A CLOSER LOOK AT TAGS

CHARACTER

<p>

LEFT-ANGLE BRACKET
(LESS-THAN SIGN)

RIGHT-ANGLE BRACKET
(MORE-THAN SIGN)

OPENING TAG

CHARACTER

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LEFT-ANGLE BRACKET
(LESS-THAN SIGN)

FORWARD SLASH

RIGHT-ANGLE BRACKET
(MORE-THAN SIGN)
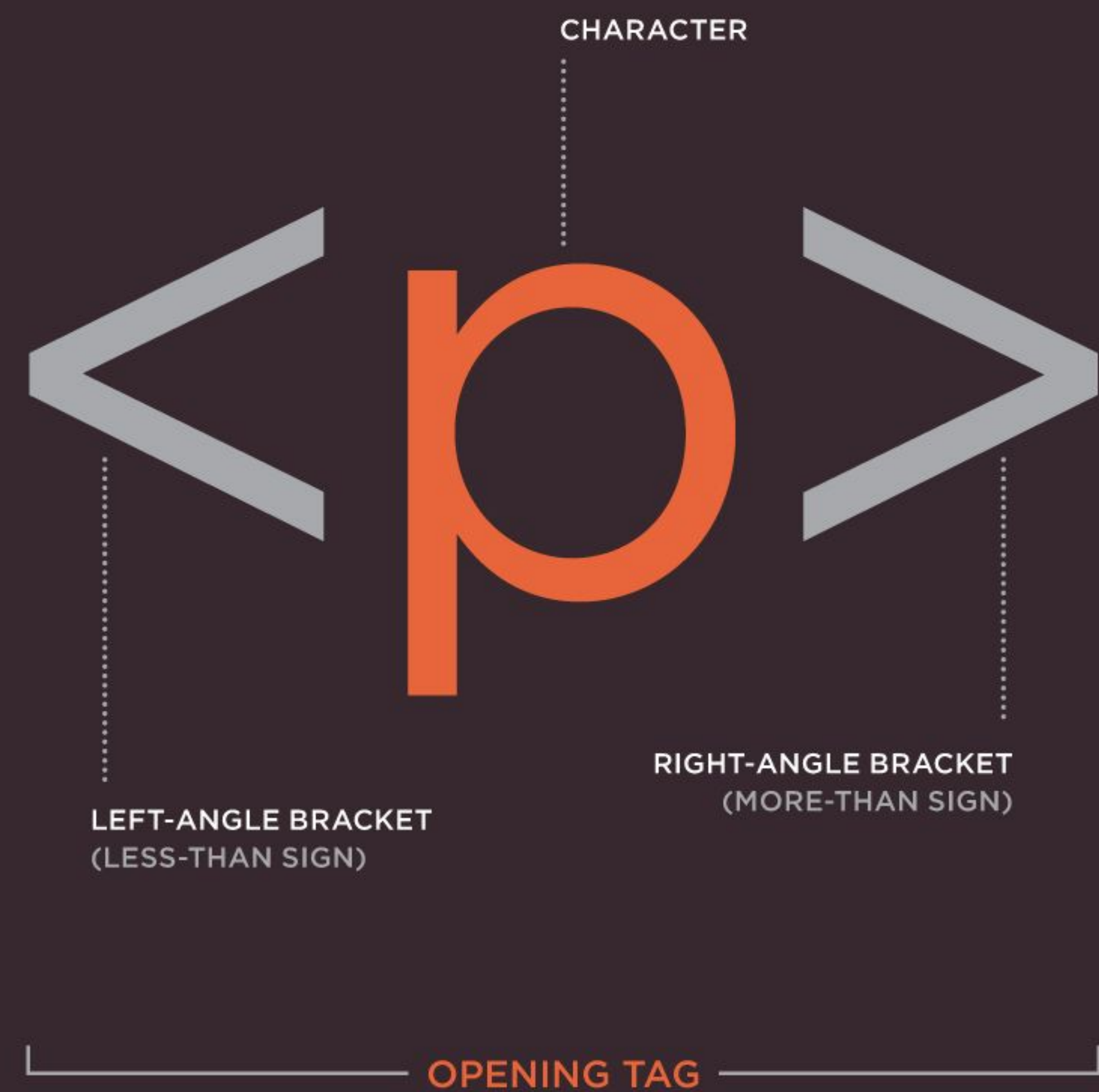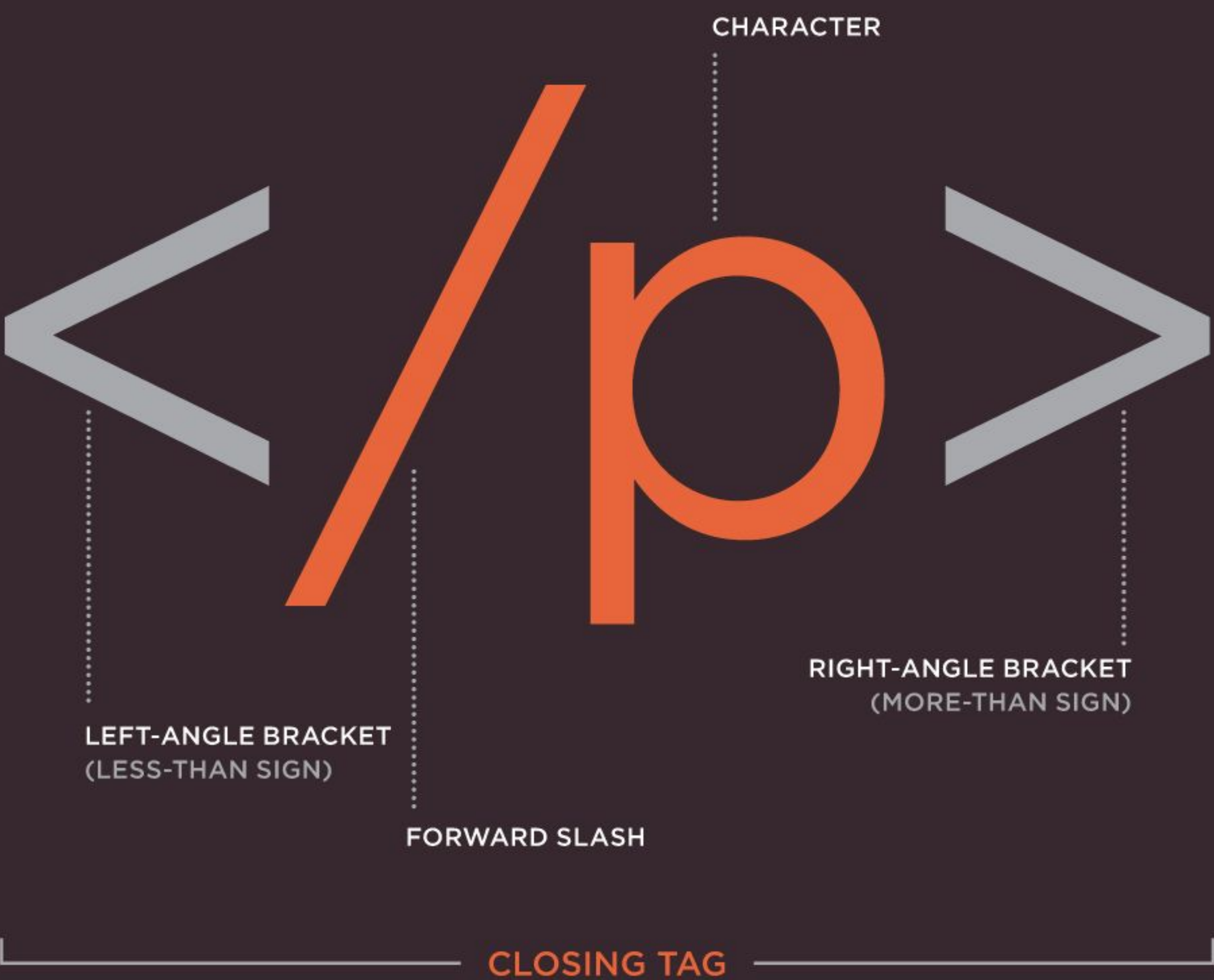
CLOSING TAG

The characters in the brackets indicate the tag's purpose.

For example, in the tags above the p stands for paragraph.

The closing tag has a forward slash after the the < symbol.

The terms "tag" and "element" are often used interchangeably.

Strictly speaking, however, an element comprises the opening

tag *and* the closing tag *and* any content that lies between them.