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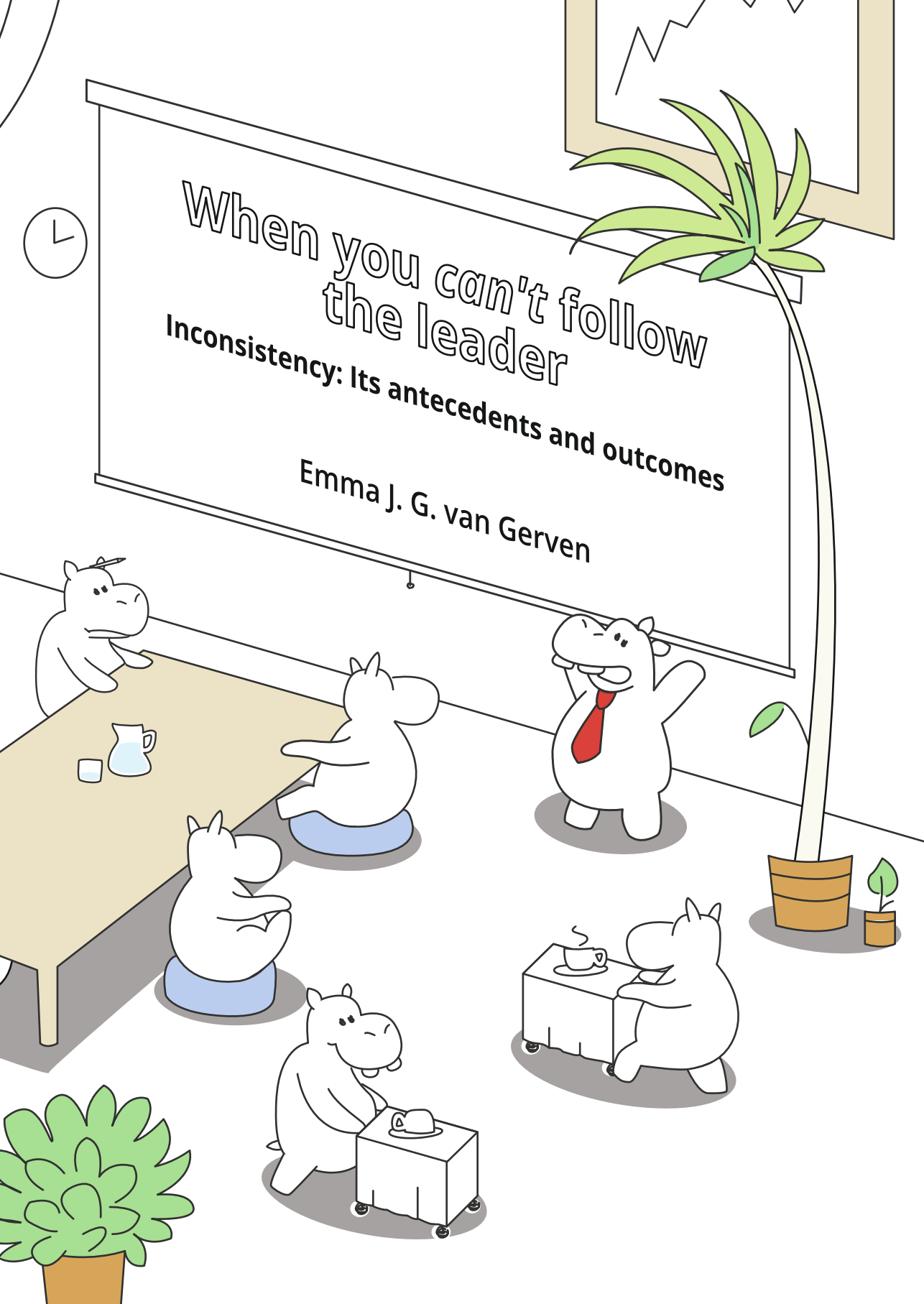
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## Voorwoord

Legend has it that the author as a seven year old during a hike in Austria out of the blue asked her parents “*Will we be home by 3?*”. To this day, this question is used (mainly by those who are supposed to love her unconditionally but whatever) to describe her above average need for structure, consistency, and predictability. Since research is *mesearch*, it might come as no surprise that this book’s topic is consistency. However, rather than actually studying consistency, for the past five years the author studied the one thing she can’t stand: the lack of it. All to make the world a better place for people like her. Isn’t she the best?!\*

\*Narcissists are likely to be perceived as inconsistent, especially female narcissists. I am just going to leave that here.





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