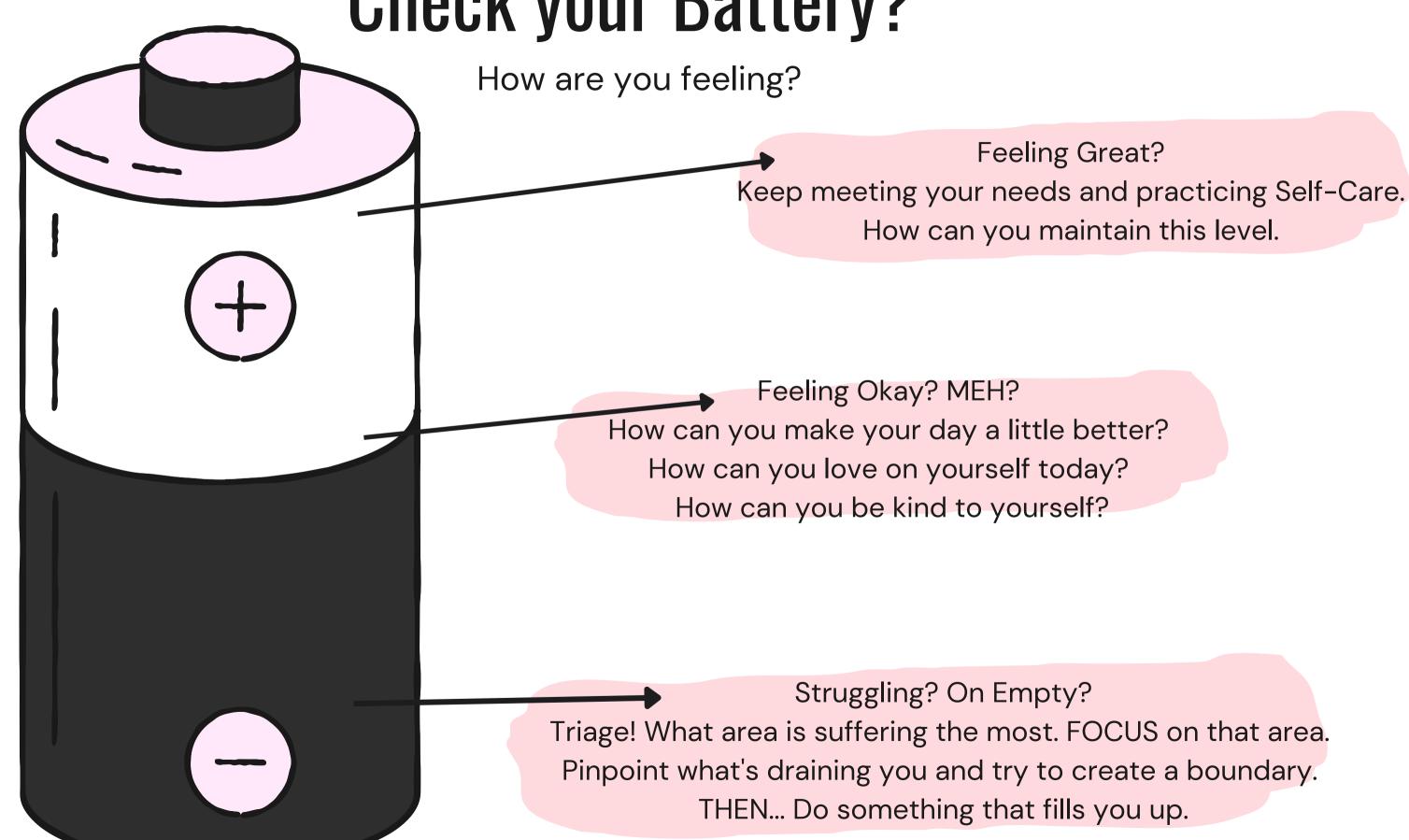
Surviving **Self-Care Essentials**

Check your Battery?



MENTAL/ EMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SELF-CARE

Answer these Questions?

What helps me to feel centered?
What settles me?
What makes me feel relaxed?
What soothes me?



Cell Phone Off

Journaling

Community

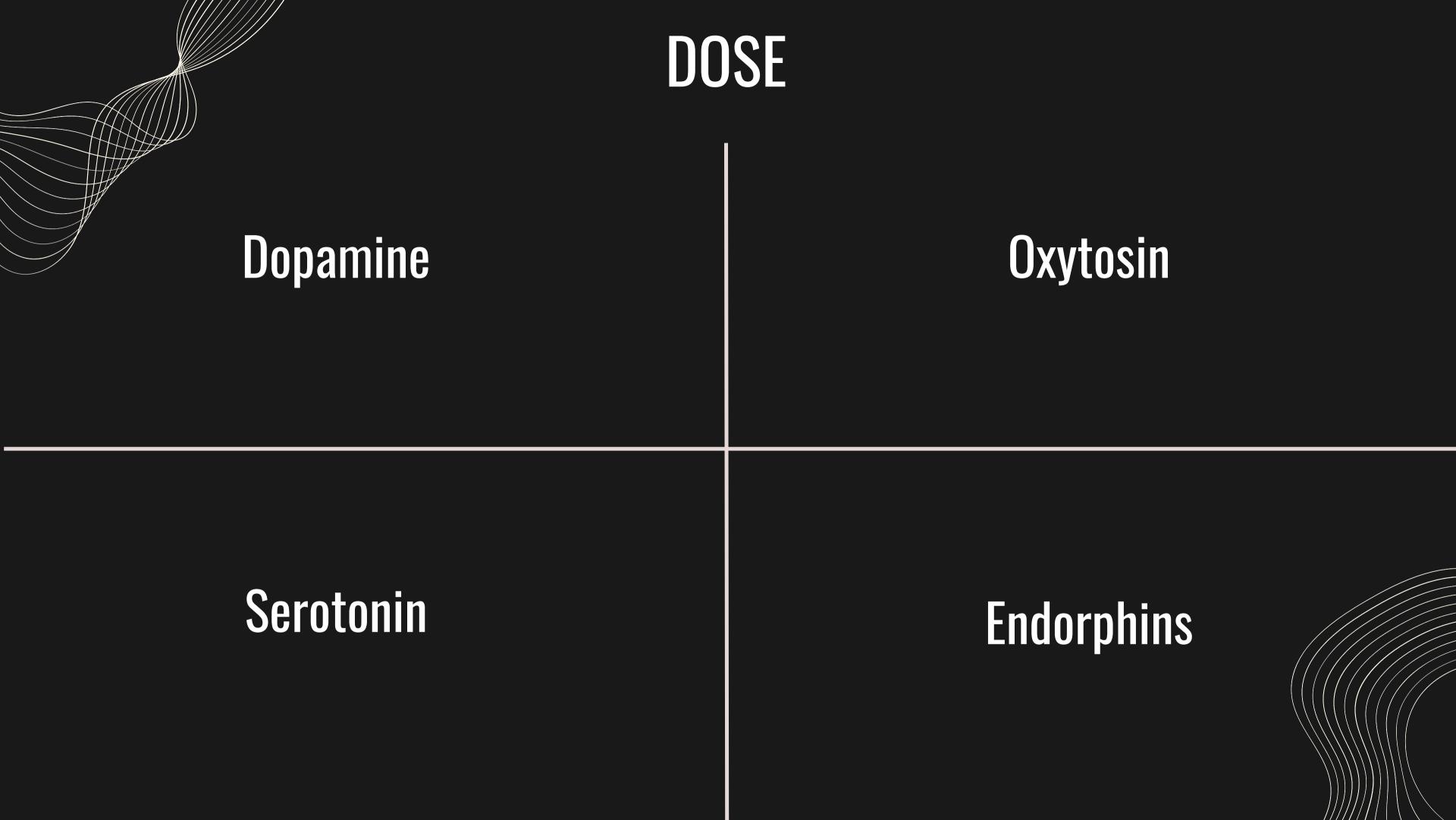
Me Time











DOPEMINE



- Known as the Reward Hormone
- Important for Focus,
 Concentration, & Sleep
- Released after your brain achieves a goal no matter how small it is.

FUN FACT: THE BRAINS NEUROLOGICAL PATHWAYS ARE INCREASED THE MORE OFTEN DOPAMINE IS RELEASED.

Hack: Set small achievable goals everyday and actually achieve them.



- Known as the Love Hormone
- Increases empathic feelings and builds trust

EXAMPLES: PHYSICAL TOUCH LIKE HUGGING, OR EVEN PETTING ANIMALS

Hack: Physically touch someone every day if possible. Hug your children, your spouse. Pet your dog!

SEROTONIN



IMPORTANT: 90% OF SERATONIN IS FORMED IN YOUR GUT, IF YOU HAVE A HEALTHY GUT, YOU'LL HAVE LOADS OF SEROTONIN.

FUN FACT: ITS ACTUALLY TRUE THAT IF YOU'RE HUNGRY YOU CAN BE HANGRY AS A RESULT.

- Known as a mood stabilizer
- Increased by being outside in bright daylight.
- Bright light is even a standard treatment for depression

Hack: Open the blinds, let in light, try grounding, go outside frequently, EAT HEALTHY MEALS!

ENDORPHINS



- Known as the natural pain killer
- Regulates fight or flight instinct

This would be why your pain is dimmed immediately following an accident because adrenaline is reallocating endorphins.

HOW TO RELEASE ENDORPHINS:
DOING SOMETHING YOU FIND SCARY, WATCHING A
SCARY MOVIE, EATING SPICY FOOD, EXERCISE!

Hack: Try something wild, fun, crazy, scary, new. Watch a scary movie while you eat something spicy!

PHYSICAL IDEAS FOR SELF-CARE

Answer these Questions?

What do I like?
Who do I like to be around?
What makes me happy?
What brings me peace?



Working in a Garden



Time with Family



Swimming



Cycling



SELF GARE

RANDOM IDEAS

- Clean your home
- Do yoga
- Exercise
- Go for a walk
- Stretch your body
- Swim
- Take a bike ride
- Go watch a movie alone
- Have a laugh
- Lie on the ground
- Listen to an audio book
- Listen to music
- Listen to your favorite music growing up
- Open windows
- Read a book
- Take a bath
- Turn off digital devices
- Visit a library
- Visit a museum
- Visit an art gallery

- Burn a candle
- Write down a new routine
- Visit a new place
- Do a puzzle
- Do karaoke
- Get a facial
- Get a manicure
- Get a massage
- Get a new hairstyle
- Get a pedicure
- Go for a road trip
- Go in a sauna
- Go outside
- Go see a play
- Watch a sunset
- Watch funny Youtube videos
- Watch the stars
- Try knitting
- Watch a comedy
- Create a Vision Board

- Write in a journal
- Compliment yourself
- Dance
- Listen to your favorite song
- Meditate
- Pray
- Reassess your priorities
- Go on a date with yourself
- Sleep 8 hours at night
- Smile
- Take a nap
- Take deep breaths
- Color by Number
- Try a 5 Minute DIY
- Paint
- Write a fictional story
- Decorate a wine bottle
- Visit a park
- Scrapbook