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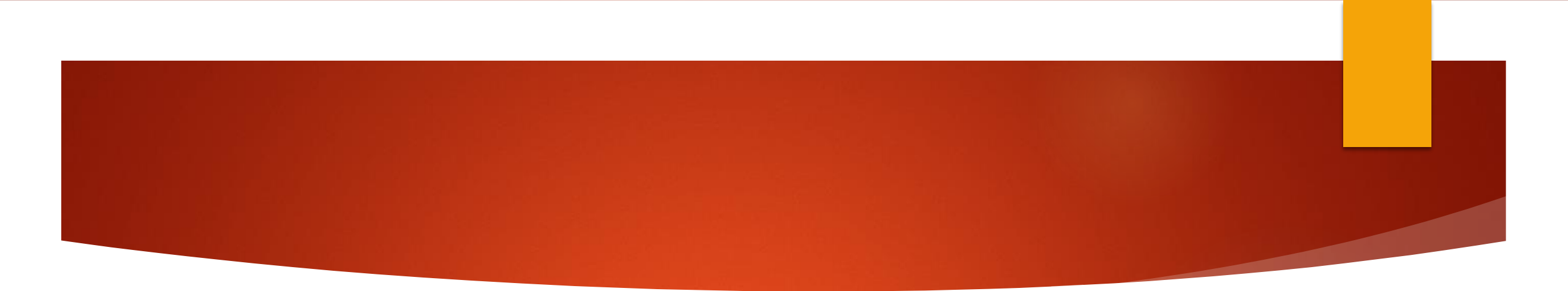
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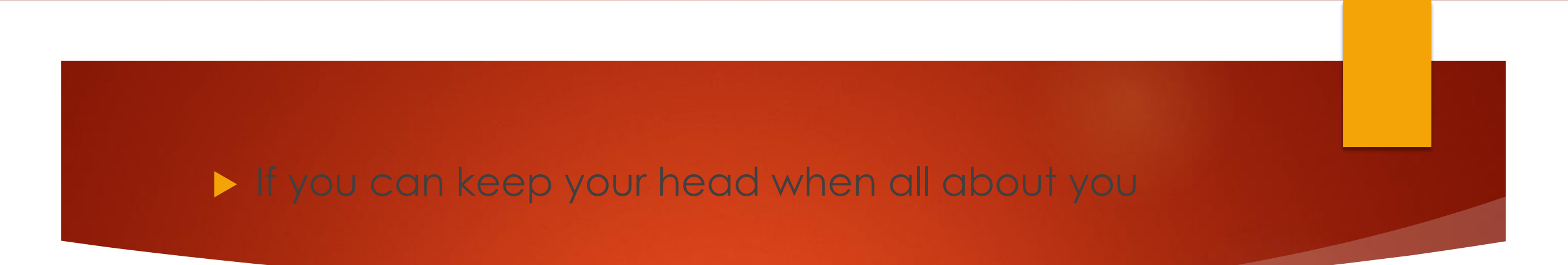
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## BY RUDYARD KIPLING

- ▶ Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) was an English poet and novelist.
- ▶ He is known for children's books.
- ▶ He is more famous for the Jungle Book and Kim.
- ▶ He has also written many stories and poems about the British in India during the foreign rule.
- ▶ He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907.
- ▶ He was offered a knighthood several times but he always declined the honour.
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- ▶ 'If' is written from the perspective of a father who is imparting advice to his son.
  - ▶ This poem reminds us of the advice of Polonius to his son, contained in Shakespeare's Hamlet.
  - ▶ In this poem, Kipling expounds the significance of virtue and self-control in life, imperative for a man.
  - ▶ This inspirational poem is of immense help to the young generation.

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- ▶ If you can keep your head when all about you
  - ▶ Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
  - ▶ If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
  - ▶ But make allowance for their doubting too;
  - ▶ If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
  - ▶ Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
  - ▶ Or being hated, don't give way to hating,



▶ **If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;**

▶ **If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;**

▶ **If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster**

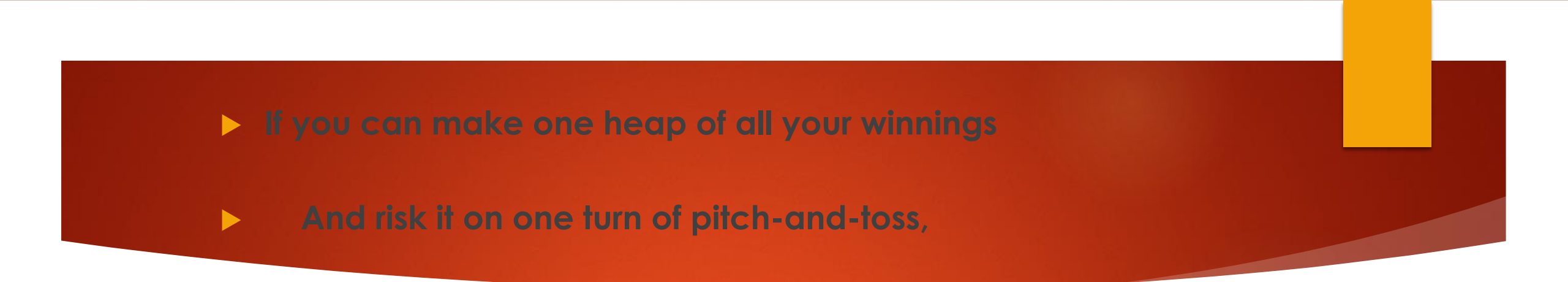
▶ **And treat those two impostors just the same;**

▶ **If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken**

▶ **Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,**

▶ **Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,**

▶ **And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:**

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- ▶ **If you can make one heap of all your winnings**
  - ▶ **And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,**
  - ▶ **And lose, and start again at your beginnings**
  - ▶ **And never breathe a word about your loss;**
  - ▶ **If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew**
  - ▶ **To serve your turn long after they are gone,**
  - ▶ **And so hold on when there is nothing in you**
  - ▶ **Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'**



▶ If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

▶ Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,

▶ If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

▶ If all men count with you, but none too much;

▶ If you can fill the unforgiving minute

▶ With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

▶ Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

▶ And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

THANK YOU