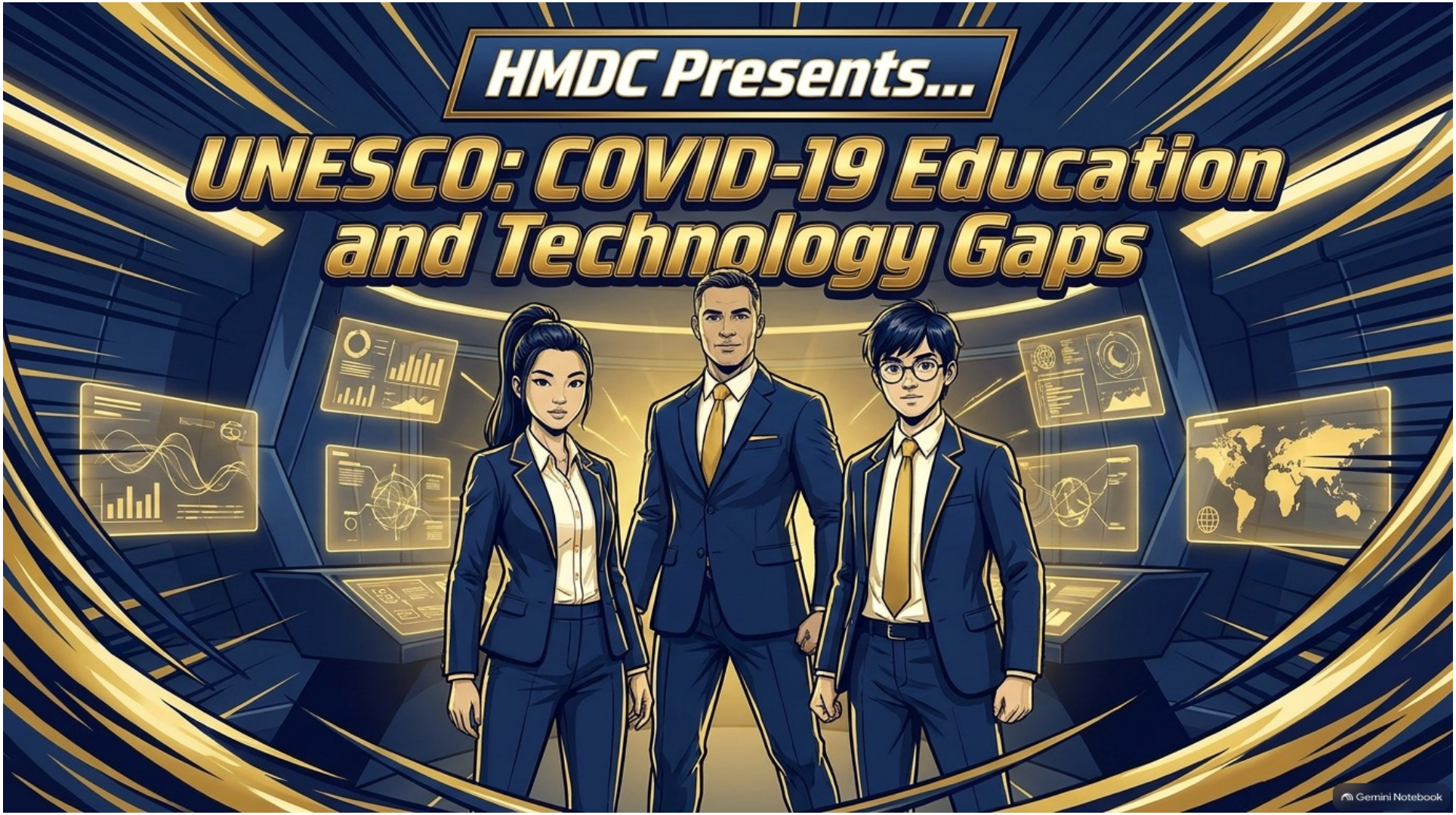
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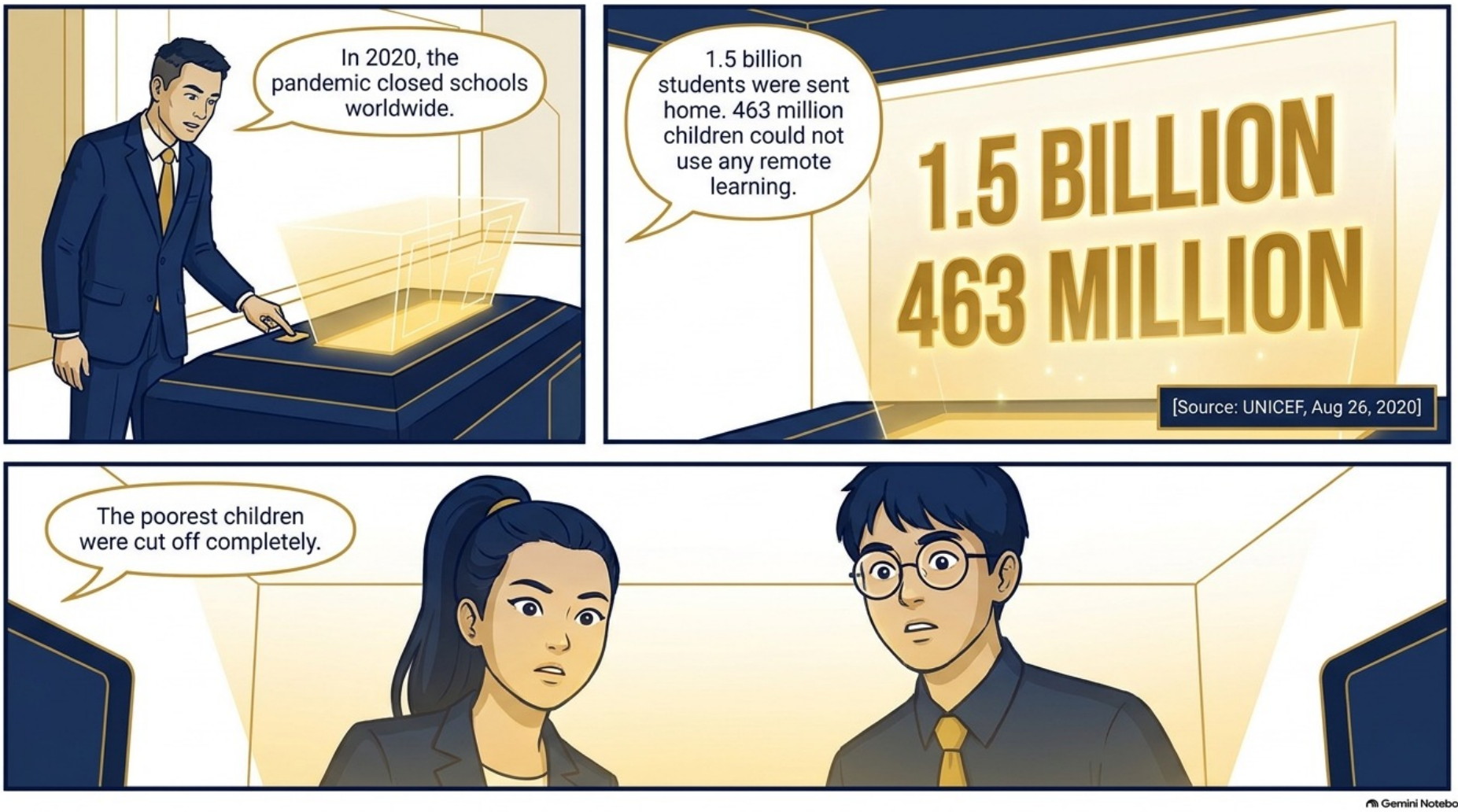
In 2020, the pandemic closed schools worldwide.
1.5 billion students were sent home. 463 million children could not use any remote learning.
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[Source: UNICEF, Aug 26, 2020]
The poorest children were cut off completely.
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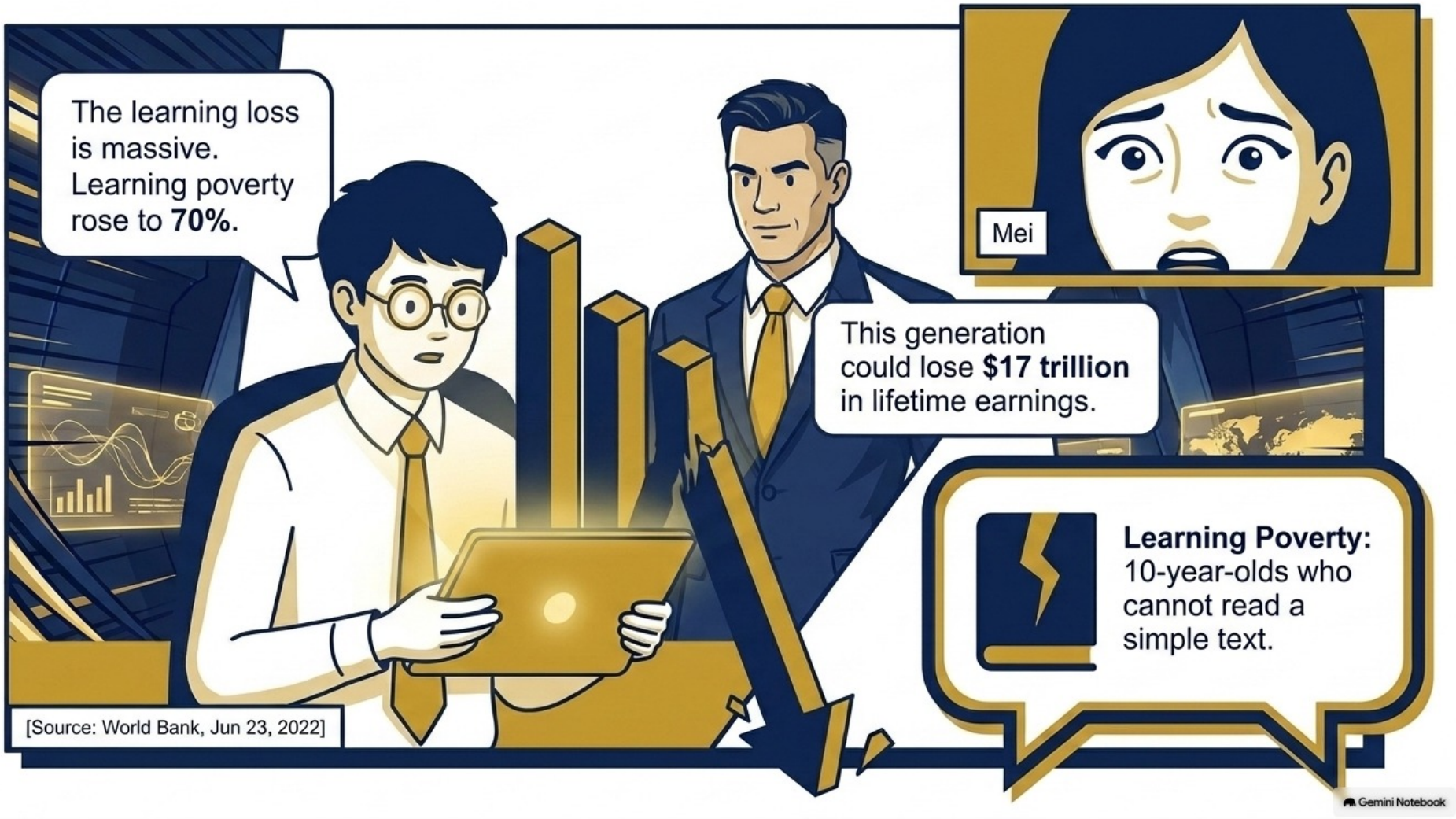
The learning loss is massive. Learning poverty rose to **70%**.
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This generation could lose **$17 trillion** in lifetime earnings.
Learning Poverty: 10-year-olds who cannot read a simple text.
[Source: World Bank, Jun 23, 2022]
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[Source: ITU, Nov 17, 2025] | [Source: Pew Research Center, Oct 1, 2021]

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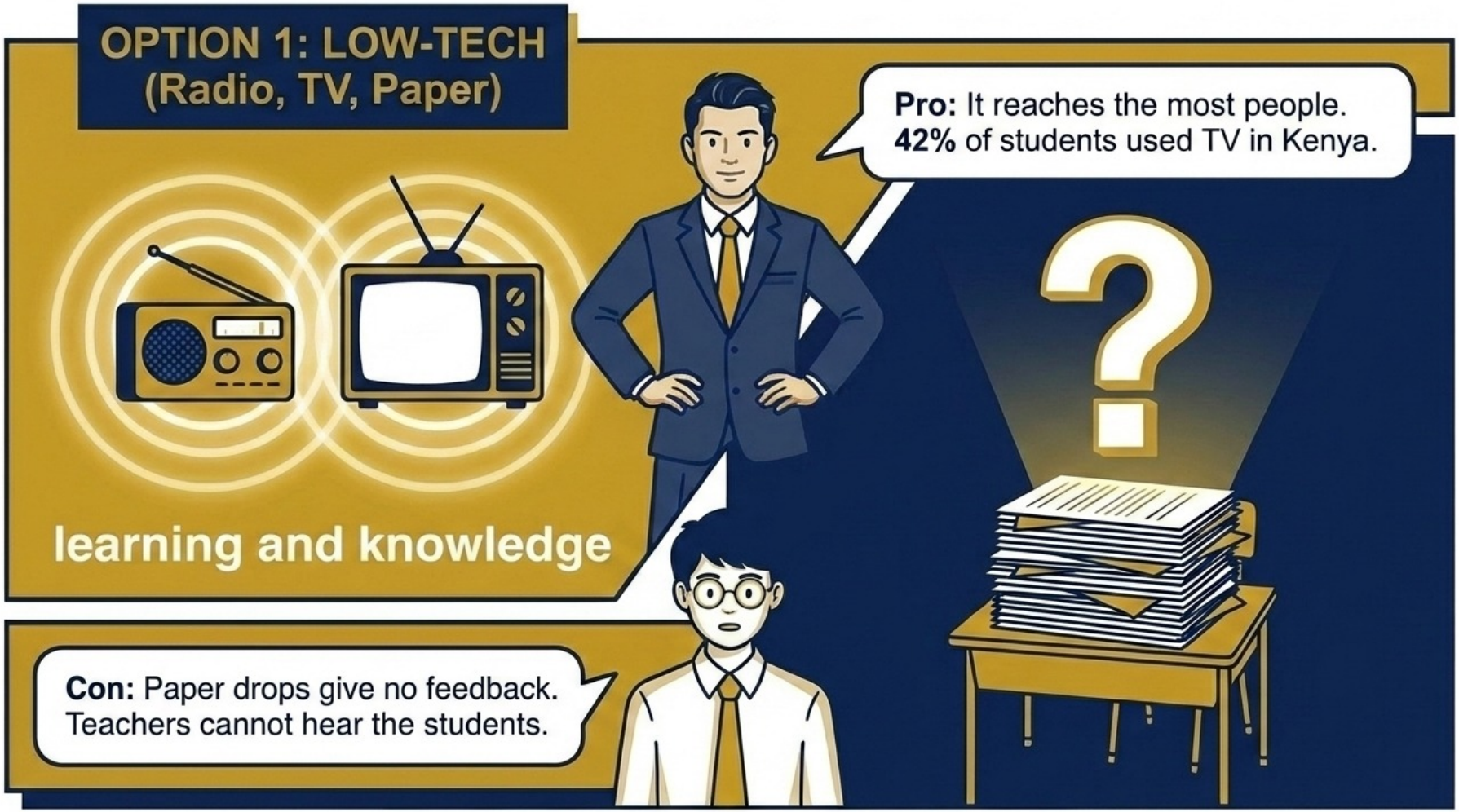

[Source: Uwezo Kenya, May 2020] | [Source: ICTworks, Sep 2, 2020]

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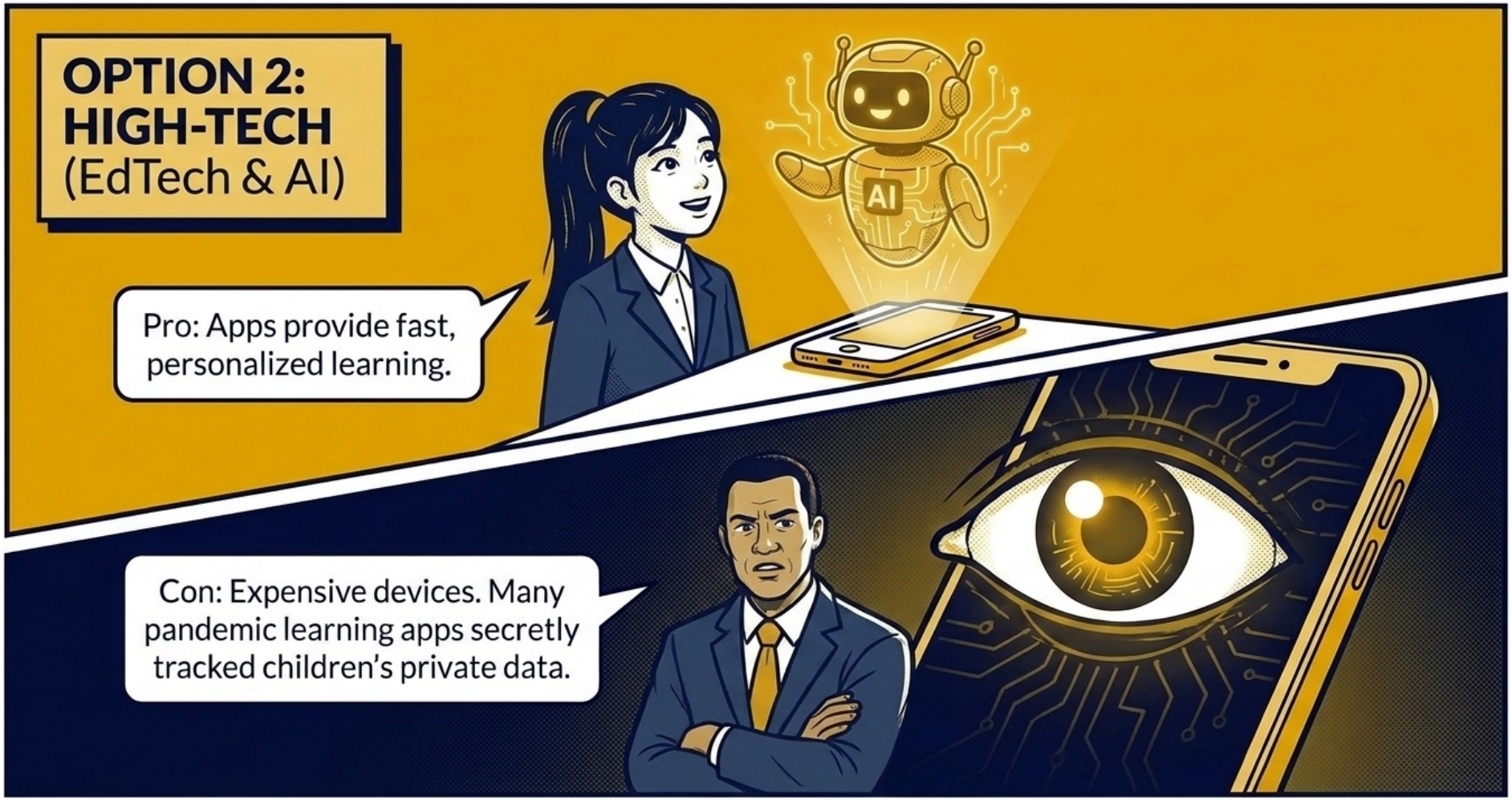

[Source: Human Rights Watch, May 25, 2022]

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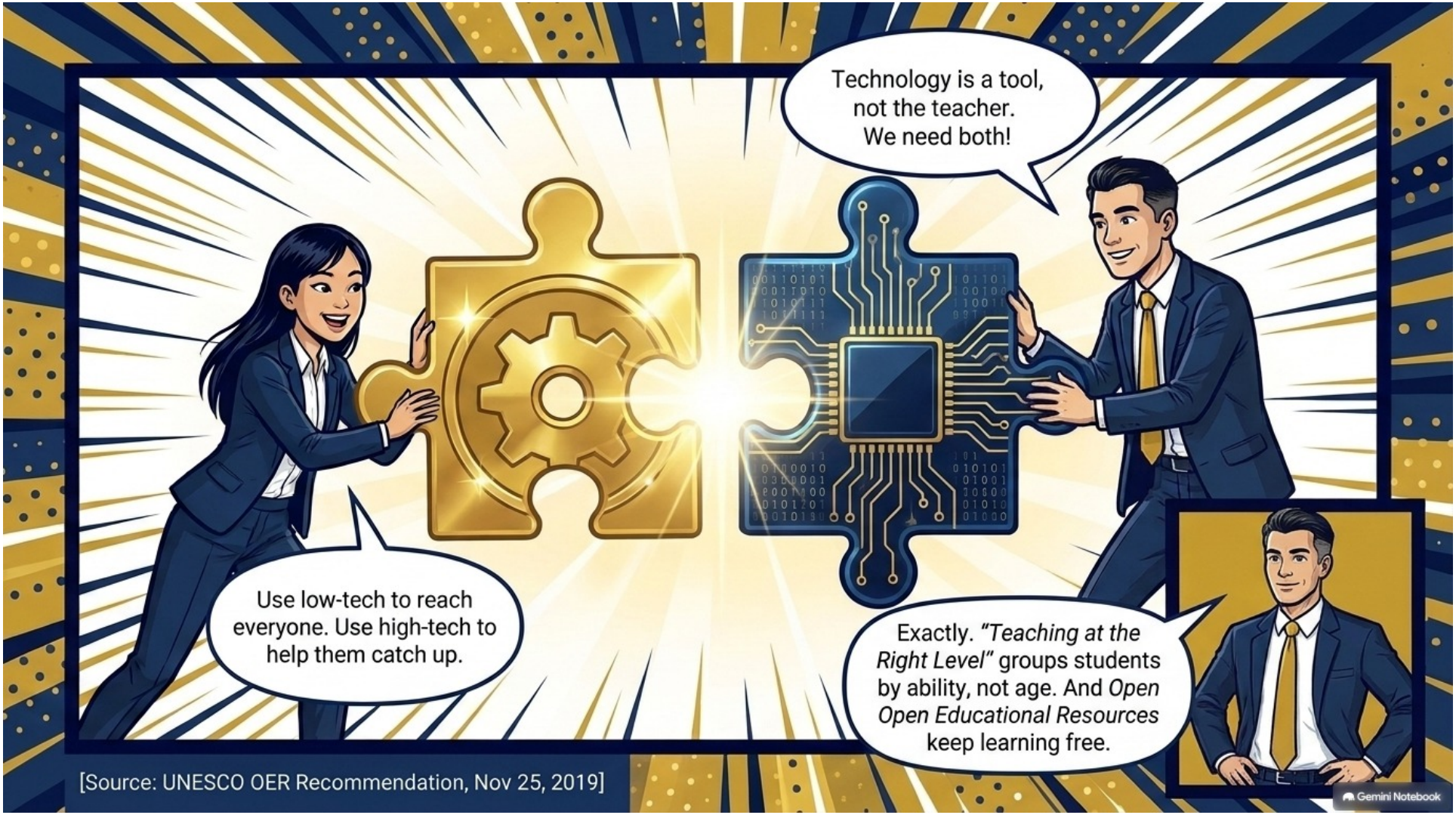
Technology is a tool, not the teacher. We need both!
Use low-tech to reach everyone. Use high-tech to help them catch up.
Exactly. *"Teaching at the Right Level"* groups students by ability, not age. And *Open Open Educational Resources* keep learning free.
[Source: UNESCO OER Recommendation, Nov 25, 2019]
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HISTORY WALL
A/RES/70/1 (2015) - Created SDG 4 for quality education.
A/RES/74/306 (2020) - The global COVID-19 response.
S/RES/2601 (2021) - Protecting education and remote learning during conflicts.
Delegates must build on what the UN has already agreed to.
We don't start from zero. We start from here.
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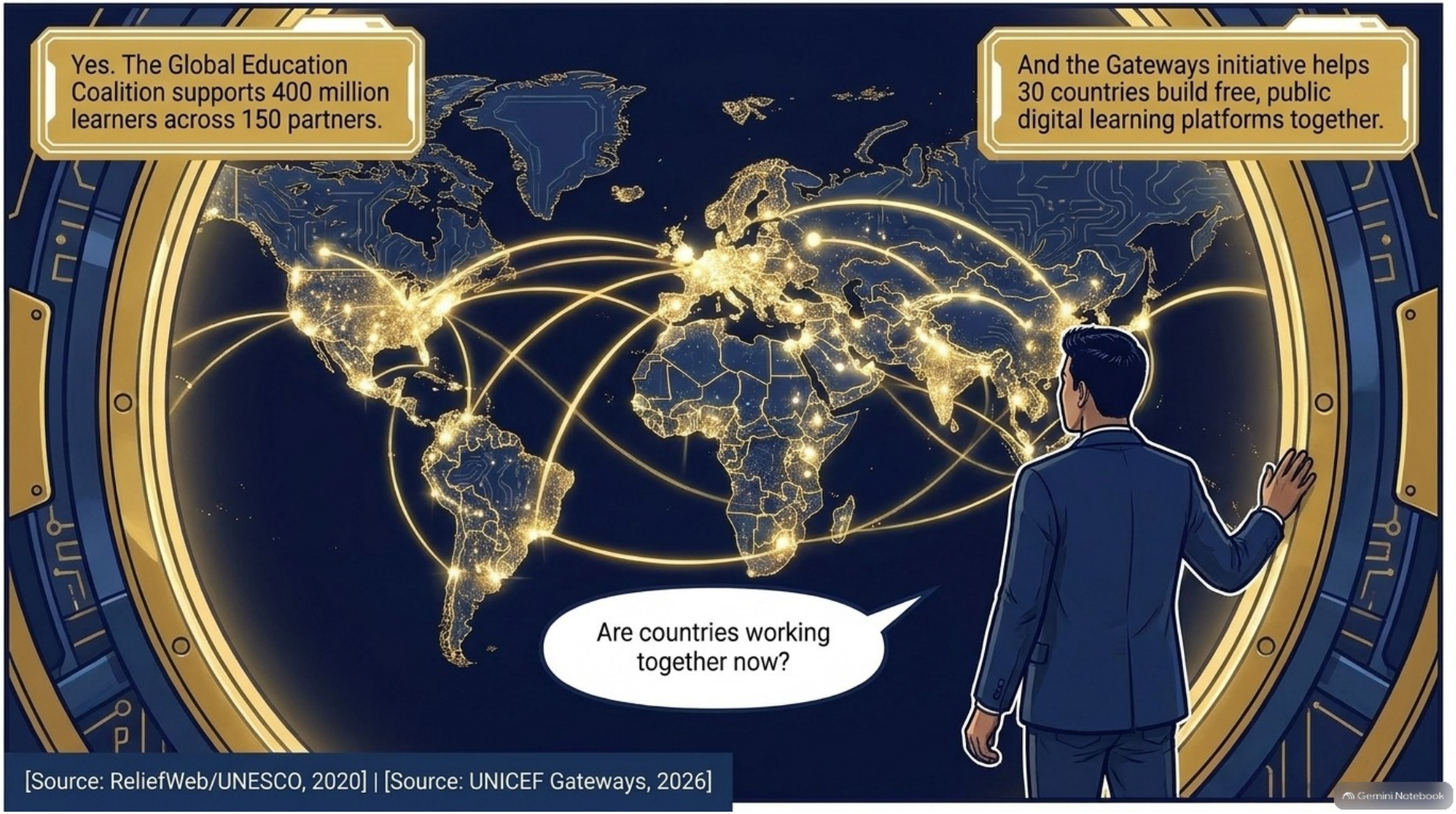
Yes. The Global Education Coalition supports 400 million learners across 150 partners.
And the Gateways initiative helps 30 countries build free, public digital learning platforms together.
Are countries working together now?
[Source: ReliefWeb/UNESCO, 2020] | [Source: UNICEF Gateways, 2026]
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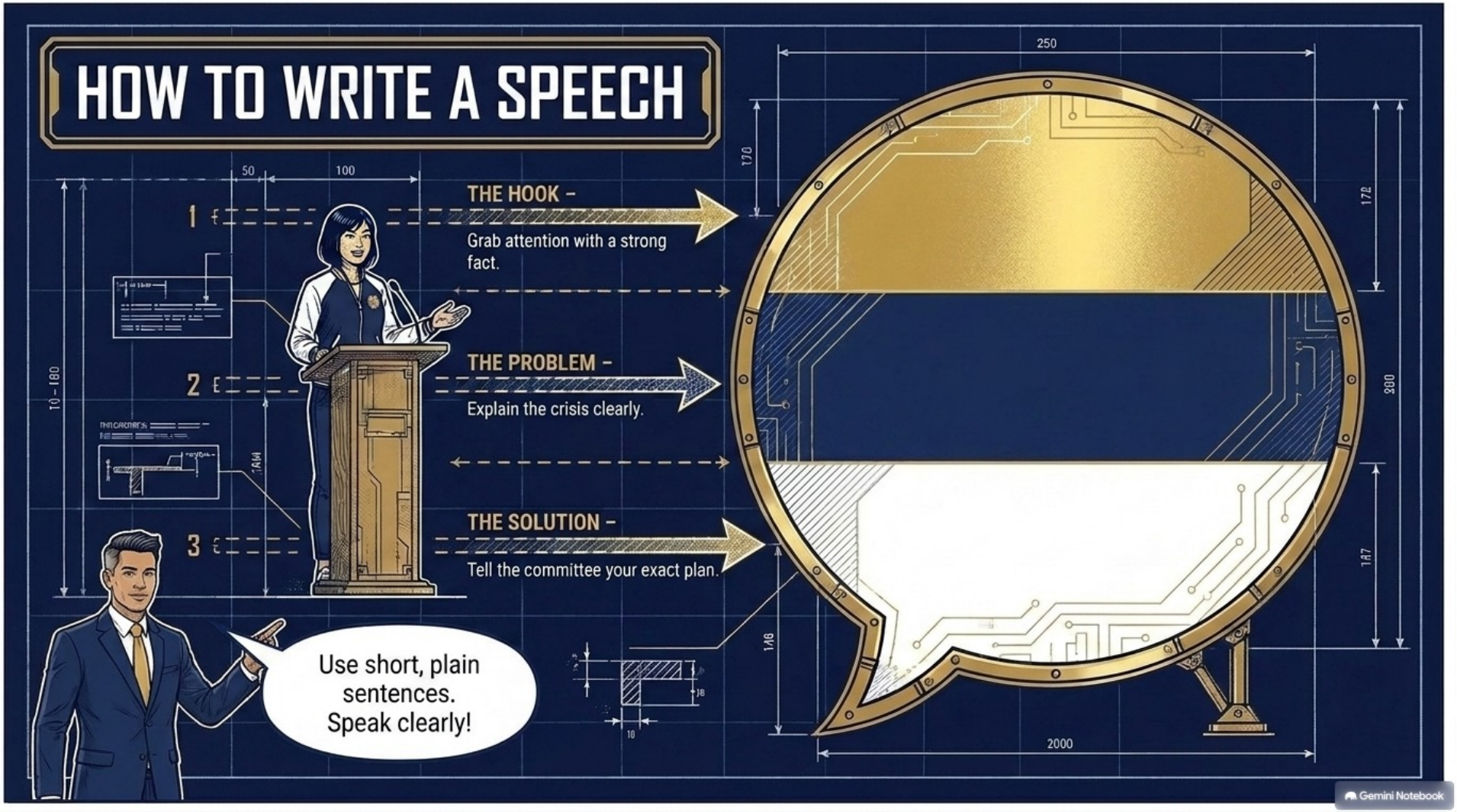
HOW TO WRITE A SPEECH
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THE HOOK –
Grab attention with a strong fact.
2
THE PROBLEM –
Explain the crisis clearly.
3
THE SOLUTION –
Tell the committee your exact plan.
Use short, plain sentences. Speak clearly!
250
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HOW TO WRITE A CLAUSE
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The Operative Word.
1
Always start with a strong action verb (like Recommends, Urges, or Creates).
URGES
all governments to share free learning software.
2
The Action.
Tell governments exactly what to do.
Daniel
One idea per clause!
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The gaps are wide, but by working together, delegates can close them.
We have our research.
We are ready to speak.
MISSION READY.
Good luck in committee, delegates.
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