061 Question Dumb Shit

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The recurring operator question set that surfaces drag on the operation.

Canonical form — both questions, in order:

1. What are we doing that's prohibiting us from doing better work?

2. What do we need to stop doing that's prohibiting us from being better?

The term names the question. The discipline is asking it on cadence and acting on the answers.

These are not building questions. They are clearing questions. They surface the stop-doing list, name the drag, and open the kill / change / keep decisions. The operator who never asks them is running the same drag forward indefinitely. Every undisciplined "we've always done it this way" is an unanswered instance of question two.

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Two questions. Ask them on cadence. Act on the answers.

One: what are we doing that's prohibiting us from doing better work?

Two: what do we need to stop doing that's prohibiting us from being better?

These are not building questions. They are clearing questions. The stop-doing list is the list most operators never make — because making it requires admitting that something they chose is now in the way. Every undisciplined "we've always done it this way" is an unanswered instance of question two.

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What Changes Tomorrow

Run the two canonical questions on your floor tomorrow: what is currently prohibiting better work, and what should we stop doing entirely? Ask both out loud, to your cast, on a set cadence — not just when something's already broken.