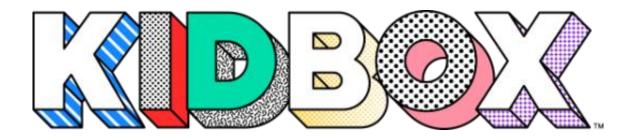
# The Agency Problem:

D1: an establishment engaged in doing business for another

D2: the capacity, condition, or state of acting or of exerting power



# Outsourcing | Insourcing | Partnerships



#### What are the Big Categories You're Solving For?

- Thinking (strategy, tactics, creative)
- Execution
- Channels may require different approaches (FB, Google Ads, Influencer etc)

#### Outsourcing: "Do it FOR Me" model

- Think and Execute for you
- More typical for mature / traditional ecomm businesses 😊
- The "normal" big agency model

#### Insourcing "Do it WITH Me" Typically freelancers

- Collaborate on thinking. Freelancer executes.
- Mix remote / in-office

#### Partnerships "Do it TOGETHER"

- Brainstorm and Collaborate on thinking and execution.
- Expectation to put you first
- Empowered and Accountable
- Functionally employees

### Big vs Boutique



- Big Agencies are often less stable for clients (ironically)
  - Attractive to "sales susceptible" businesses
  - Salesmen incentivized to close deals and disappear
  - Junior account managers churn frequently
  - Good account managers become useless managers
  - Managed to their bottom line, not yours
- Boutiques are founder driven (call the owner!)
  - Teams are smaller, more invested in each client (big fish, small pond)
  - Flexible, client driven approach leads to shared learnings
  - Make sure to ask how many clients and employees
  - Ability to truly PARTNER
  - INTERVIEW YOUR DAY TO DAY TEAM BEFORE SIGNING

#### Do You Have a Secret Sauce?



- Agency Secret Sauces Don't Scale
  - "I can't tell you how it's my secret sauce" ... RUN!
  - "My Proprietary Software / Algorithm" ... is probably not as good as Facebook's / Google's
  - What works for some doesn't always for other
- © "My Secret Sauce is Me and My Team" ©
  - Look for boutiques who:
    - Understand their own ecosystem (what levers to pull / when)
    - Understand your biz / funnel(s) (ecomm? subscription? saas?)
    - Can help or work around analytics shortcomings
    - QUALIFY YOU AS A CLIENT!!





#### Facebook is CREATIVE INTENSIVE

- FB agencies / consultants who don't do creative are out of touch
- There's a balance between inhouse production (brand)/ outsourced "adaptation"
- You're paying a lot. Demand service.

## What Should they do?

- Basic photo editing is a given
- Adding "Movement" to still ads is a must
- Building video is critical (Instagram stories, etc)

# Technology / Analytics Stacks



Huge Complicated Topic

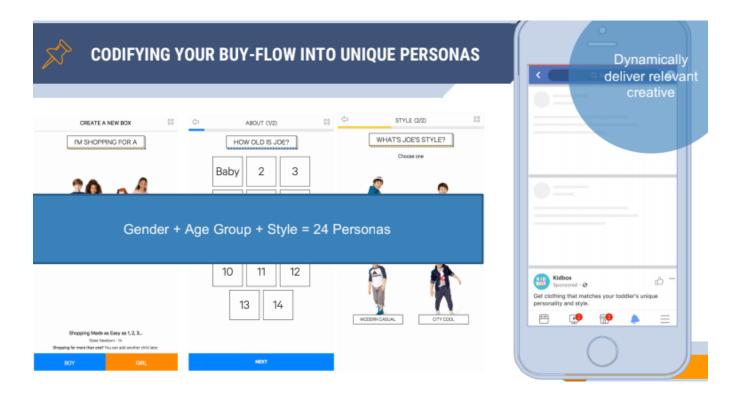
The more complicated your biz ... the harder the data flows

- Your agency should ...
  - be able to work with your analytics stack ...
- And Your stack should...
  - be able to **keep up with** your agency

# Technology / Analytics Stacks (con't)



- Our current partners manually built dynamic creative from our style quiz ... and spec'd a technical solve
- Look for out of the box thinking / execution

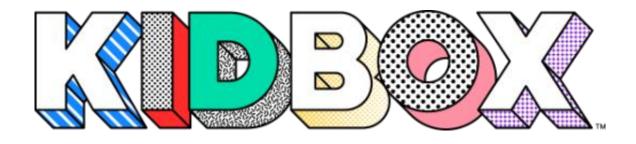


# So. What did KIDBOX Actually Do?

(trial and error)(always have an out)(trust and accountability is everything)

Questions? Answers??

# THANK YOU FOR COMING!



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