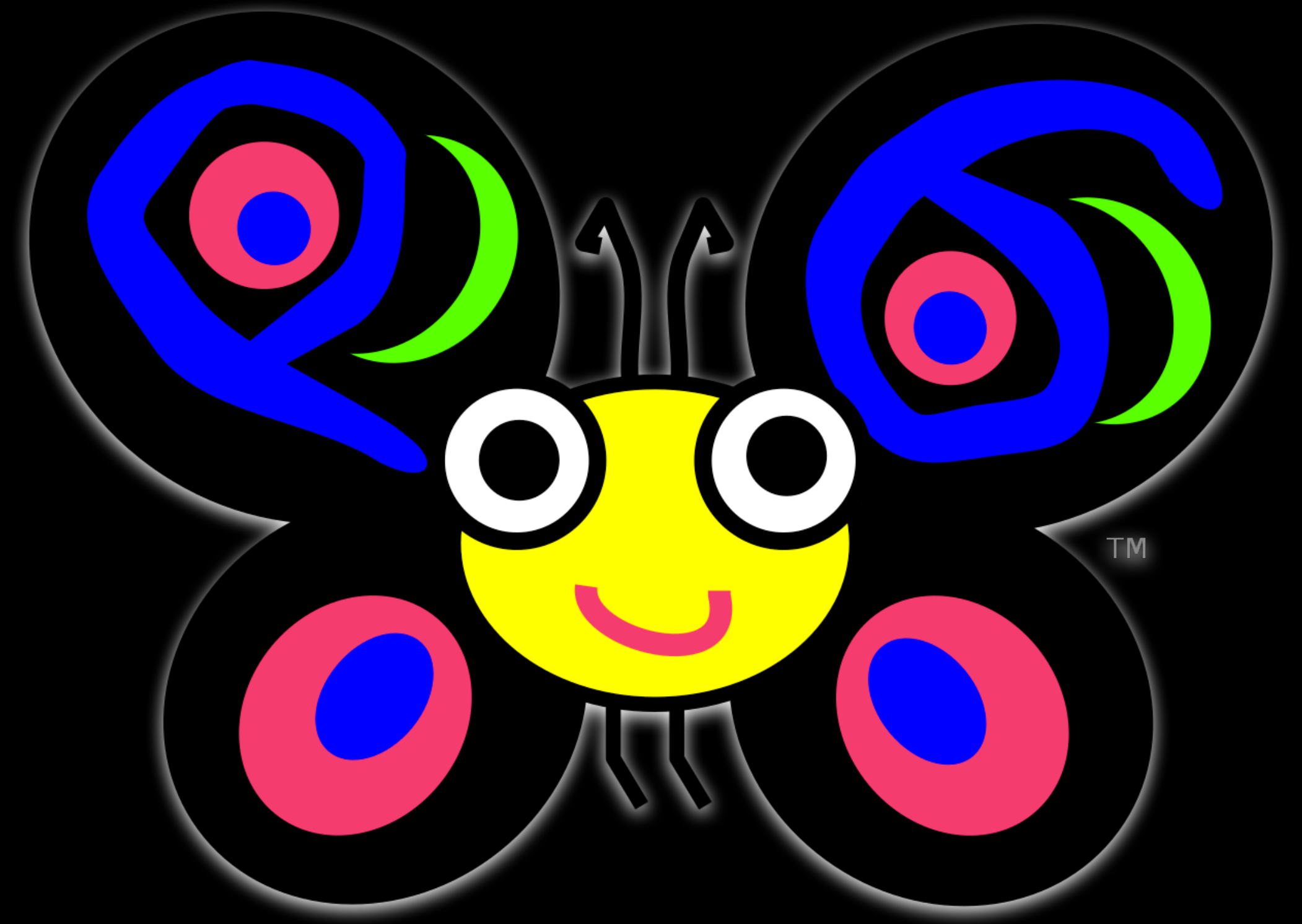


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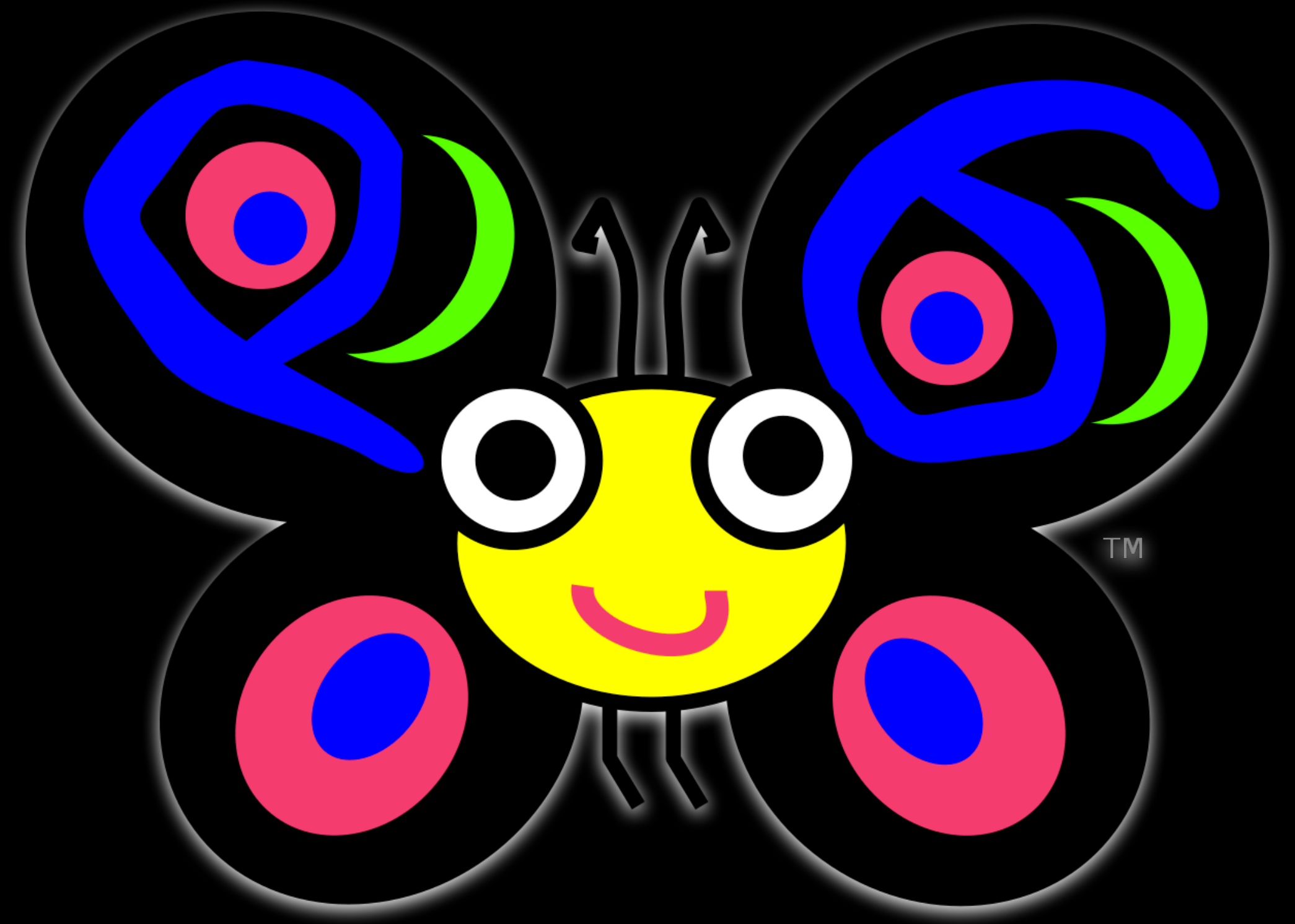
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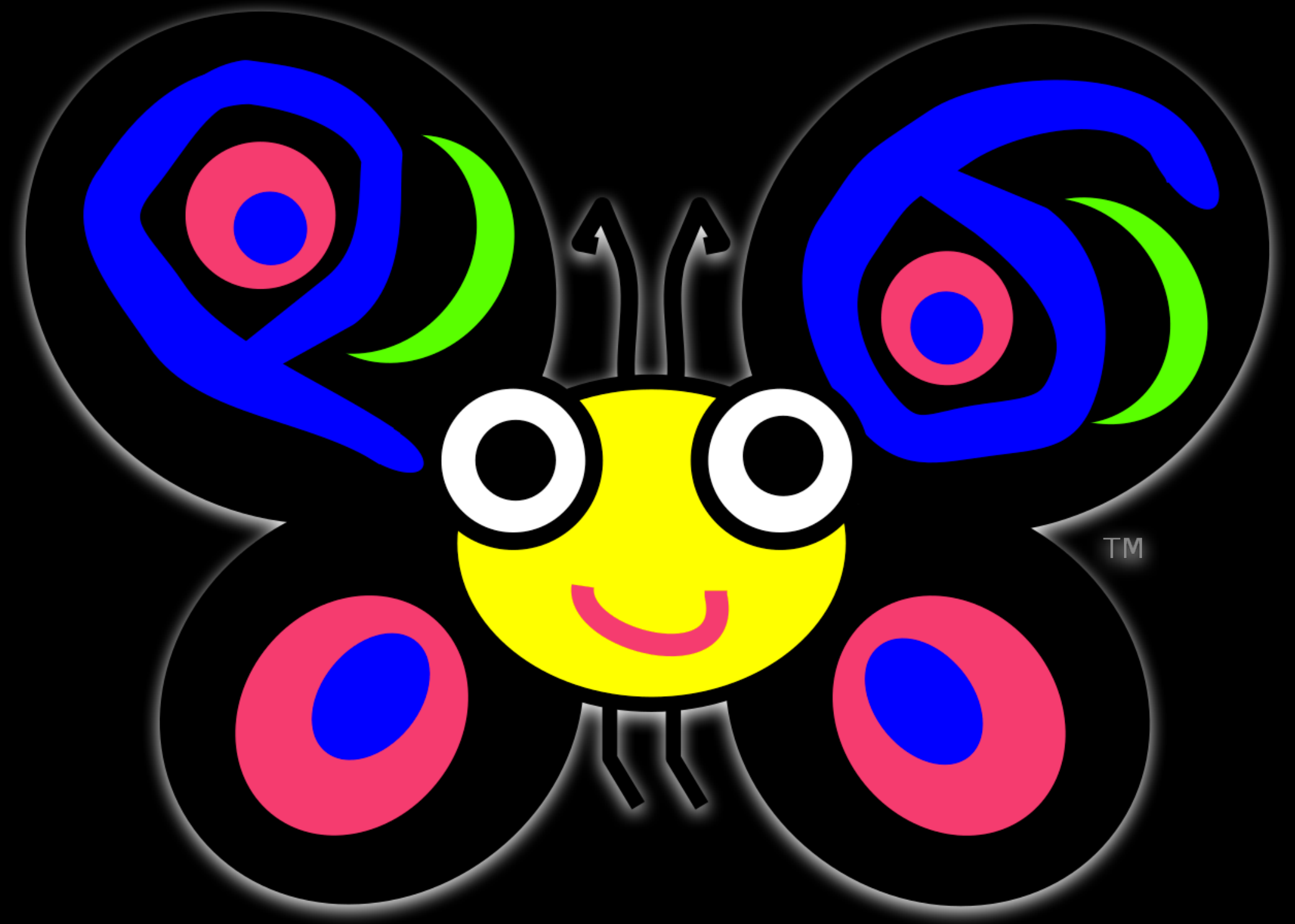
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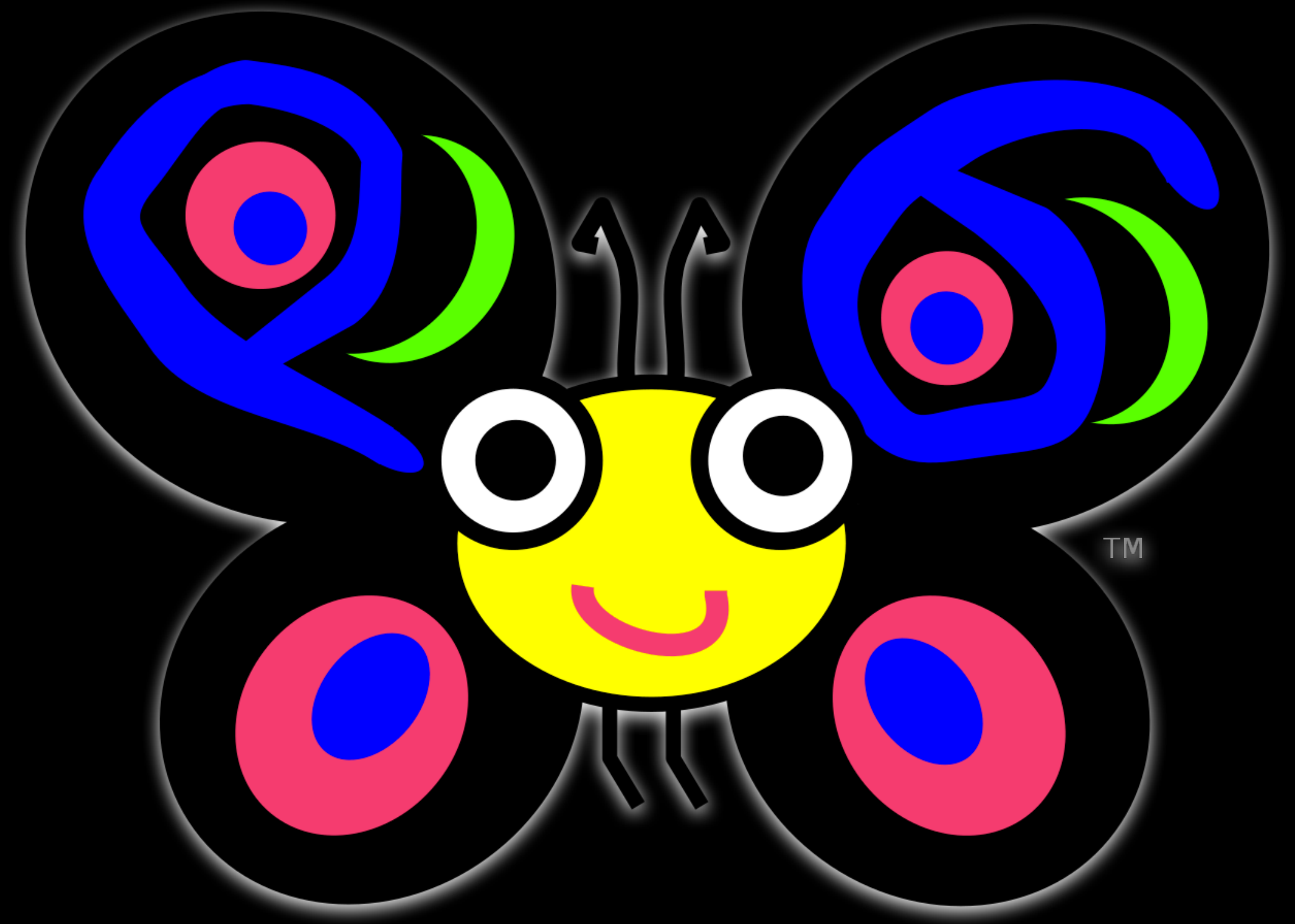
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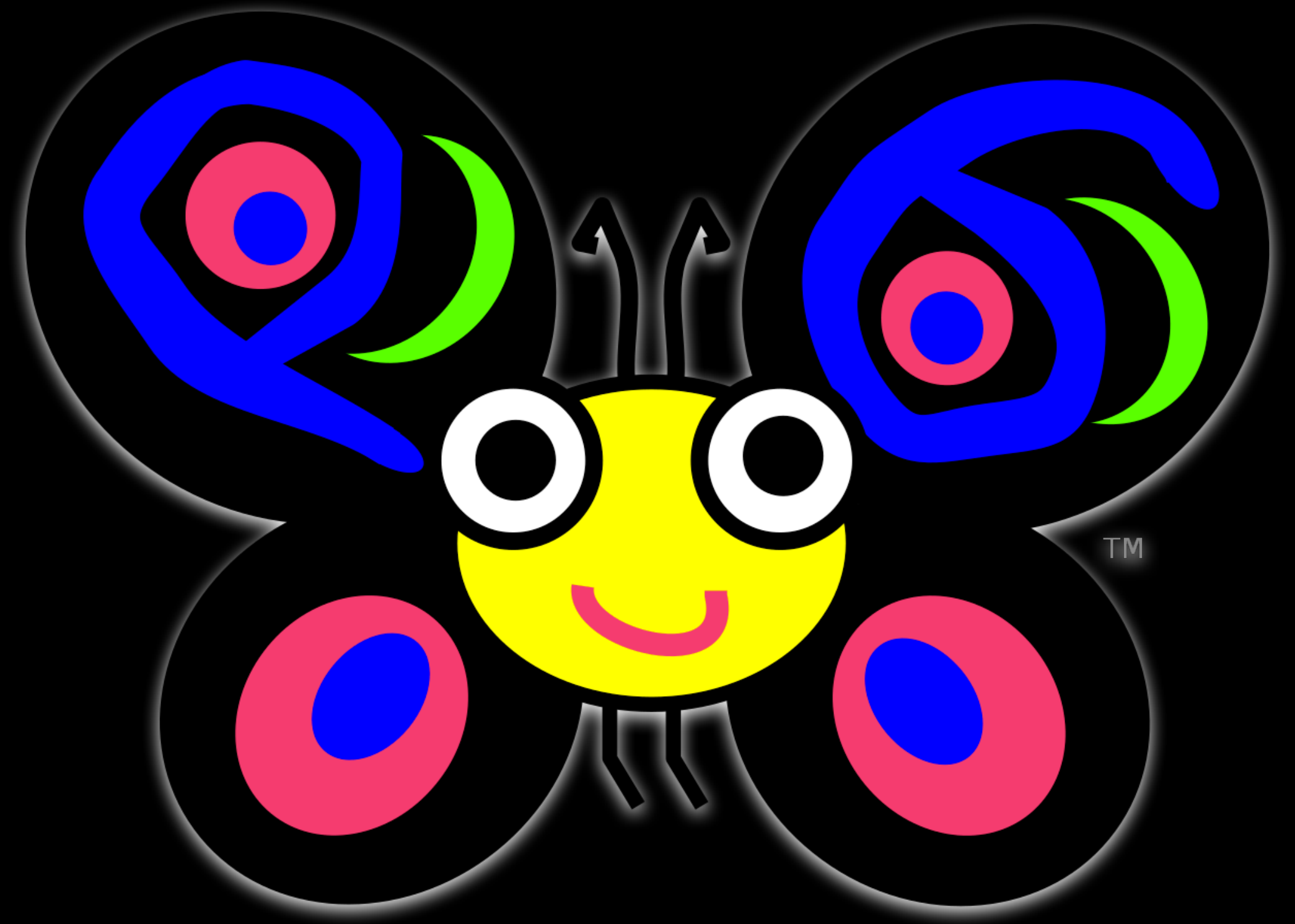
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Any questions?

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