JOB HUNTING IN 2026

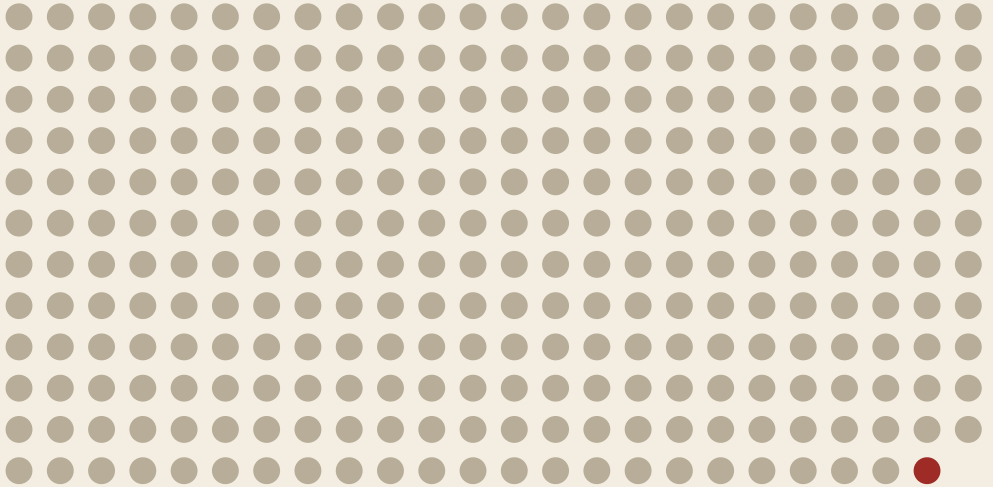
We’ll Keep Your Resume on File



287 applications. All sent by a person.
1 human wrote back.

A person sent every one of these.

287

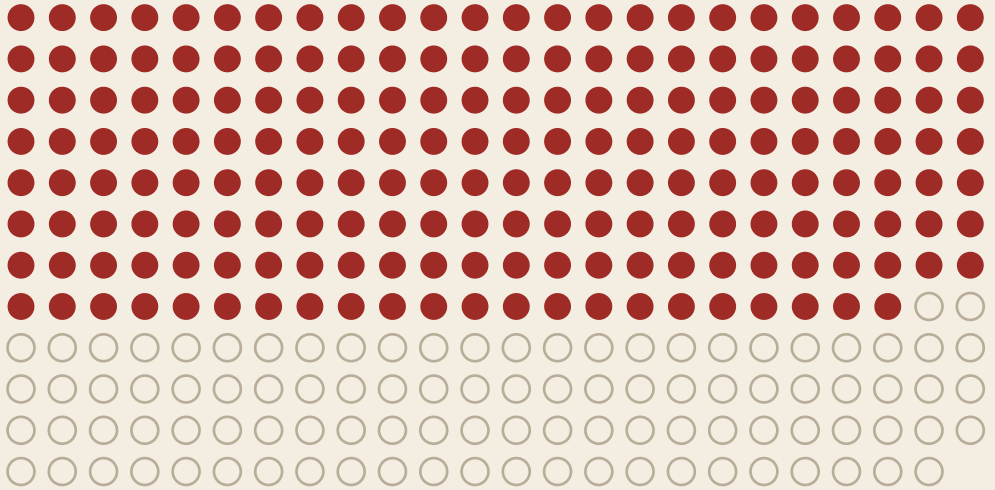


applications, July 21 – October 13, 2026

SENT BY A HUMAN

Two-thirds never answered.

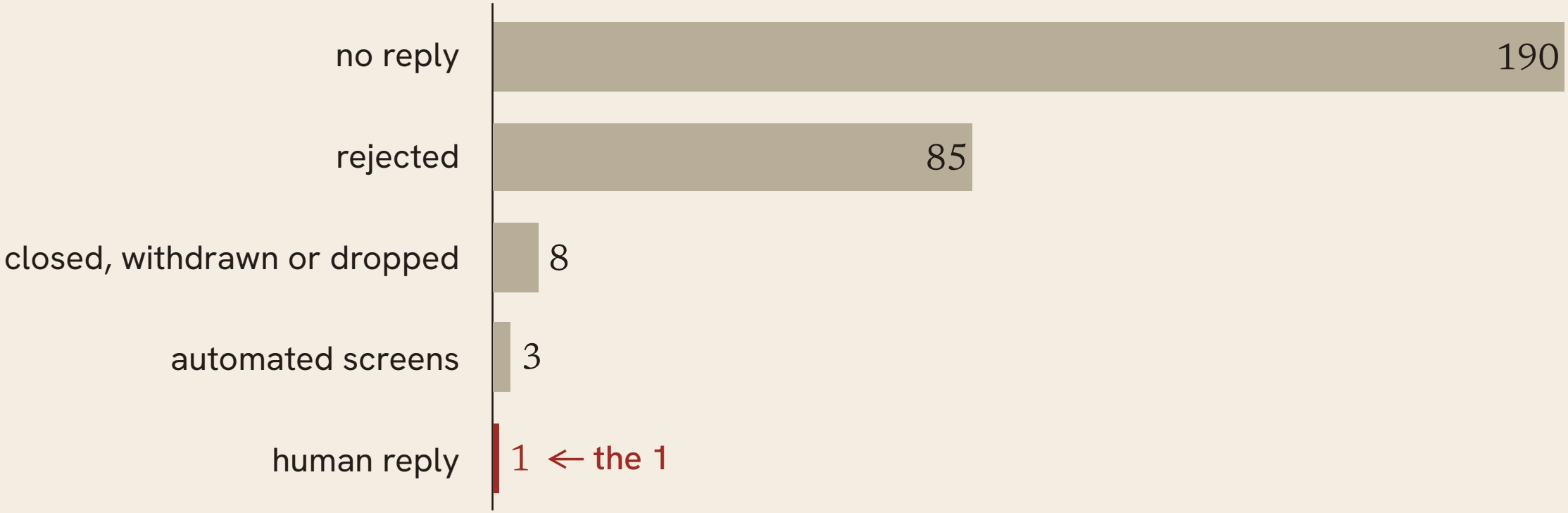
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of 287 applications got no reply at all

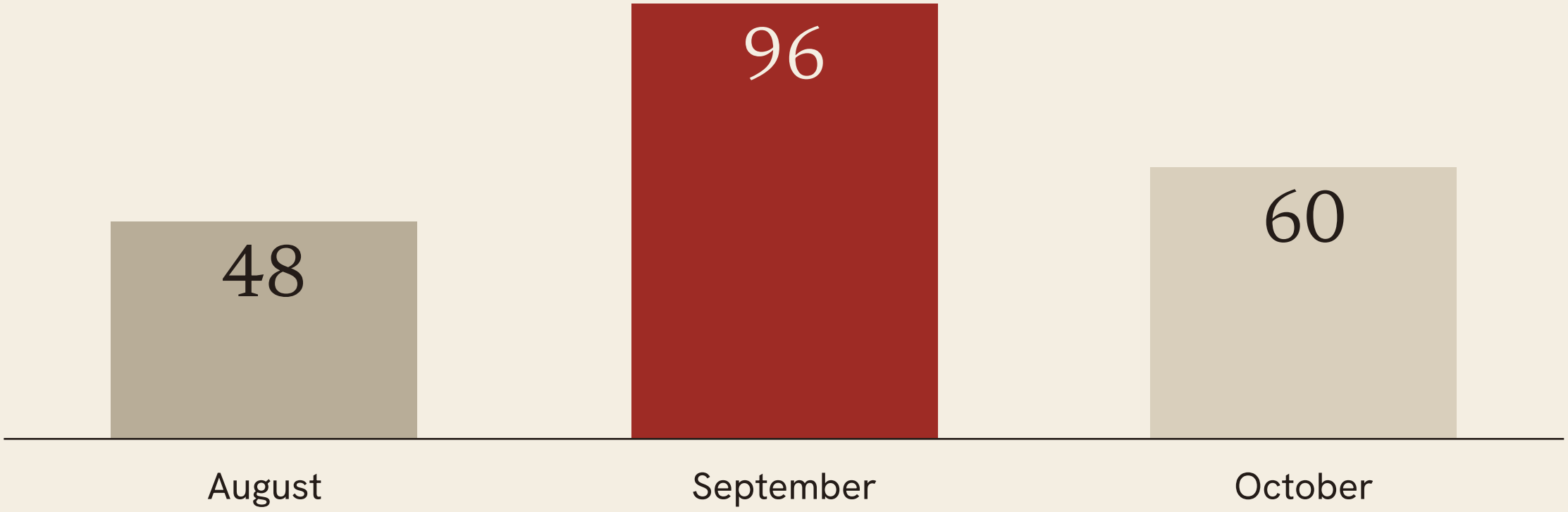
GHOSTED

1 in 287 reached a human.



Bars share one scale. n = 287.

Then I started applying like it was my job.



October counts under two weeks of applying.

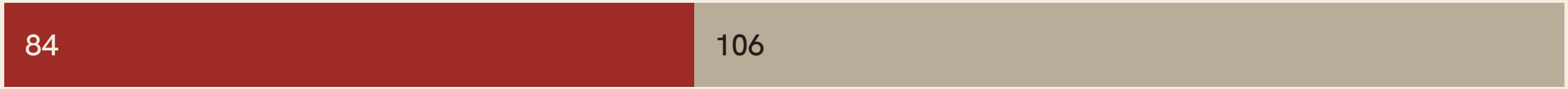
After 30 days, it’s cooked.

84

past the point where anyone is coming back

106

younger than a month: ask me again in November



The “NO” arrives fast.

5 days

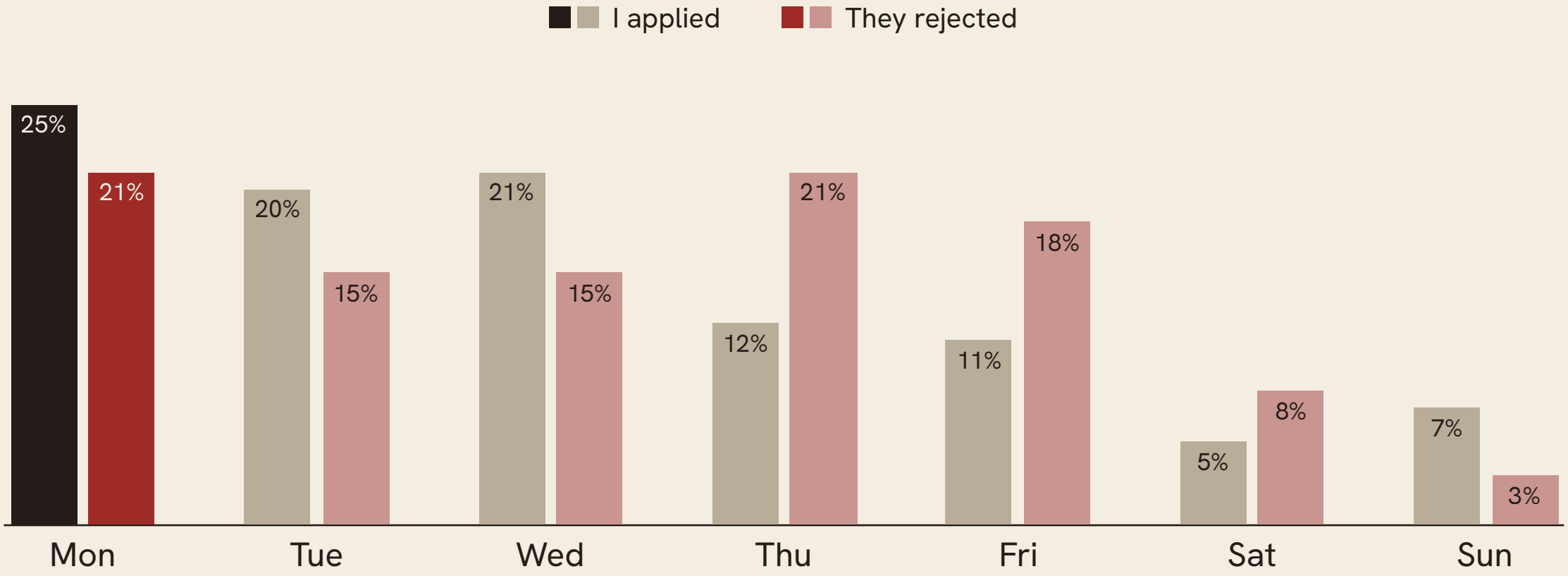
the median wait for a no

75 min

the fastest rejection in this report



Mondays are rough for both of us.



Share of 199 dated applications and 62 dated rejections. Rejections tie at 21% on Monday and Thursday.

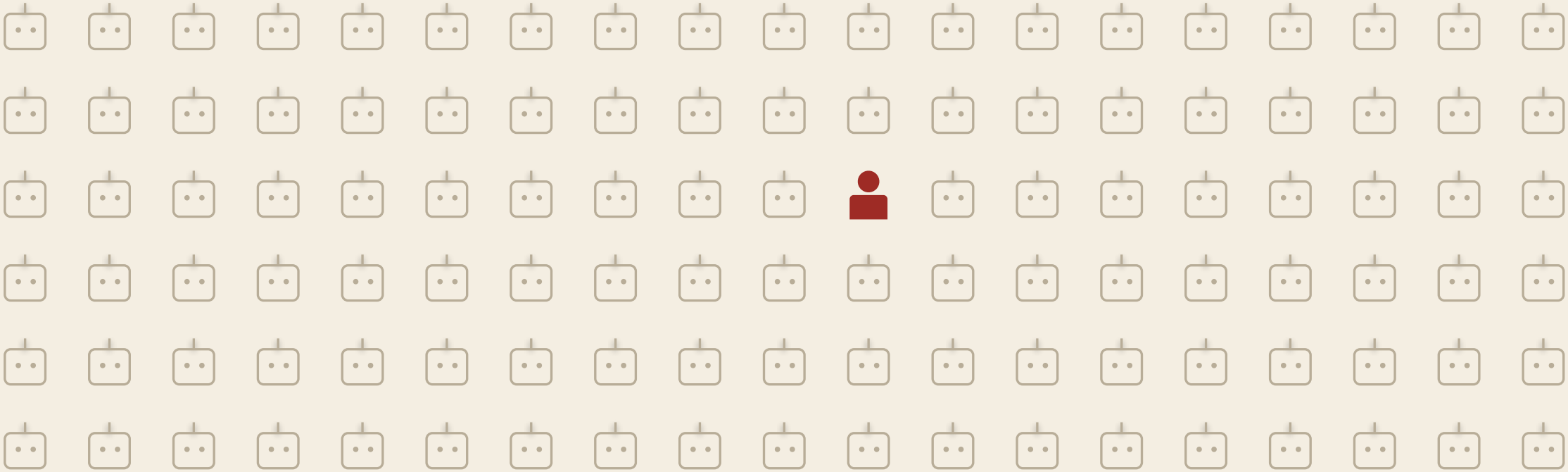
Template bingo.



BINGO!

Every square is a real line from a rejection I received.

The bots are applying too.



One of these is me.

Auto-apply tools send applications by the thousand, and companies answer with filters of their own.

What almost worked.

4 of 75

strong-fit roles moved to a next step



0 of 212

for everything else combined



We’ll keep your report on file.

1–2

recruiter calls

1

interview that went anywhere

287

applications in this file

The search isn’t over.
If you’re hiring a designer who reads the whole posting, you know where to find me.

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ON FILE