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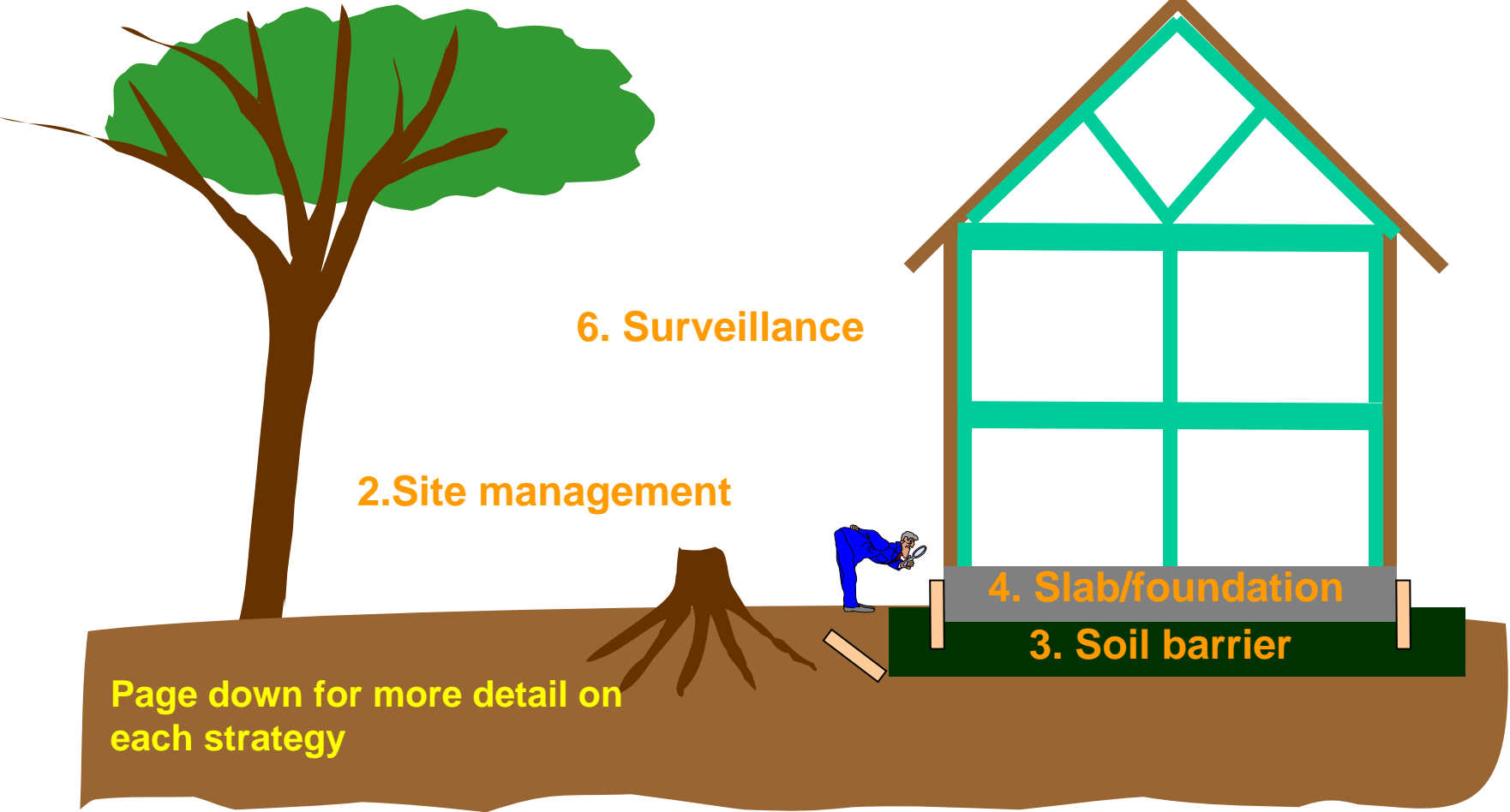
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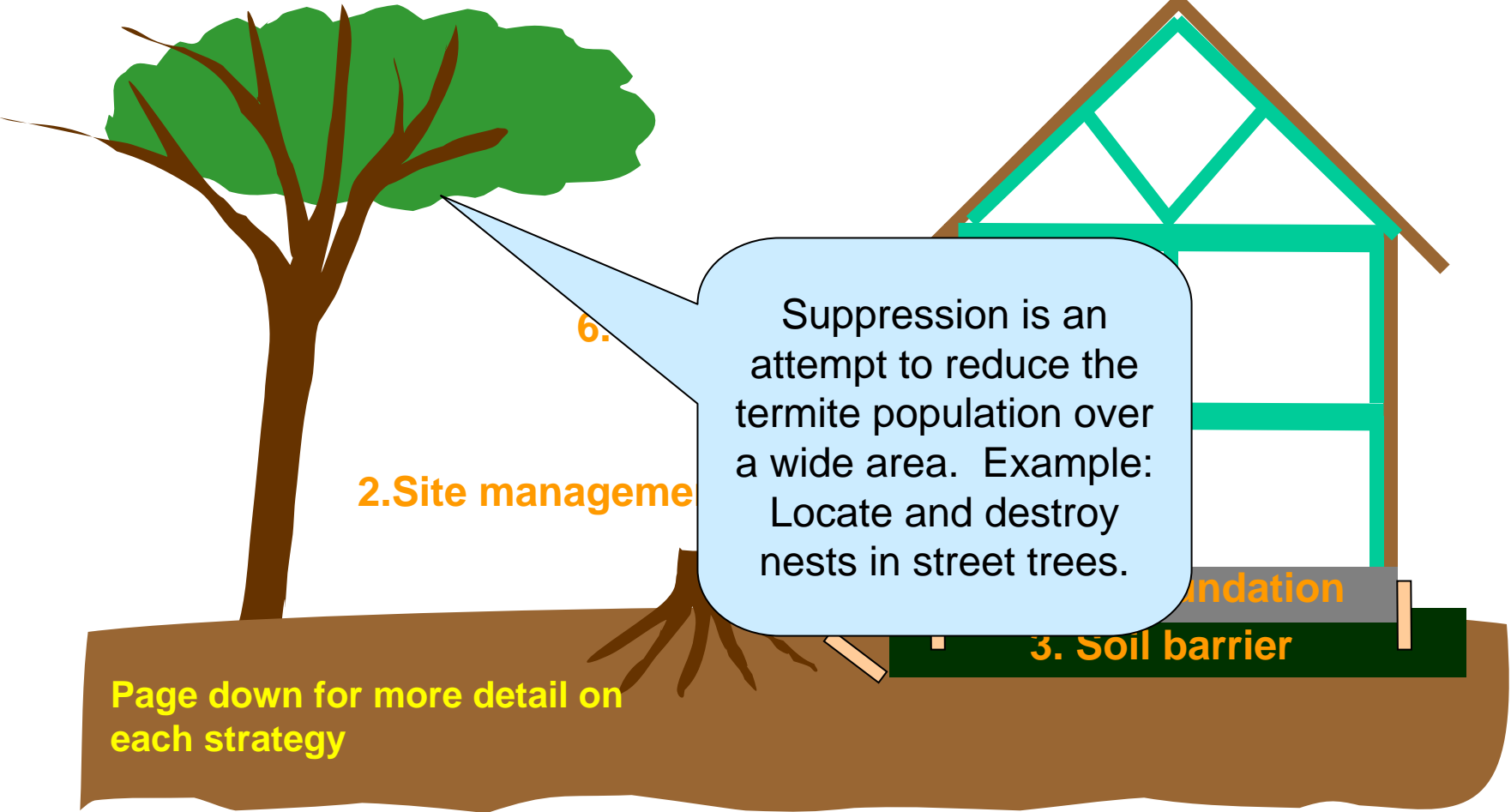
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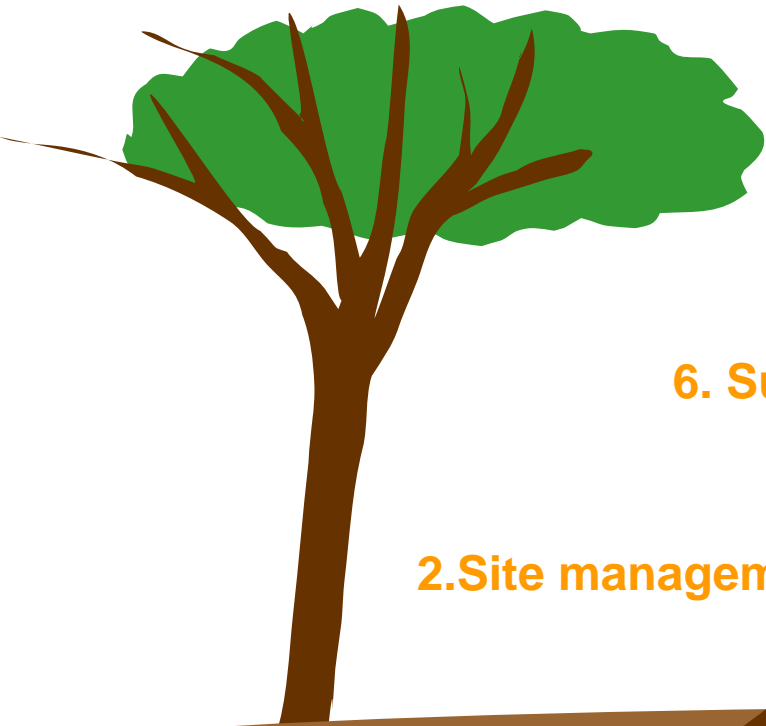
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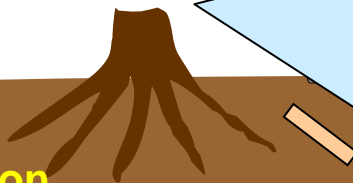


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Site management means remove any pre-existing nests or termite pathways, and avoid creating new paths. Examples: remove tree stumps (potential nest sites), don't leave wood debris on site, don't store cardboard or other cellulosic materials in crawlspaces.

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A soil barrier prevents termites from reaching the house. Examples: insecticides applied to the soil, or physical barriers that termites can't cross. Care must be taken not to breach the barrier. For example, a tree with overhanging branches that touch the house can be a bridge.

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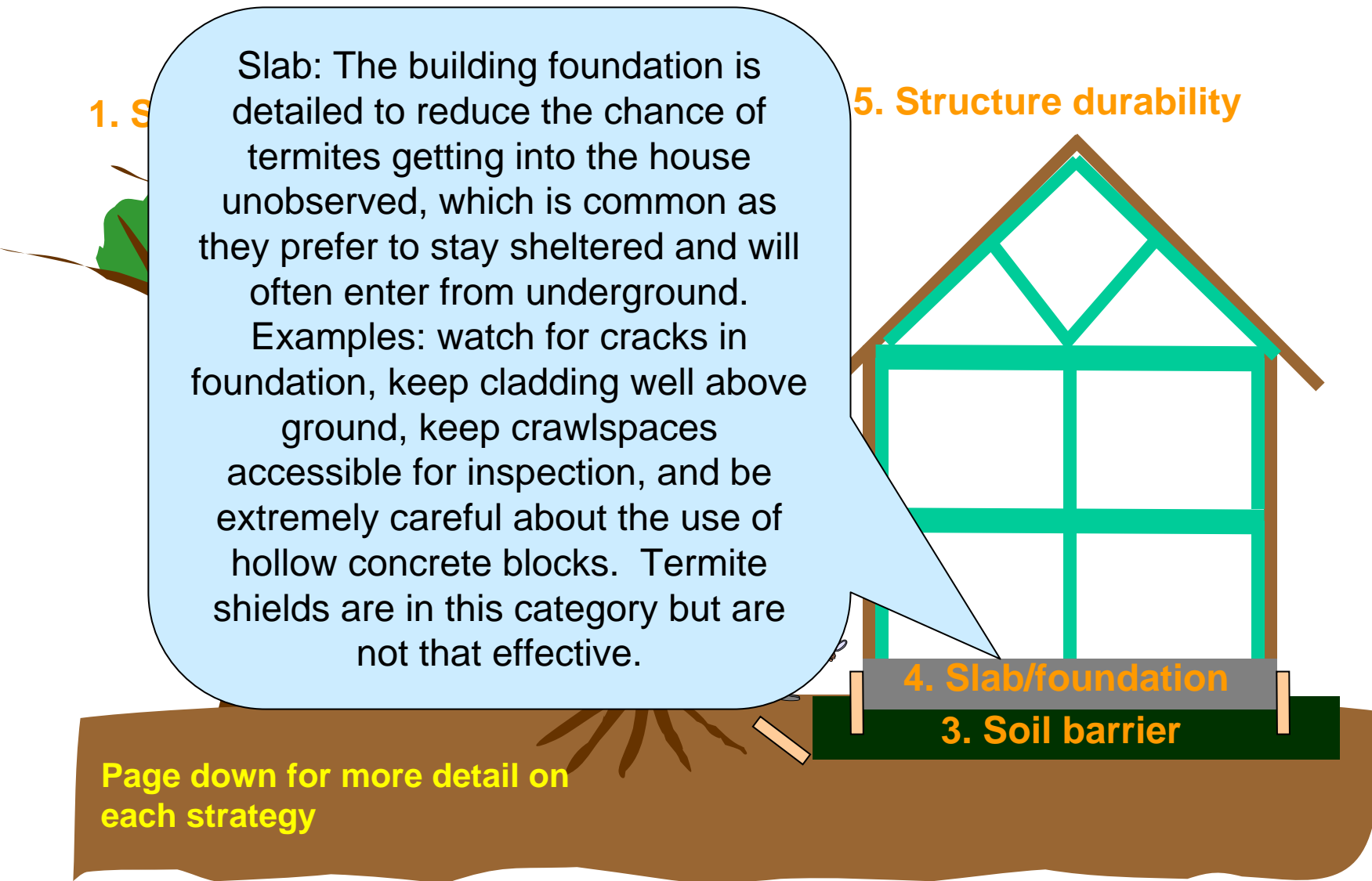
Slab: The building foundation is detailed to reduce the chance of termites getting into the house unobserved, which is common as they prefer to stay sheltered and will often enter from underground. Examples: watch for cracks in foundation, keep cladding well above ground, keep crawlspaces accessible for inspection, and be extremely careful about the use of hollow concrete blocks. Termite shields are in this category but are not that effective.

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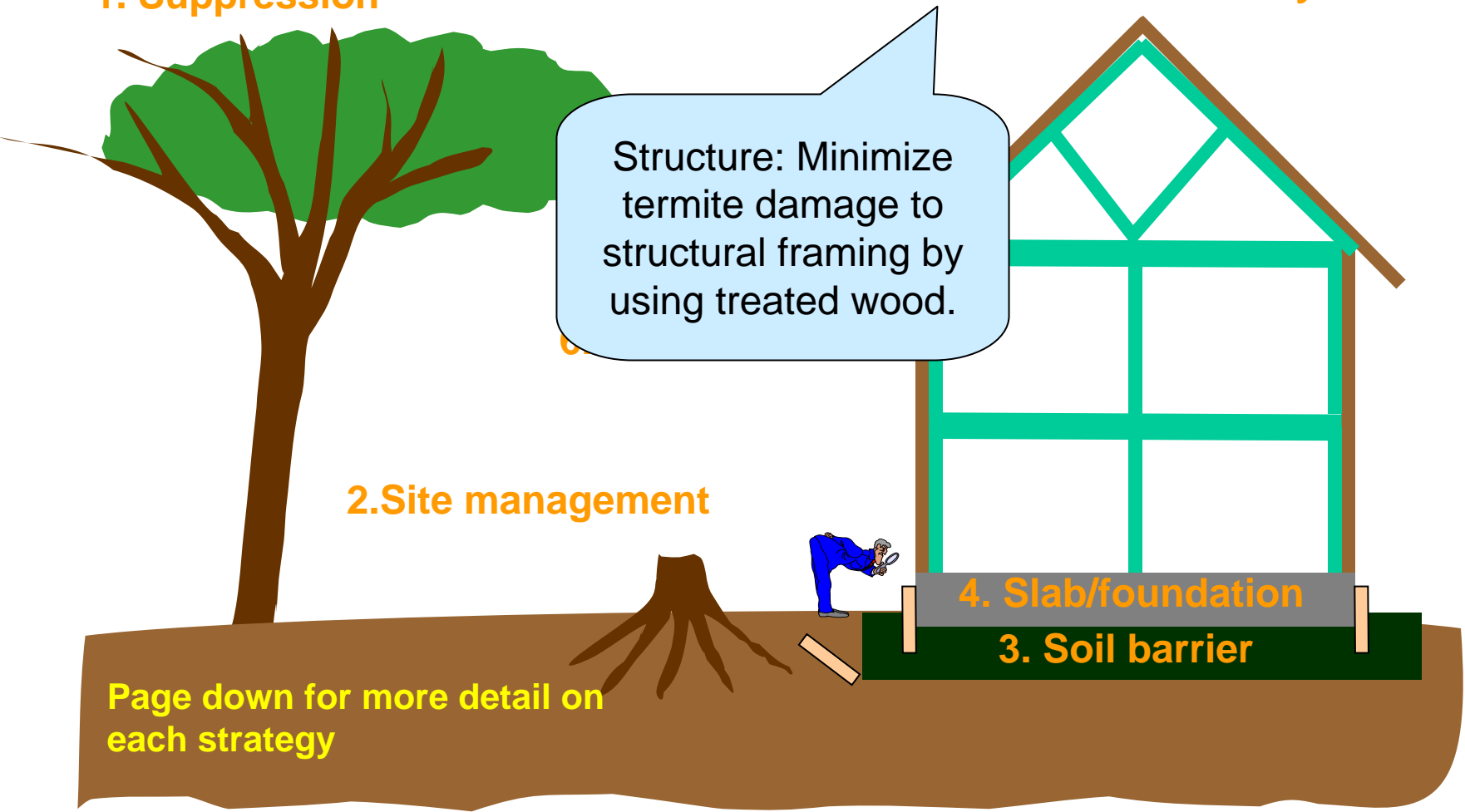
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Surveillance: Use the services of a professional to regularly check for signs of termites or barrier breaches, to eliminate any discovered termites, and make any necessary changes. Traditional response to infestation is house fumigation. Baiting systems, where termites carry insecticide back to the nest, is a more lasting option.

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