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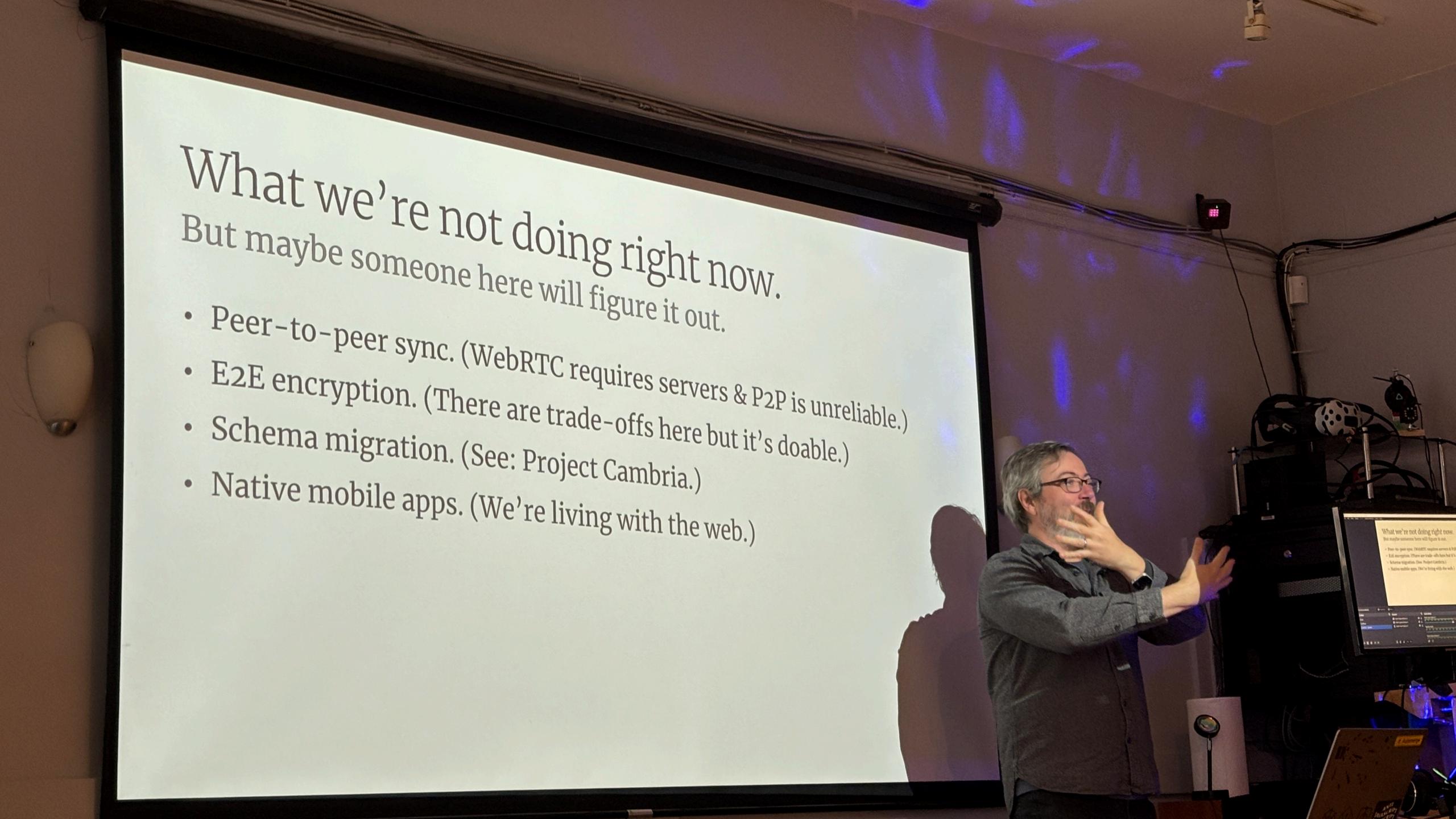
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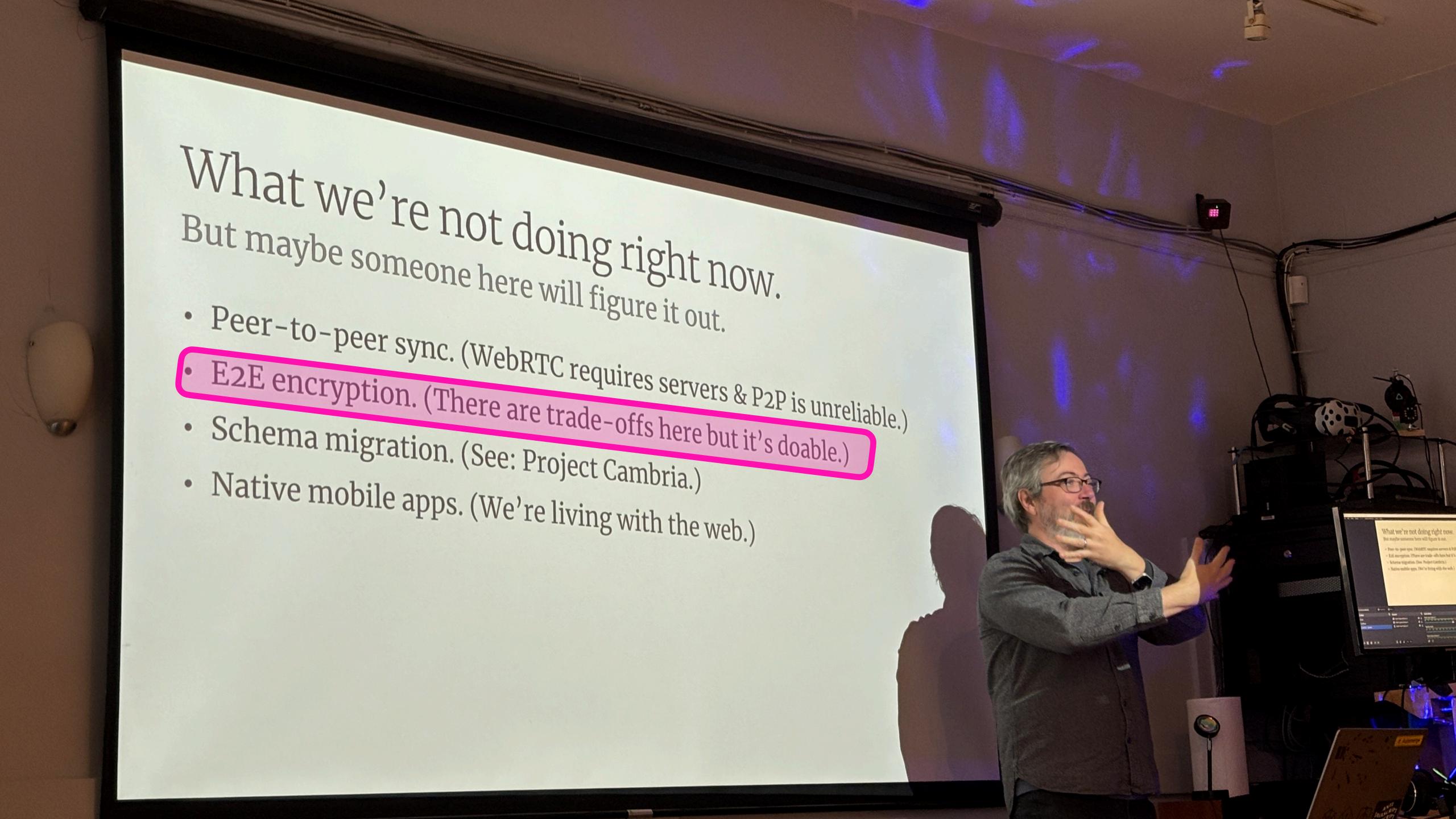
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- Beehive (auth) project lead at Ink & Switch
 - Team: John Mumm & Alex Good
 - Many community collaborators including DXOS, Serenity,
 Matrix Research, Herb Caudill, Martin Kleppmann, &c
- Spec editor at UCAN Working Group
- Prev. Ethereum core dev, mostly EVM but also access control
- PLs and DSys are my jam



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Cryptography is a tool for turning lots of different problems into key management problems

Dr. Lea Kissner, Global Lead of Privacy Technologies at Google

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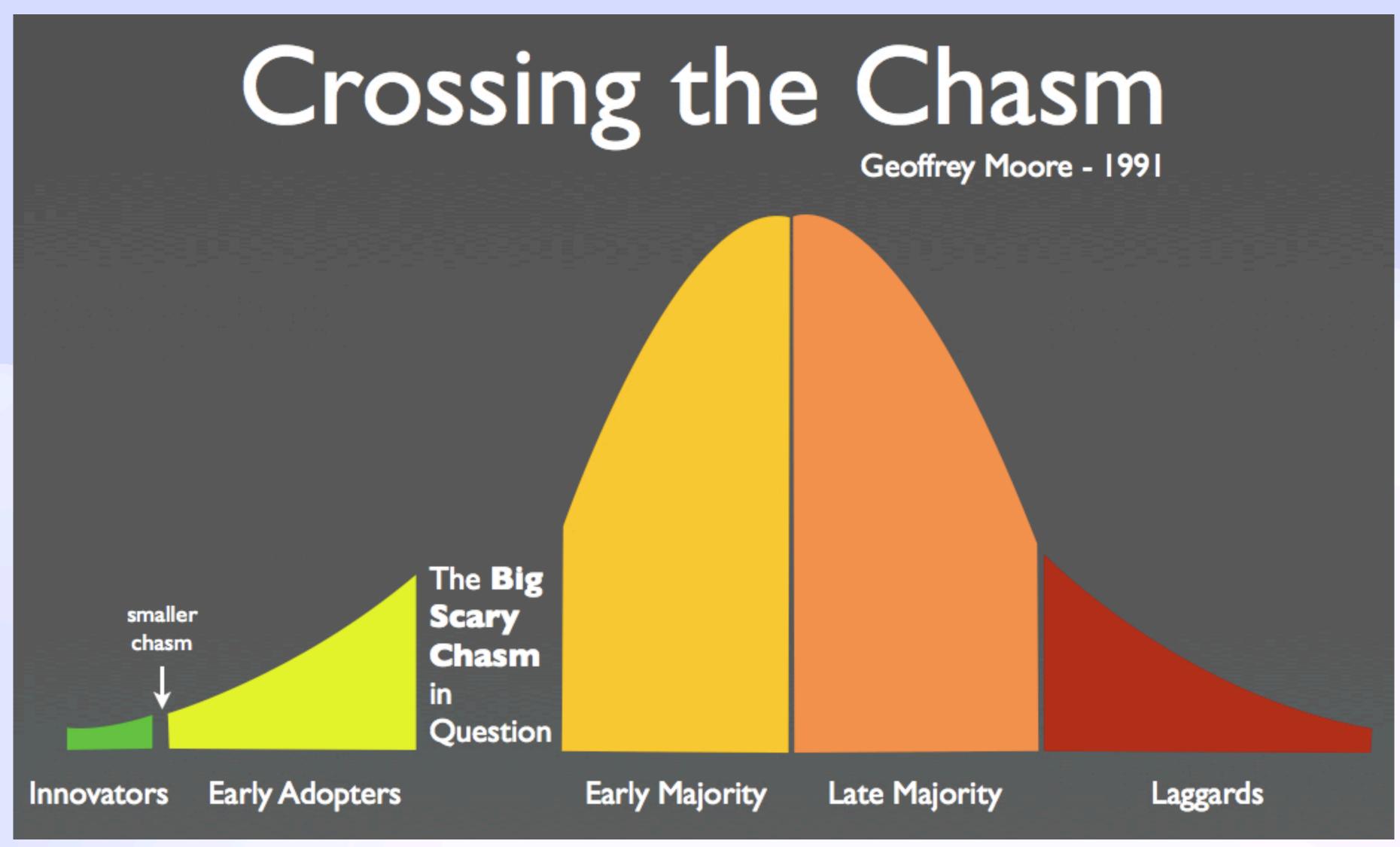
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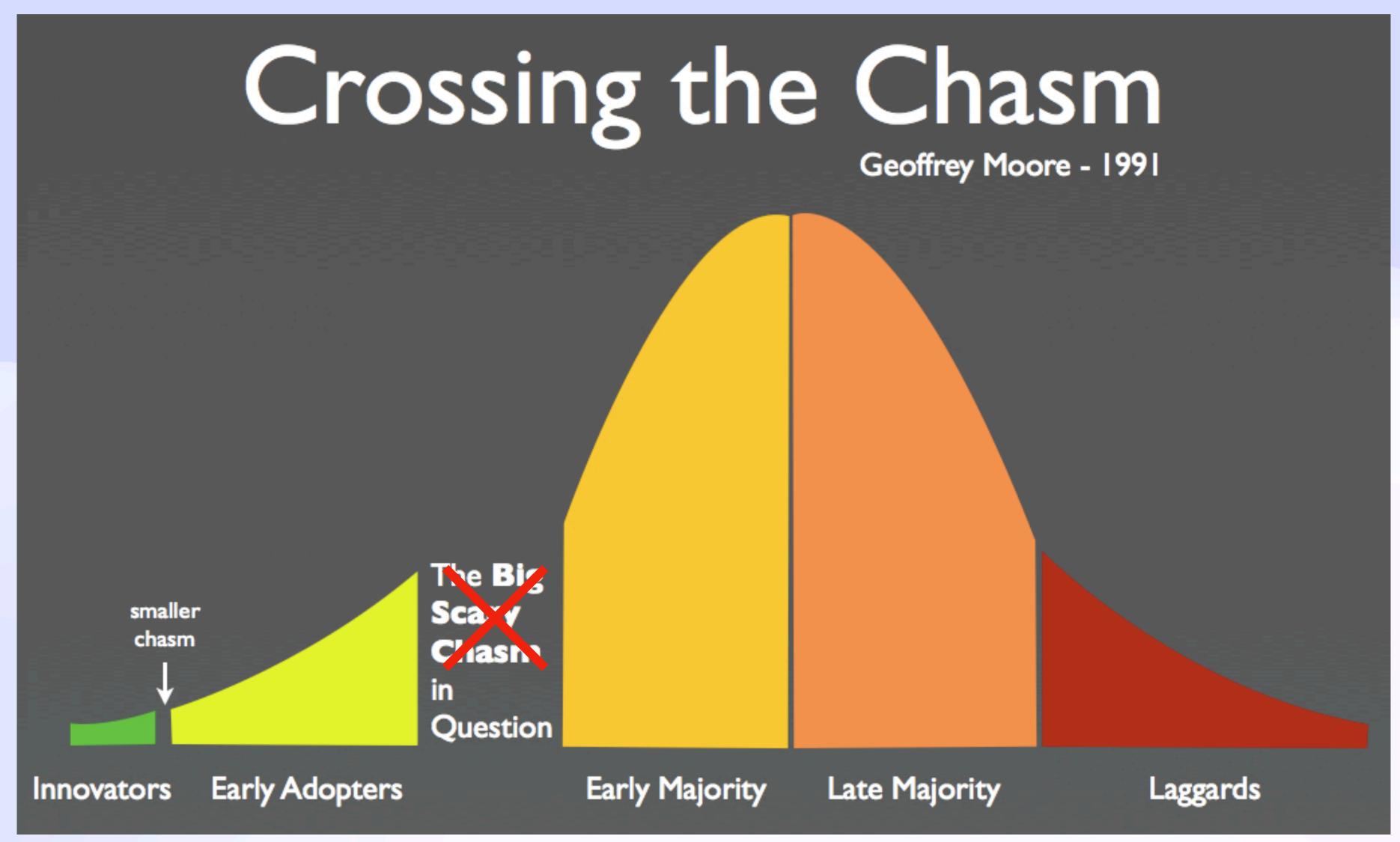
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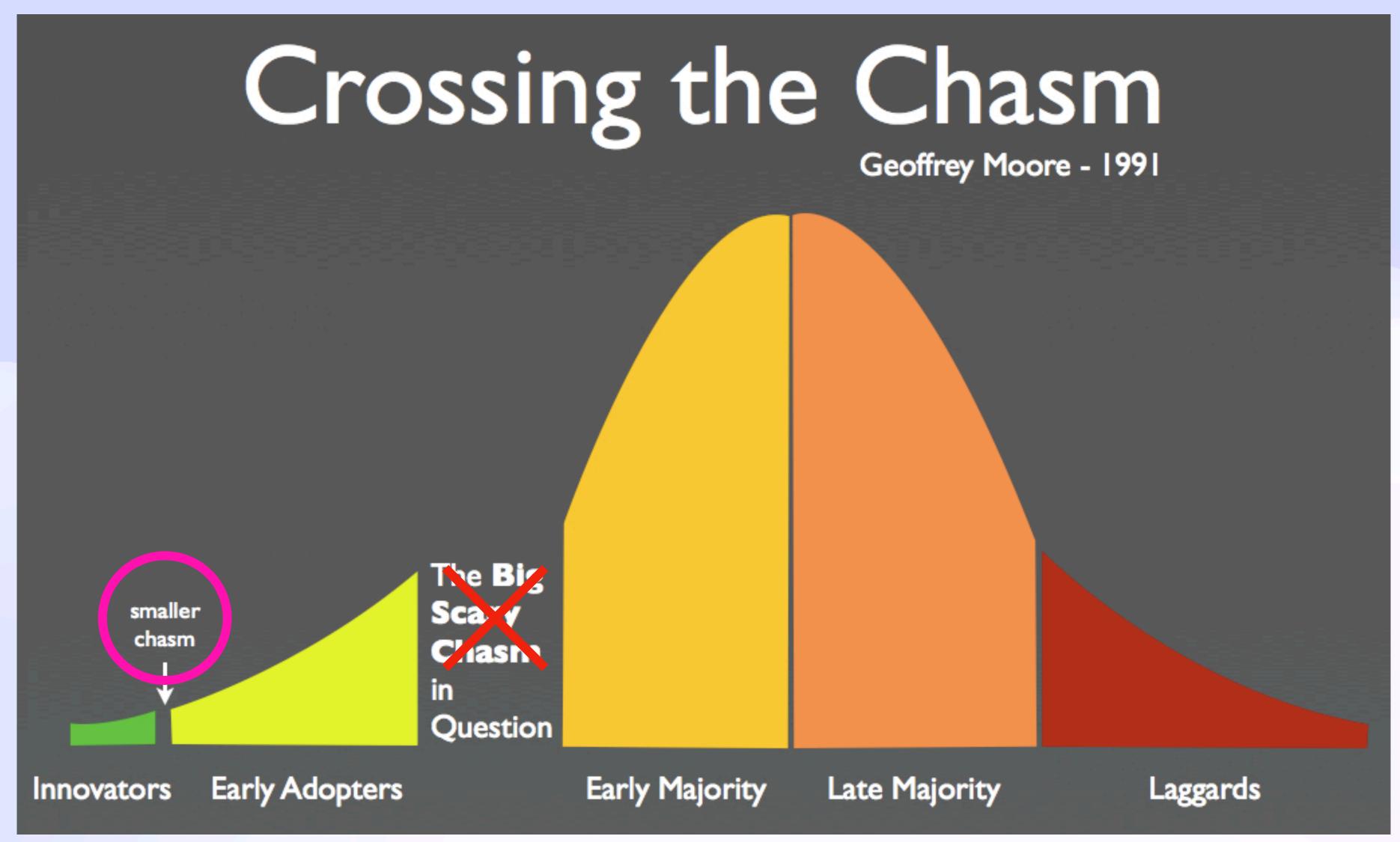
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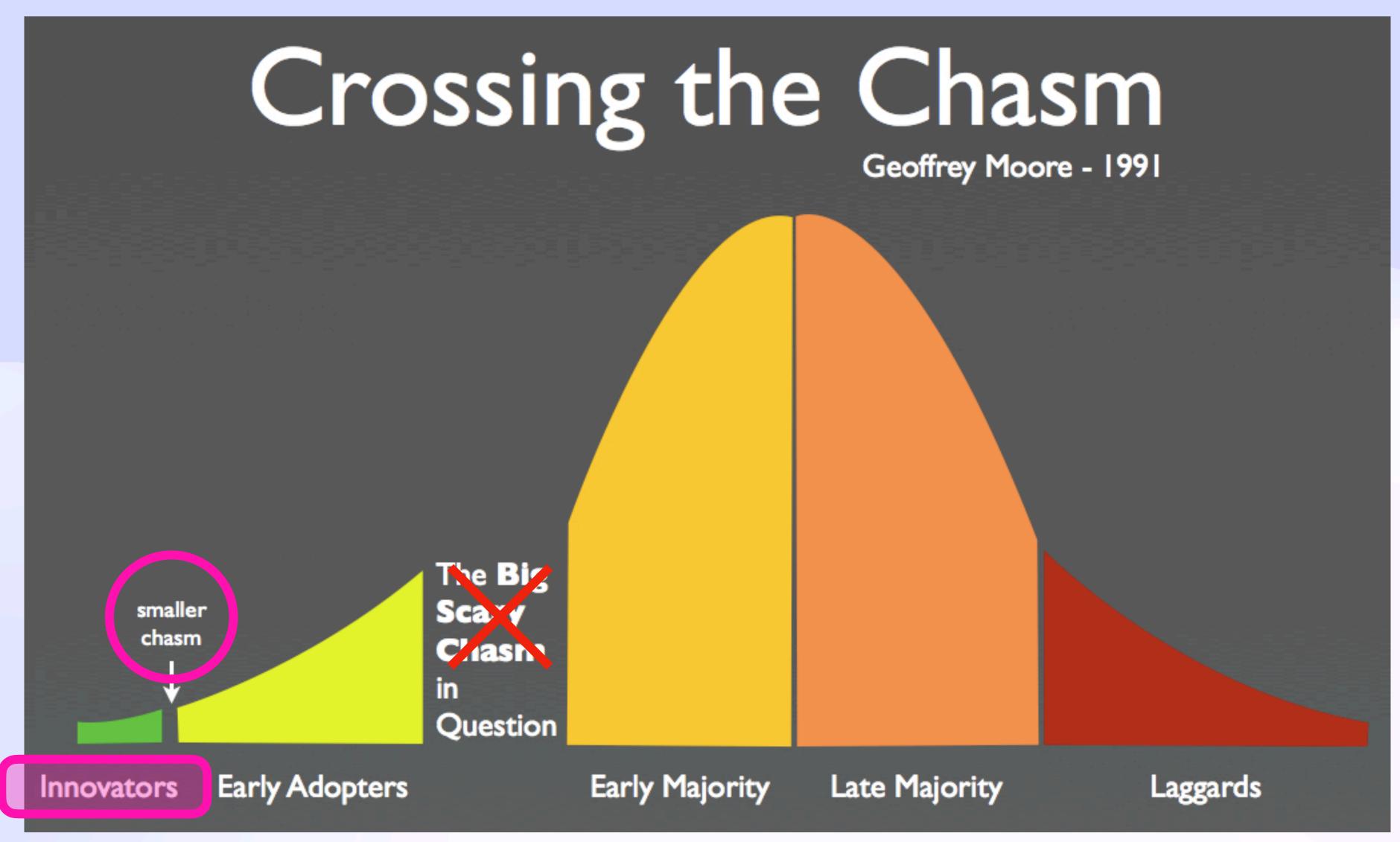
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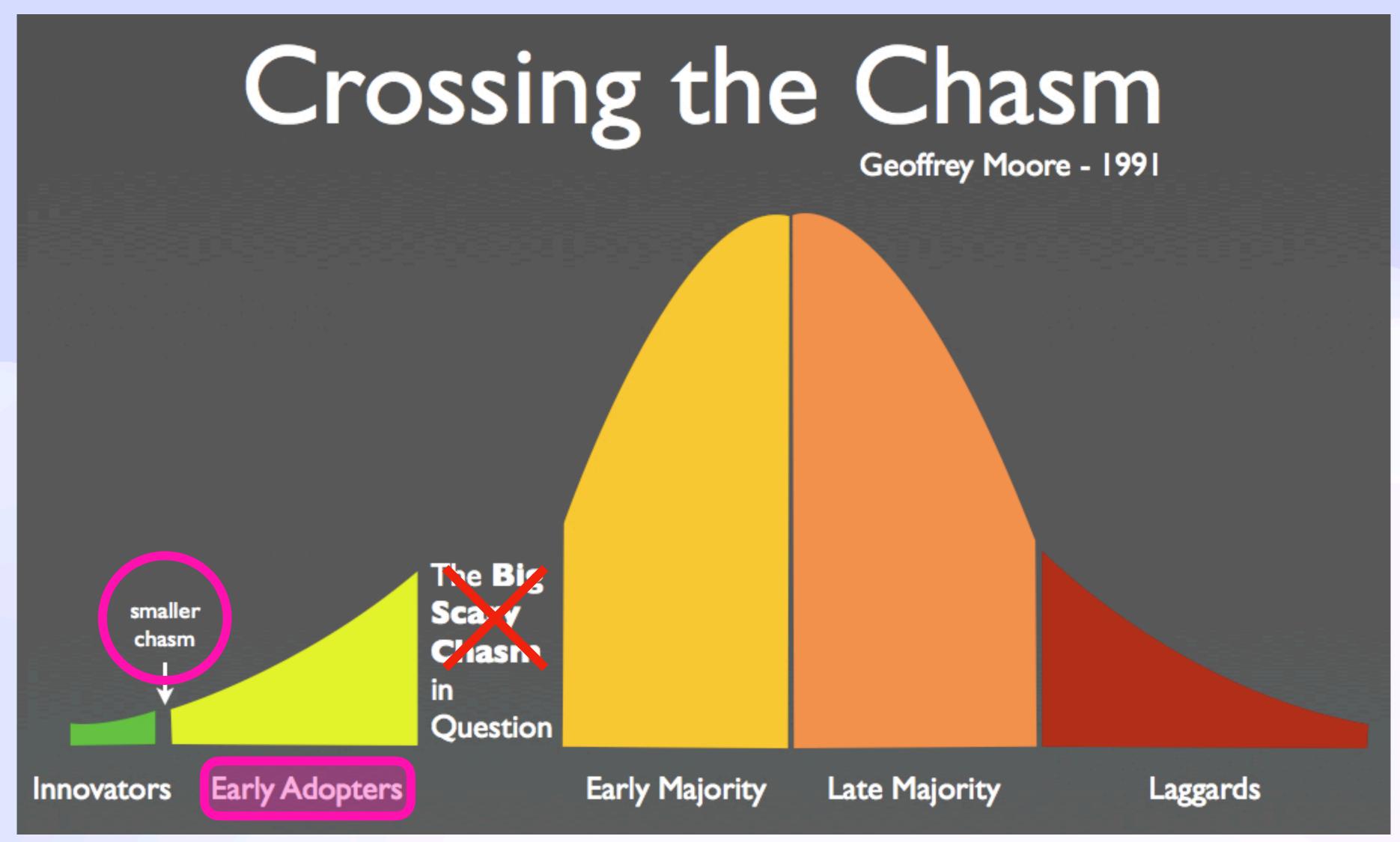
- Not covered
 - Sync
 - Beelay, PRIBLT, Sedimentree
 - Other systems
 - e.g. UCAN, WNFS, EIP-1066
 - Deep crypto
 - Future fanciness
 - FHE, ZKPs, PQC



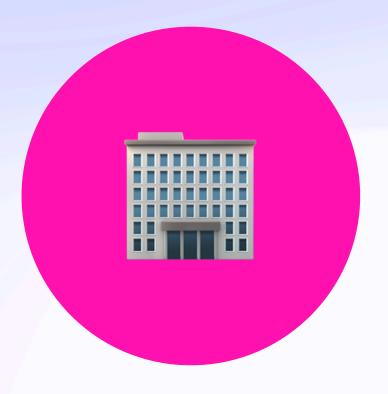








Local-First Access Control Command & Control



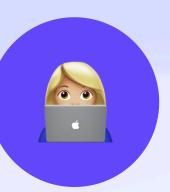




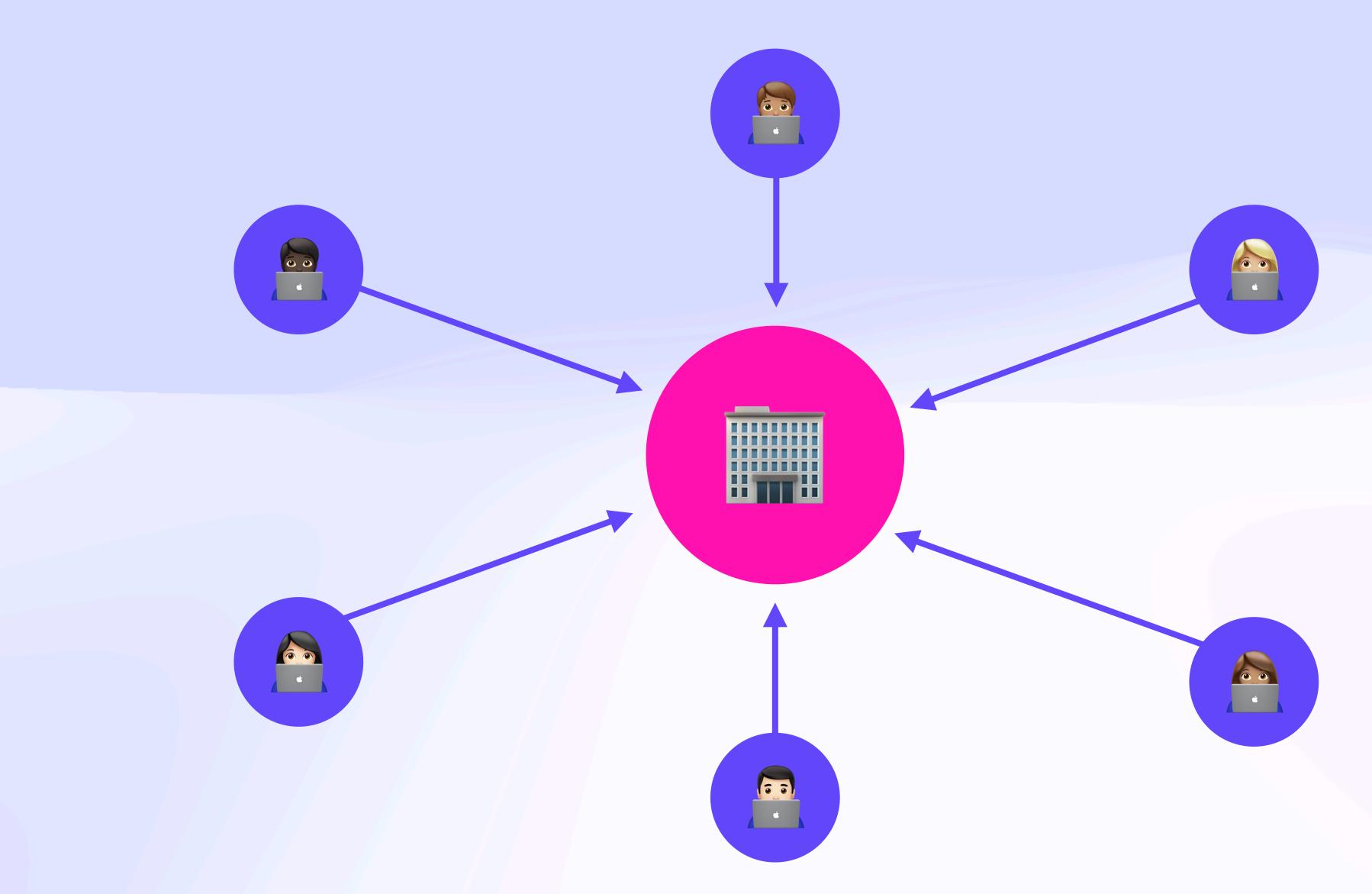


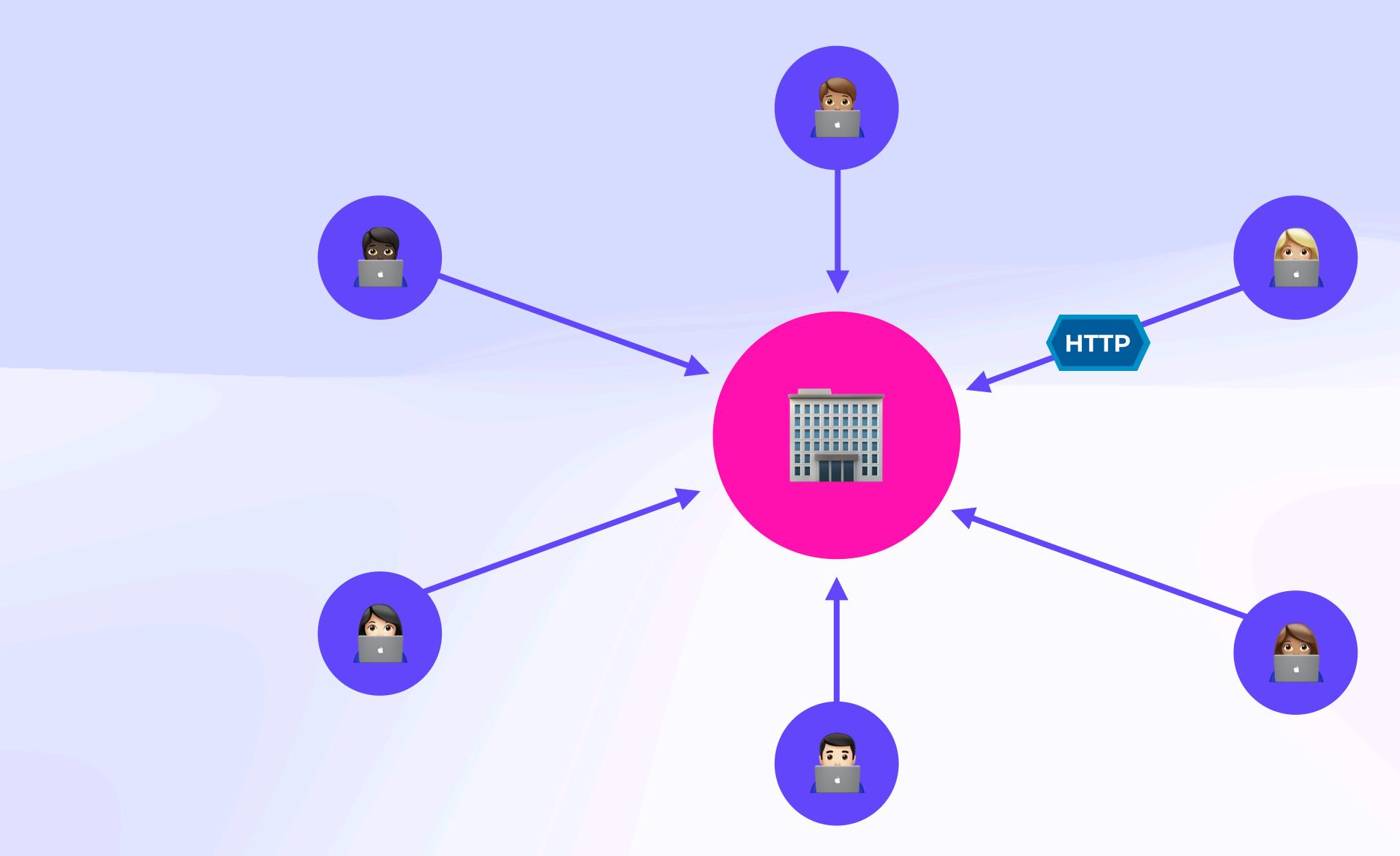




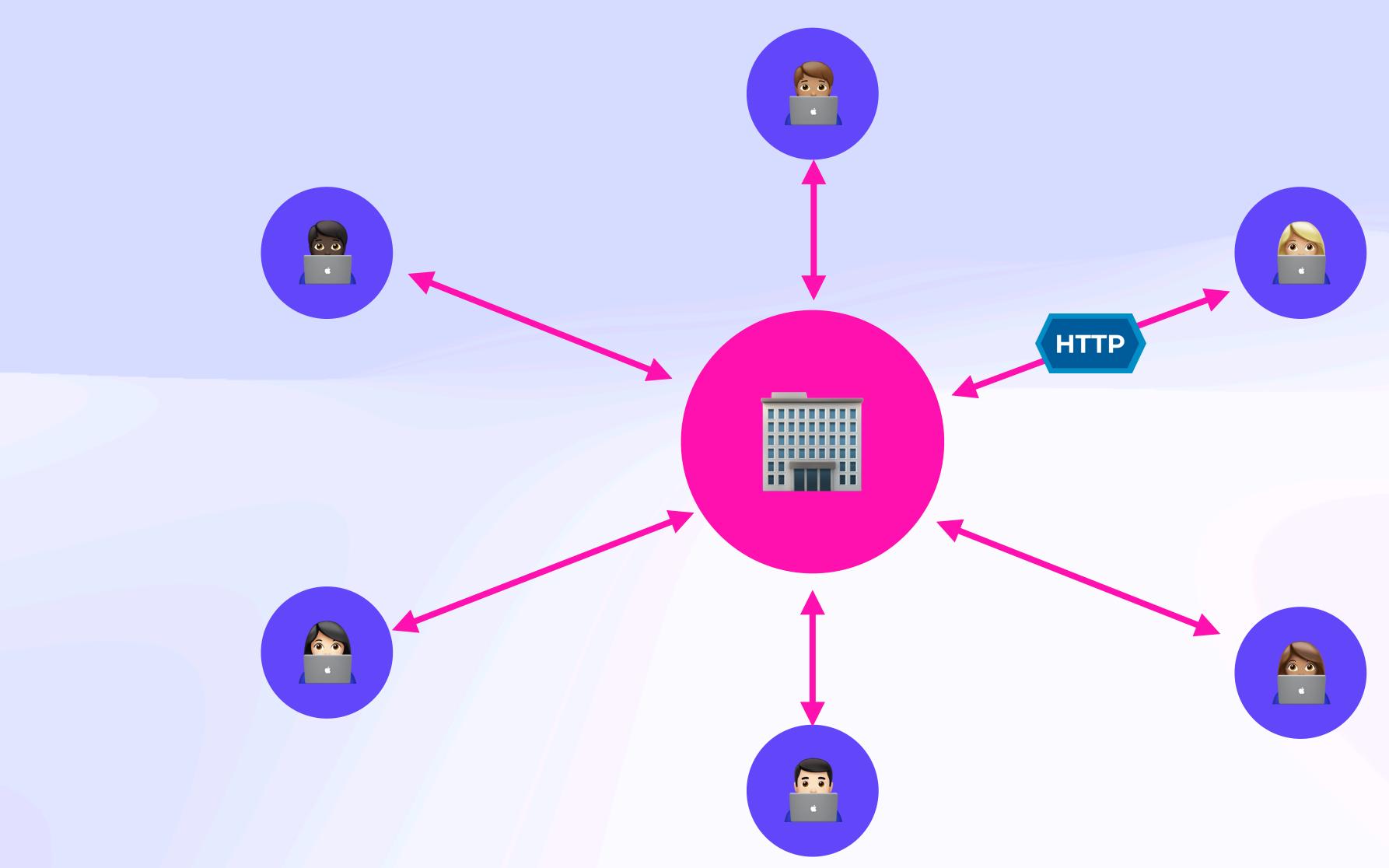




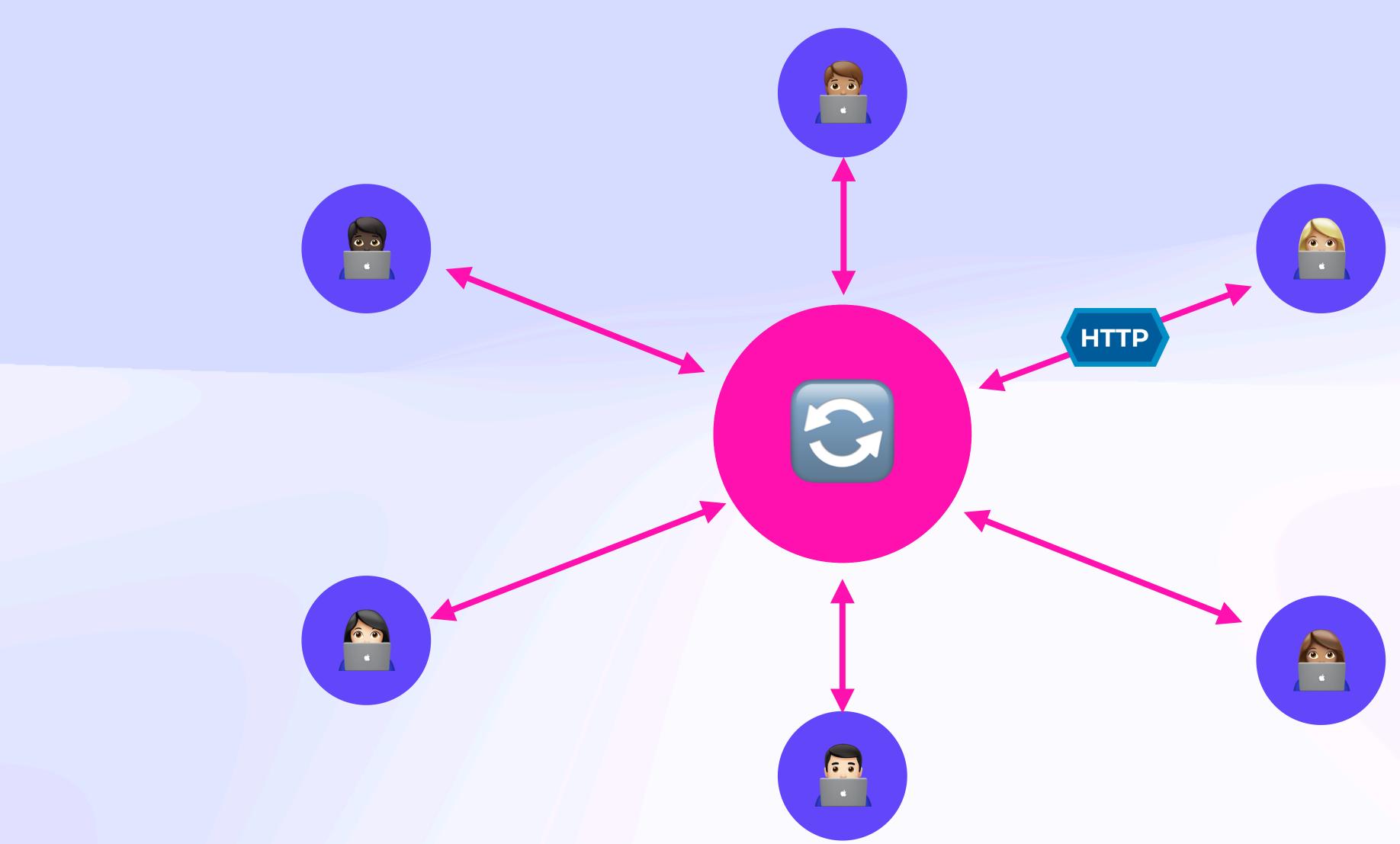




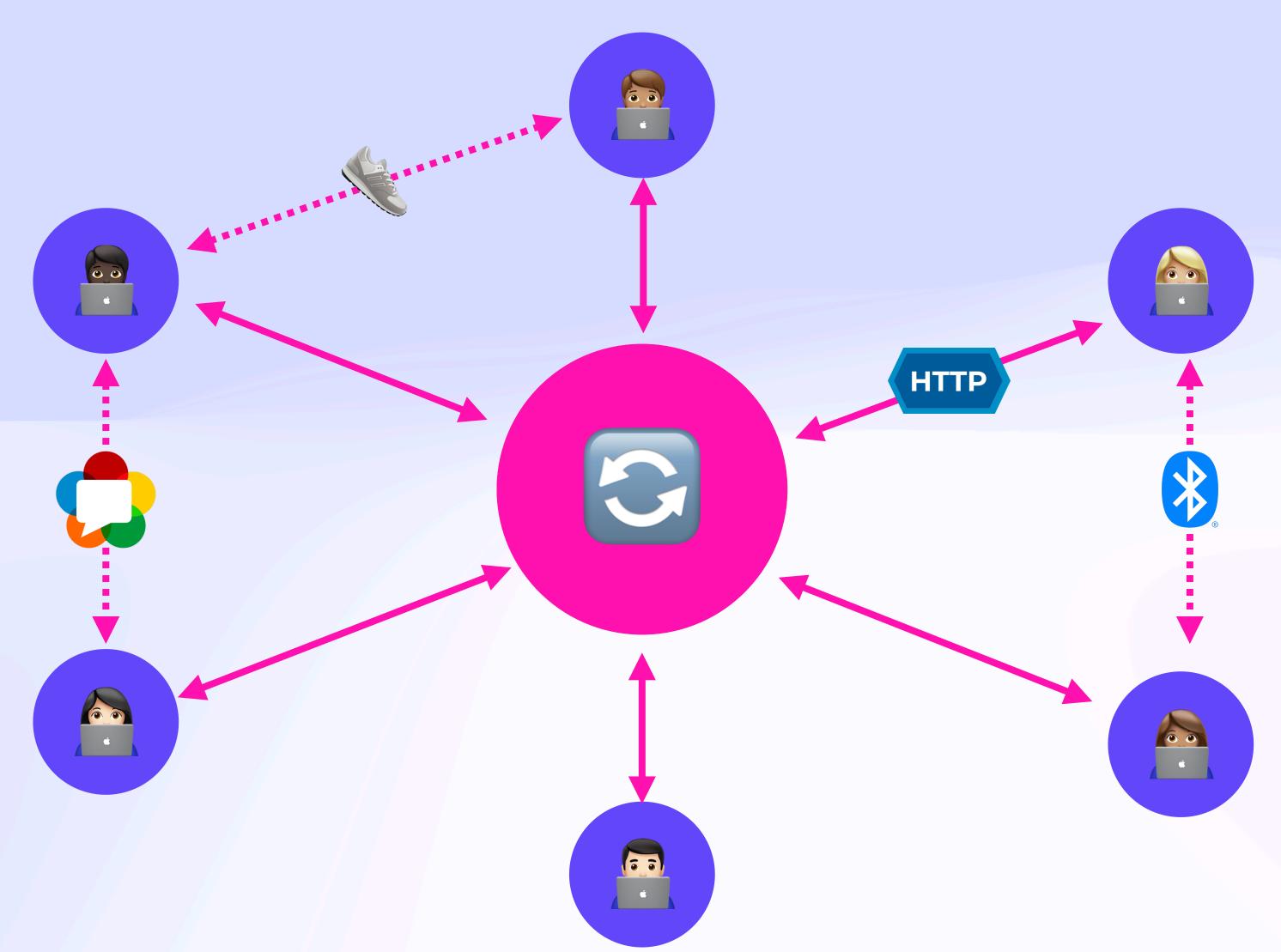
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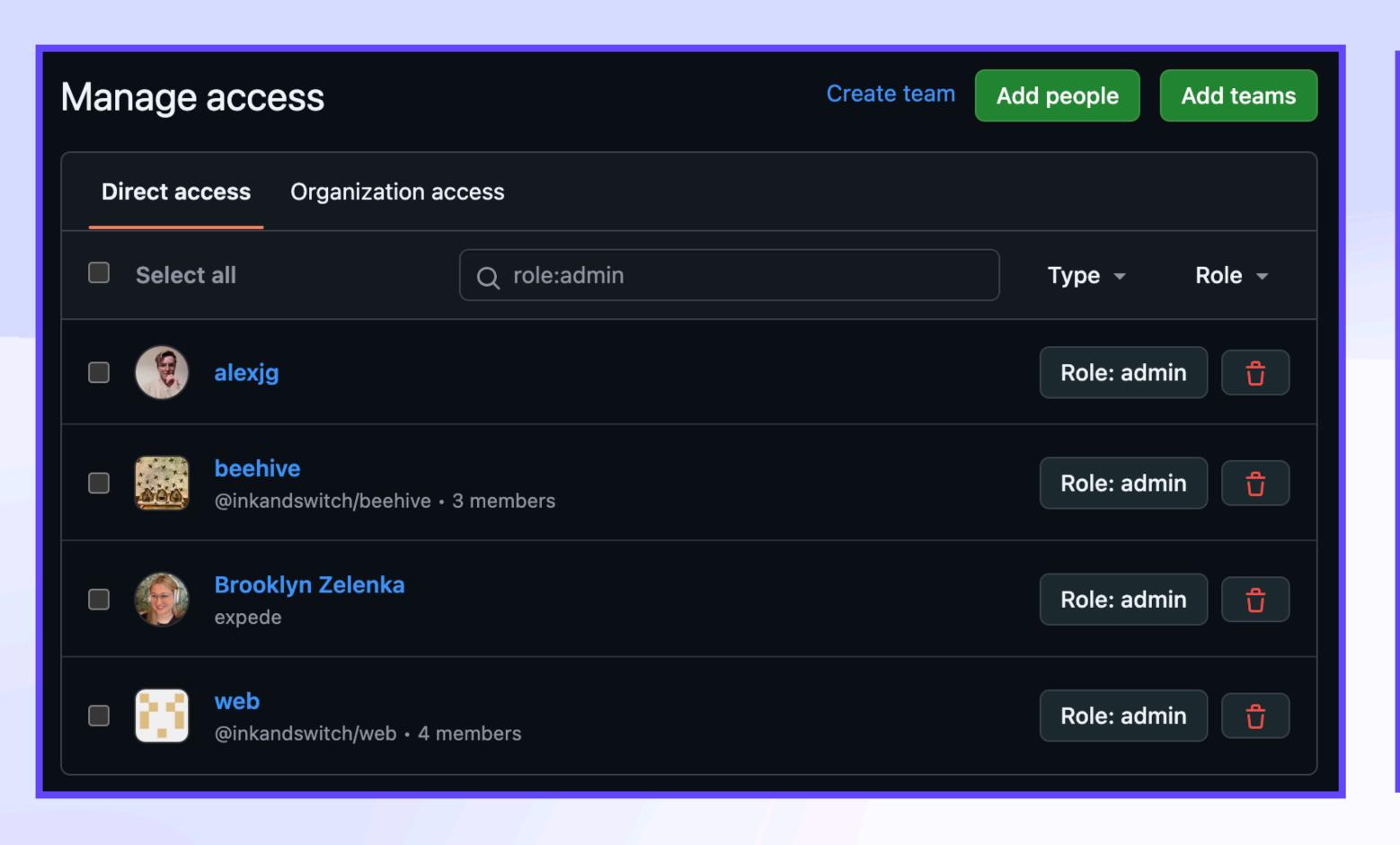
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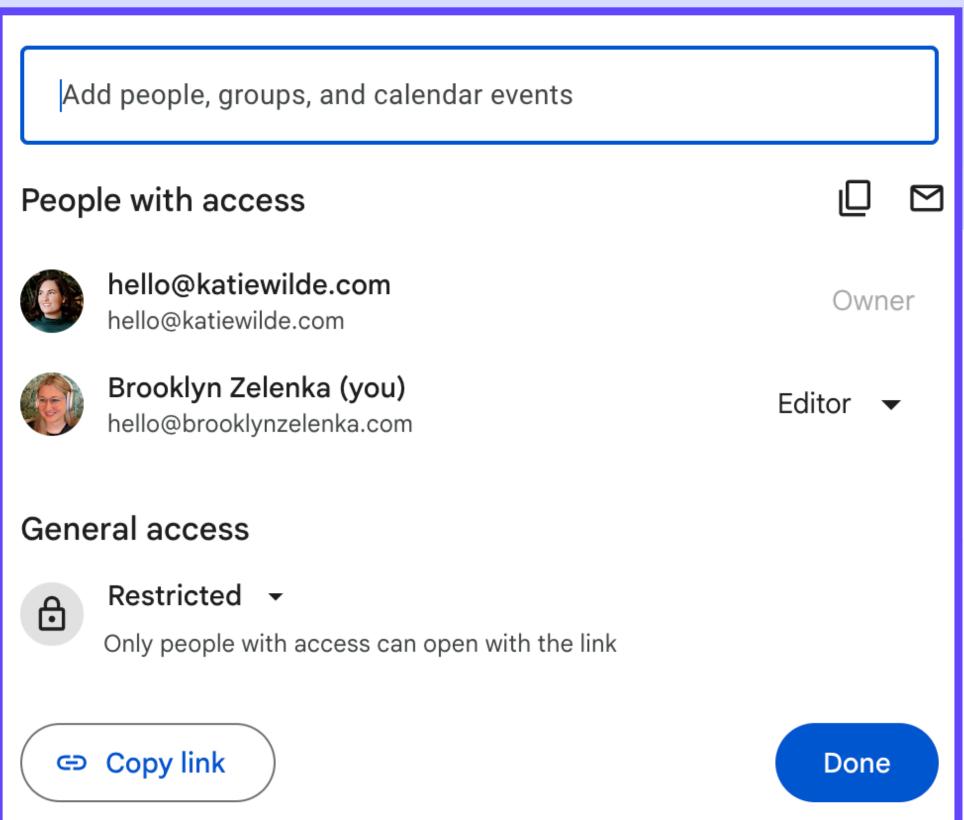
The Highest of Levels

- · Comparable experience to cloud auth, minus the servers
- Control who can read and write to documents
- Compatible with swappable/interoperable sync servers
 - Not store data in plaintext on those servers (encryption at rest)
 - · ...but still be efficient: support Automerge compaction
- "Wikipedia-scale" (100k+ docs, 10k+ E2EE readers, 1k+ writers, 100s admins)
- Secure "at least at the level of the FBI, but not necessarily NSA, MSS, or Mossad"

Local-First Access Control "Comparable Experience"

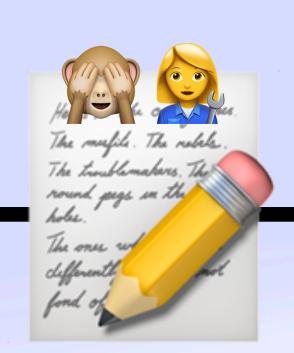
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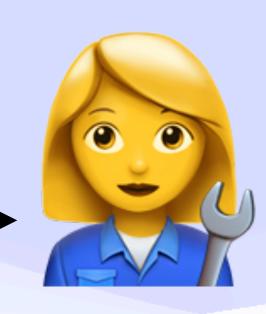


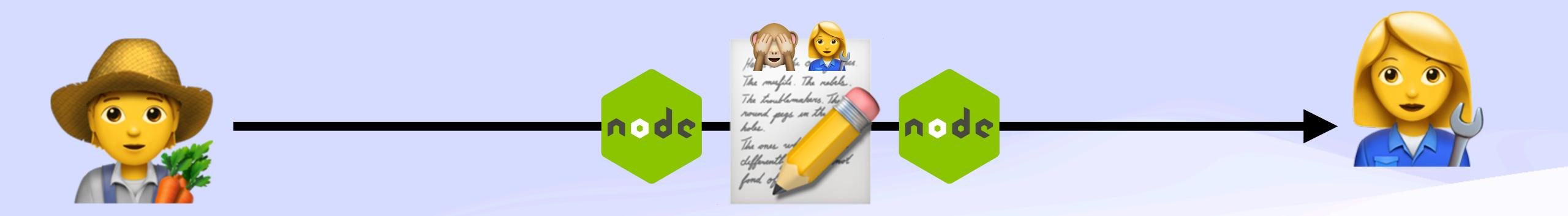






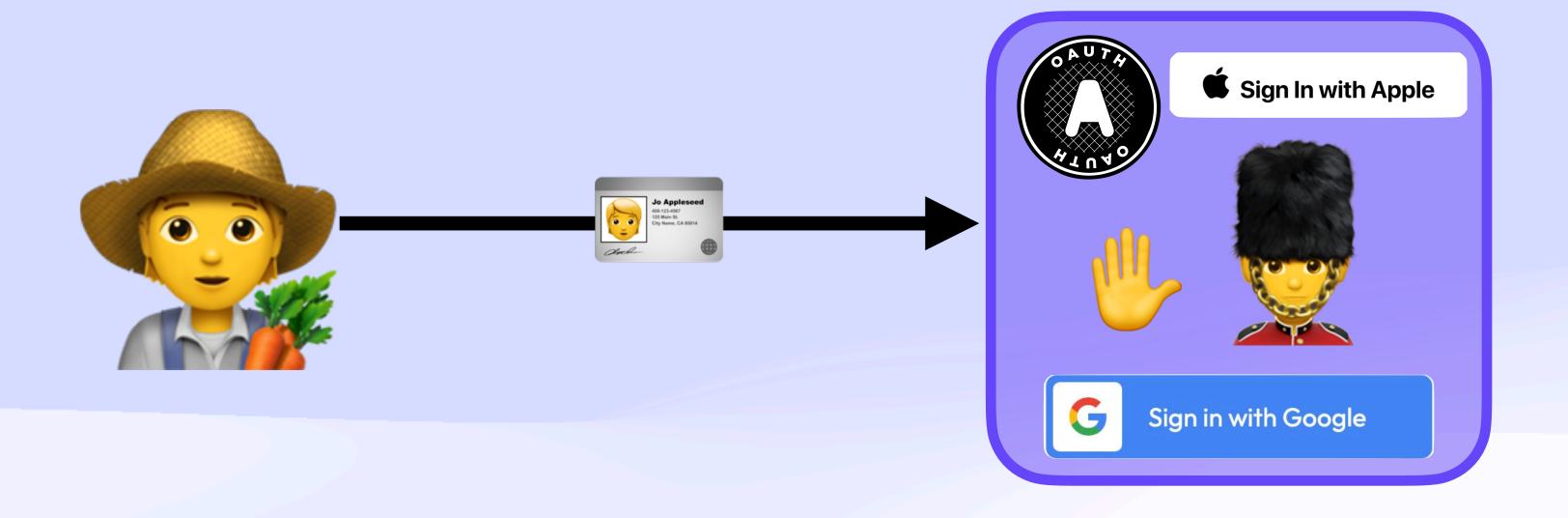




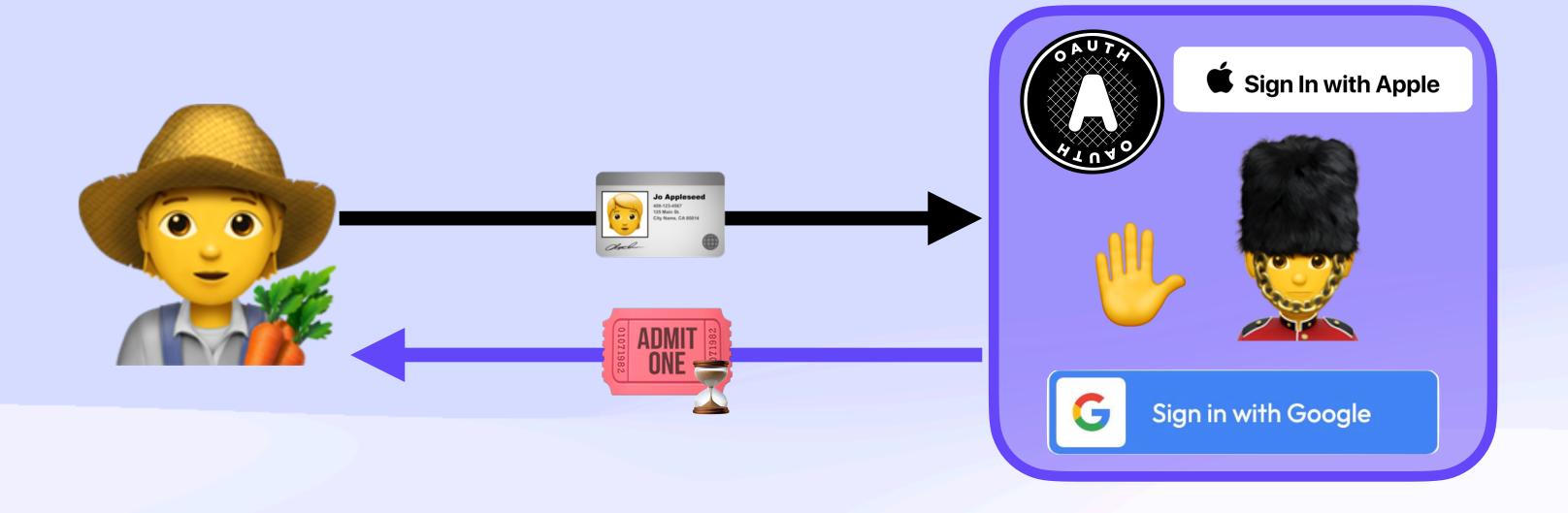




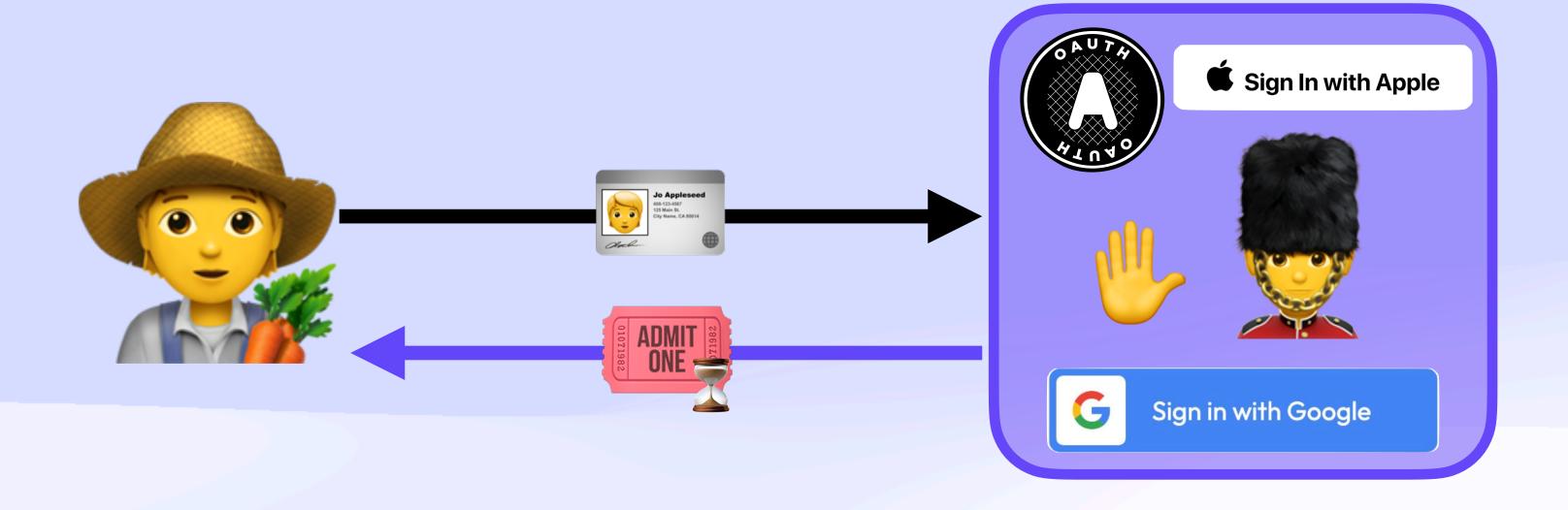




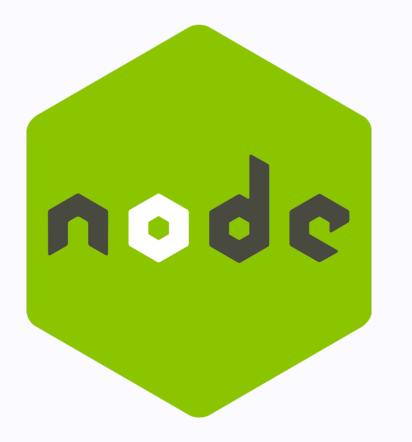


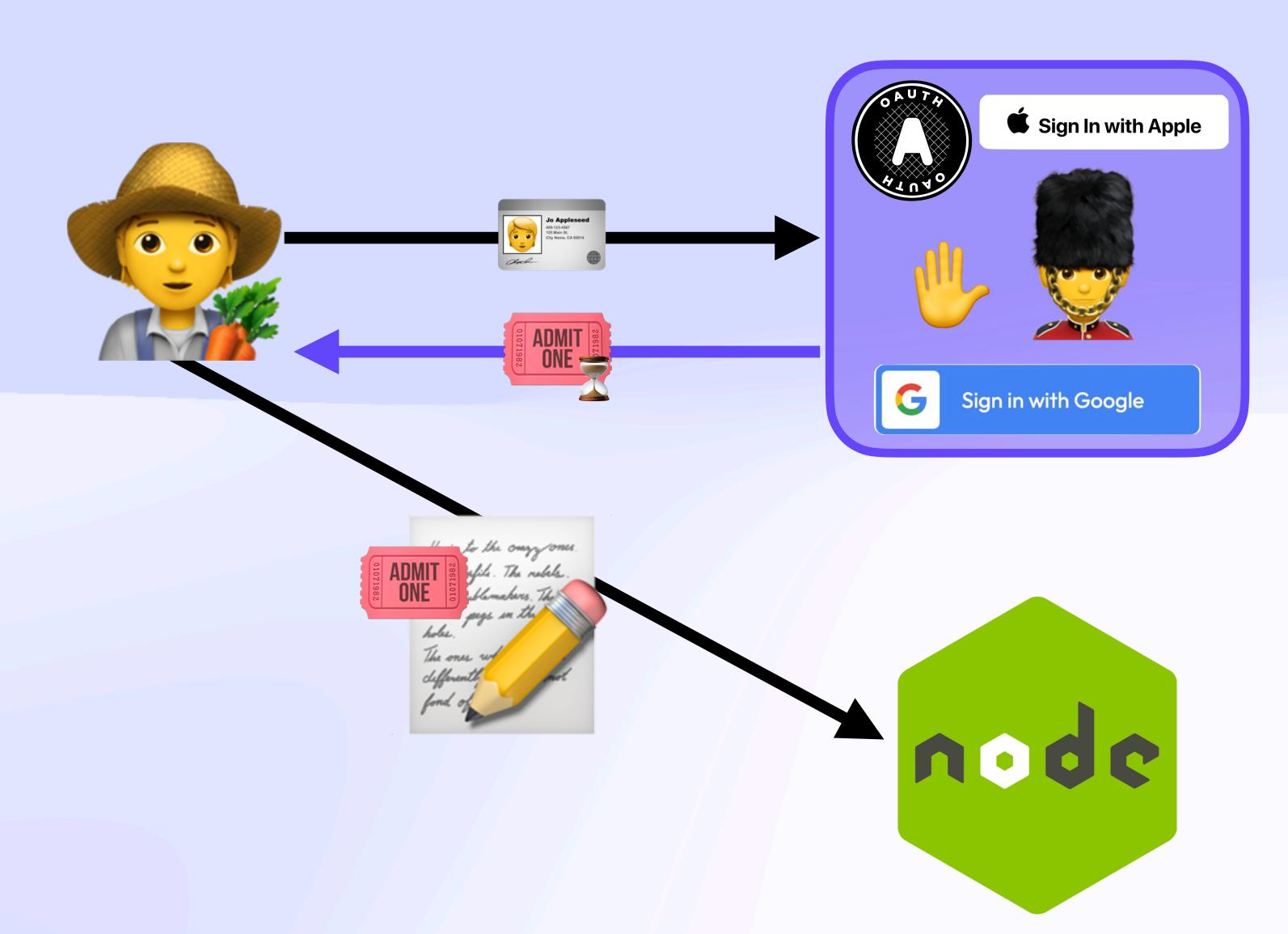




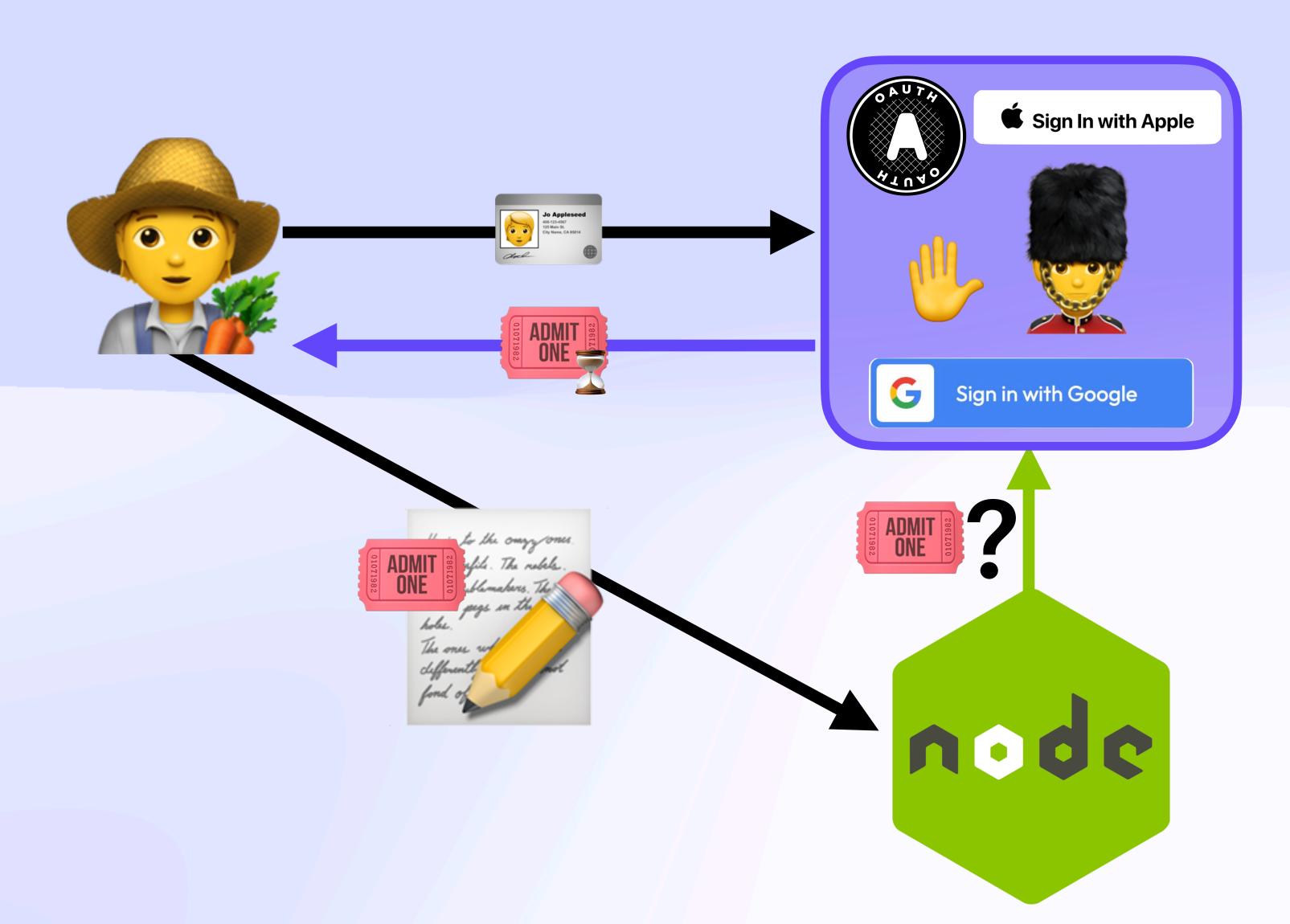




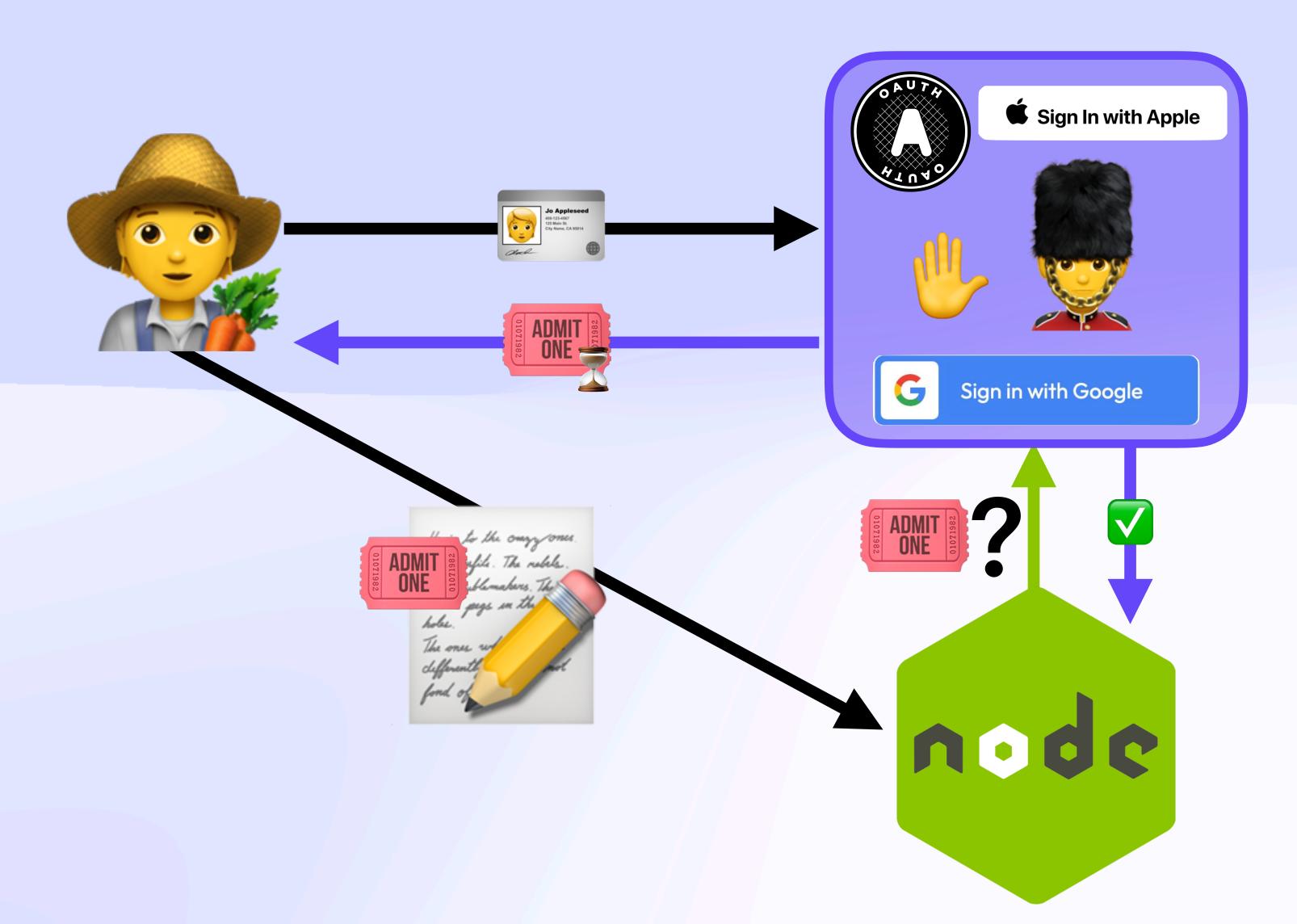




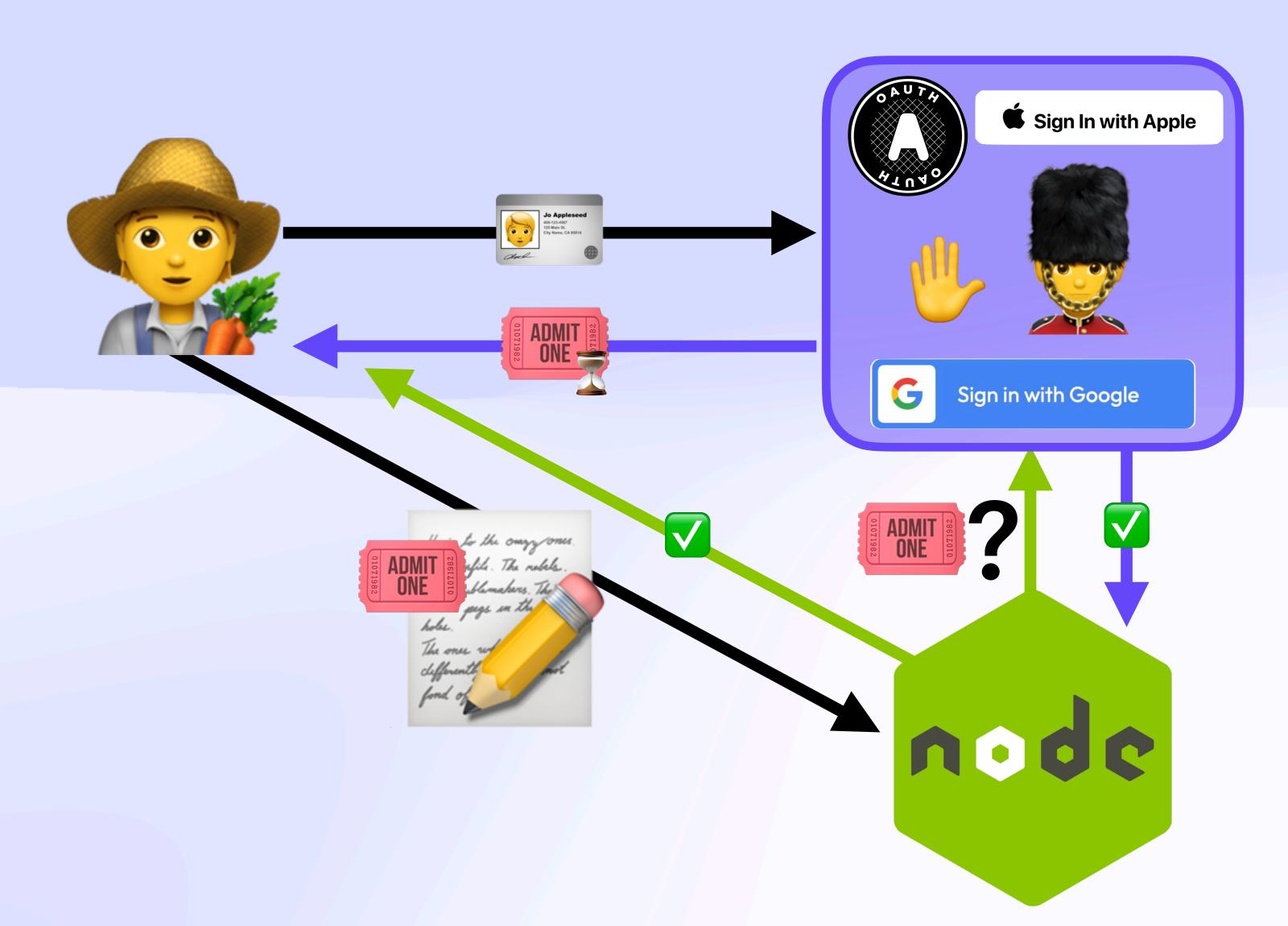




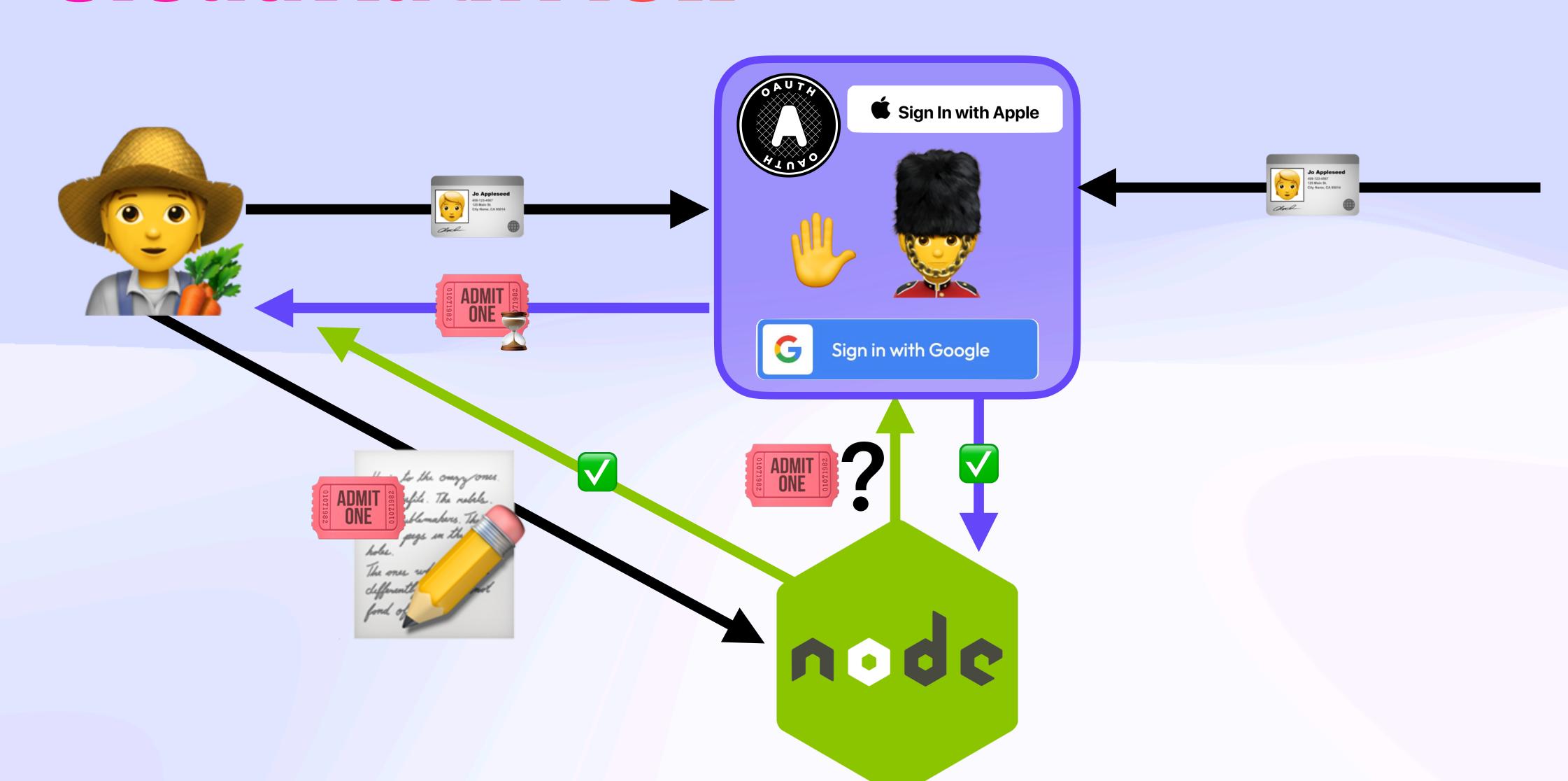


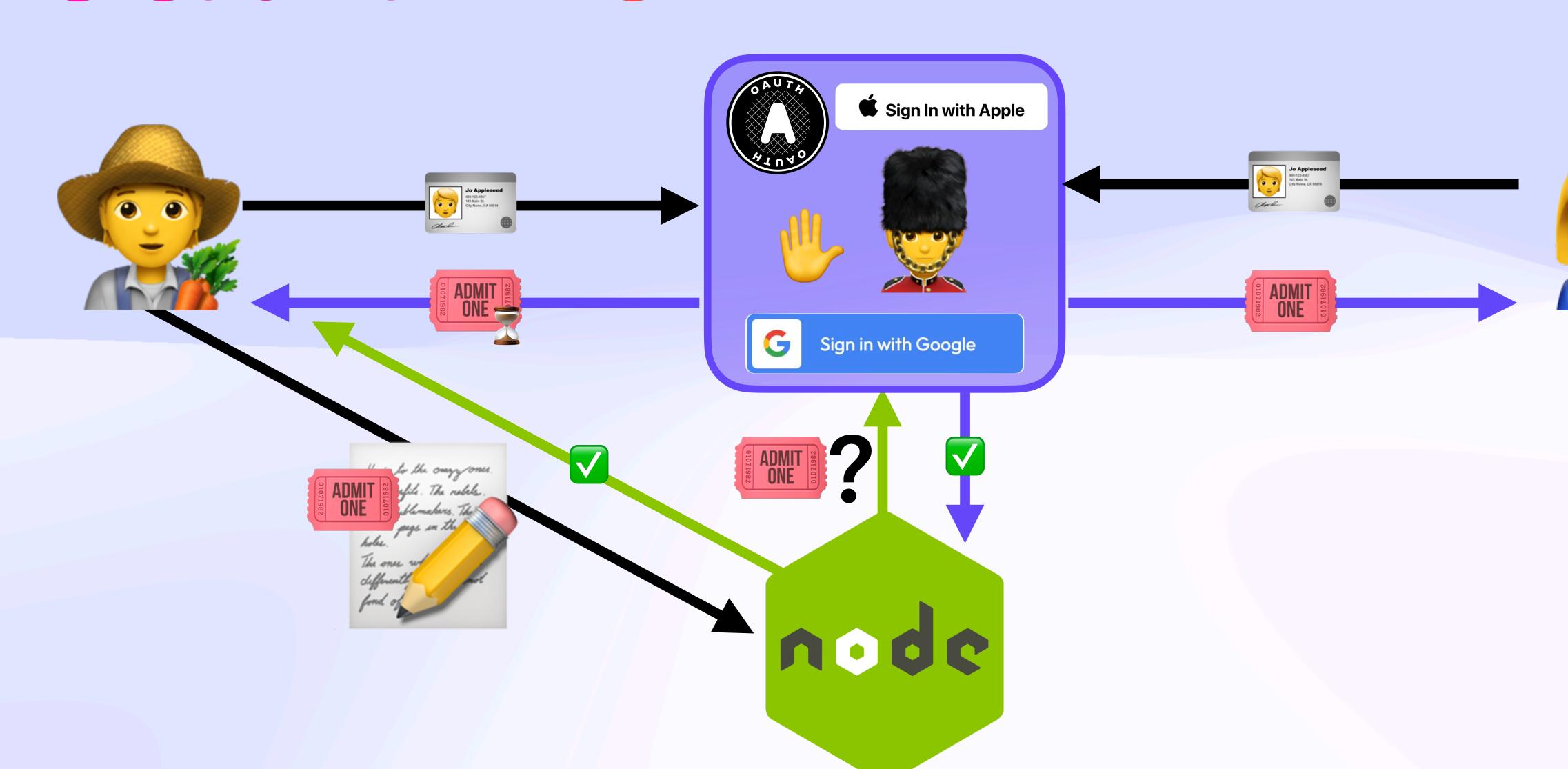


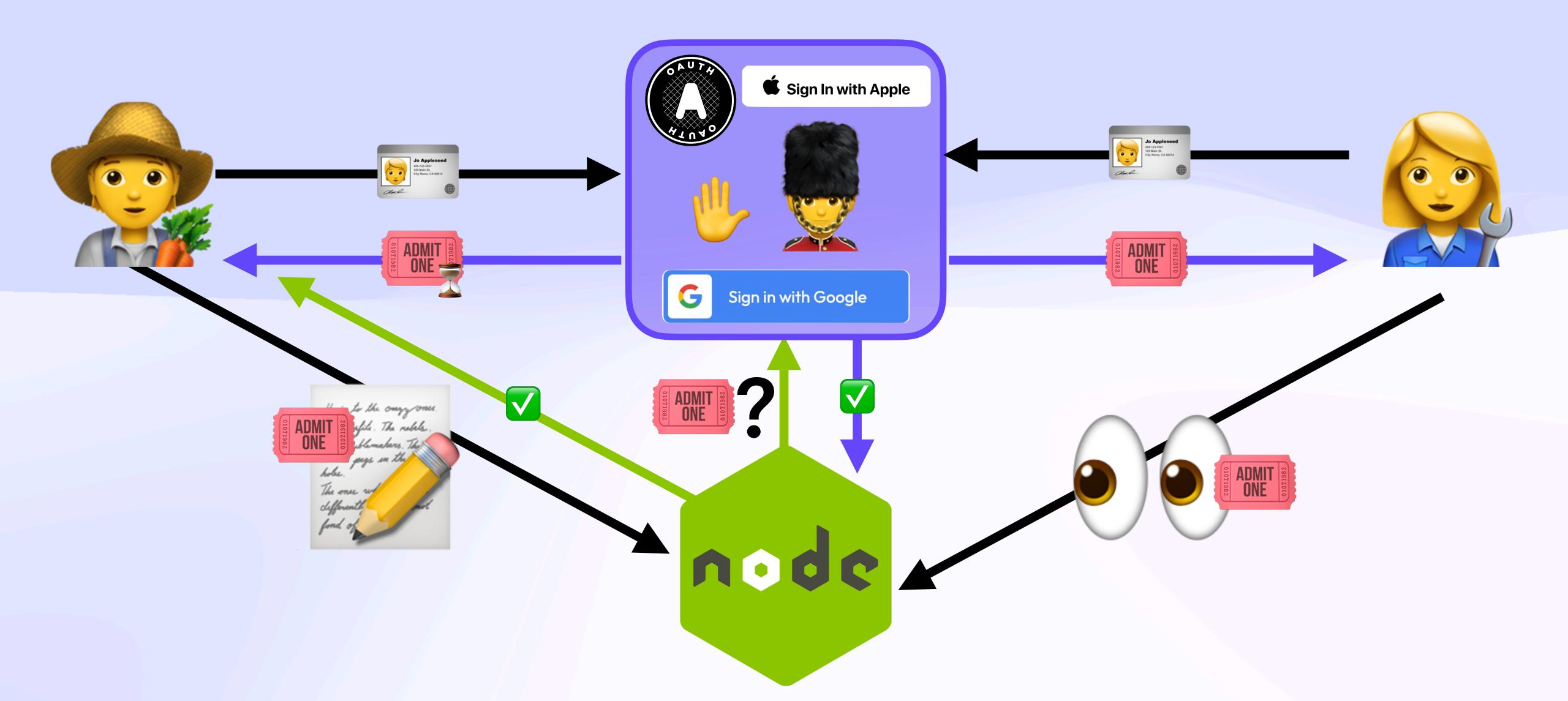


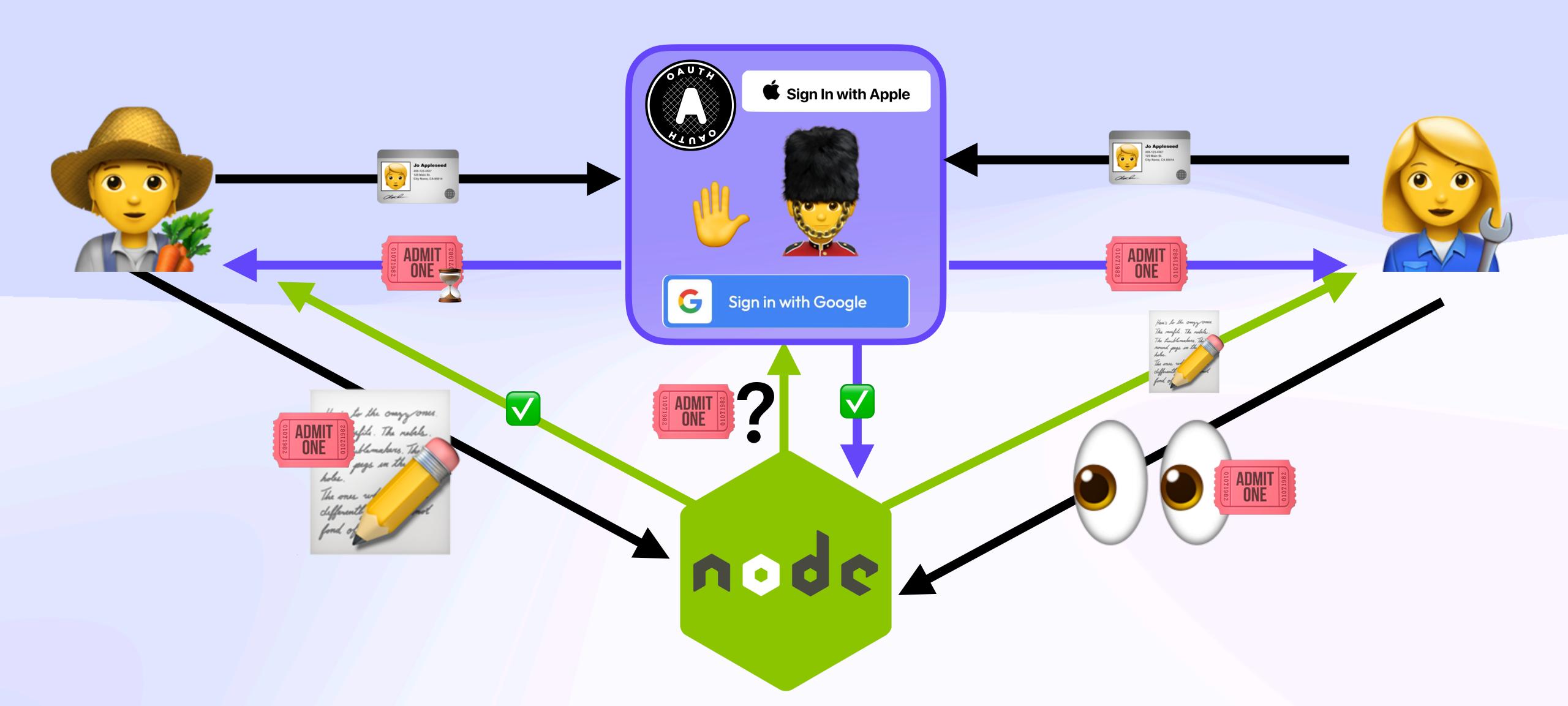


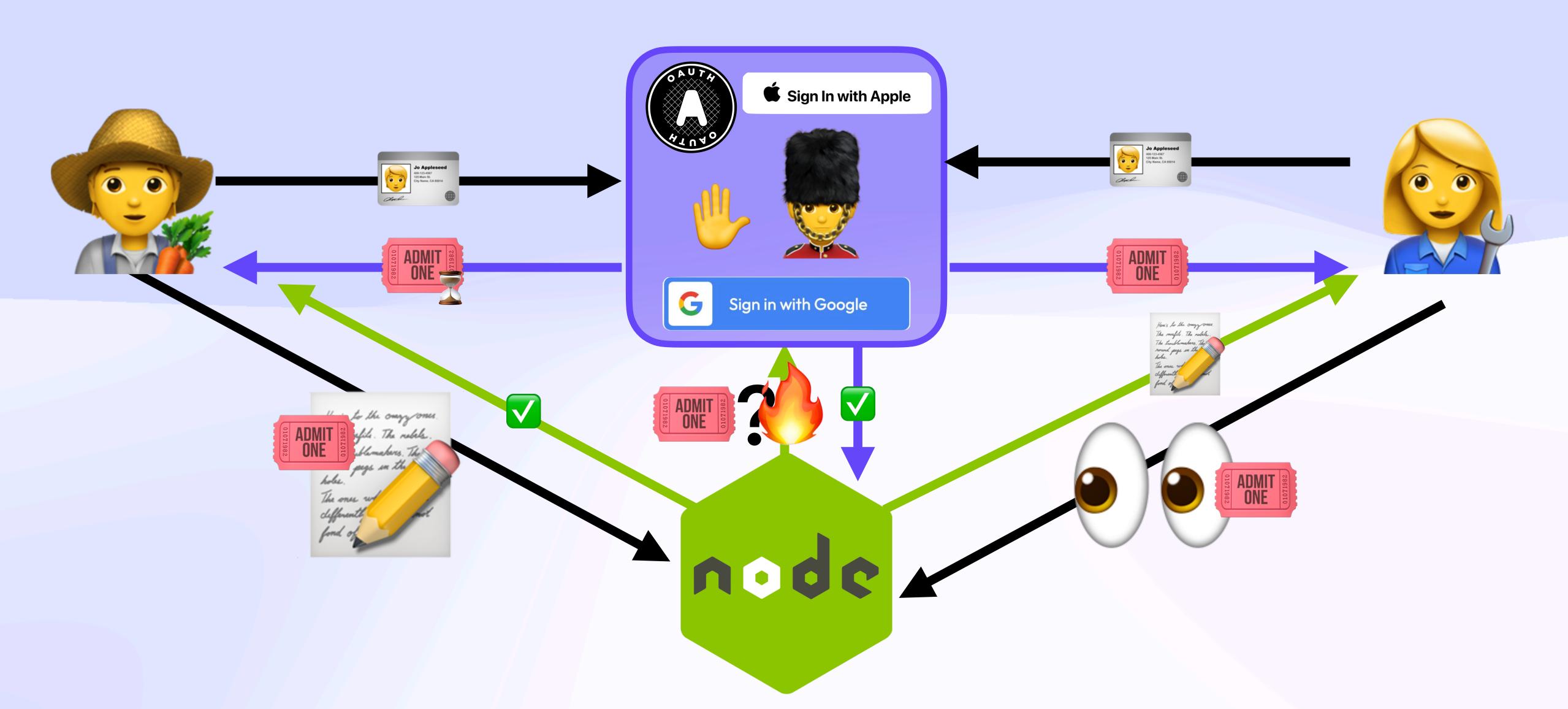


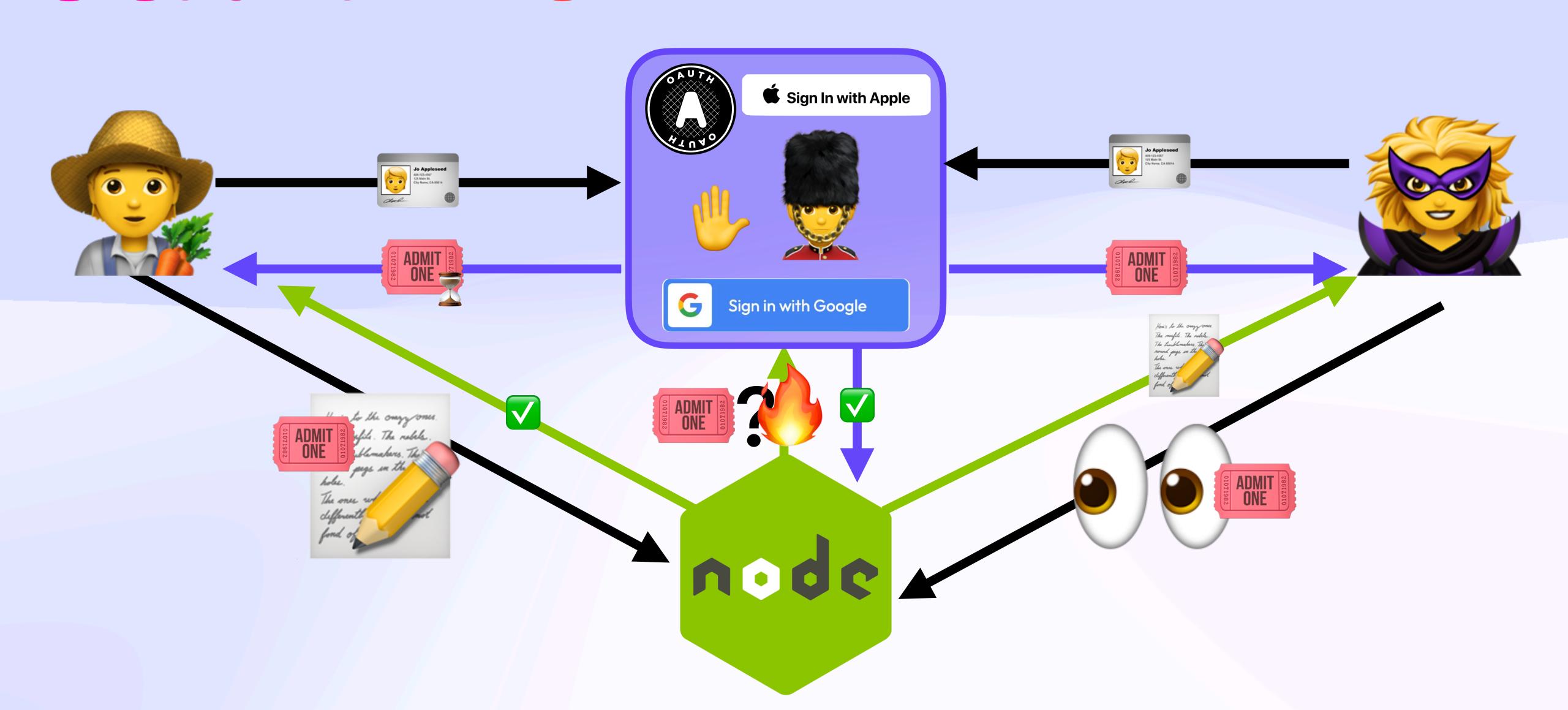


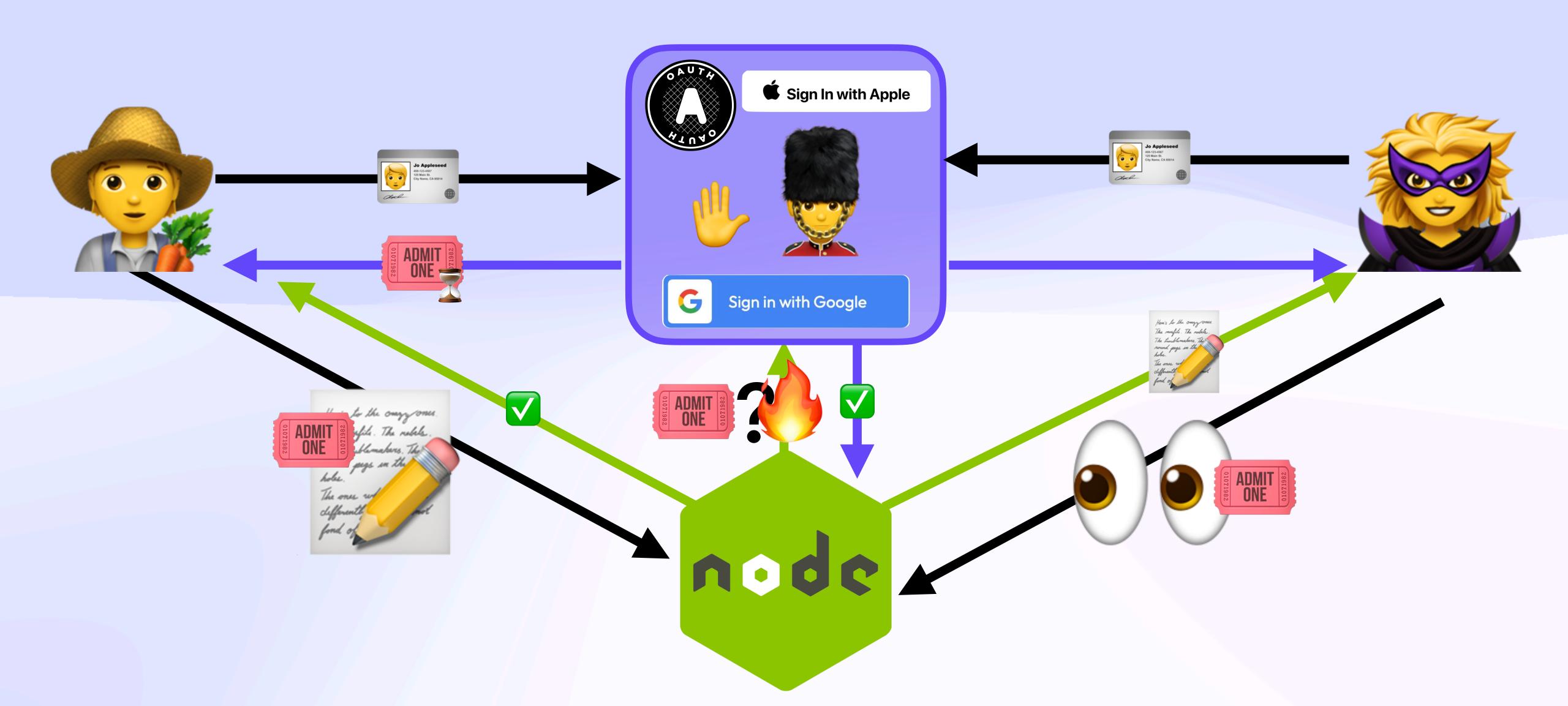


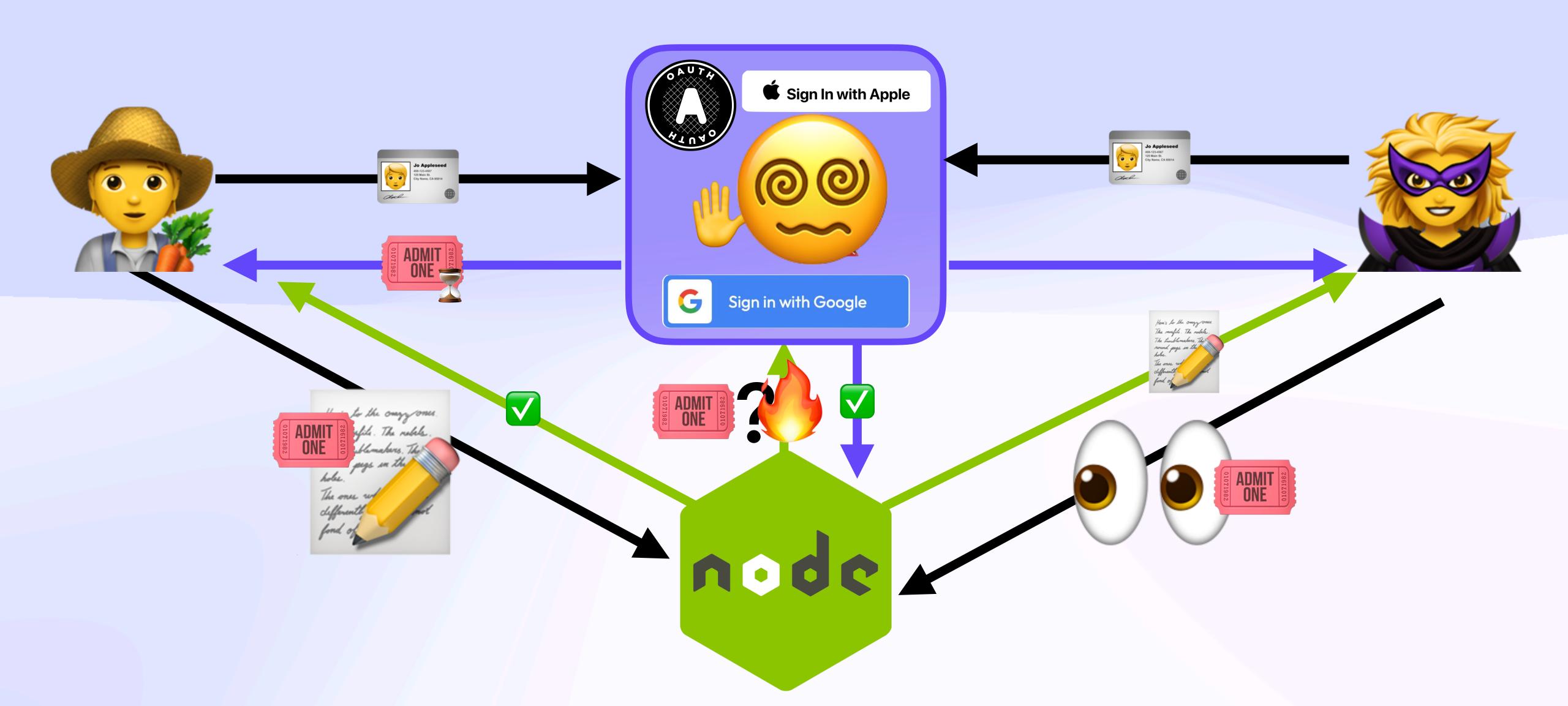








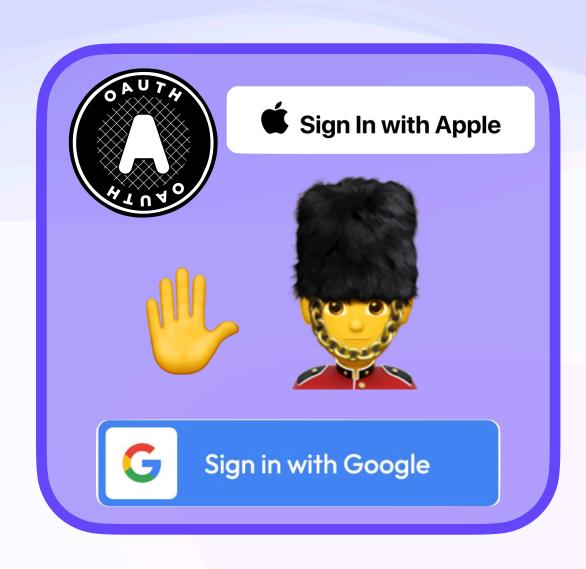




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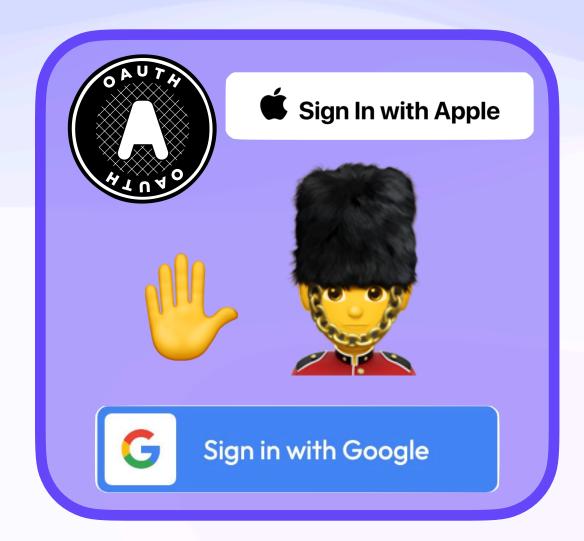


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Playing By New Rules

A Different Context

Local-First in Pictures

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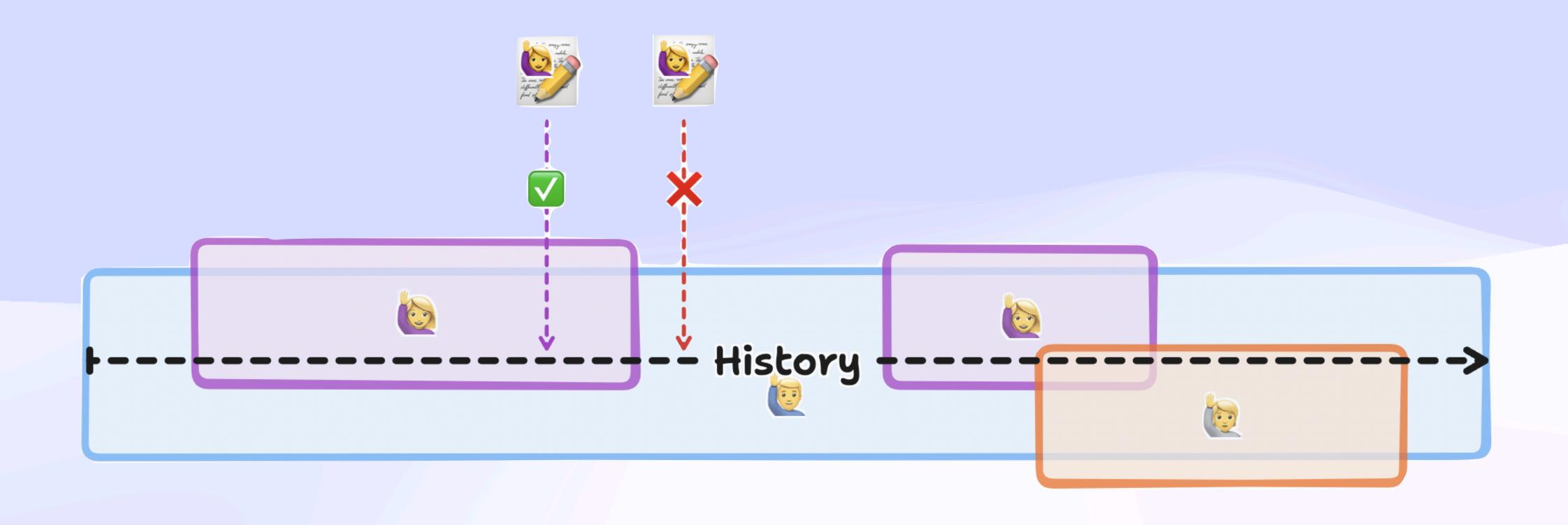
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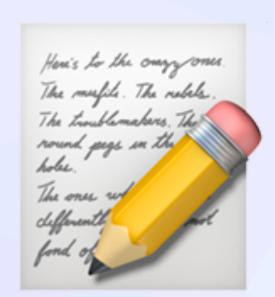






Adds & Removals Over Time

























Auth as Data: "Auth Must Travel with Data"

"Auth Here"
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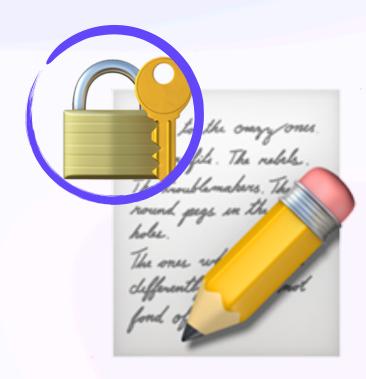
















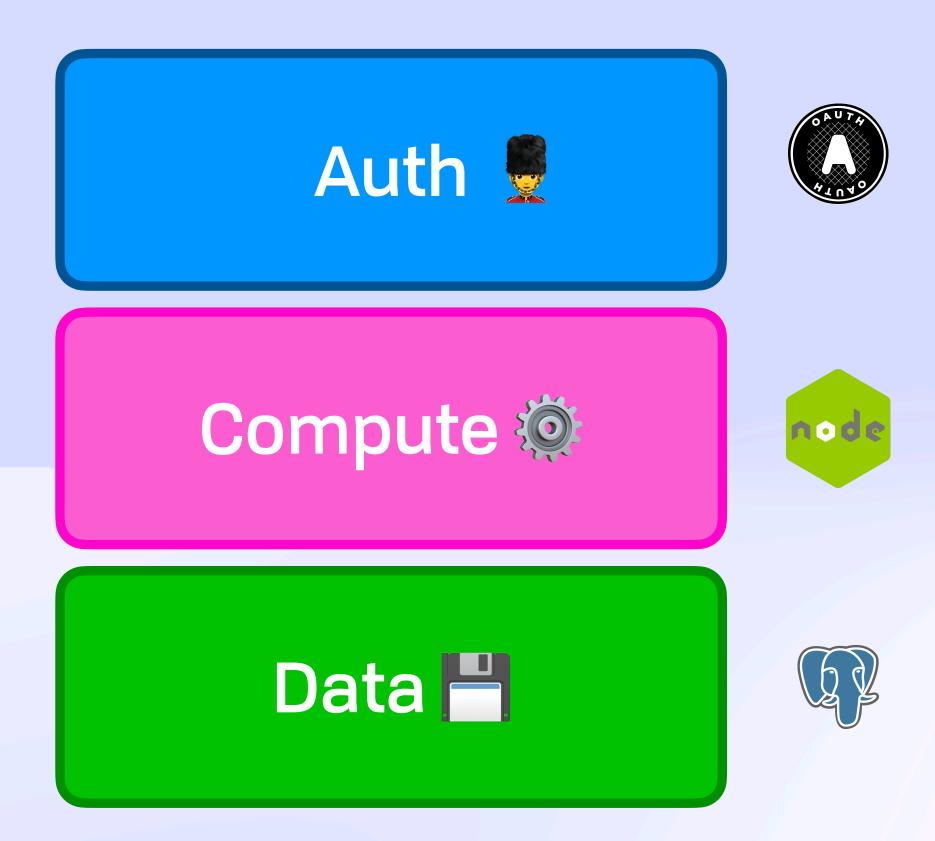
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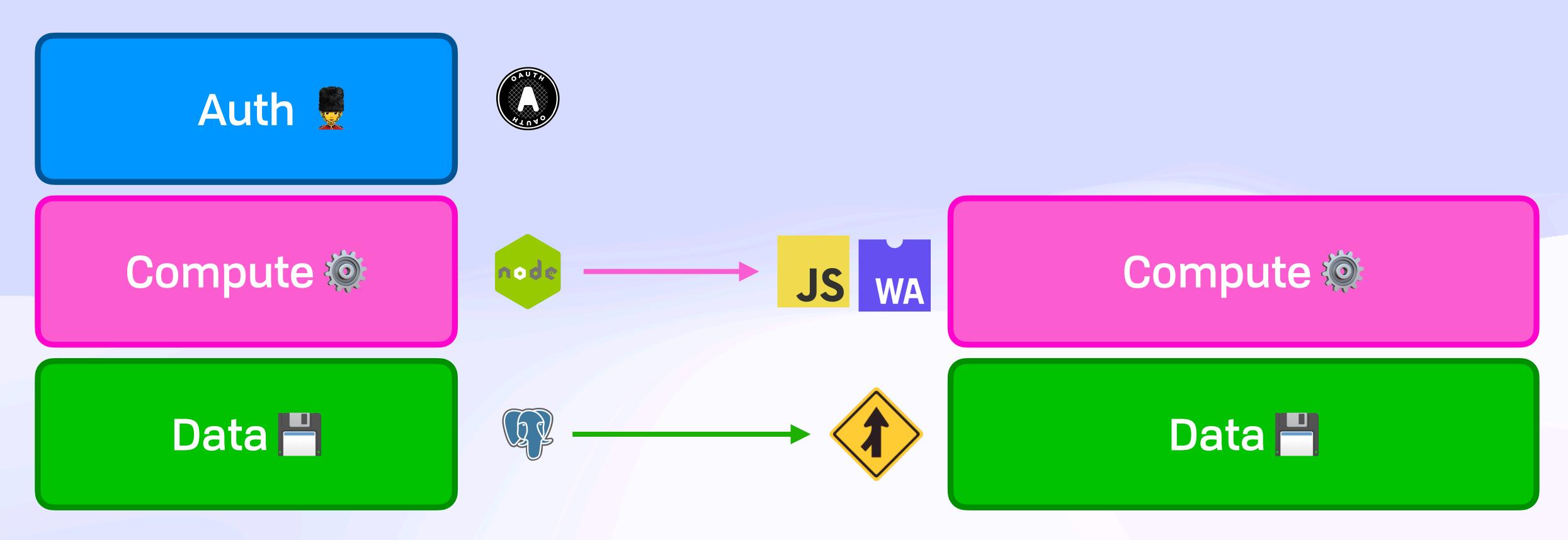
- What do we trust servers to do?
 - Hold our bytes and not delete them
 - Only send those bytes to someone with the right permissions
 - Trust them with the knowledge of our auth graph
 - Server knows who (IP address & public key) requests which doc IDs
- Defence-in-depth strategy against buggy or poorly run sync servers (or break-ins)

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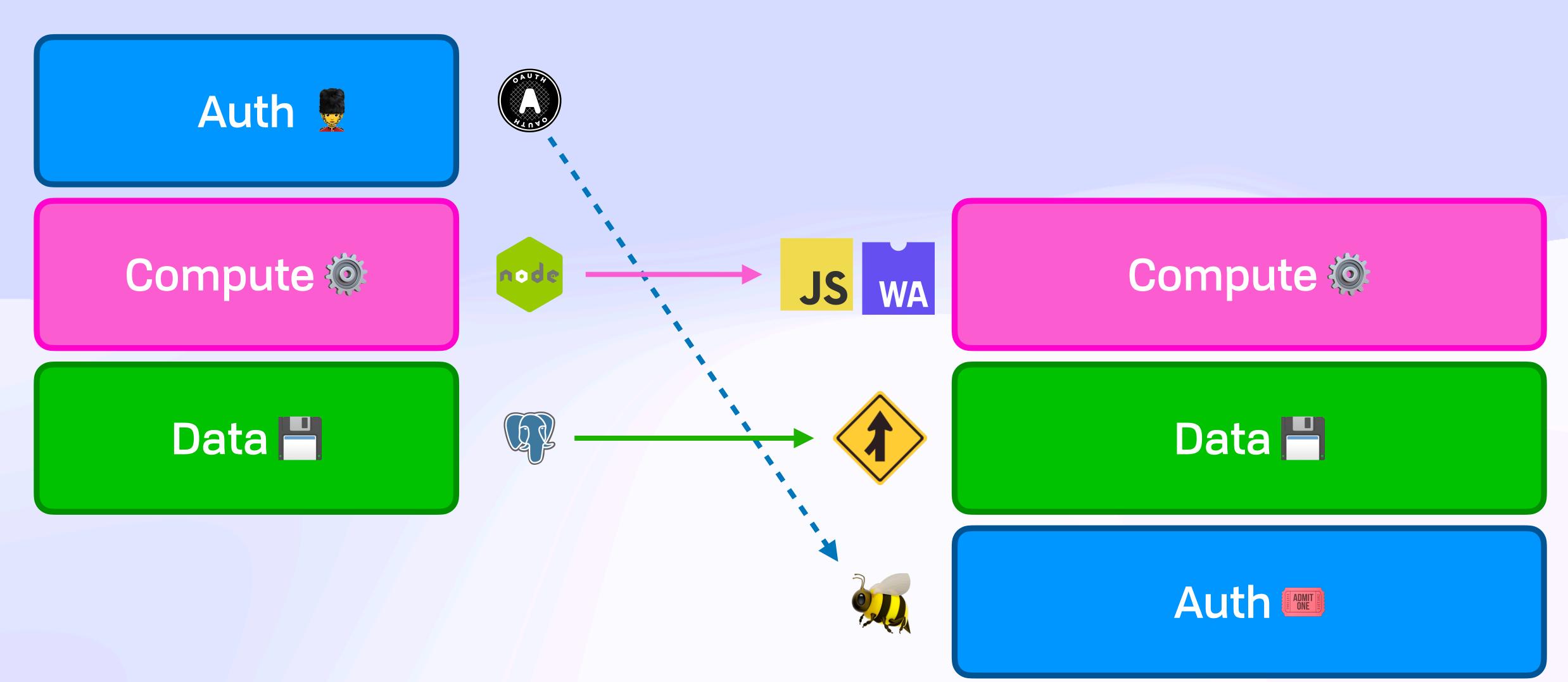
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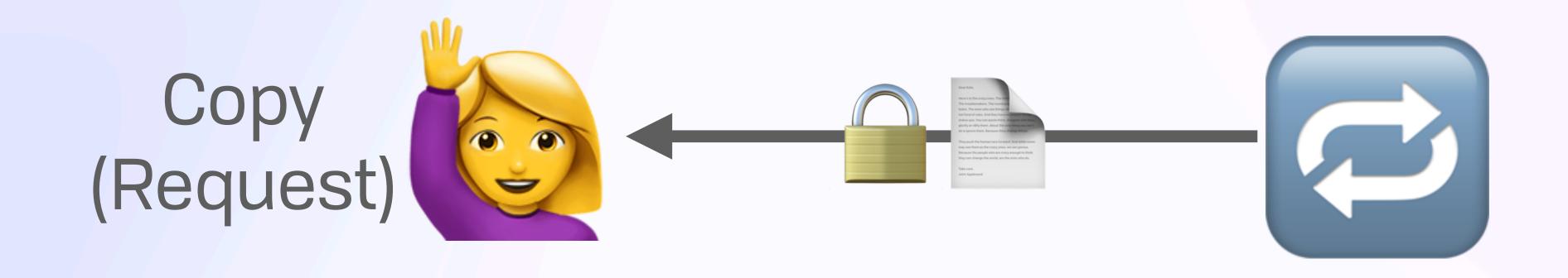


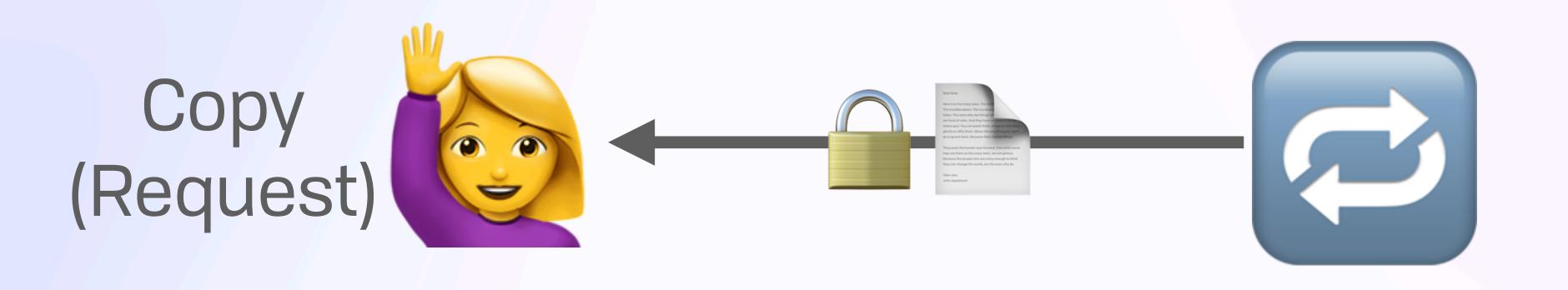
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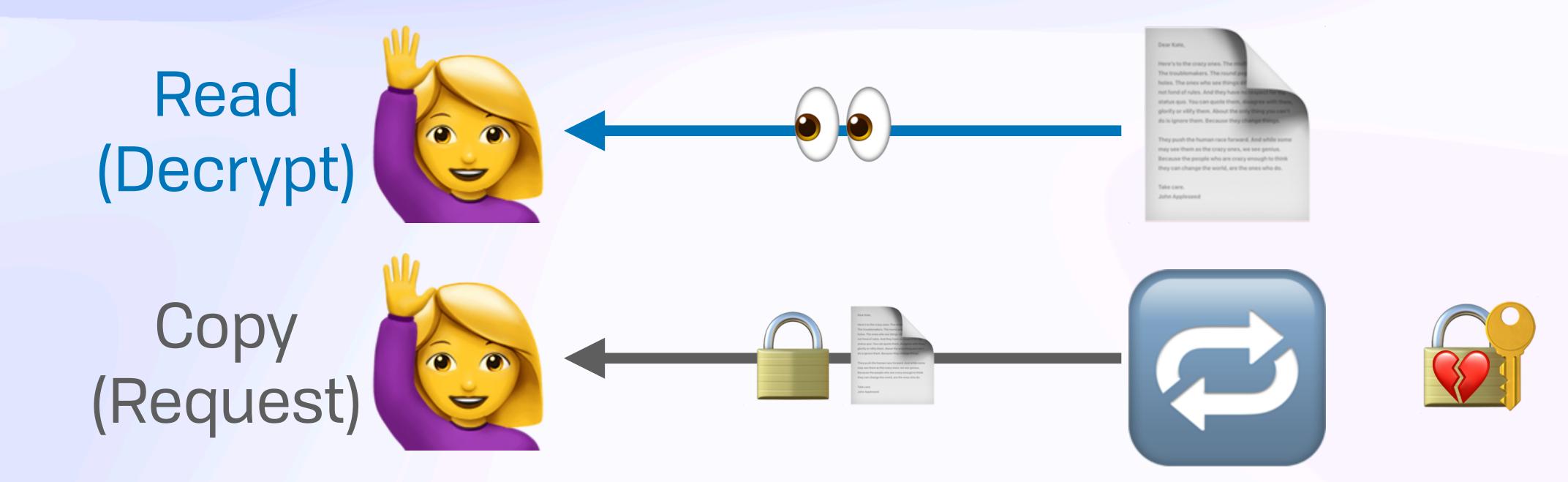
Expanding the Beehive, and UCAN Too

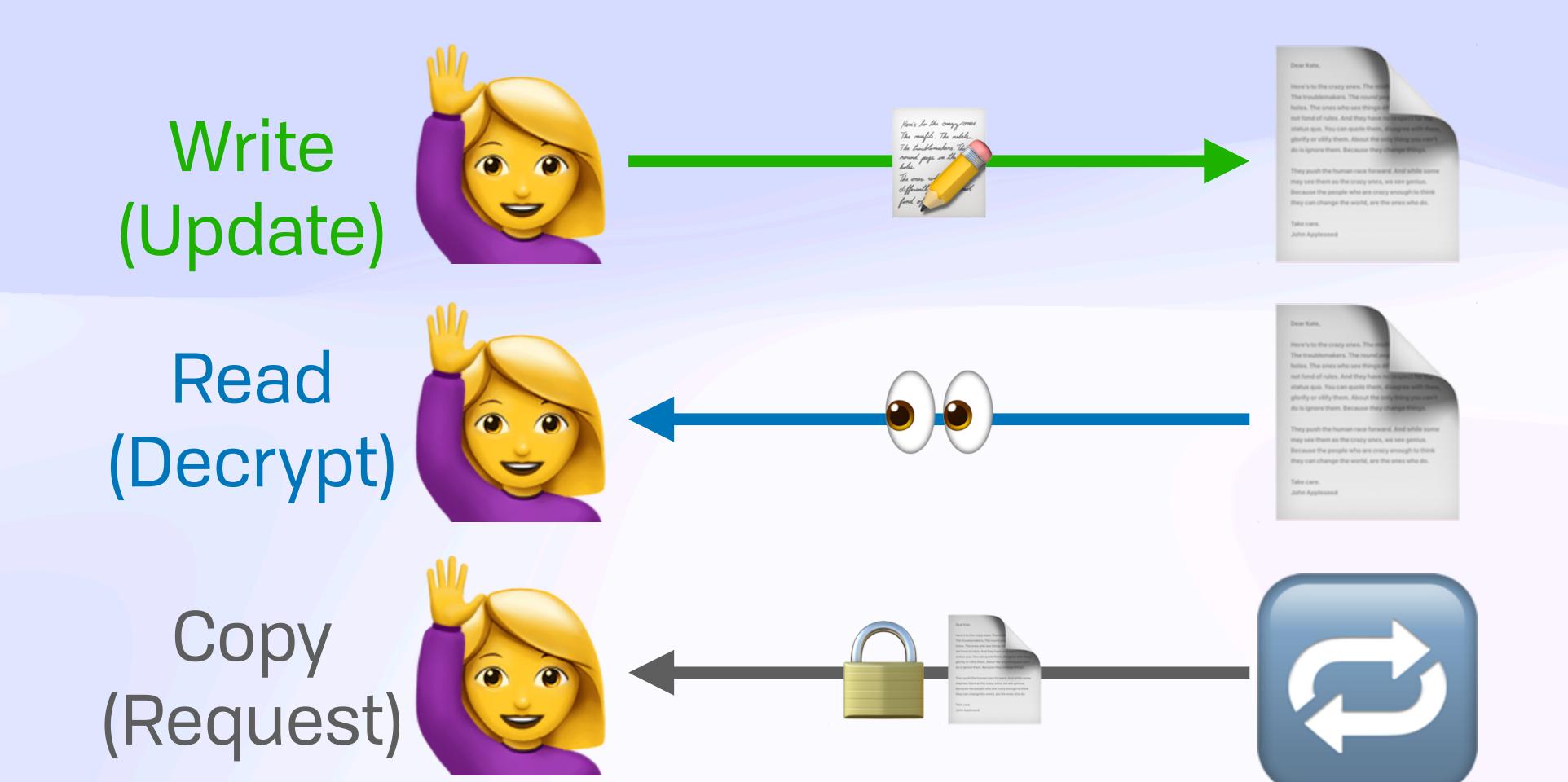


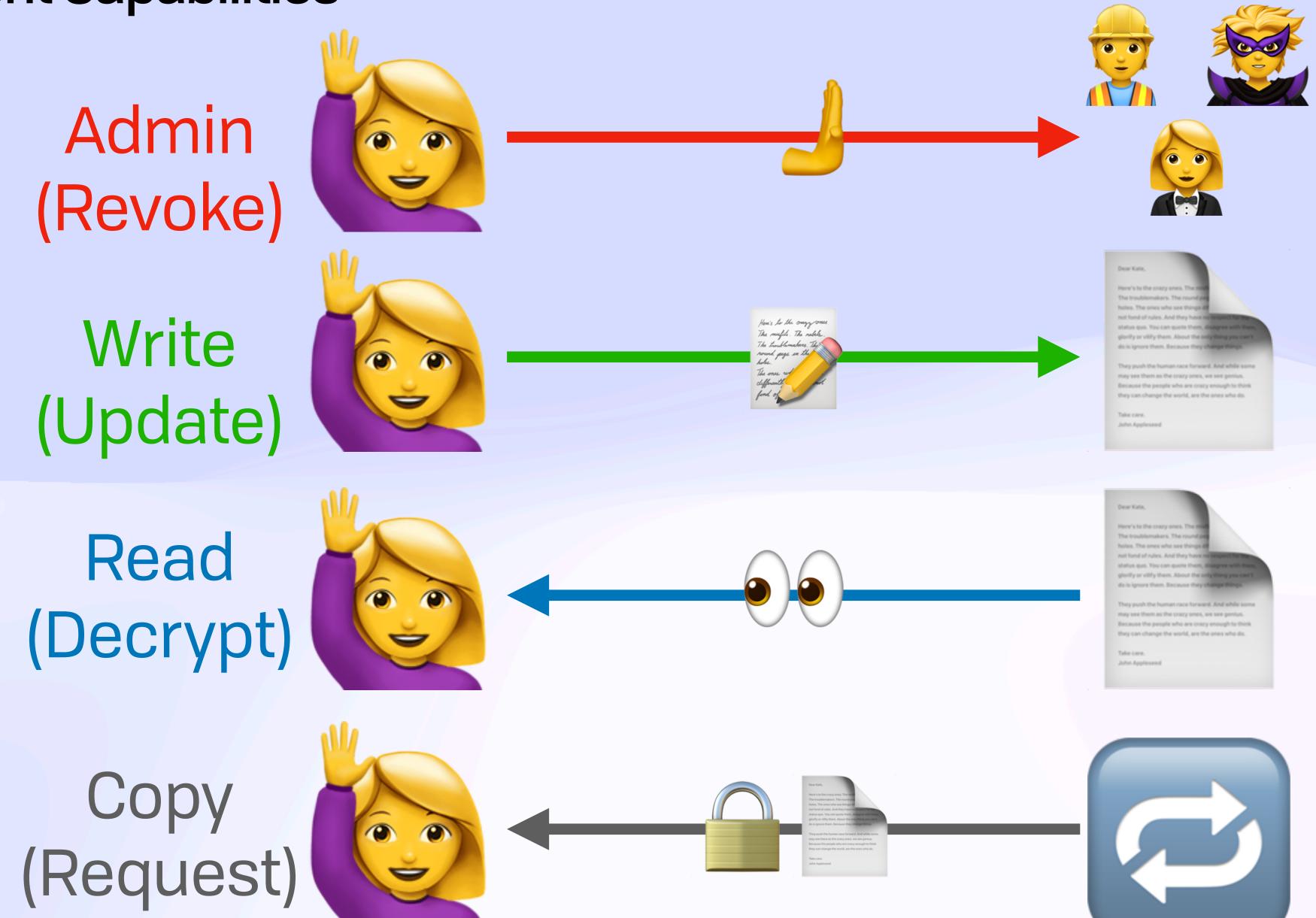


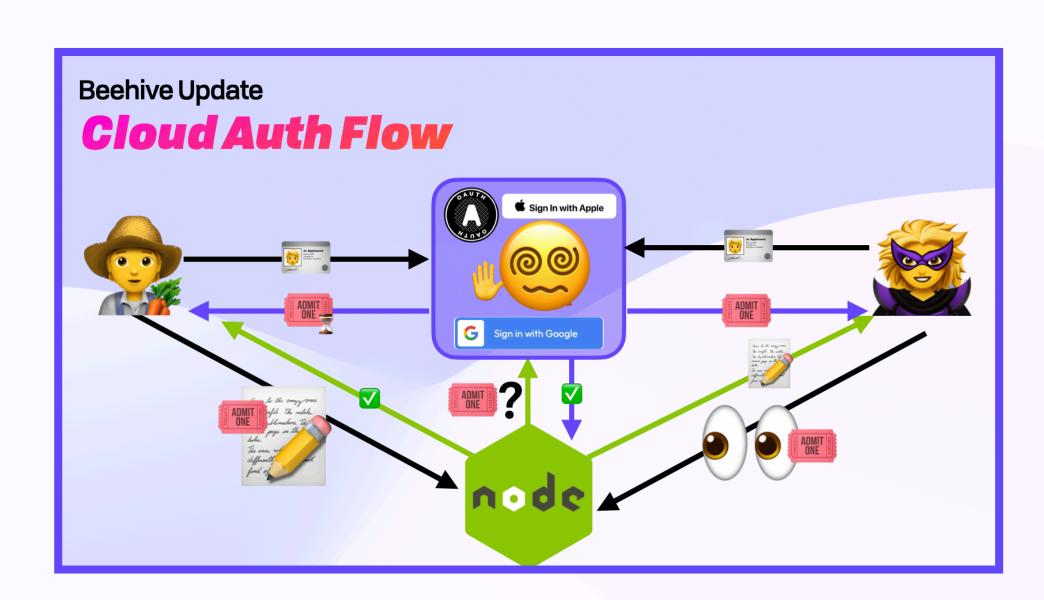




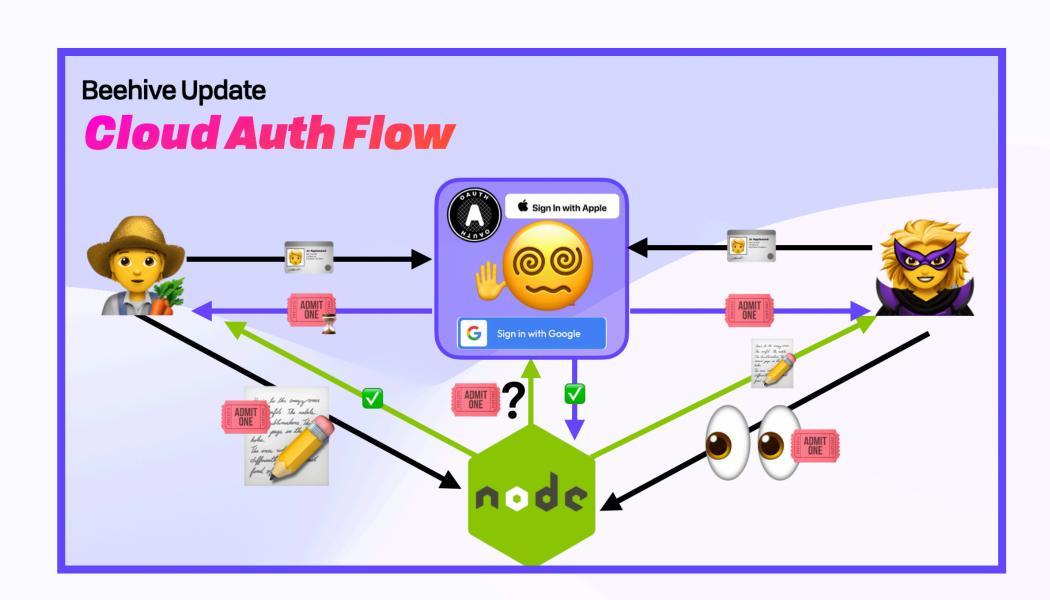






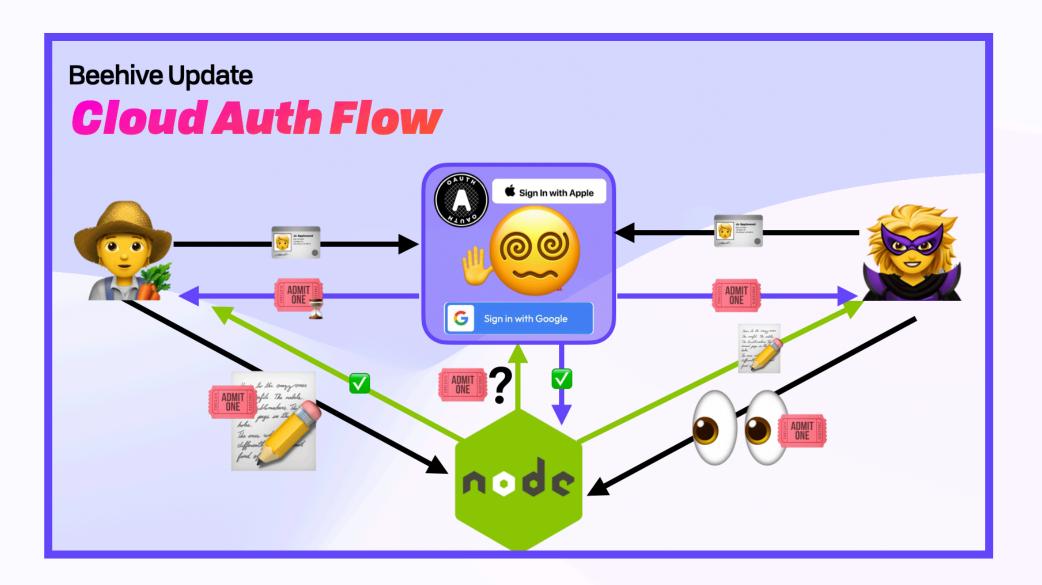








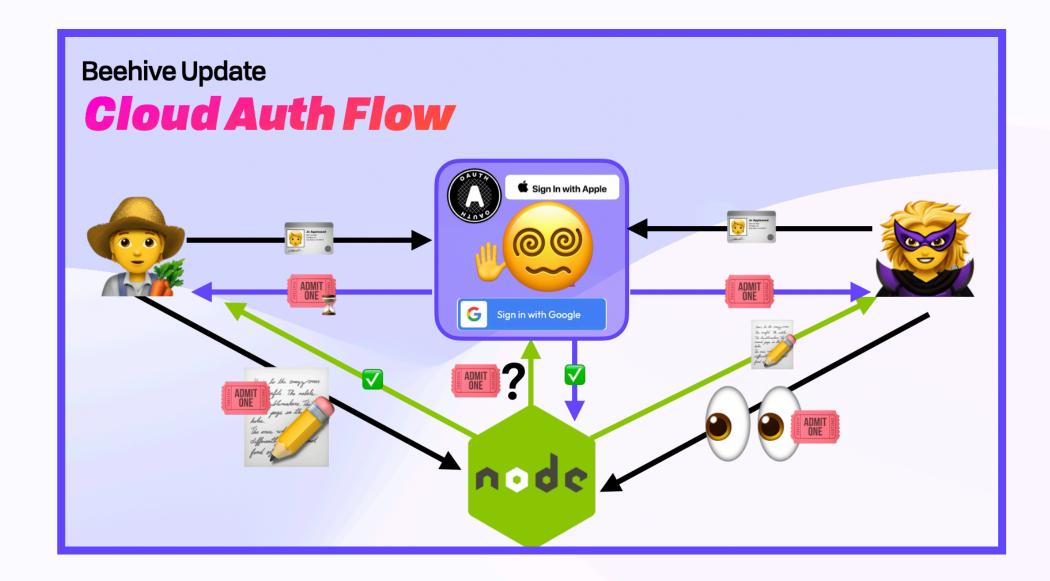










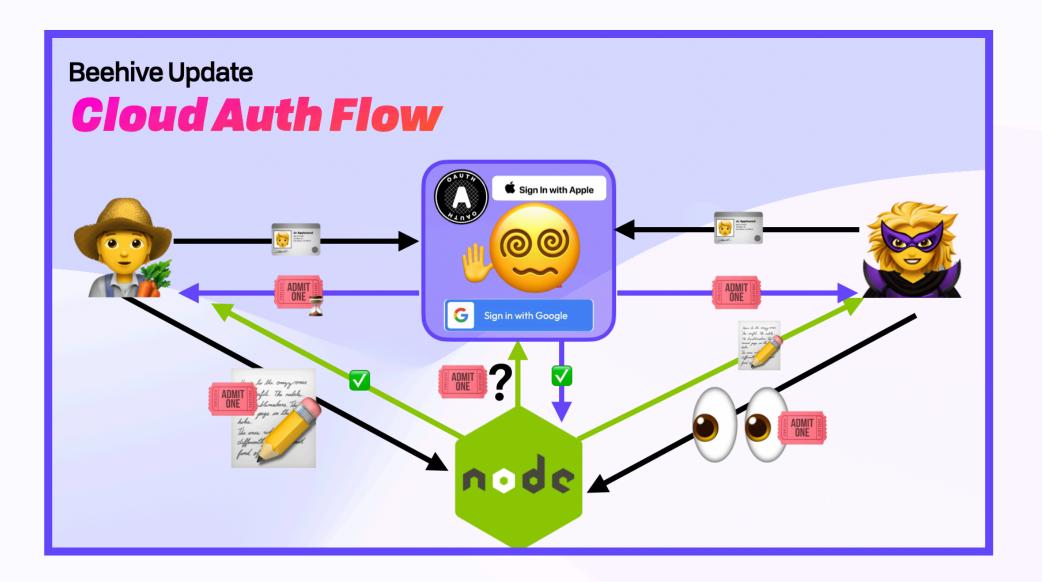


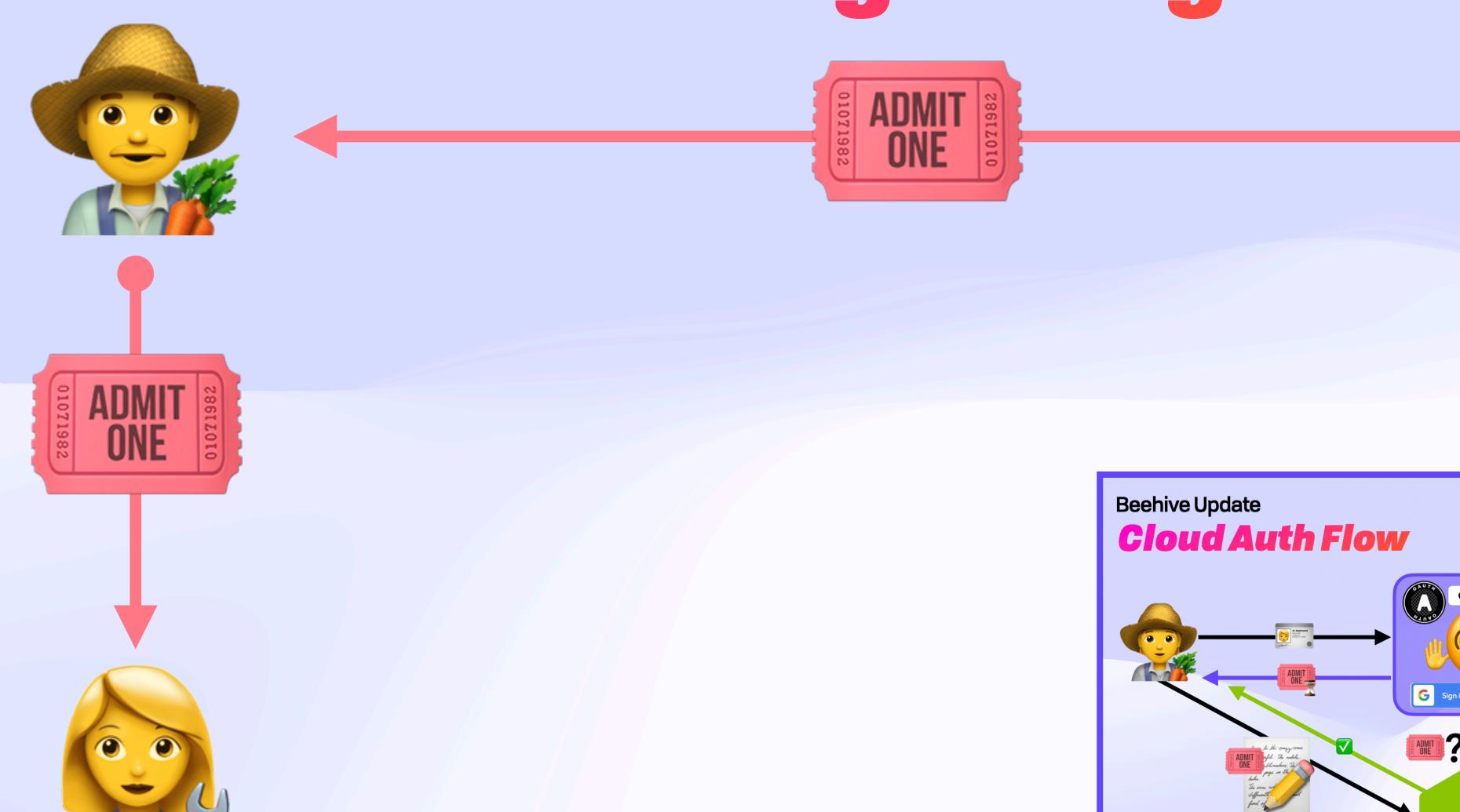


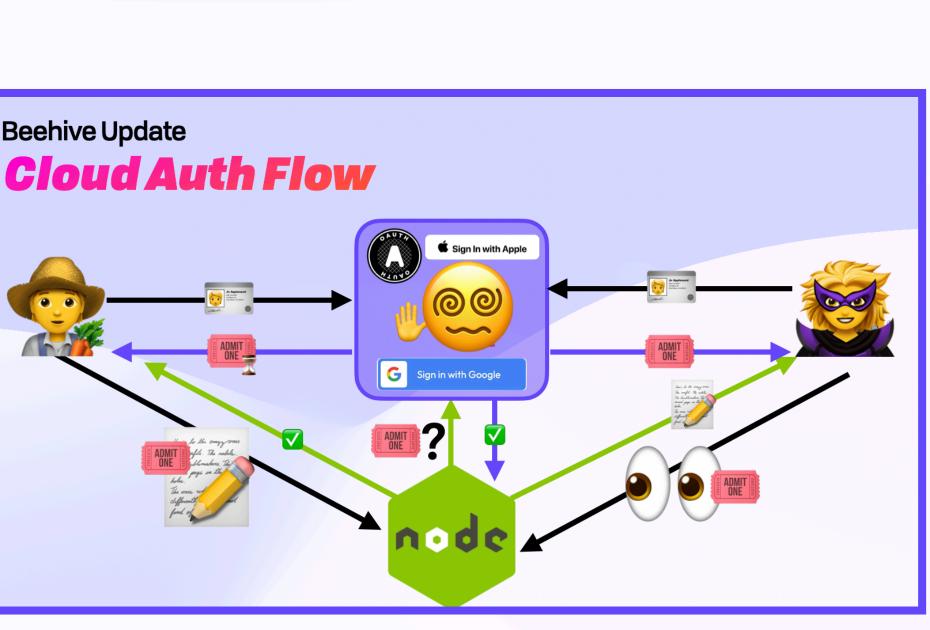


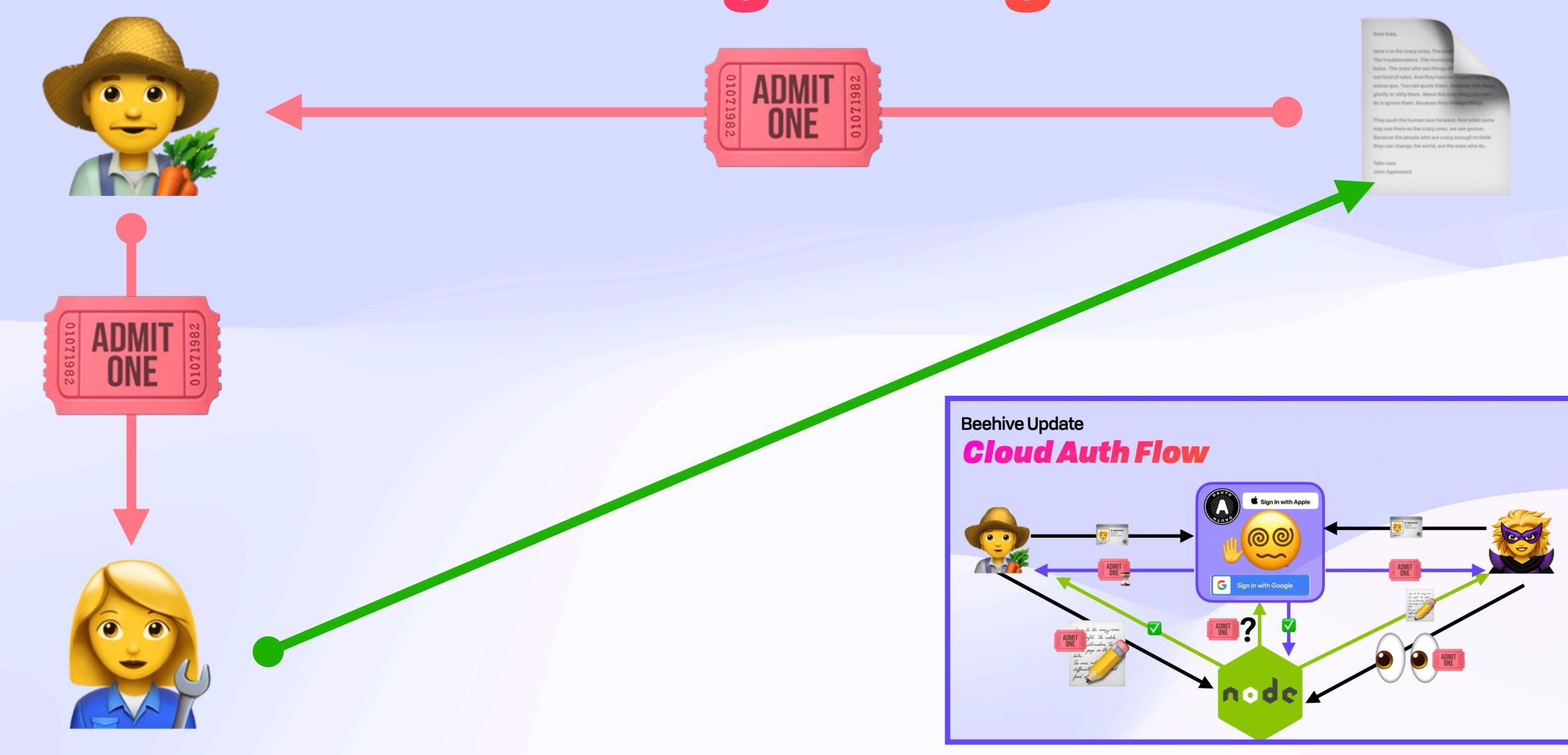


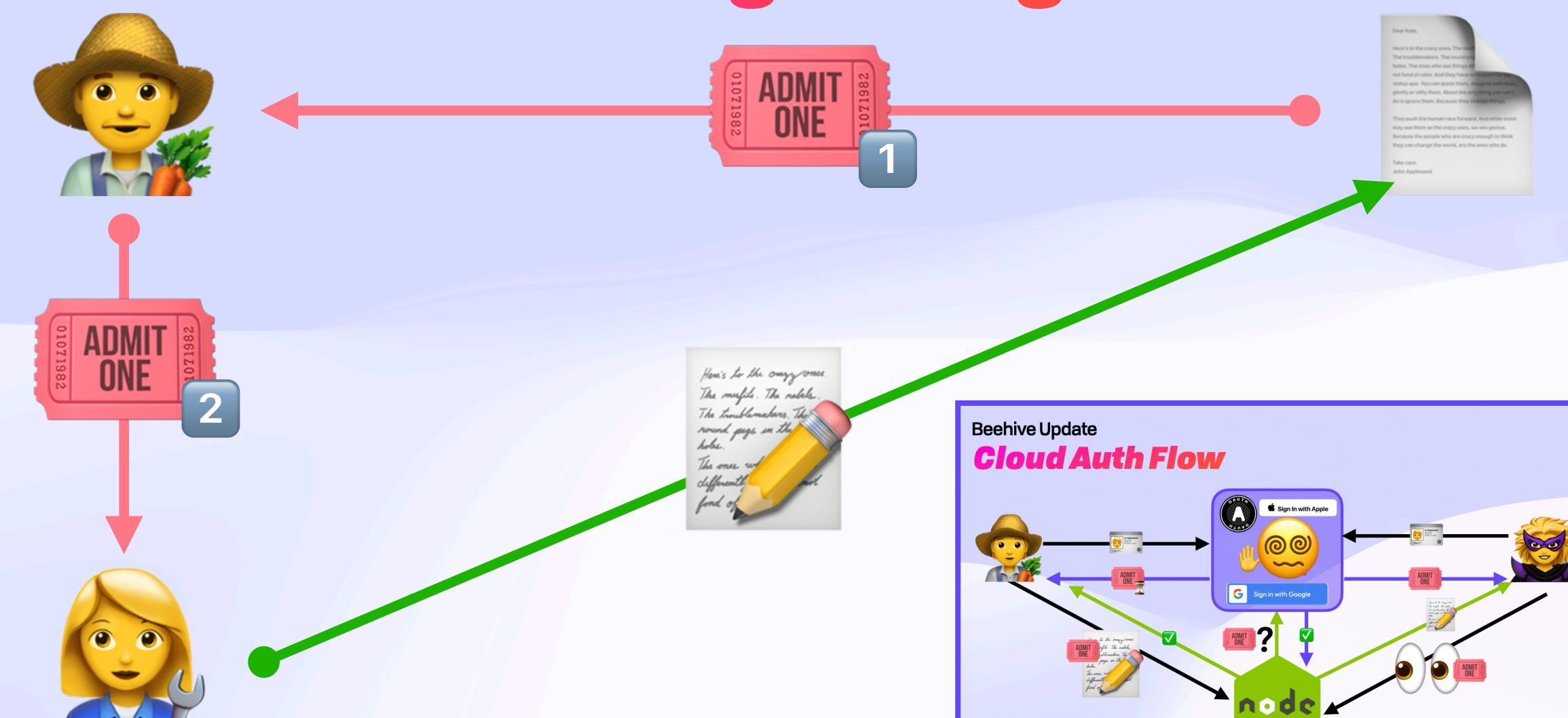


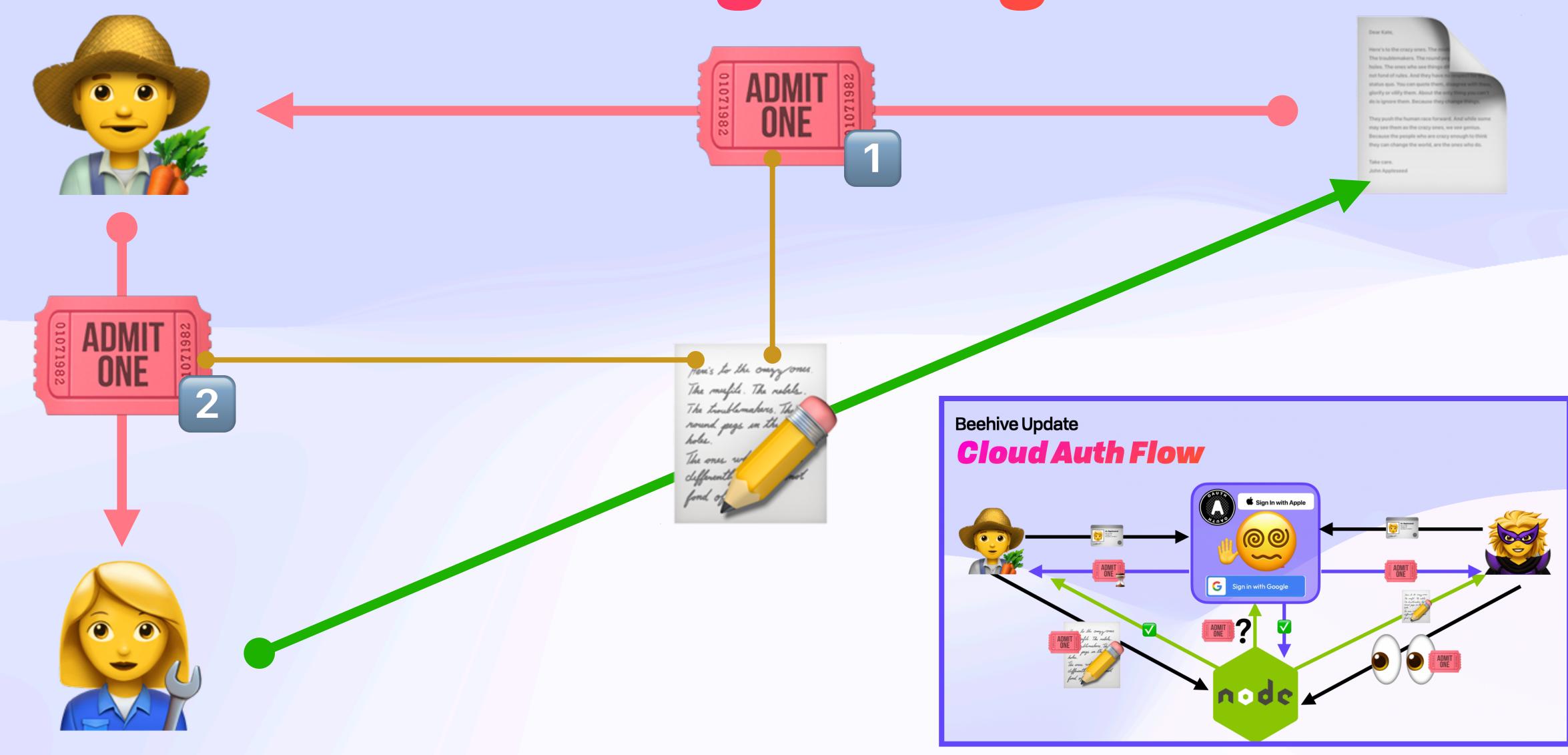


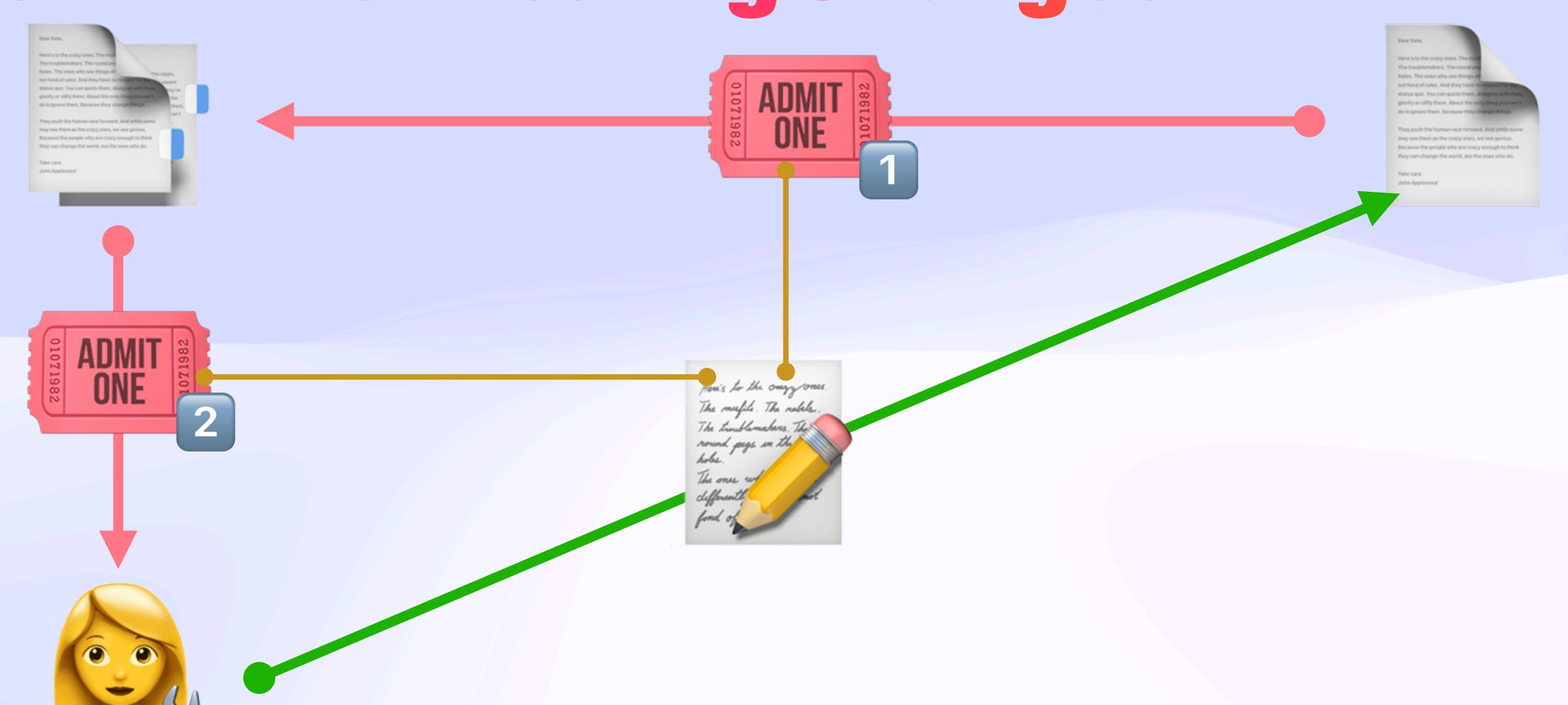


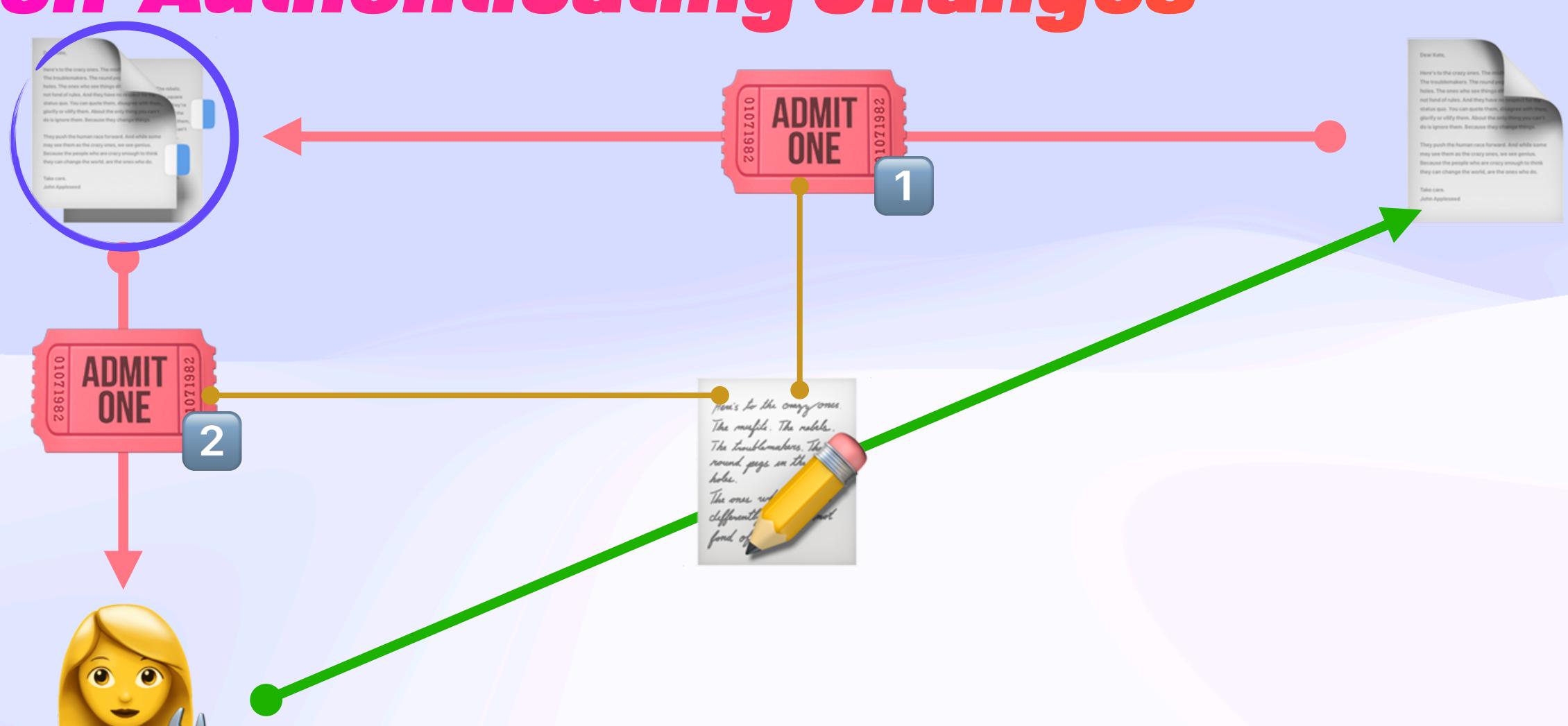












Honest Model, Simple to Use

- · "If you have it, you can use it & share it"
- Closely models auth ground truth
- · Natural programming model "like passing handles"

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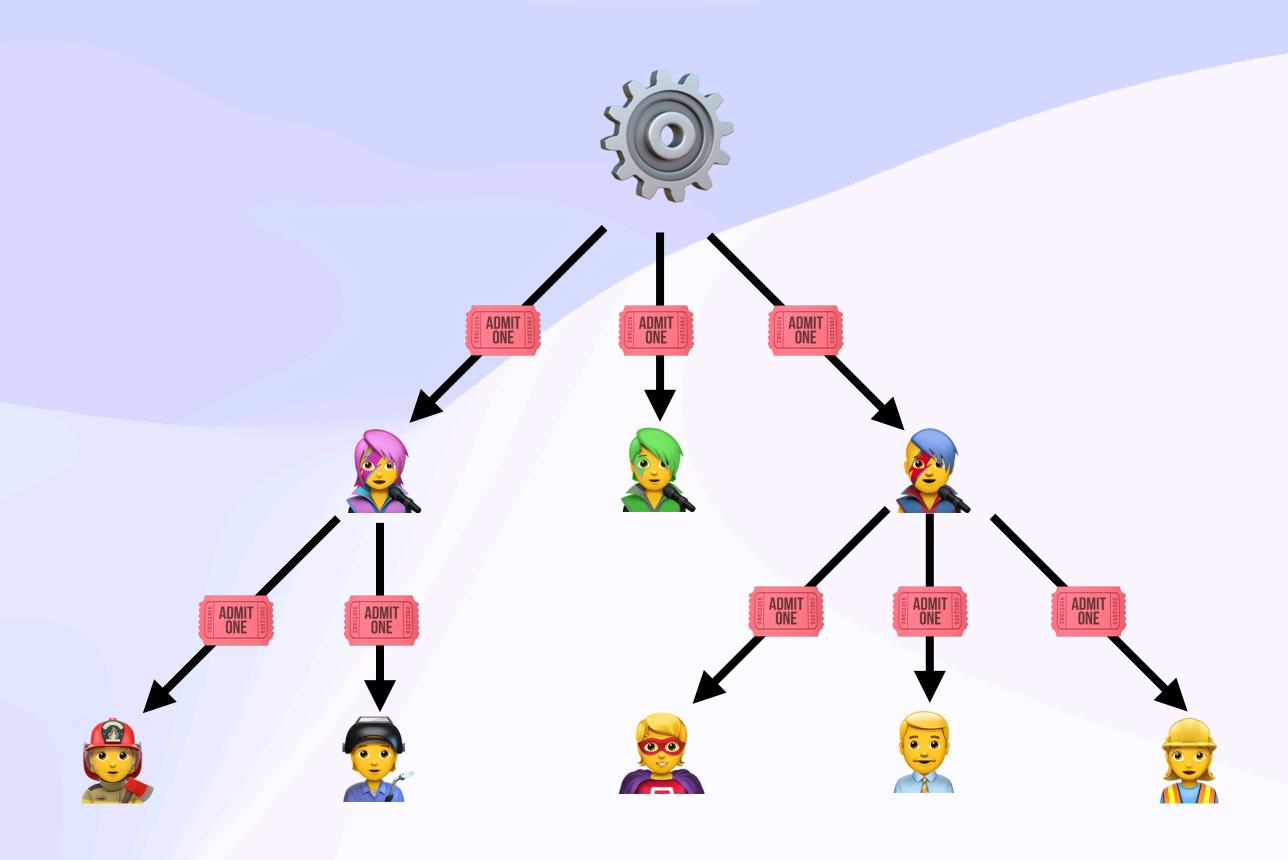
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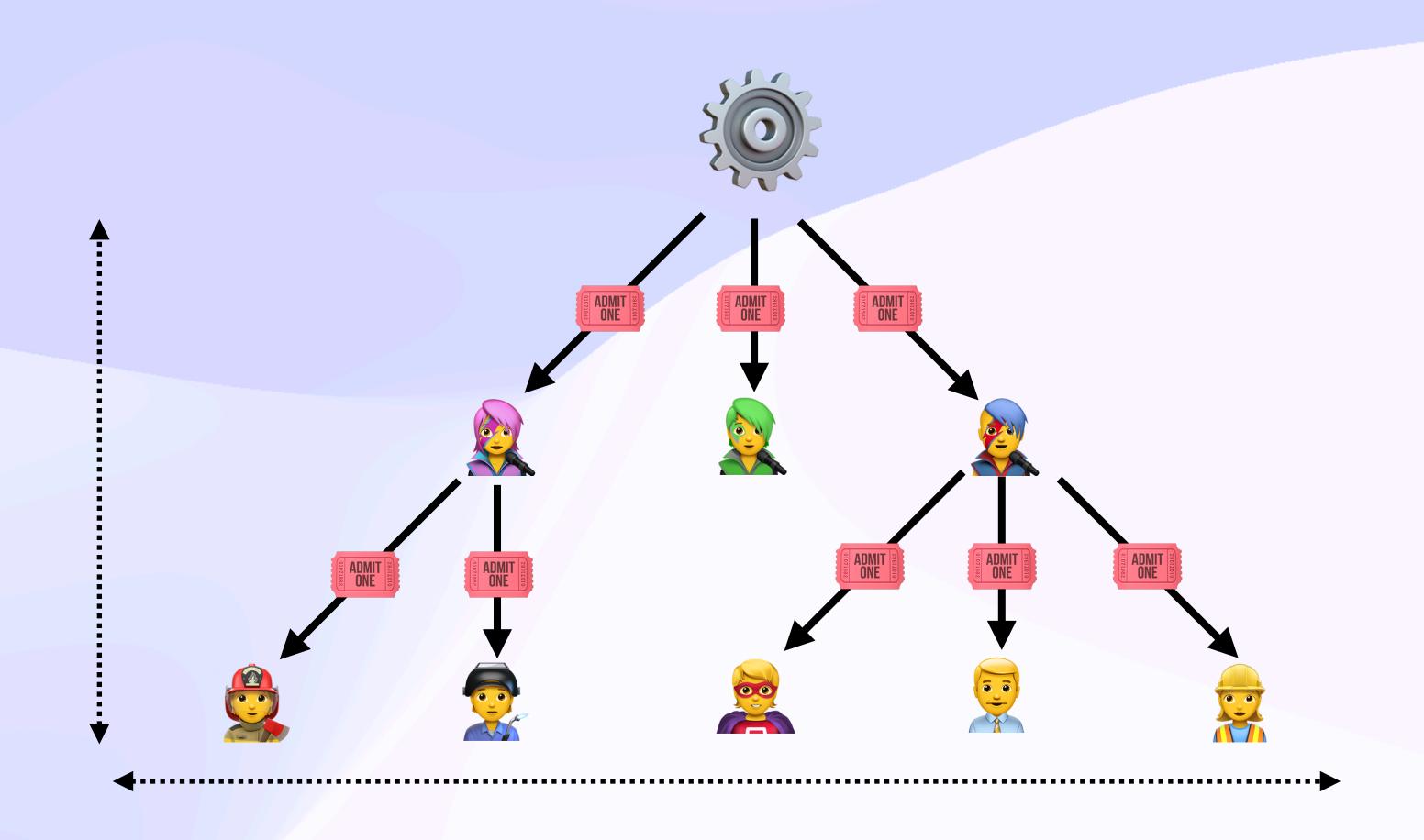
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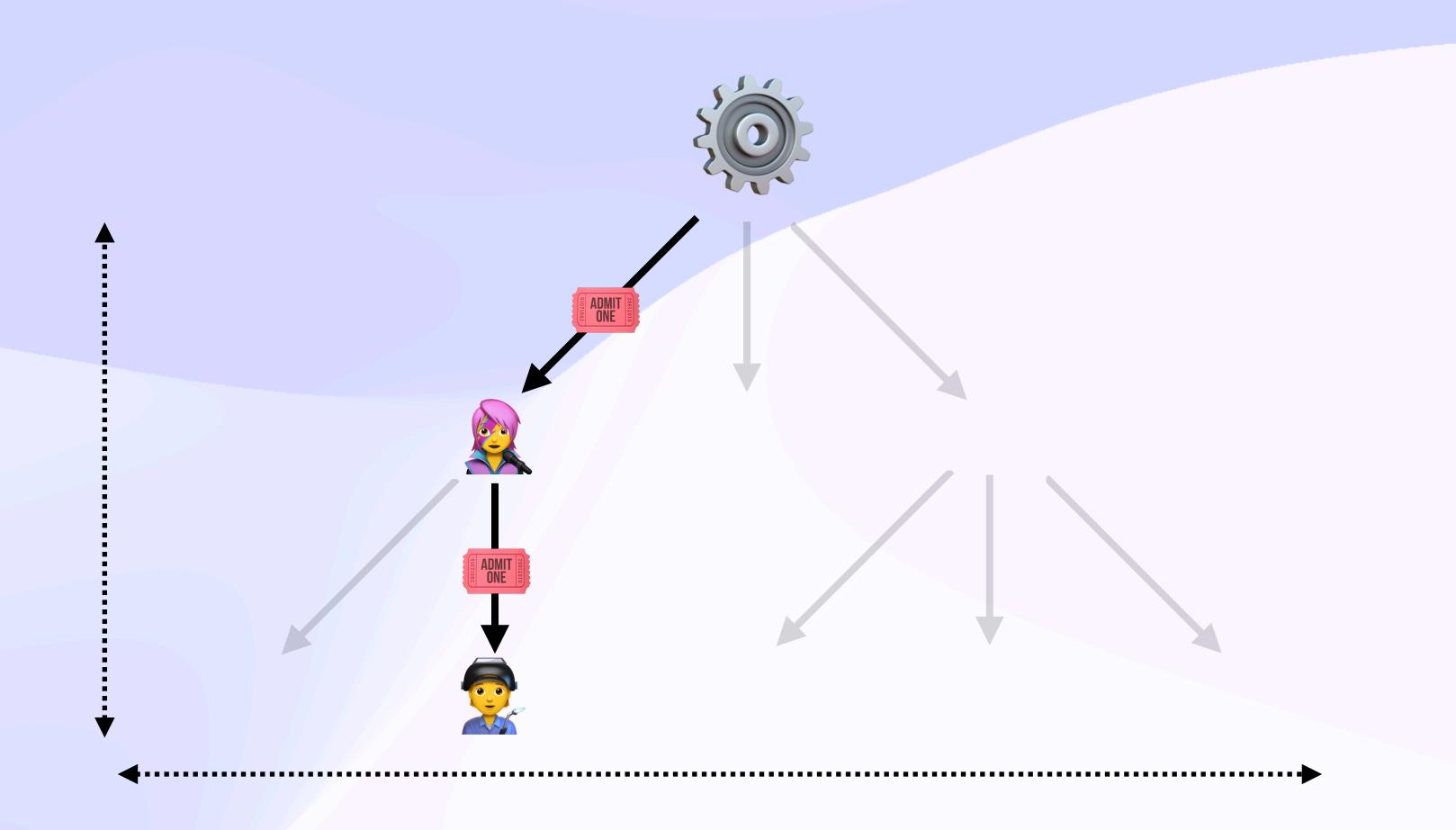
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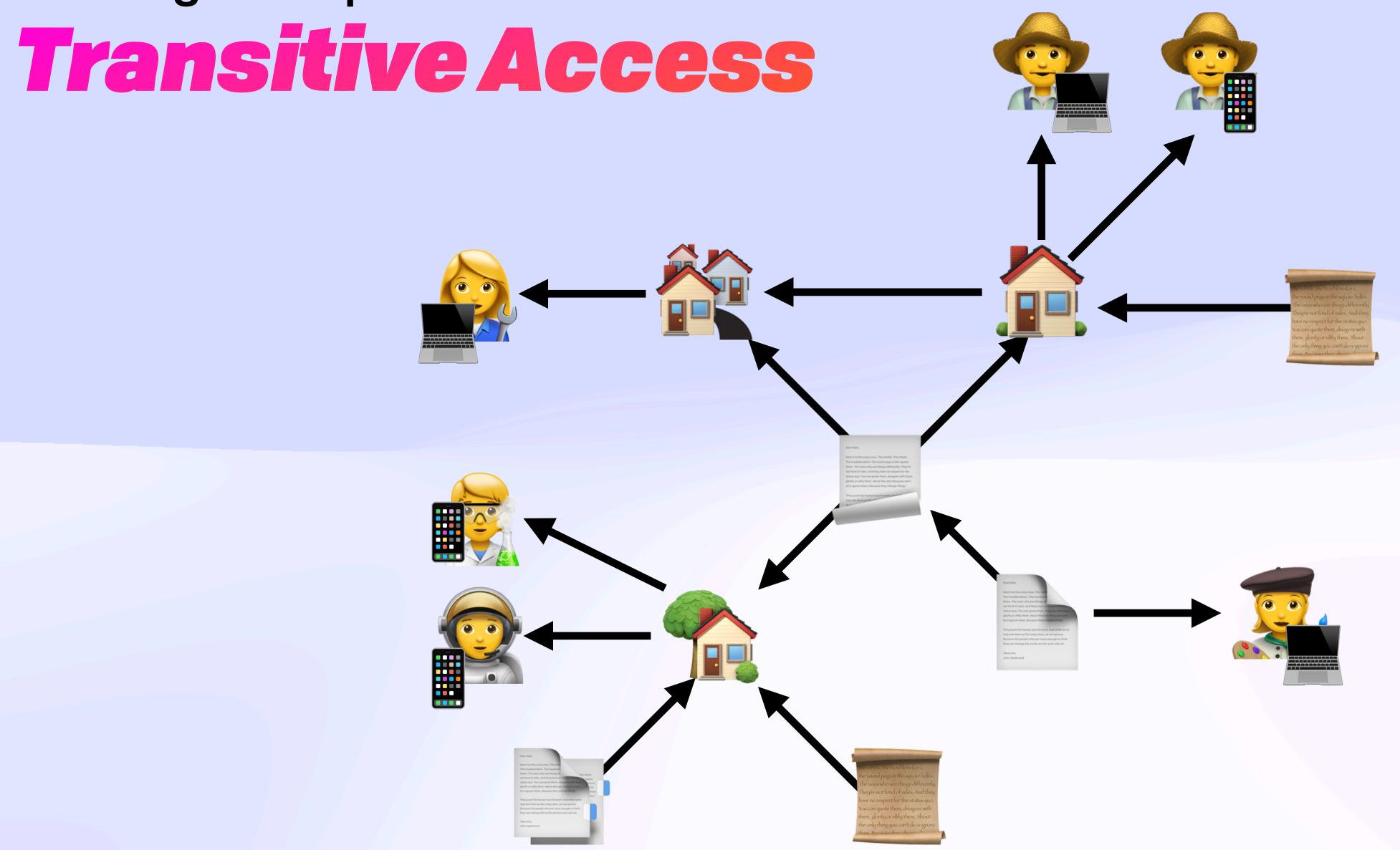


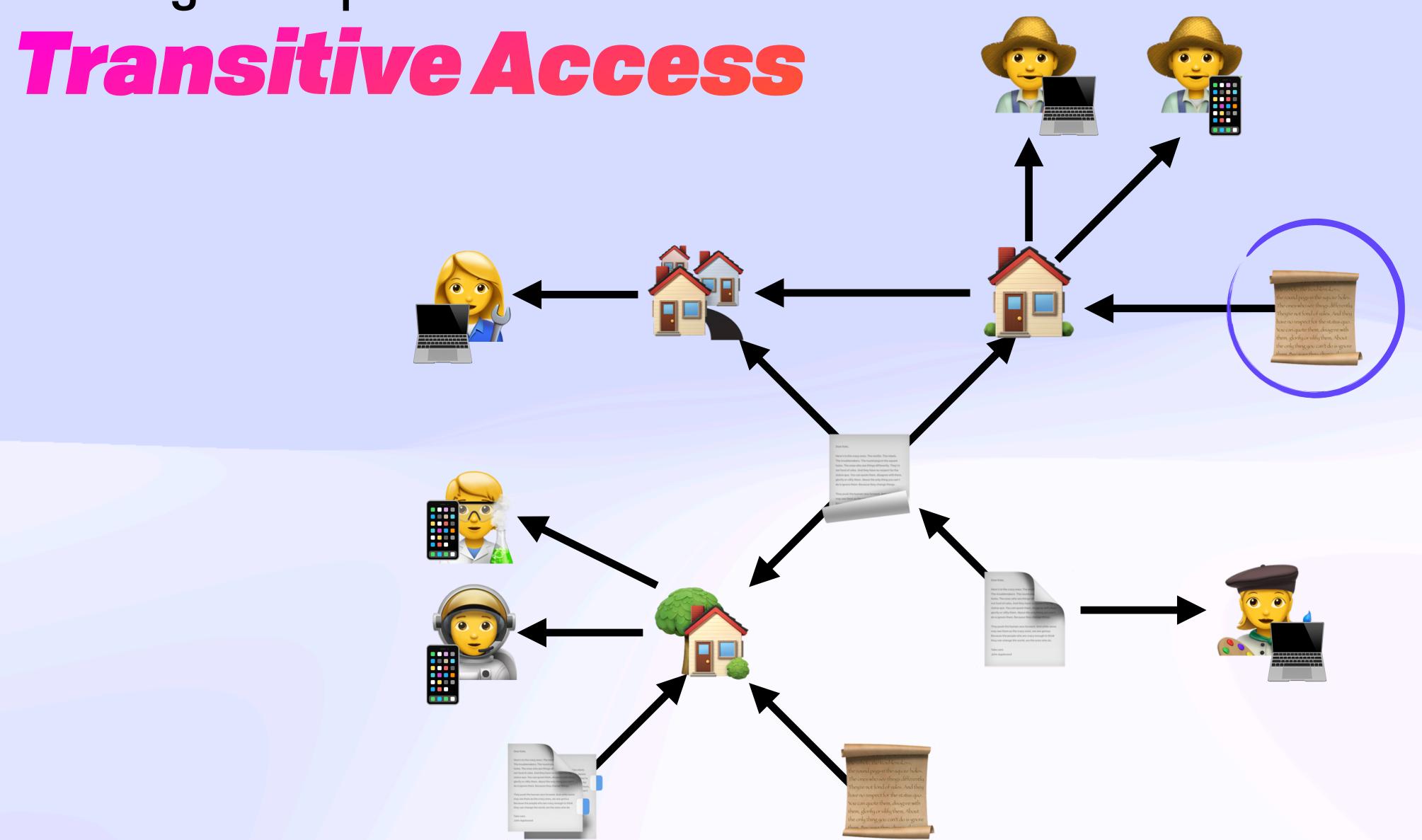
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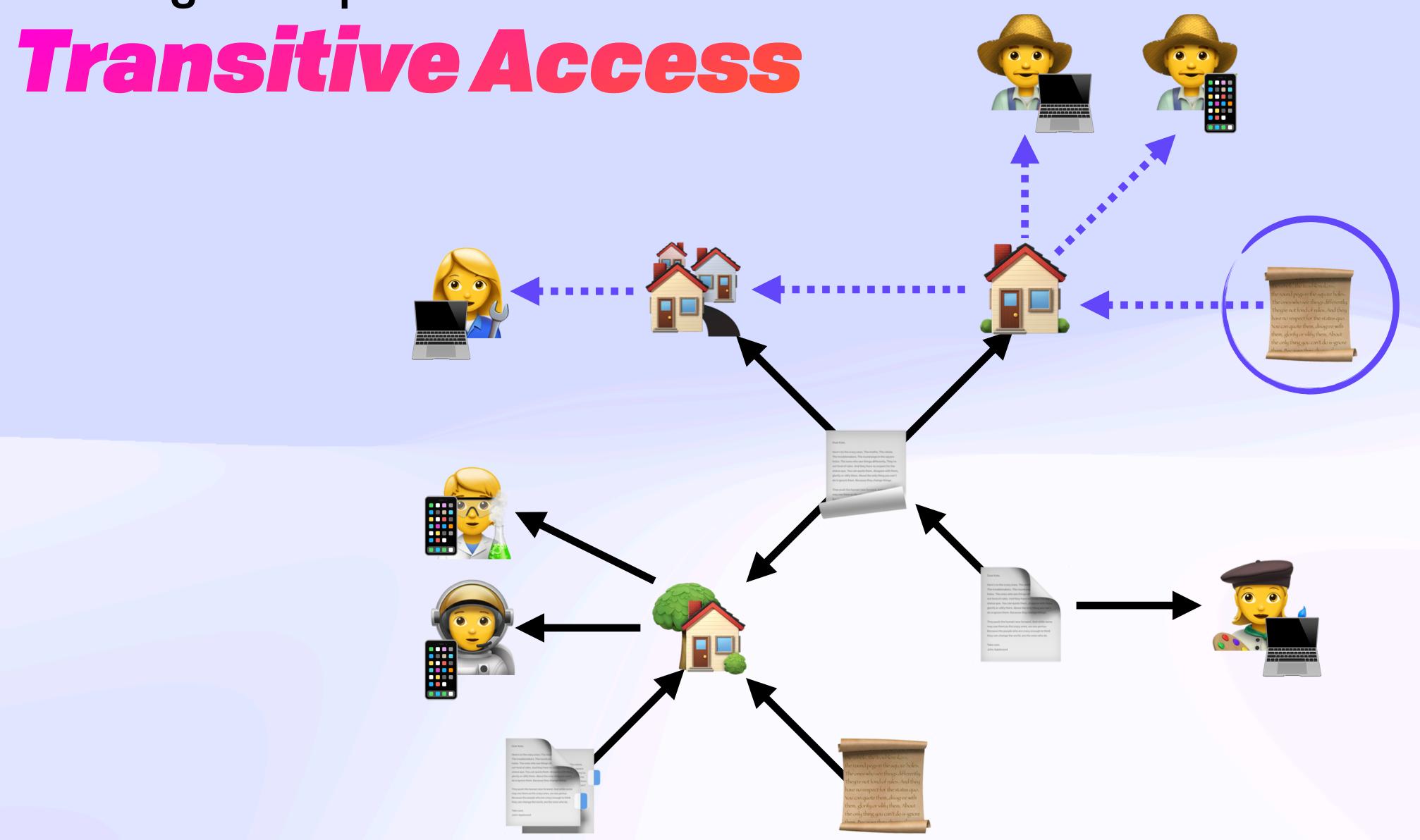


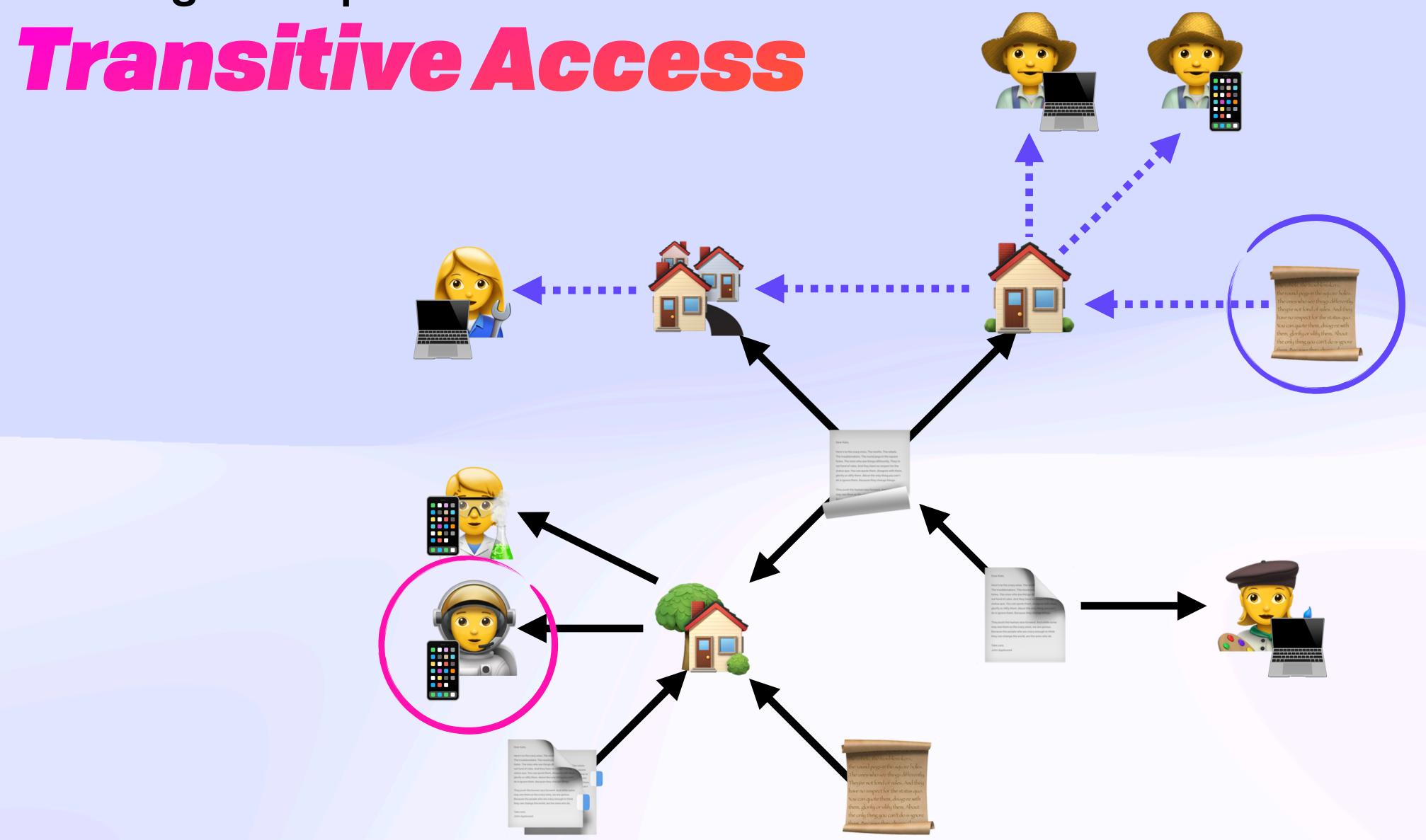
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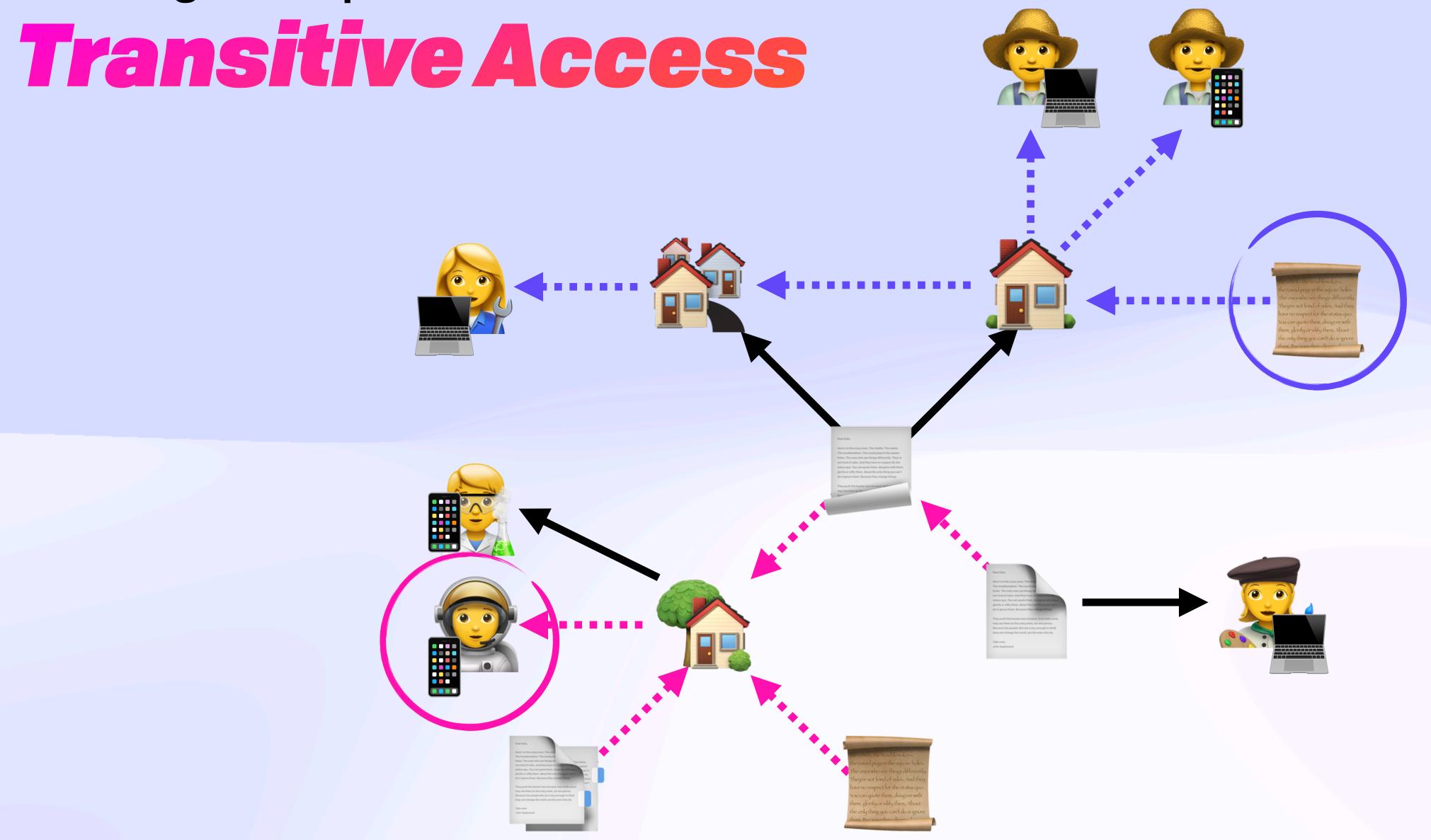








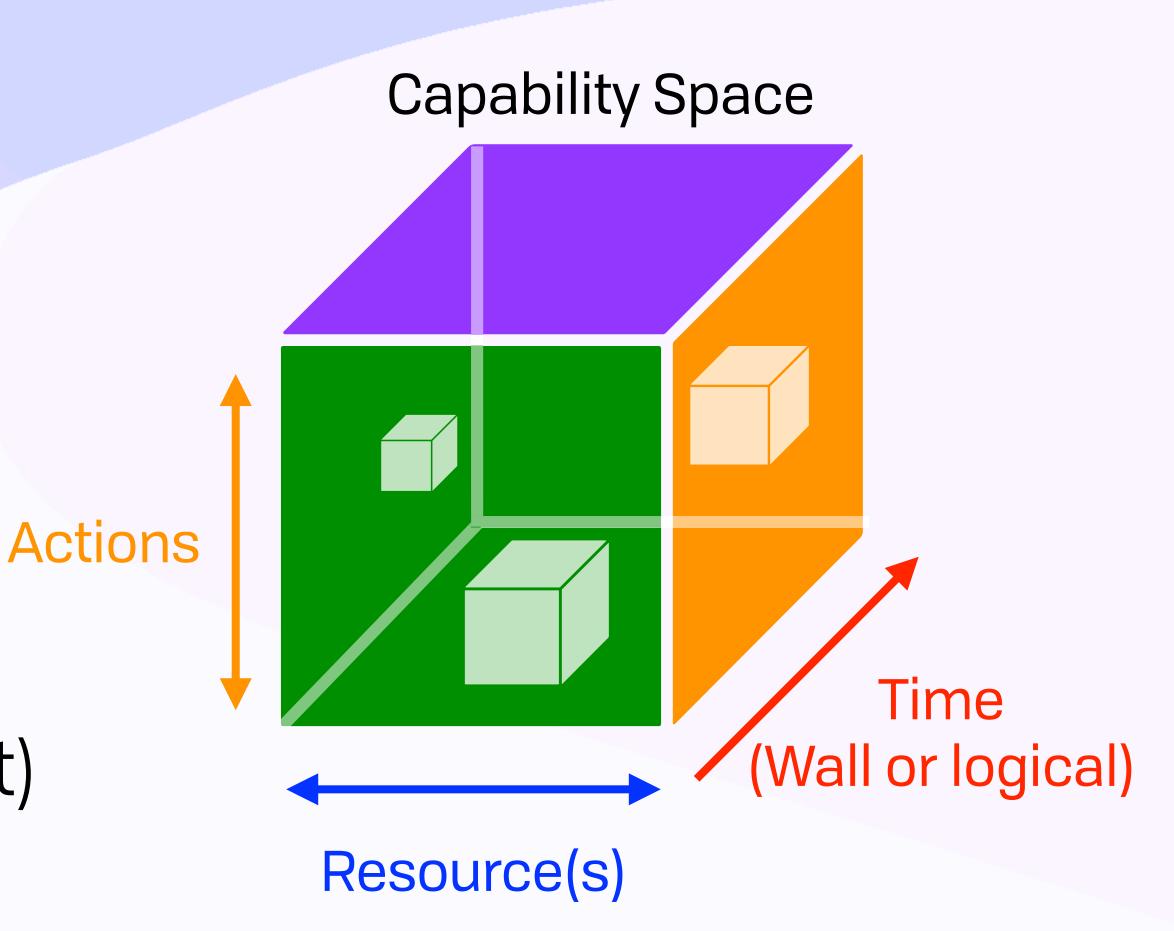
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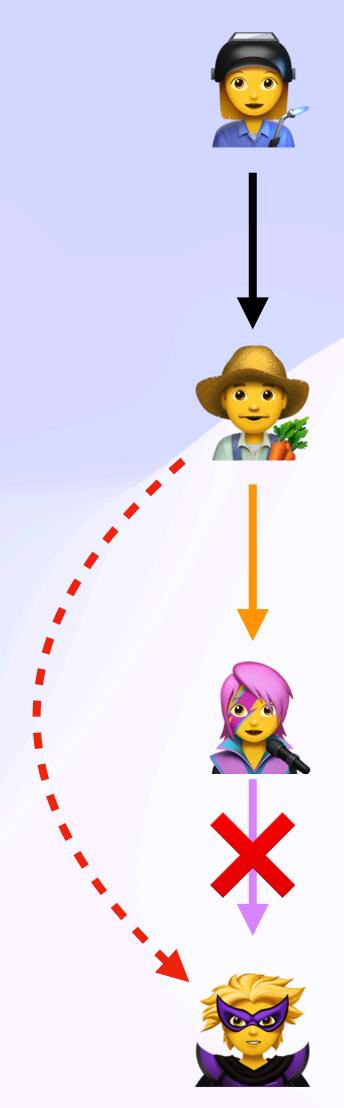
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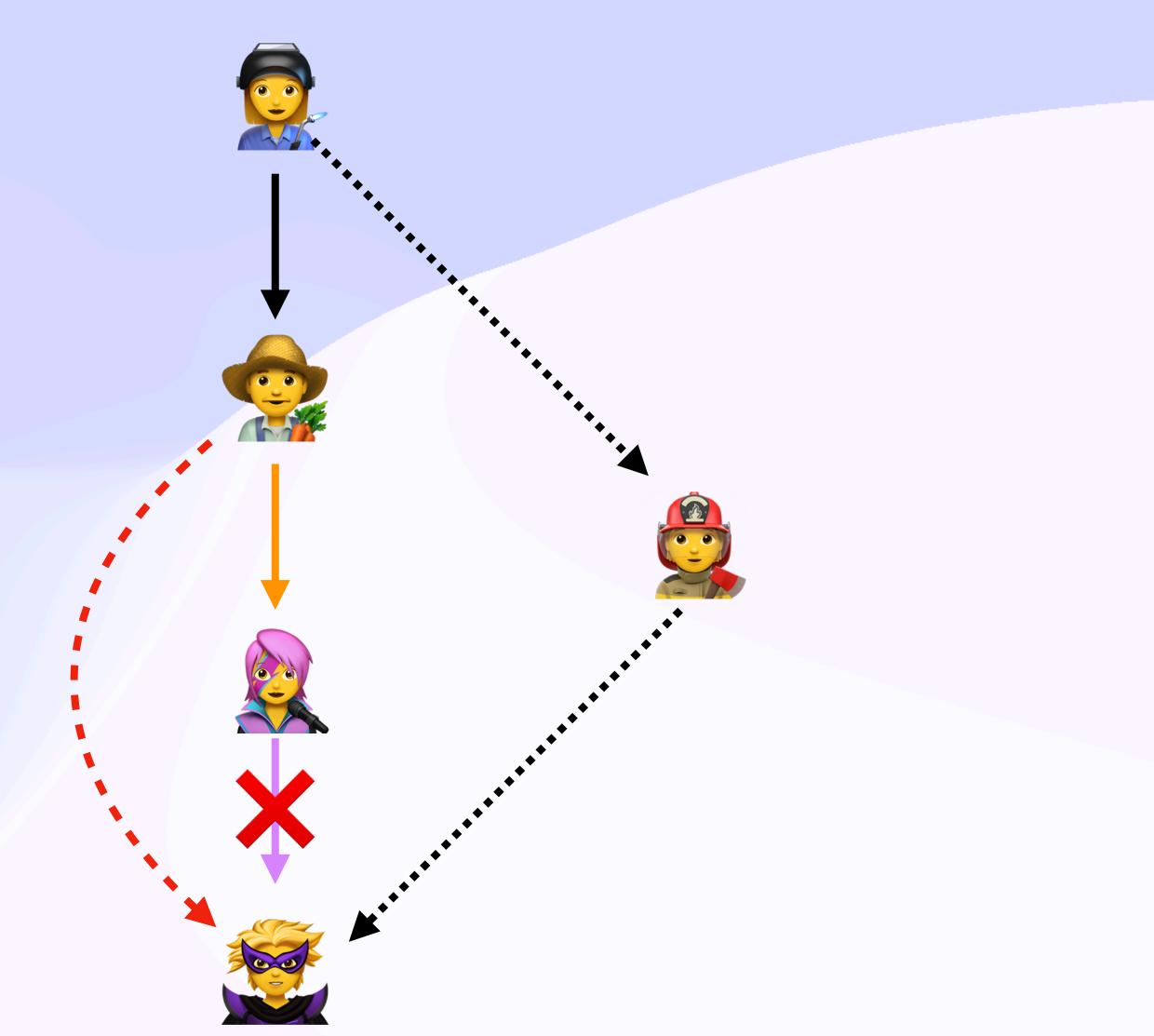
- Make the box as small as possible!
- Fewest resources
- Fewest actions
- Least amount of time
- (Revocation considered a last resort)

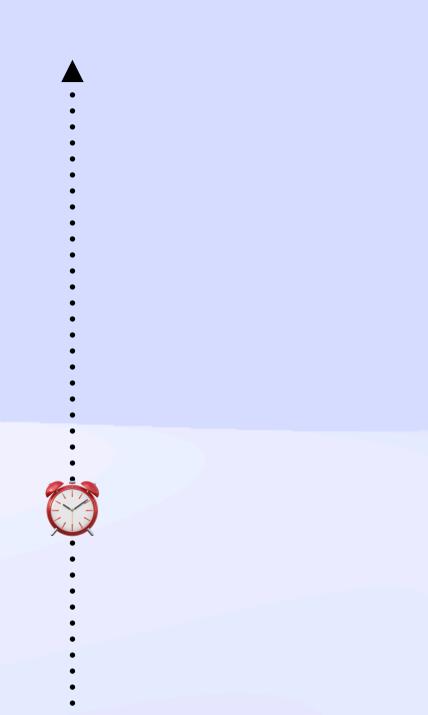


Redaction, Post-Compromise Security, and Cycle Breaking



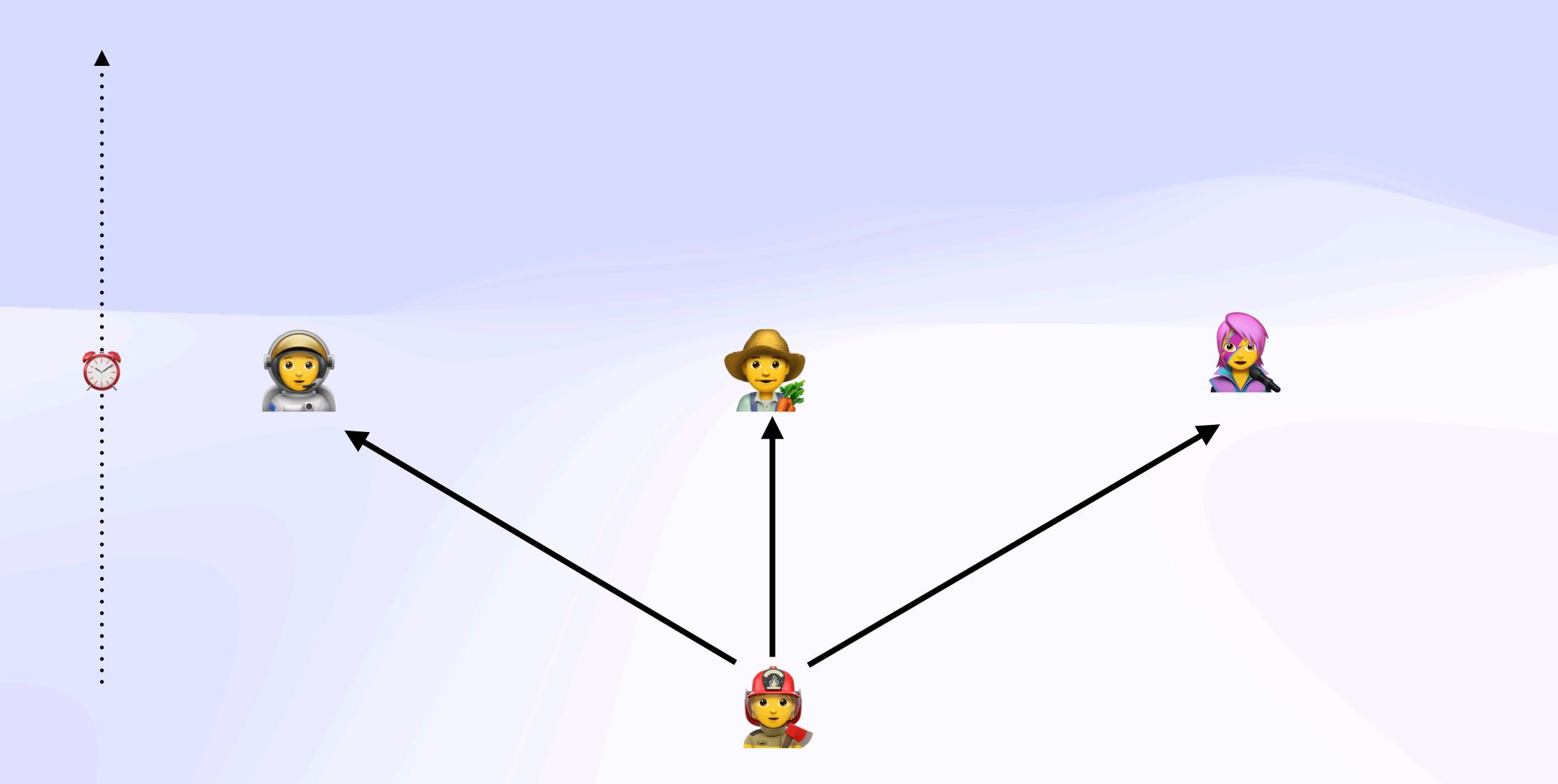


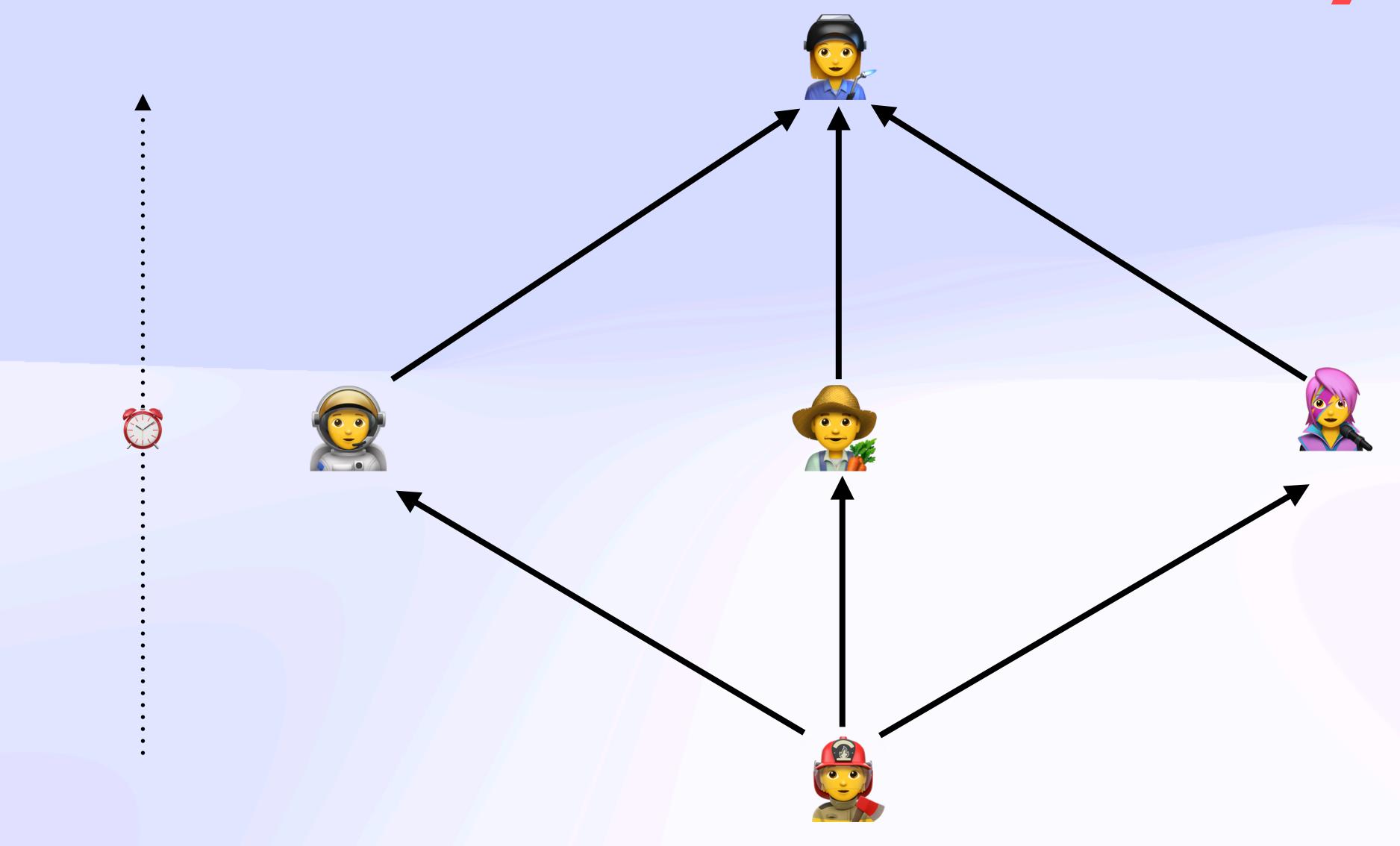


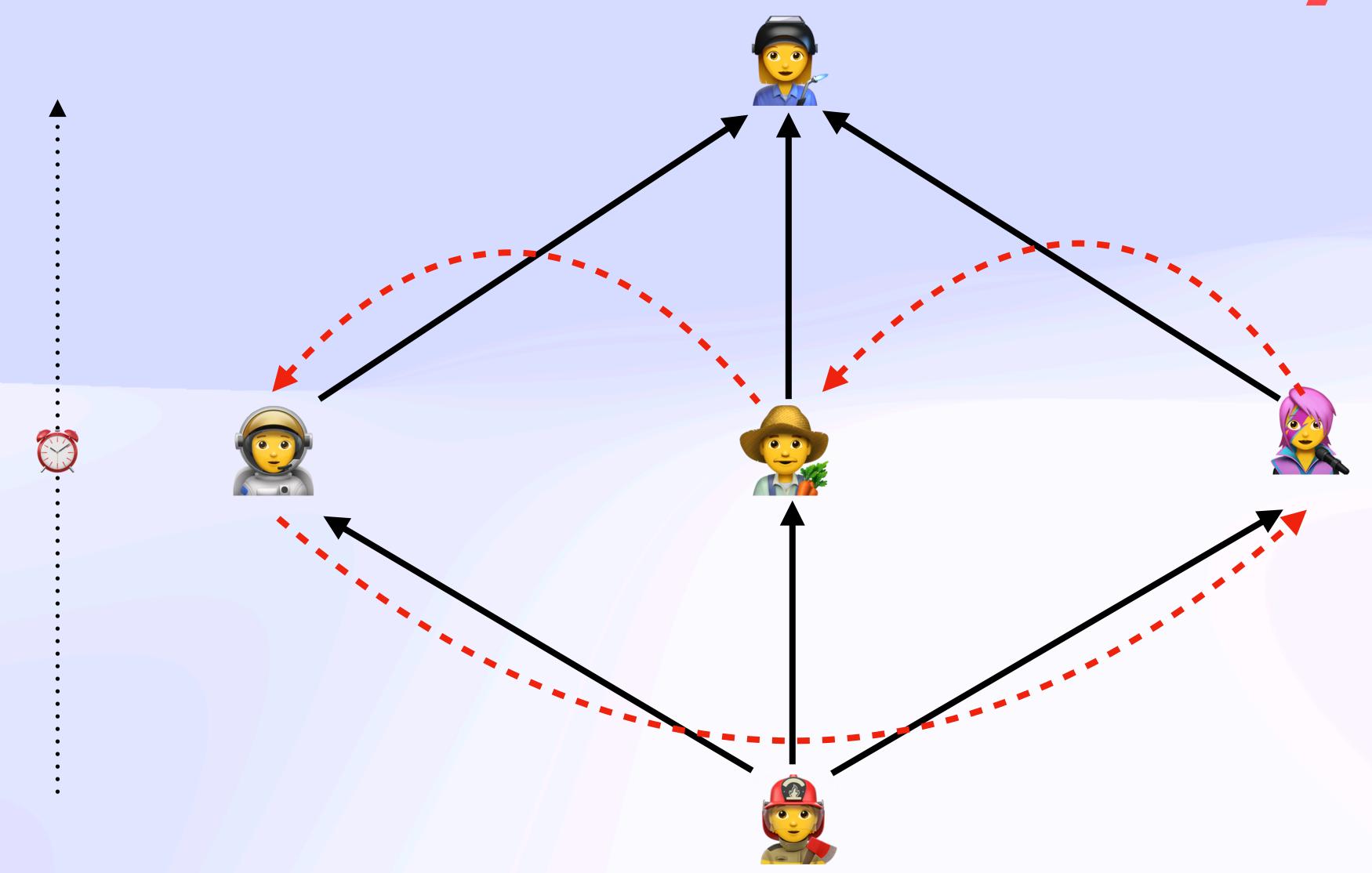


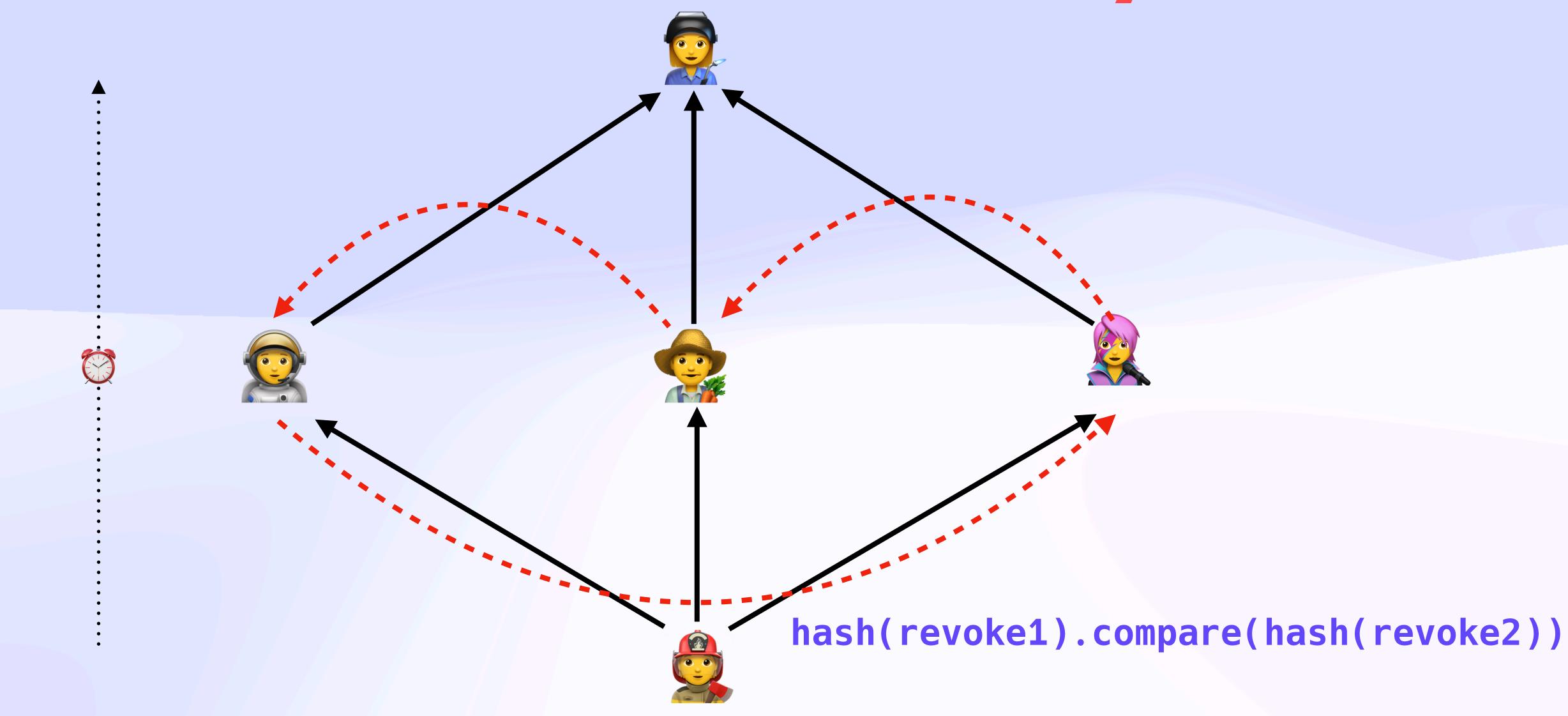


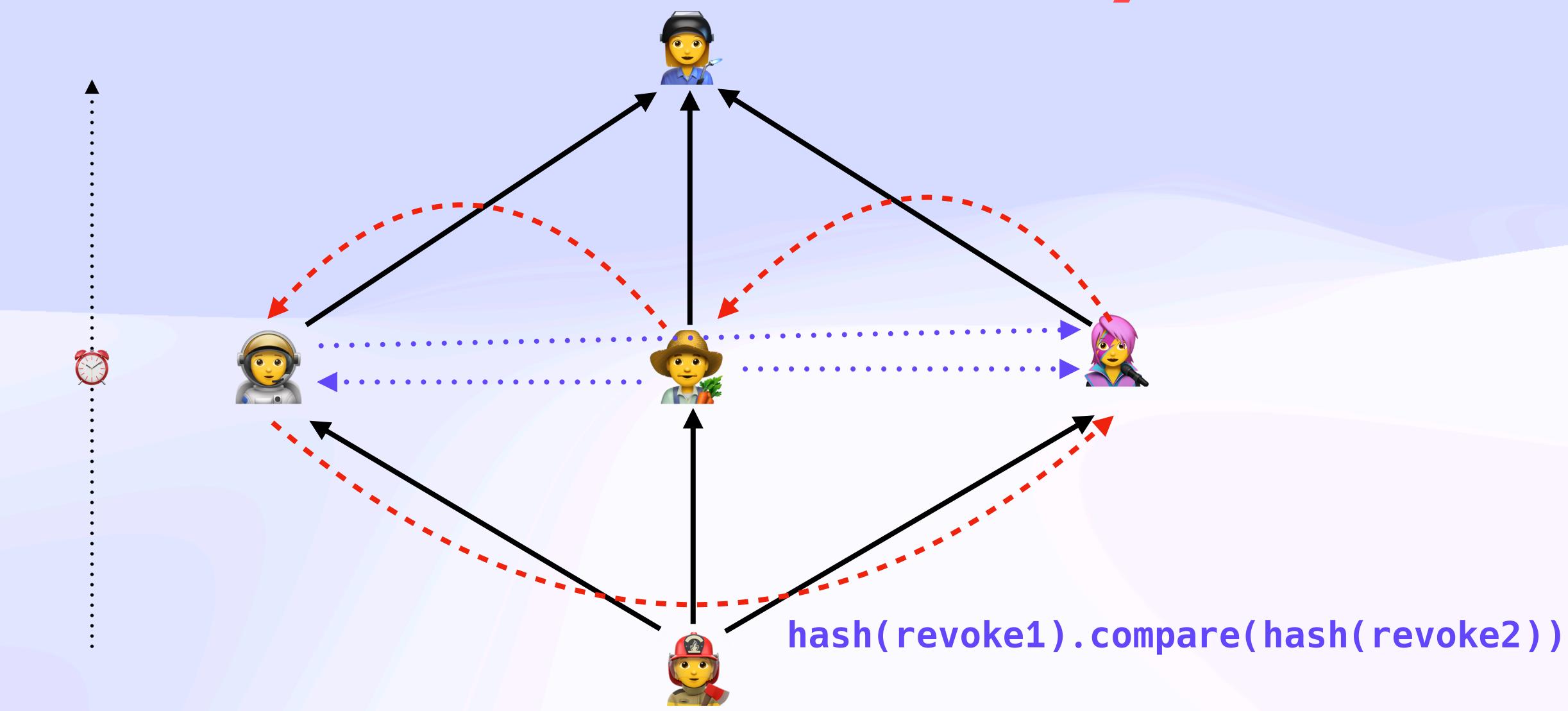


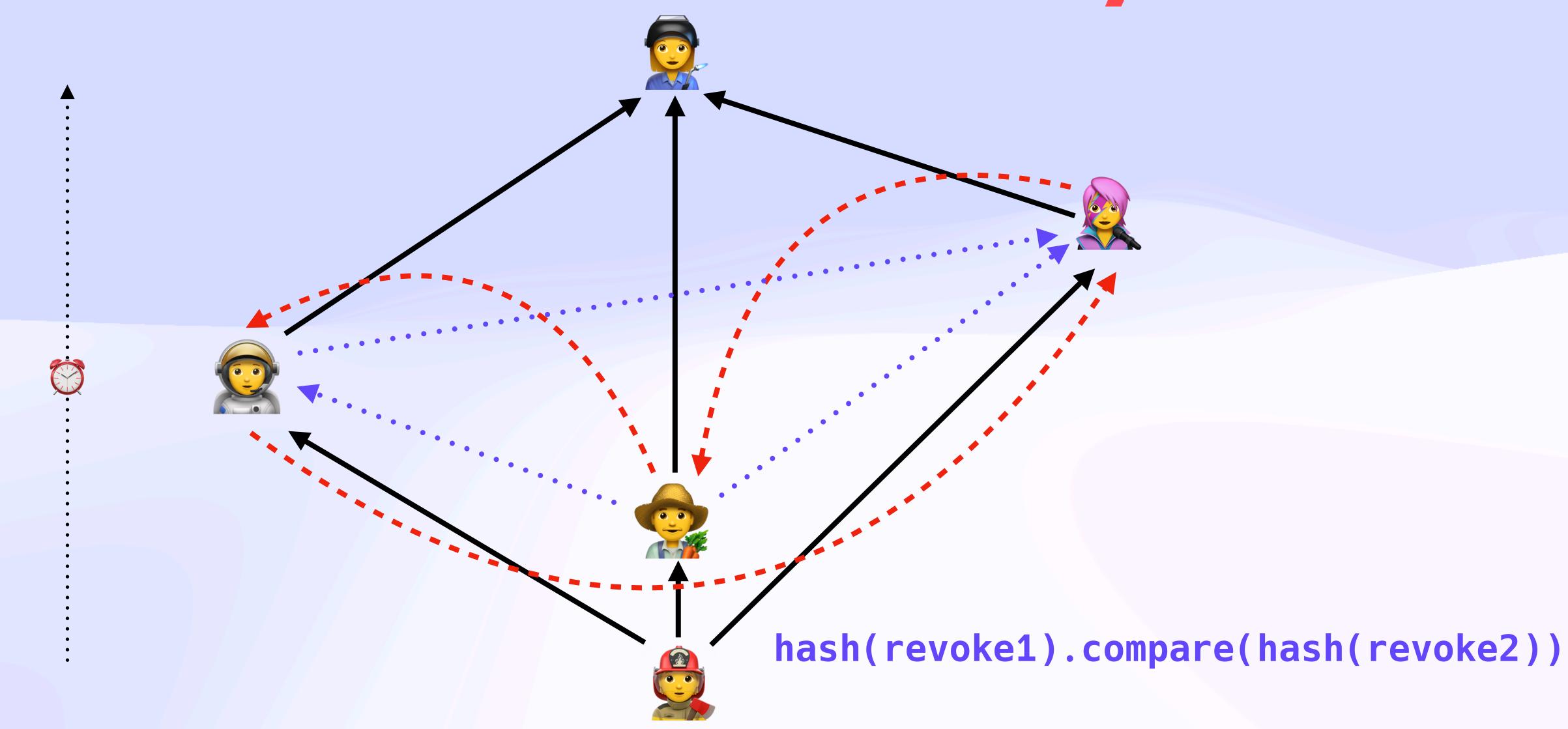


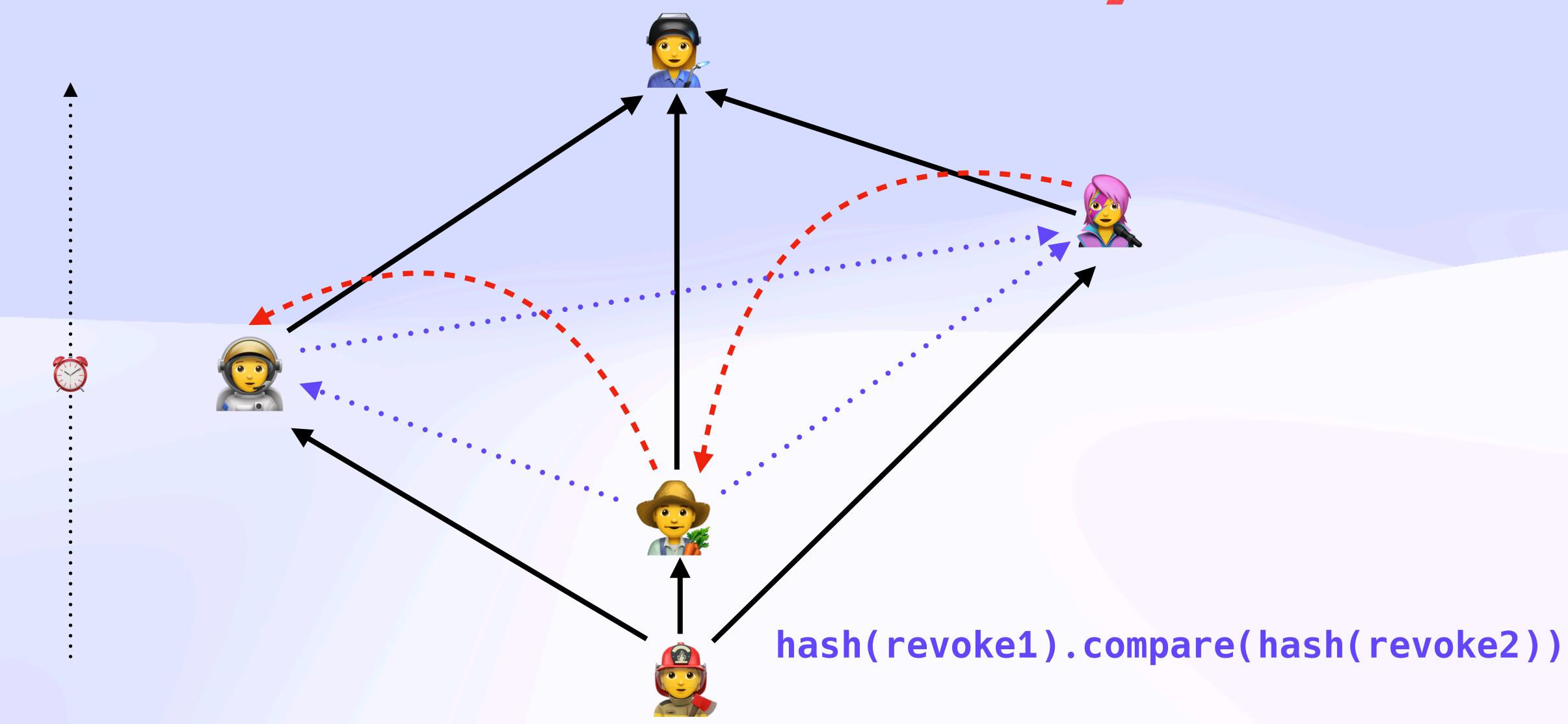






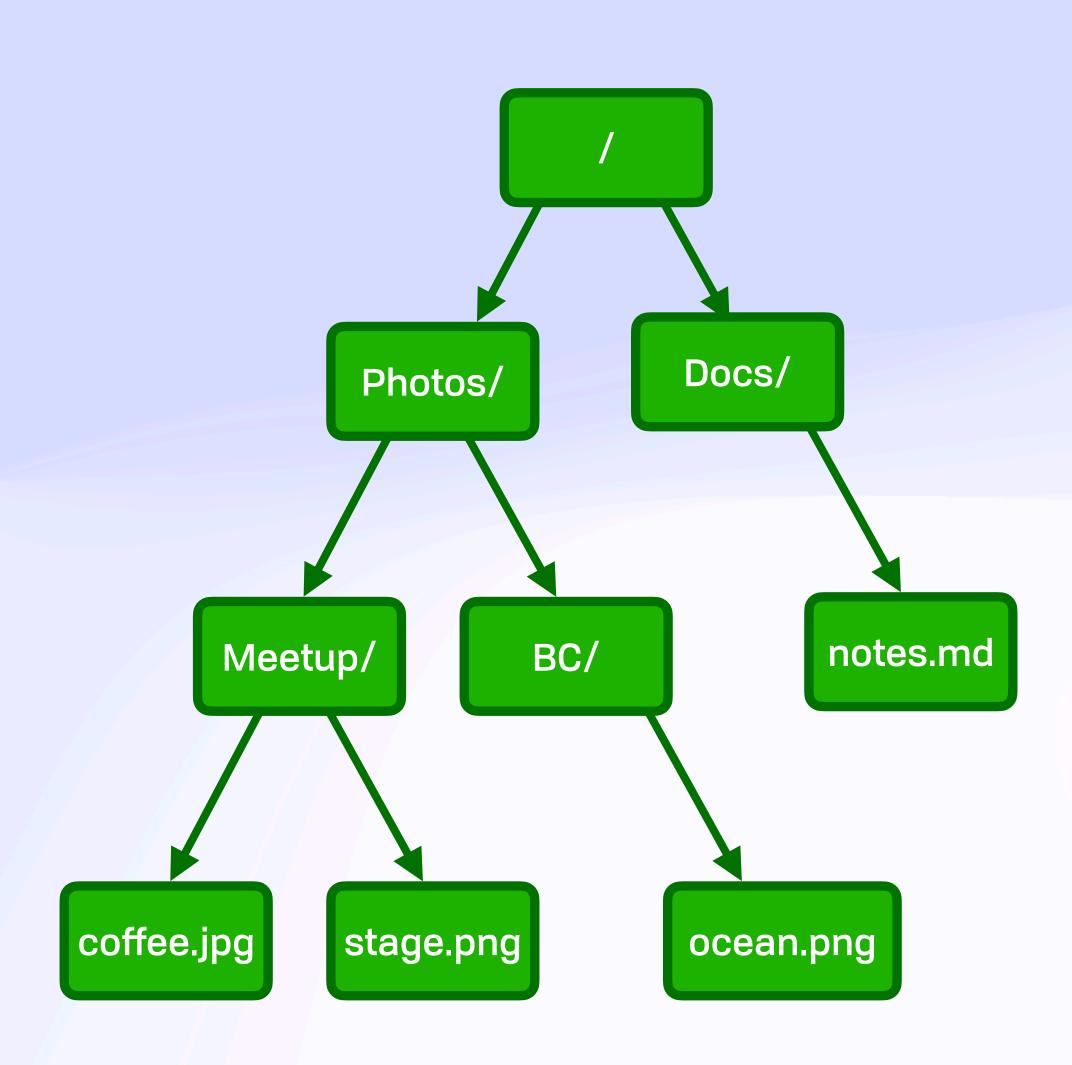


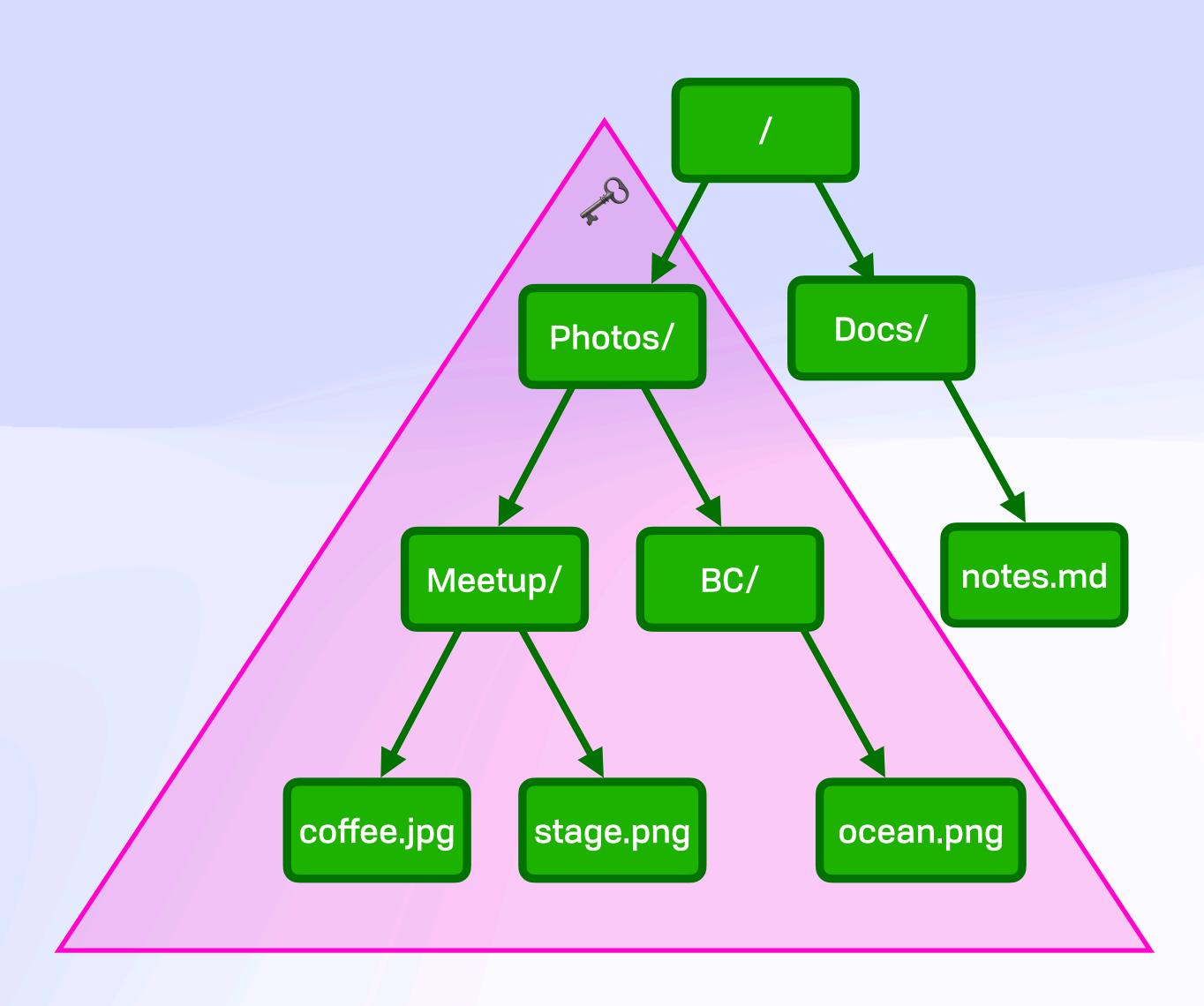


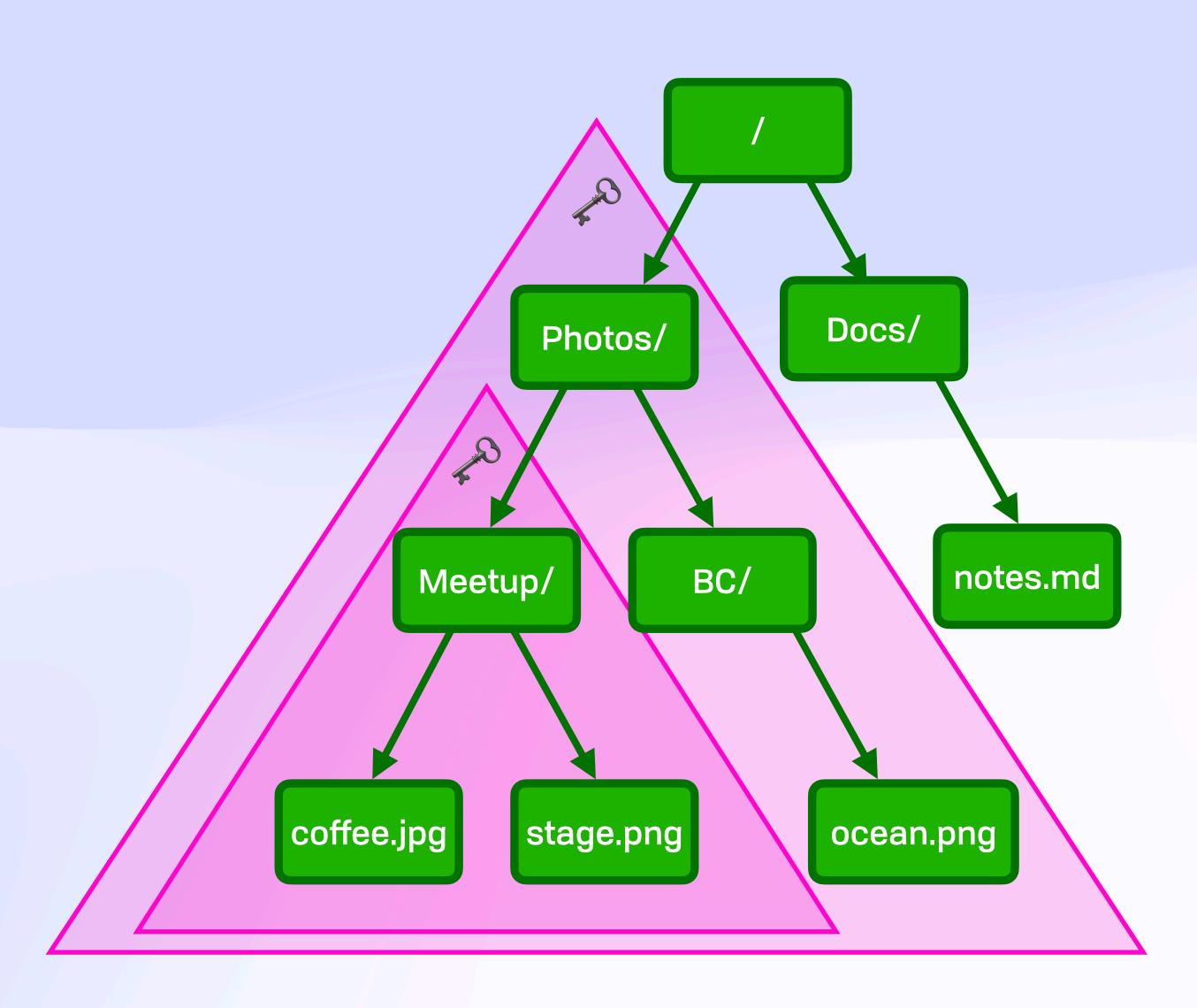


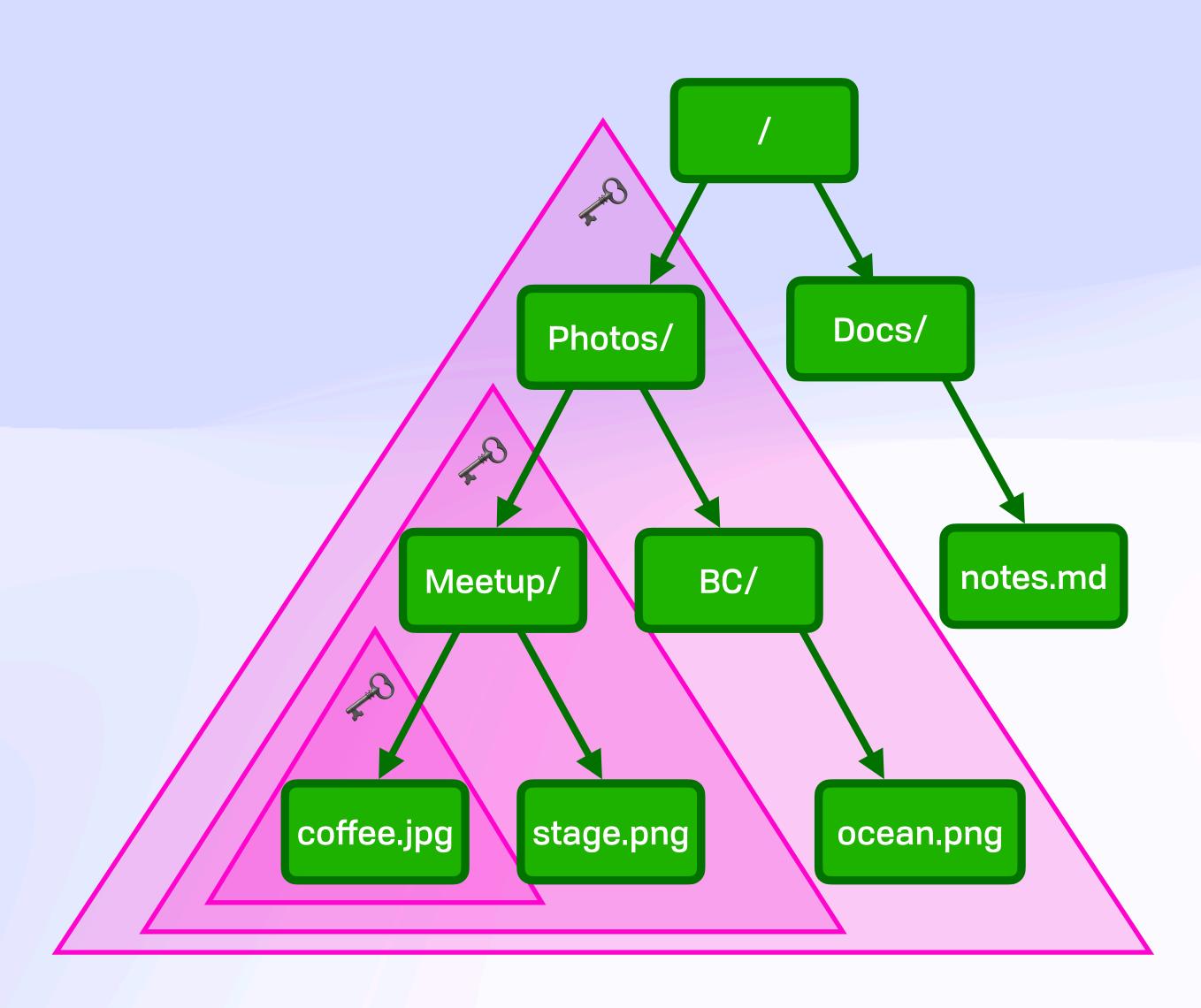
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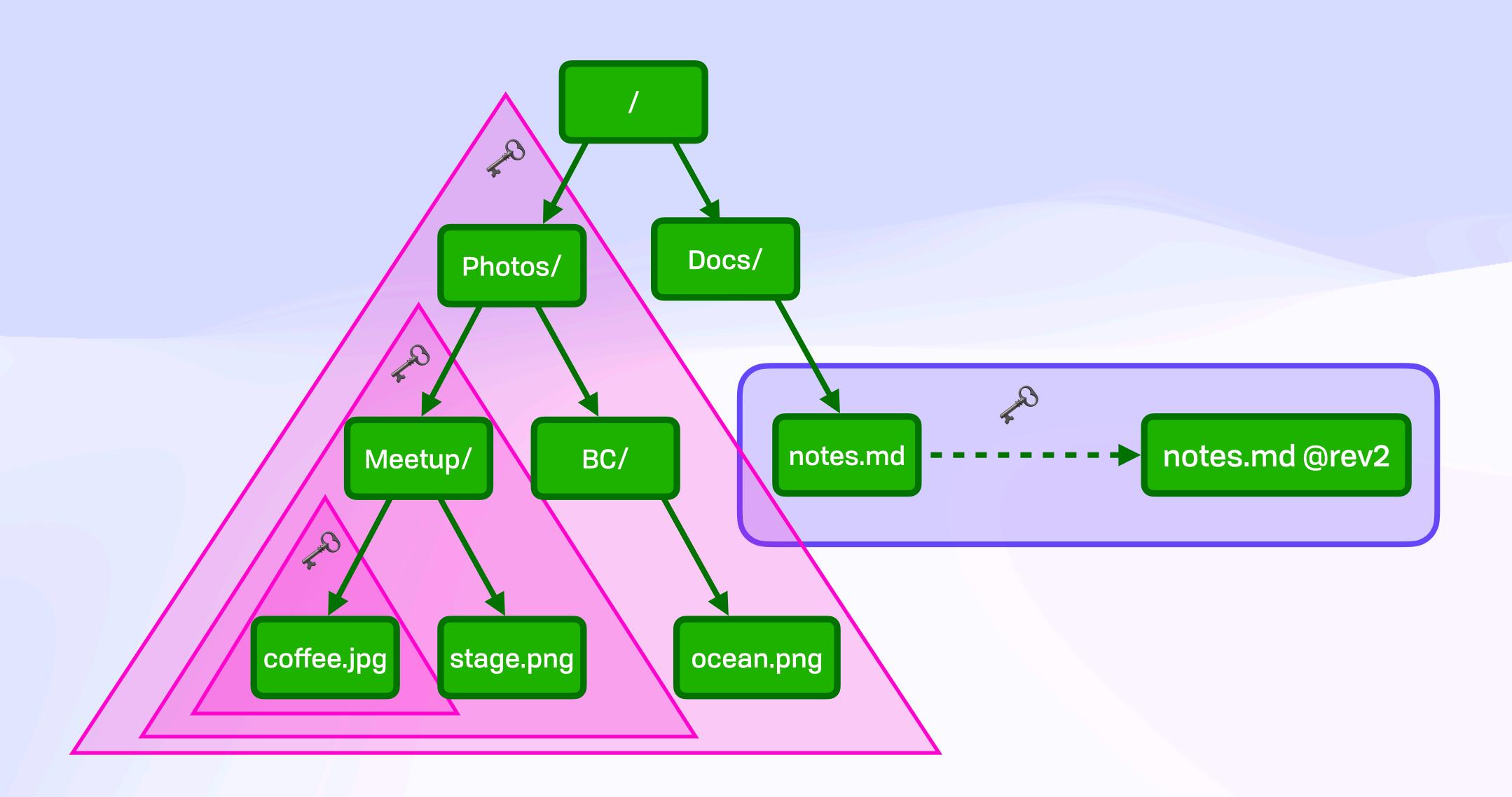


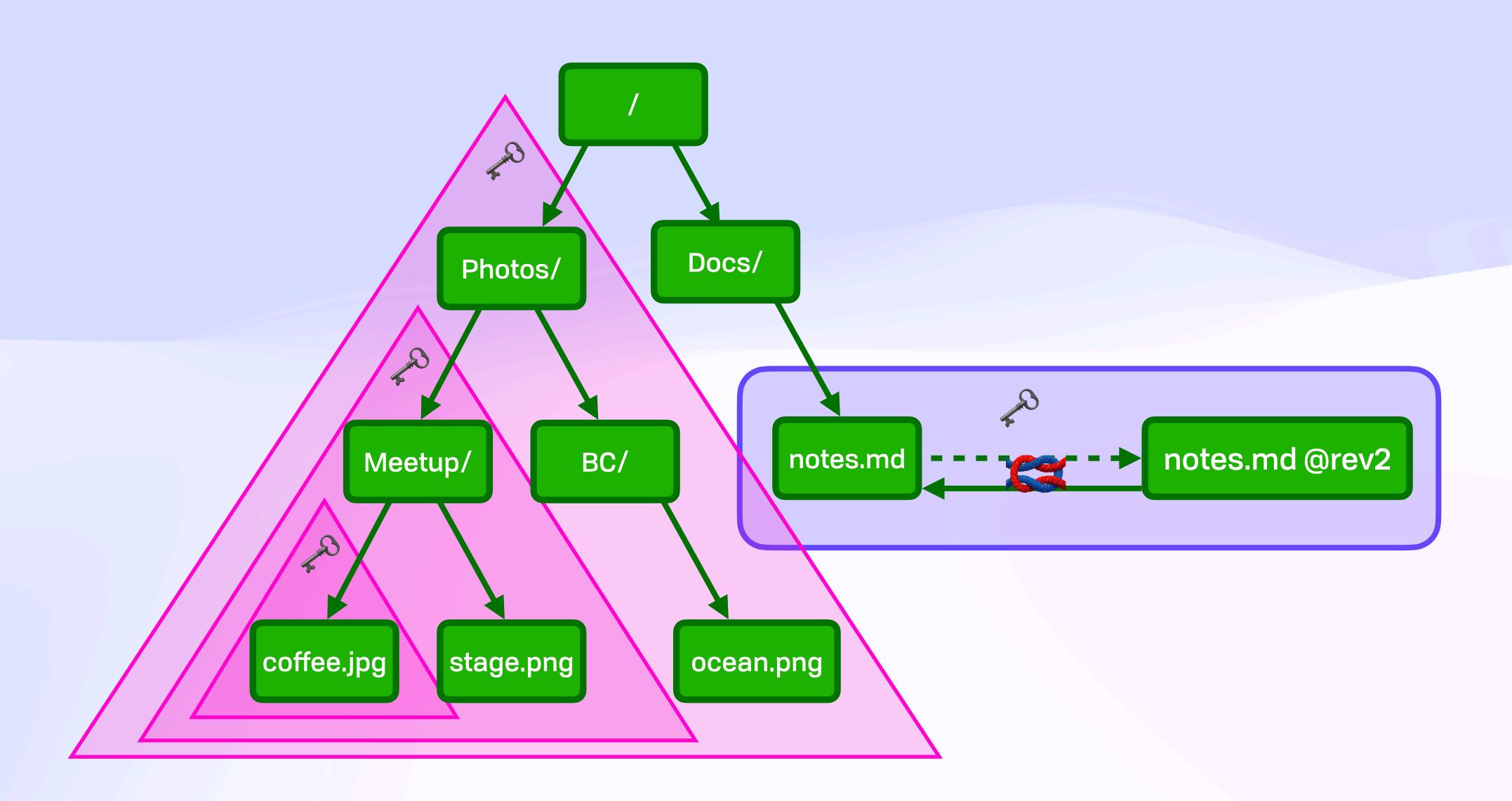












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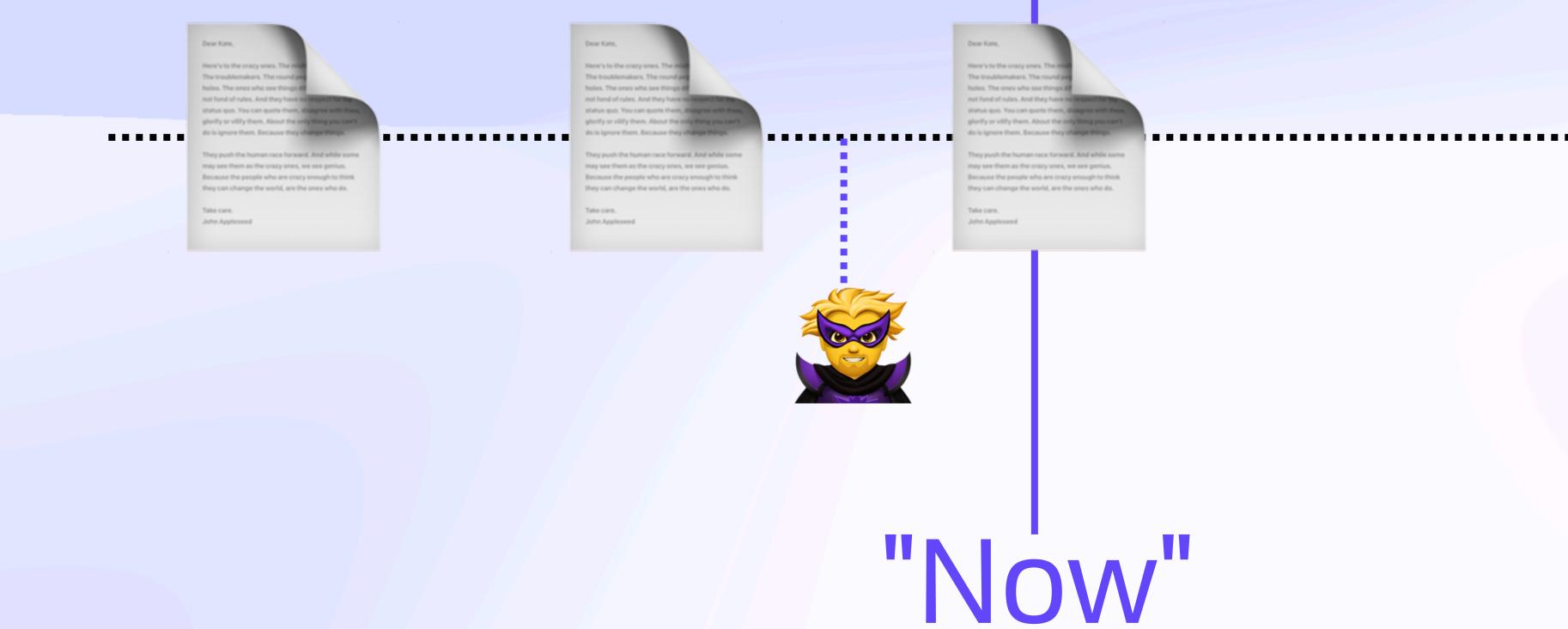
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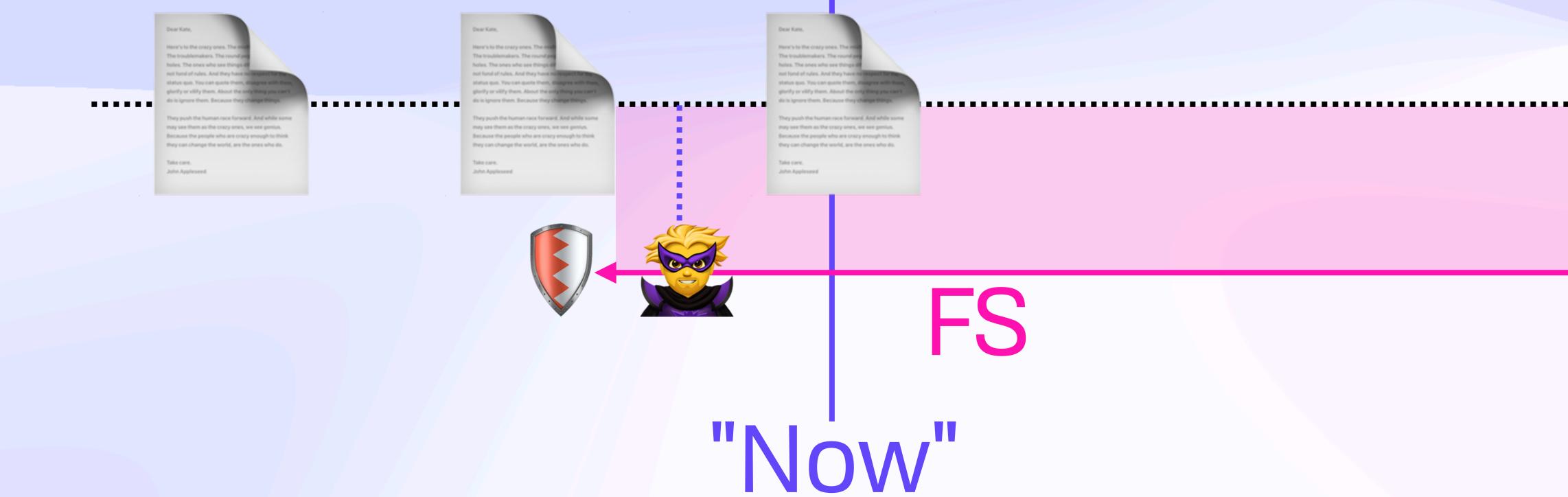


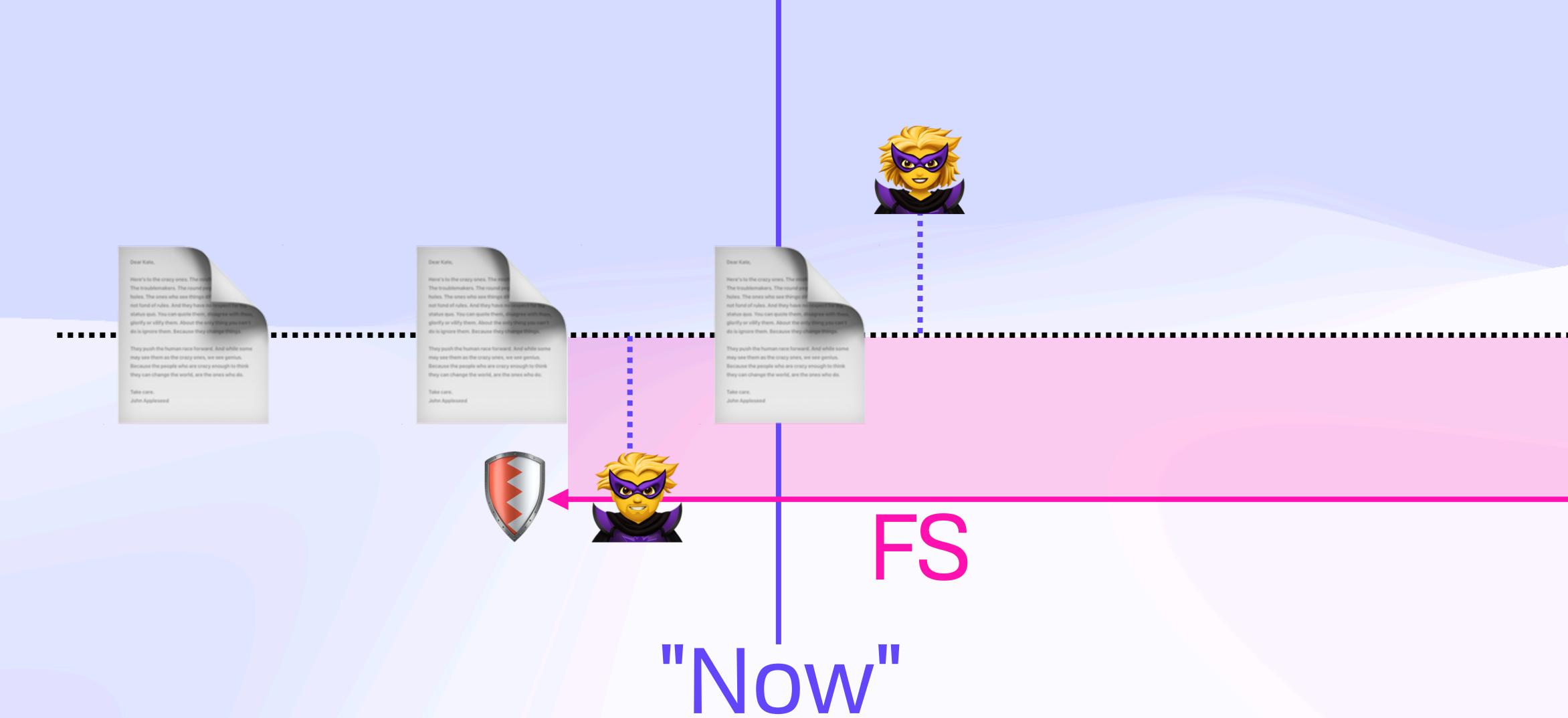
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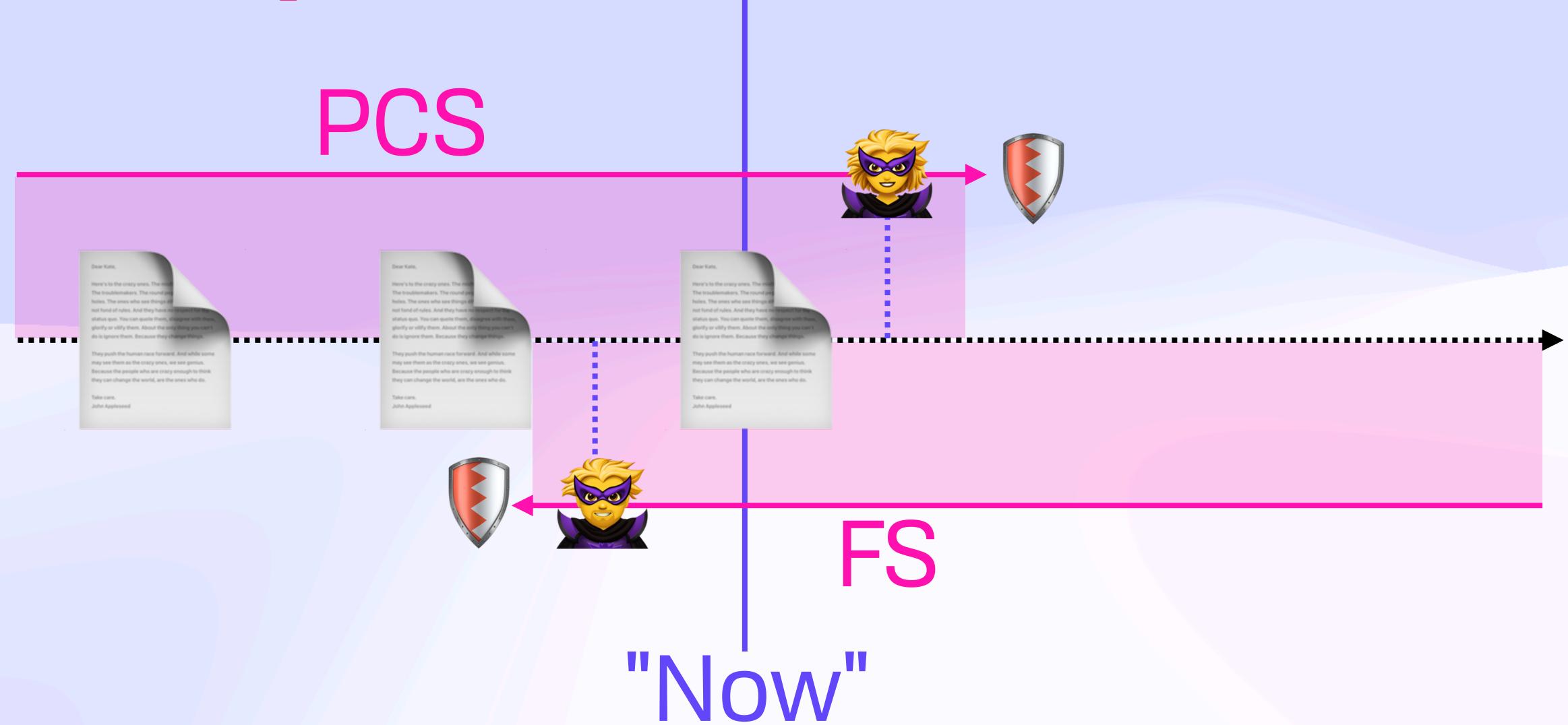


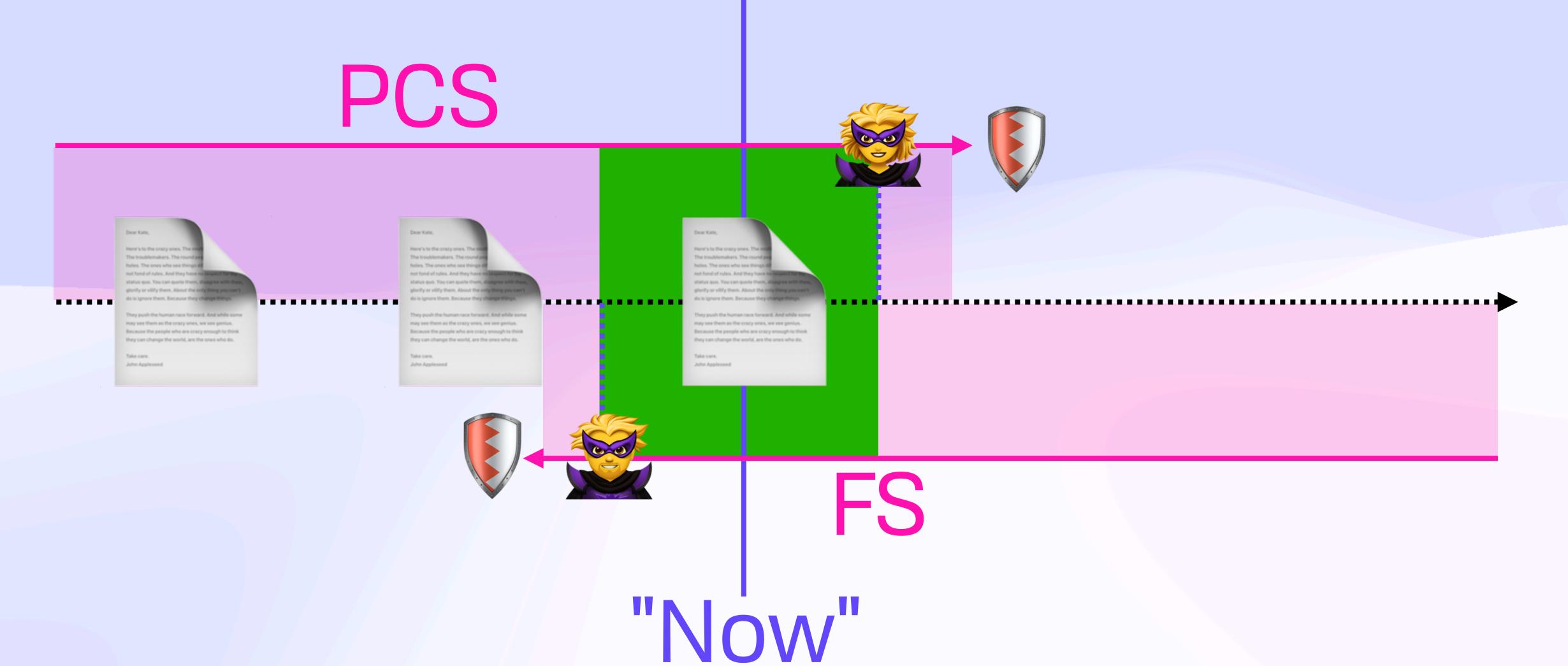
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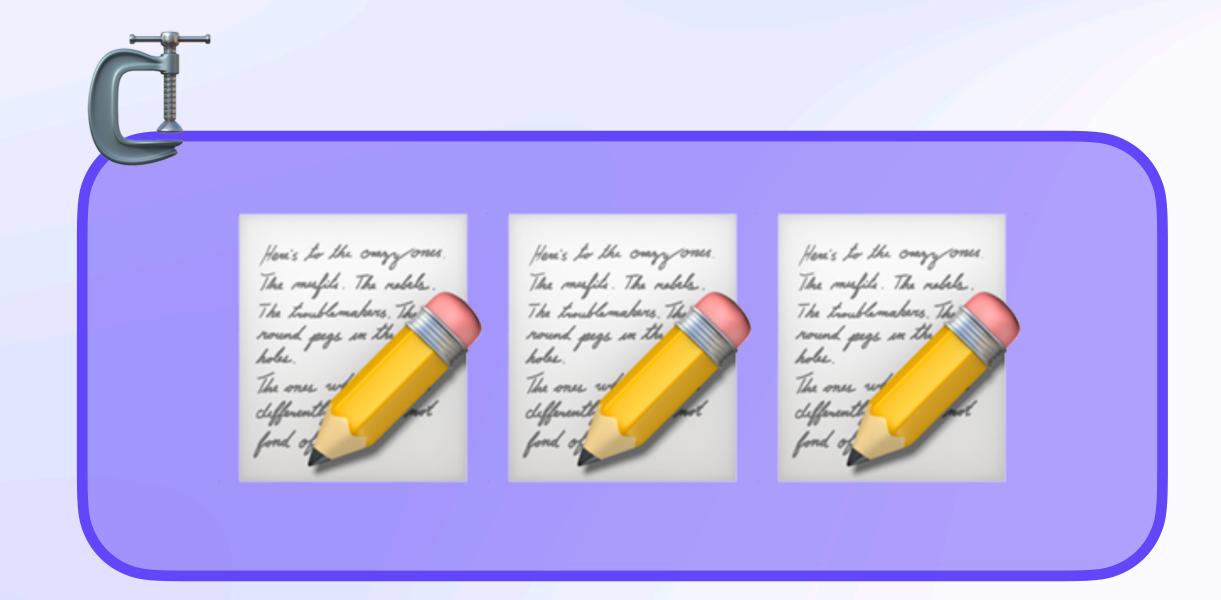






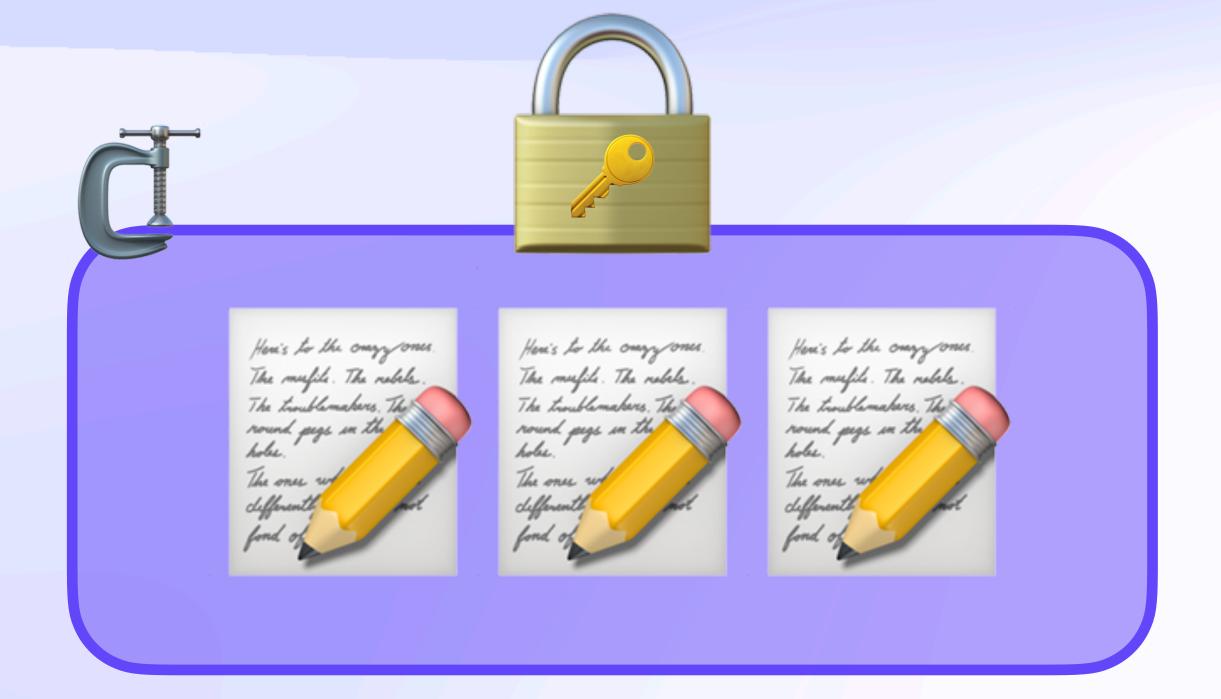


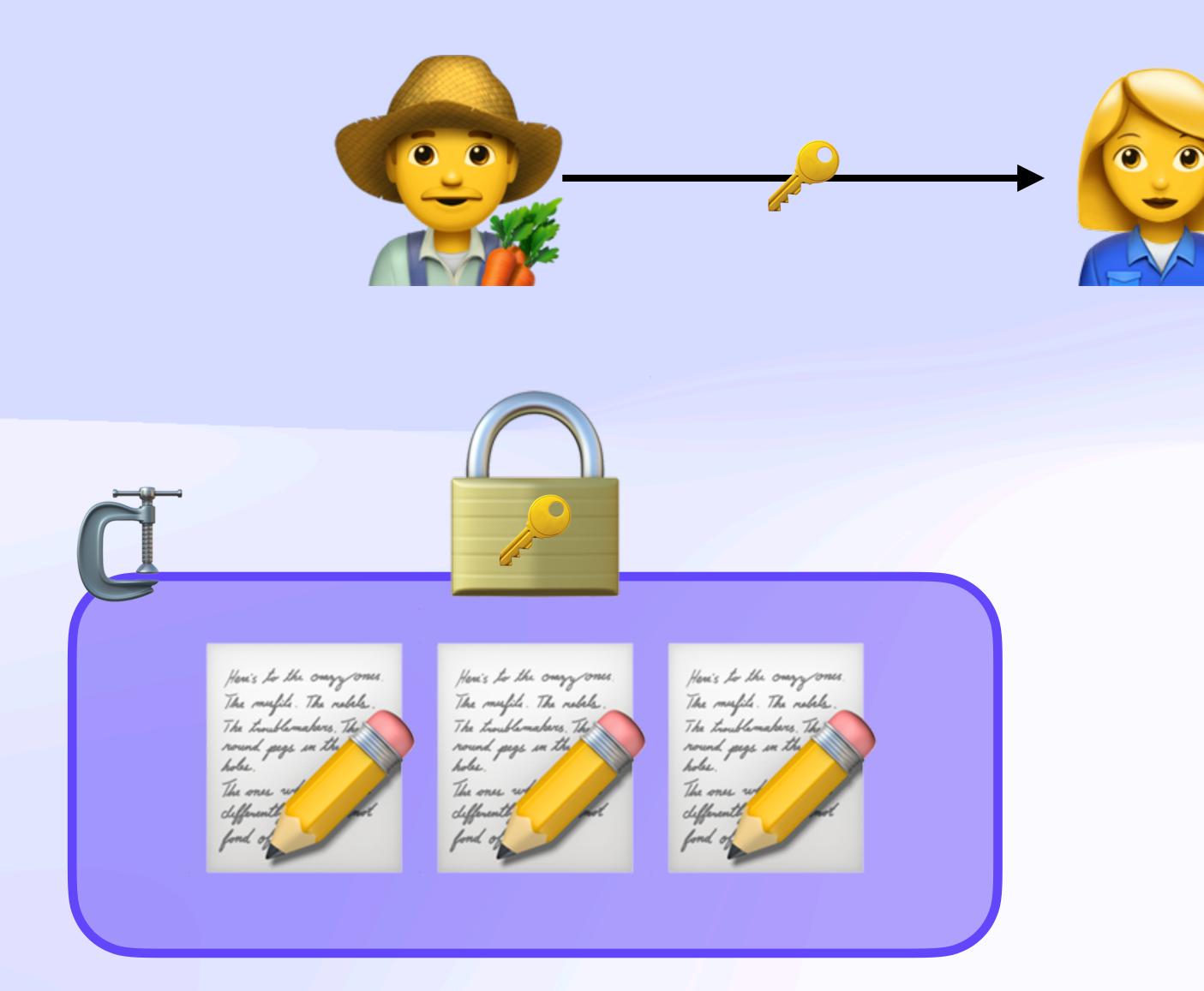


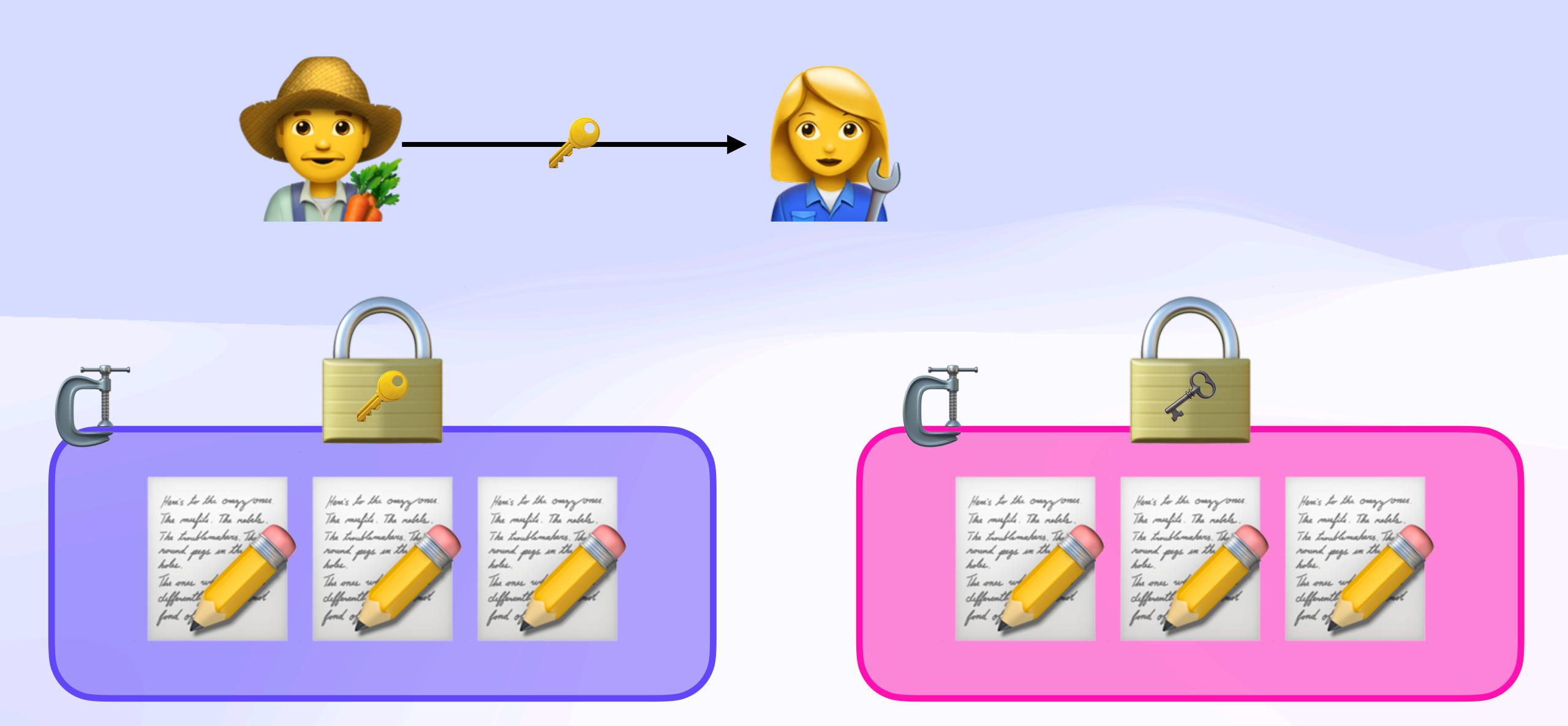


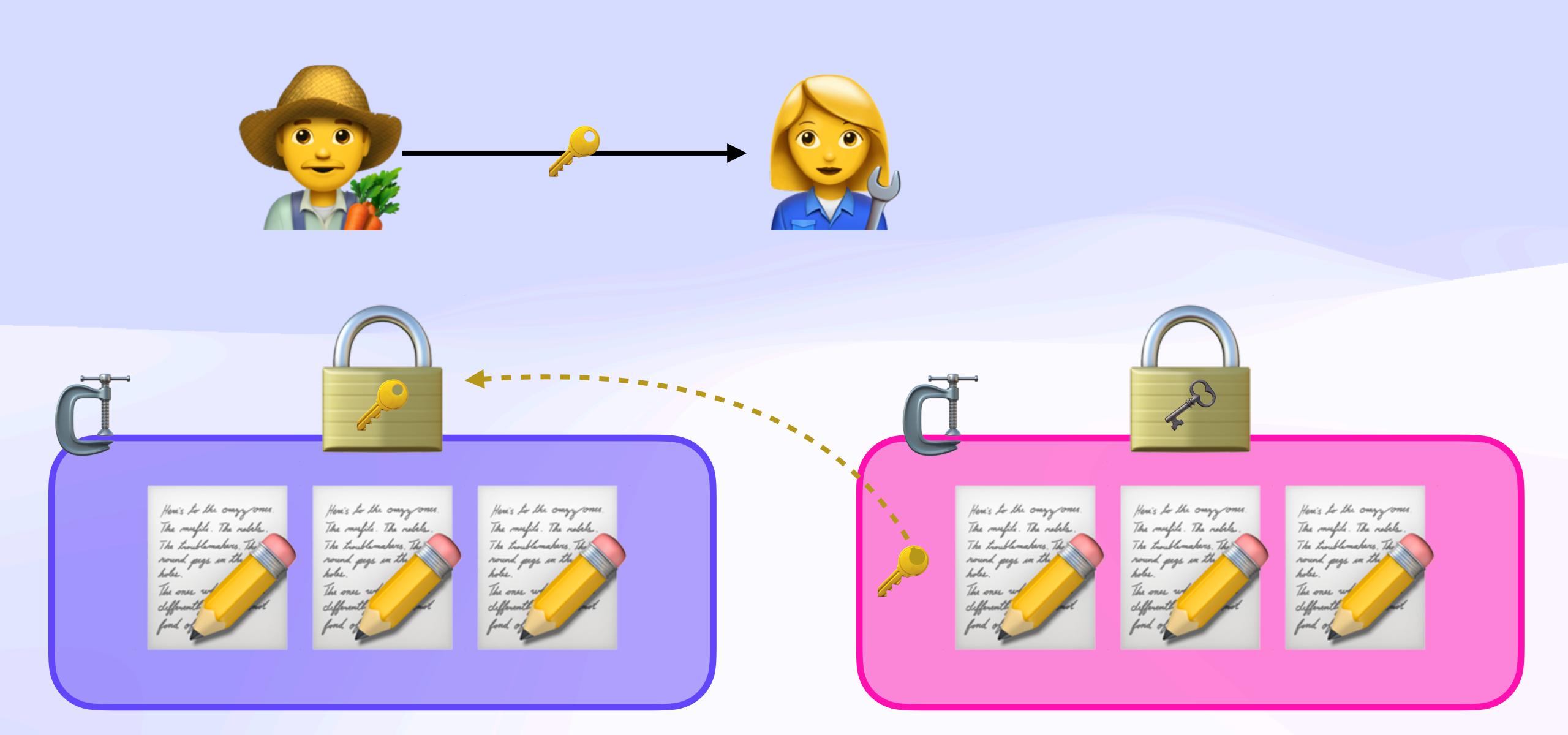


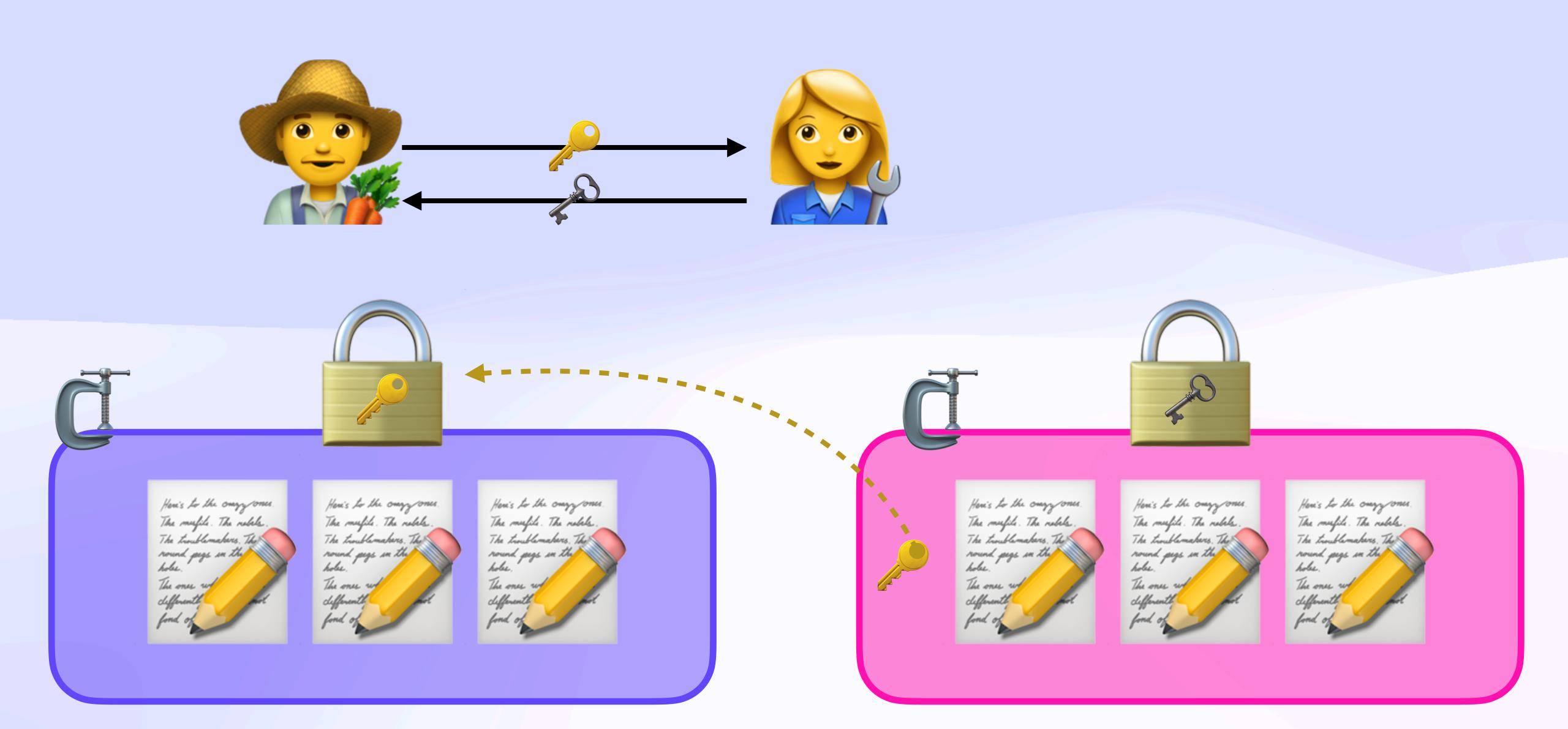


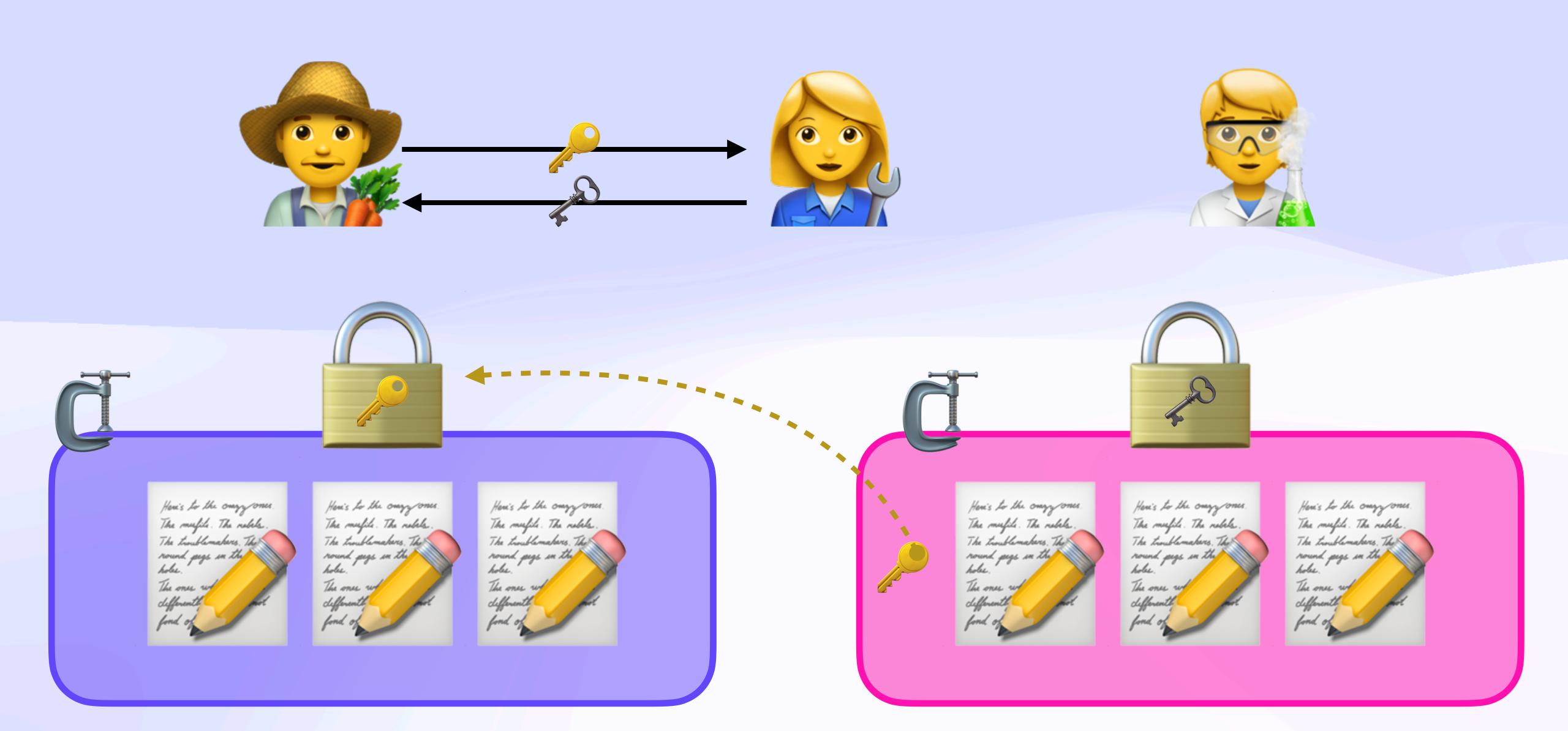


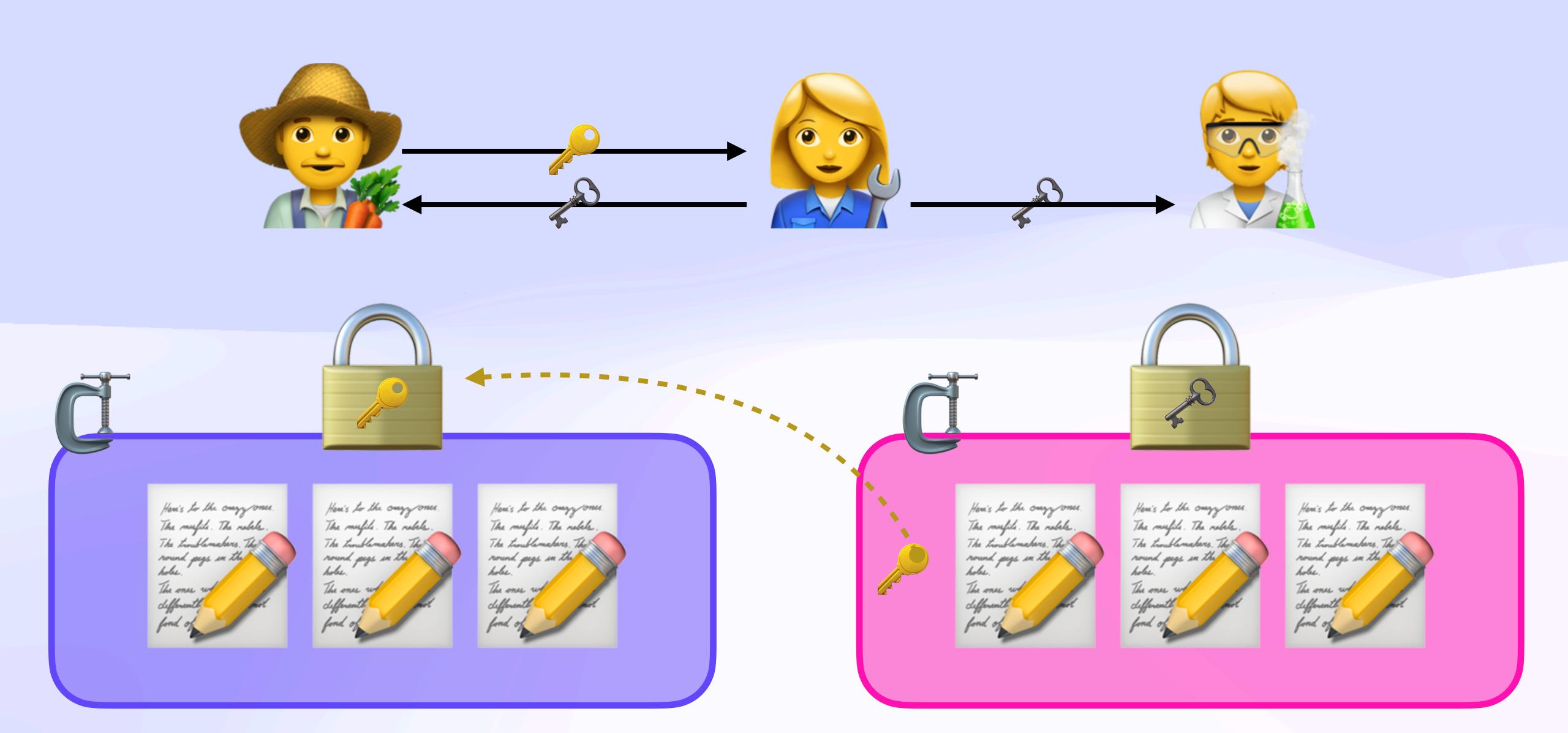




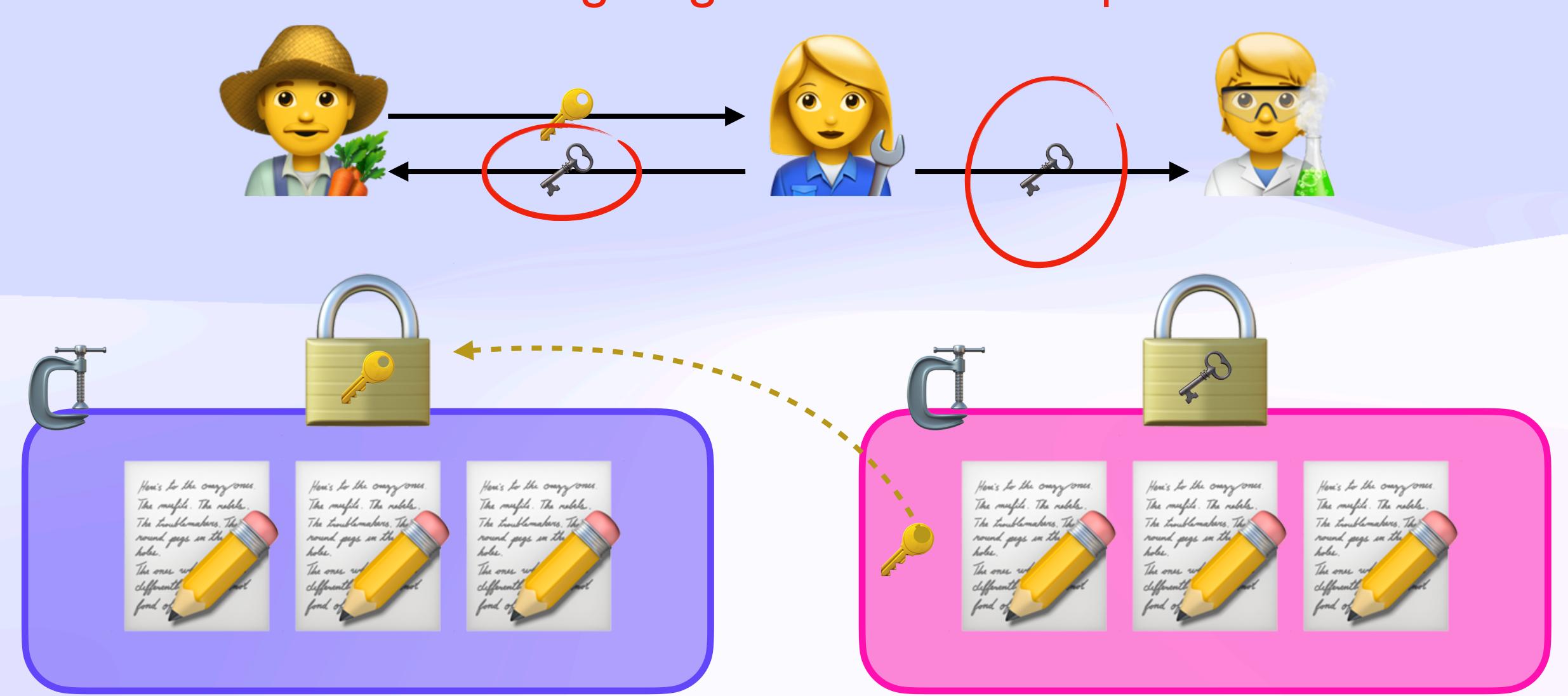








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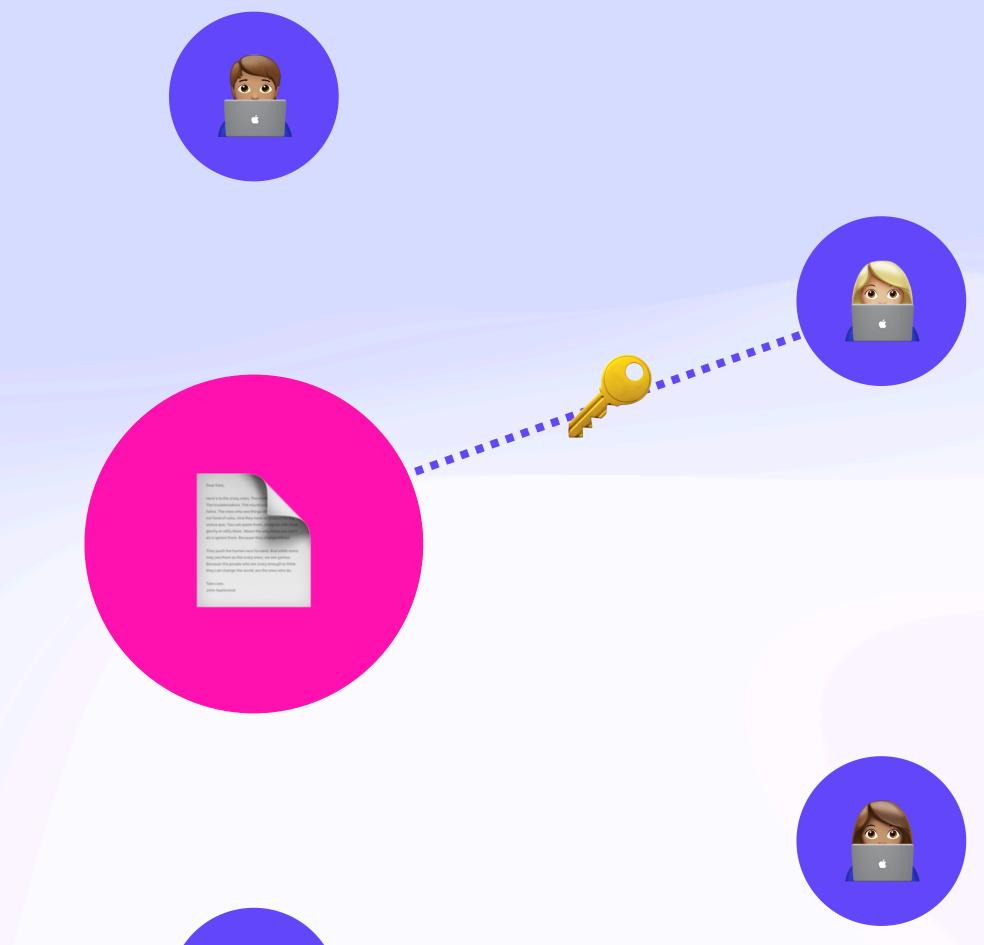


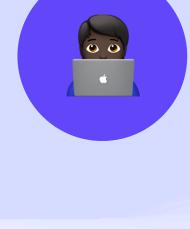






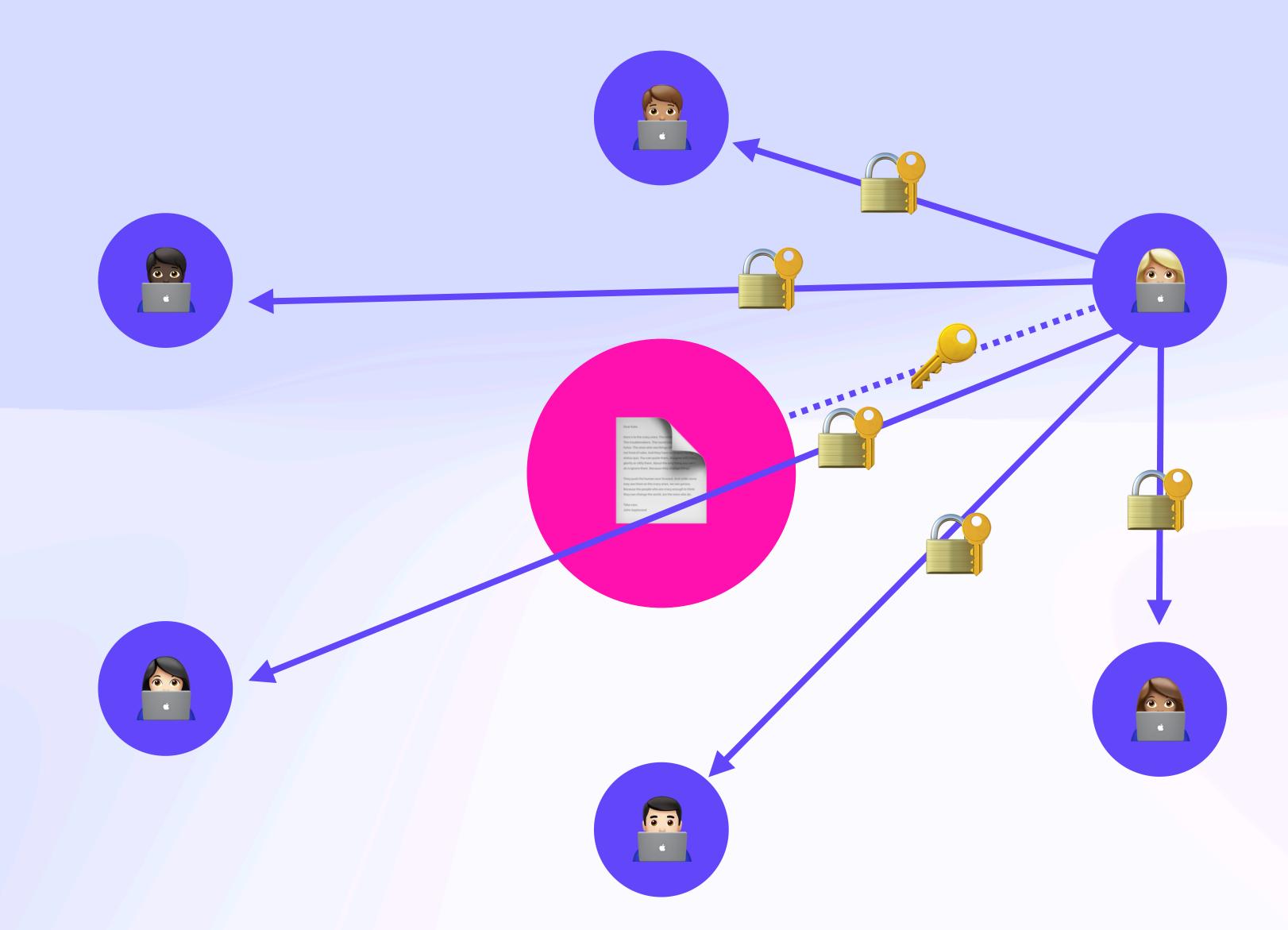


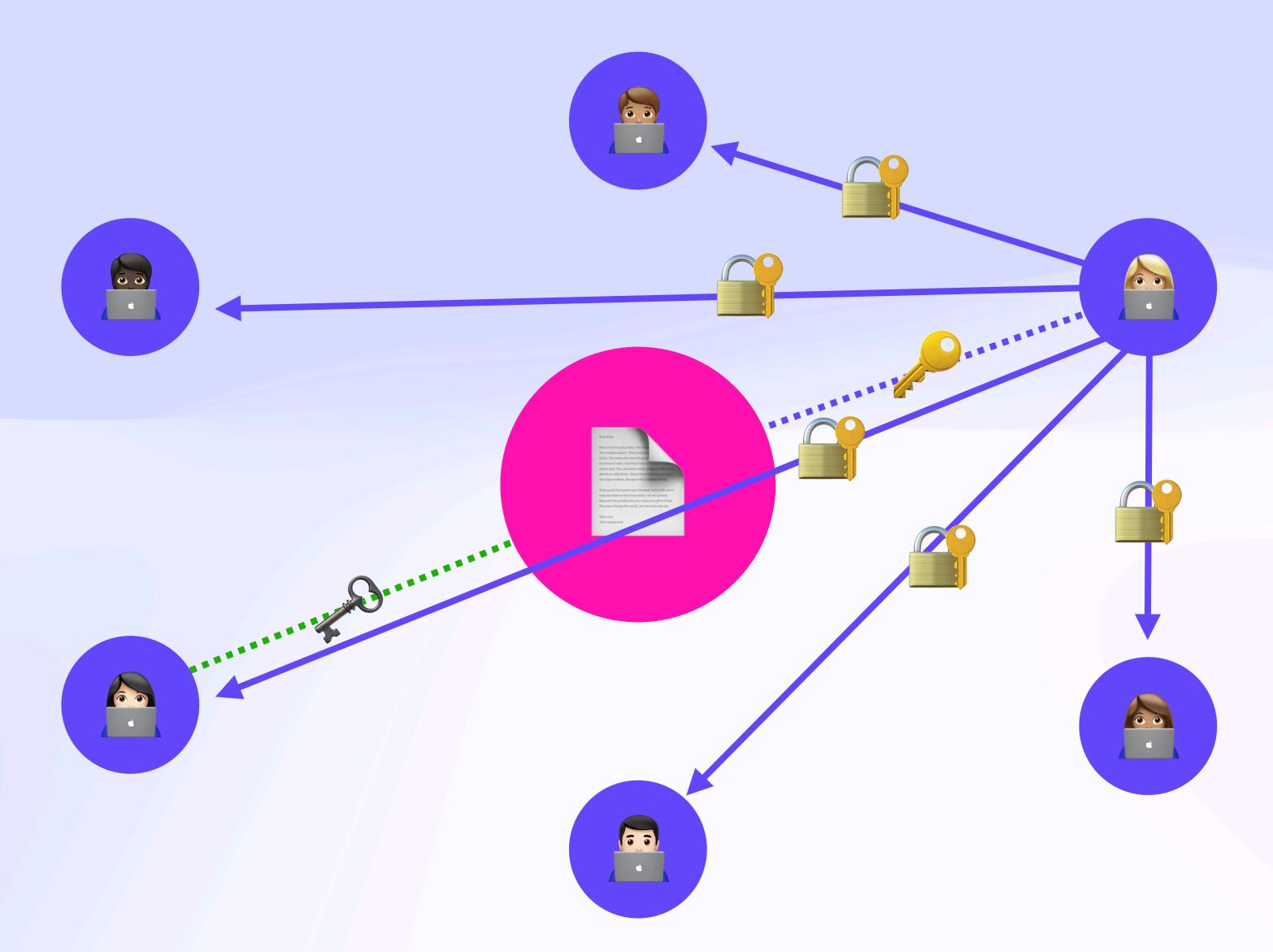


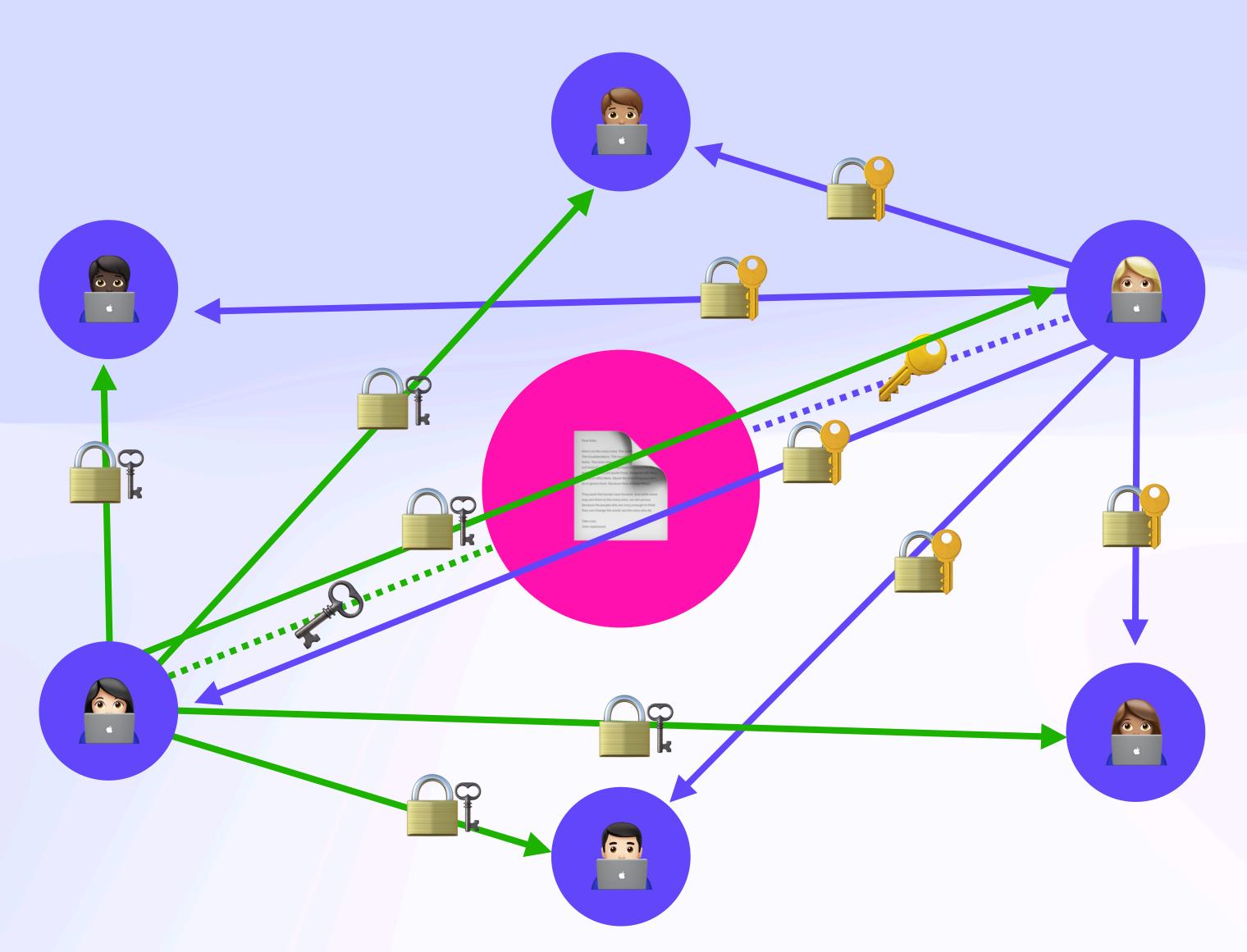




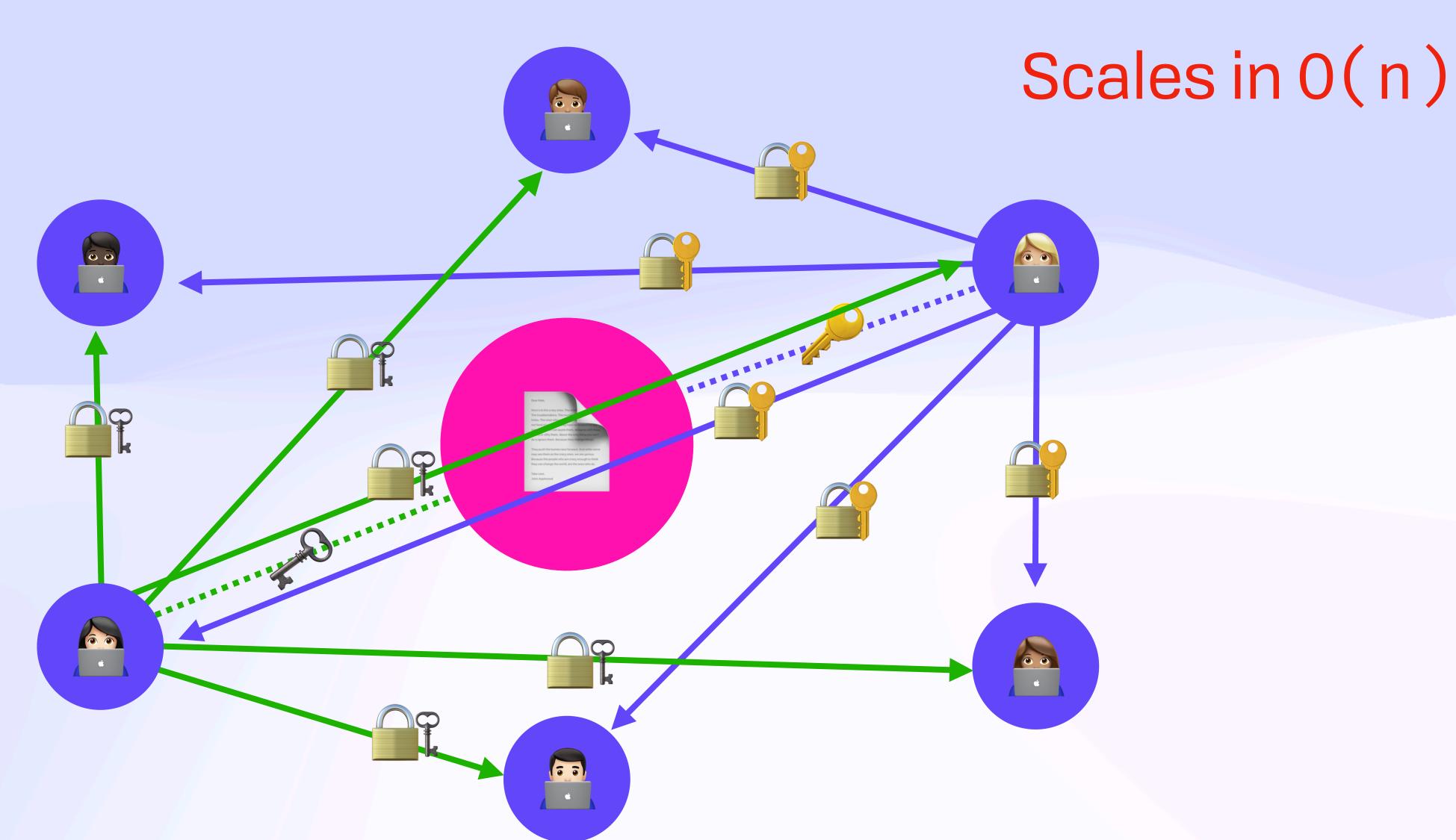






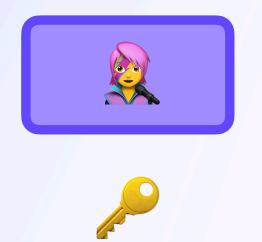


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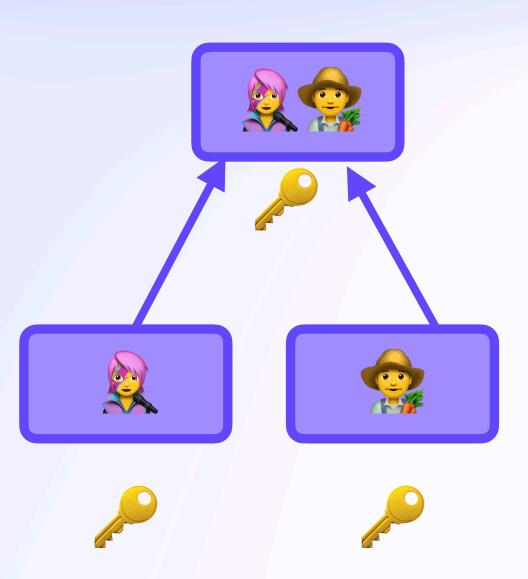




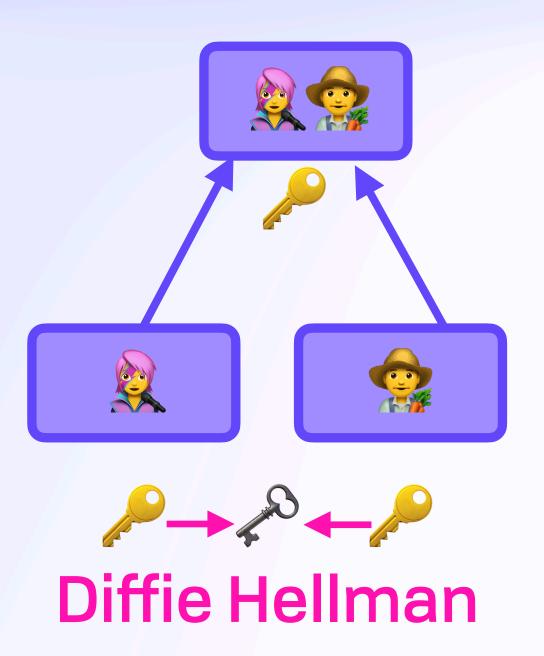




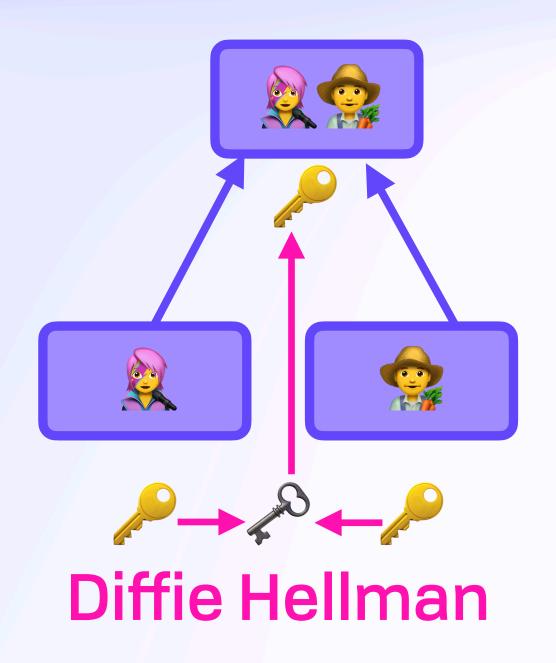




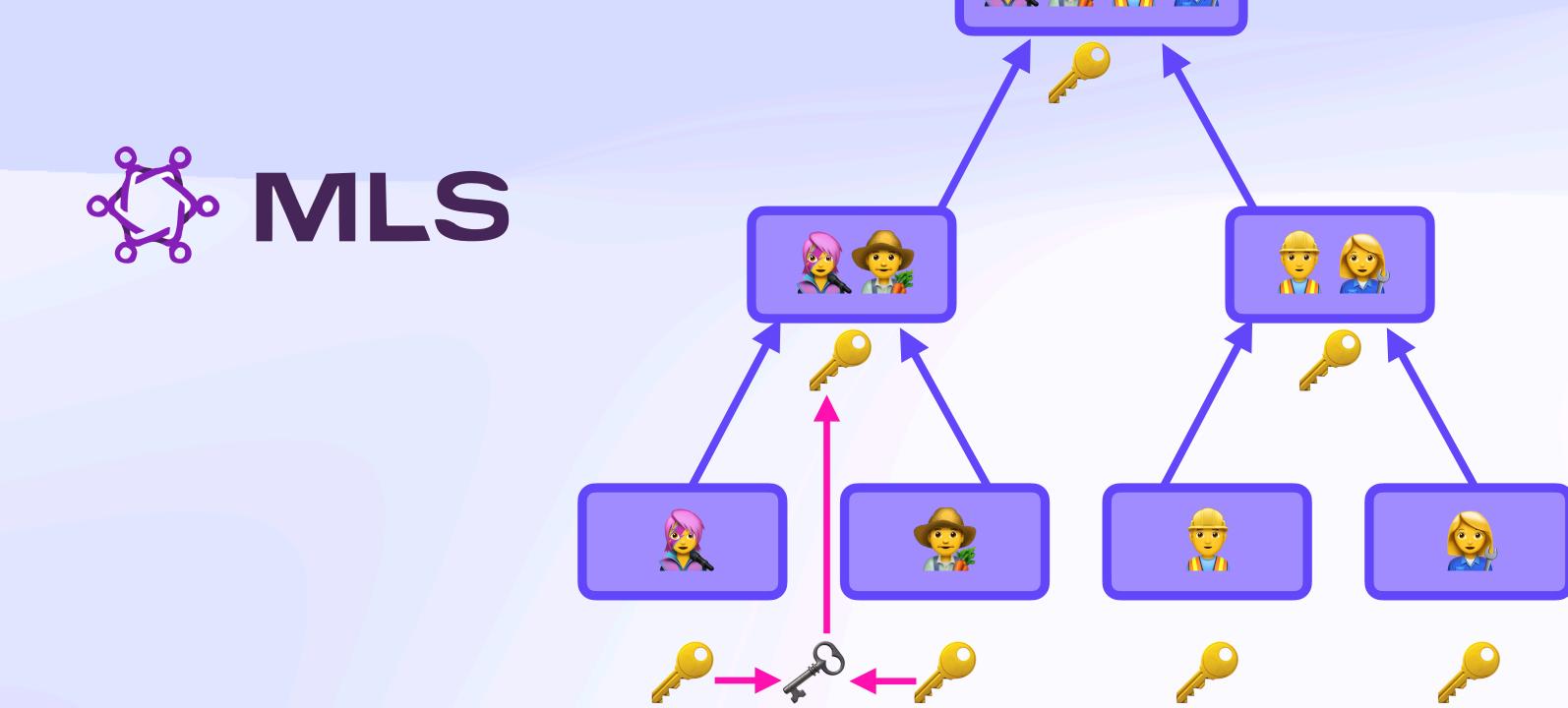




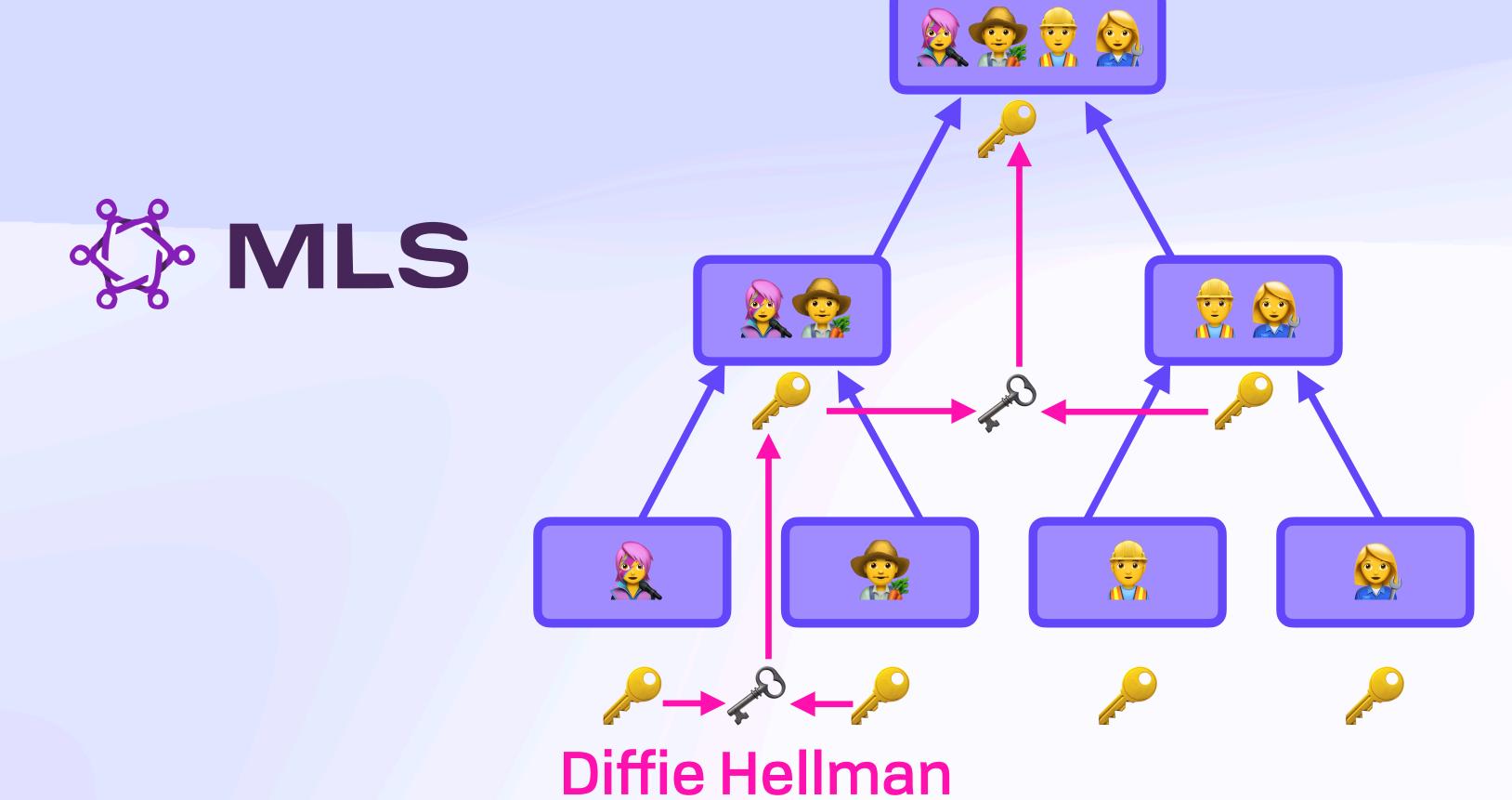


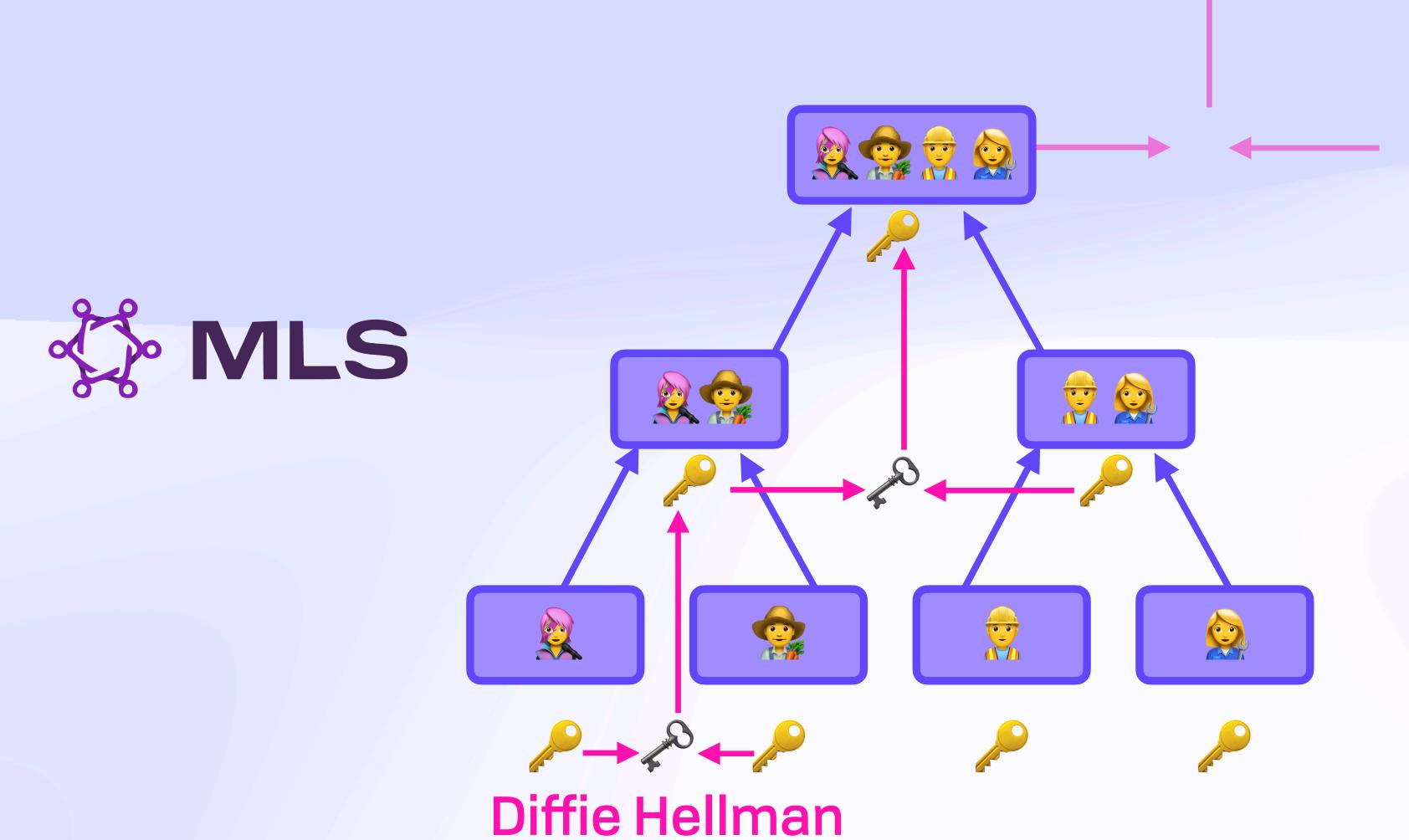


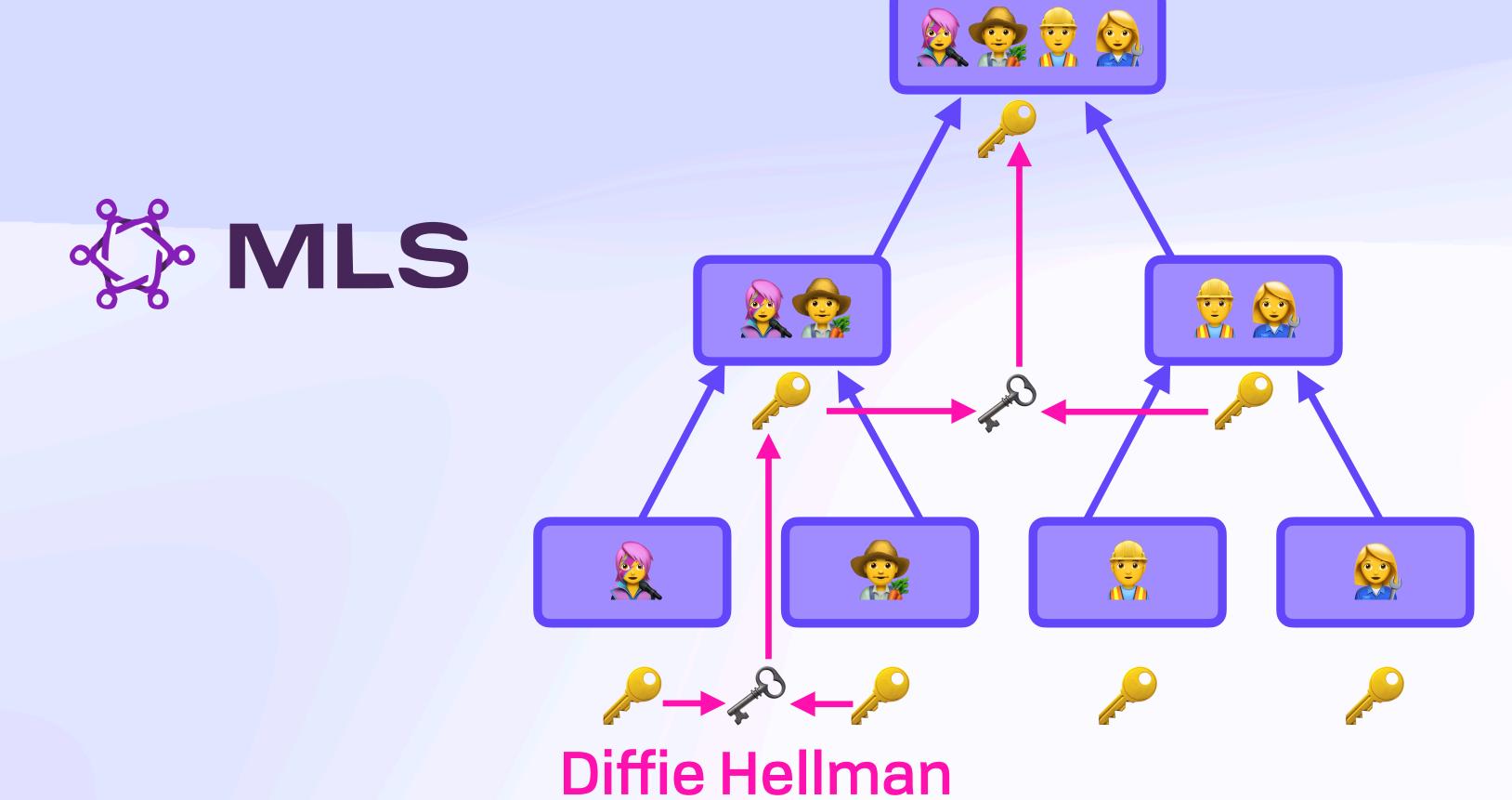
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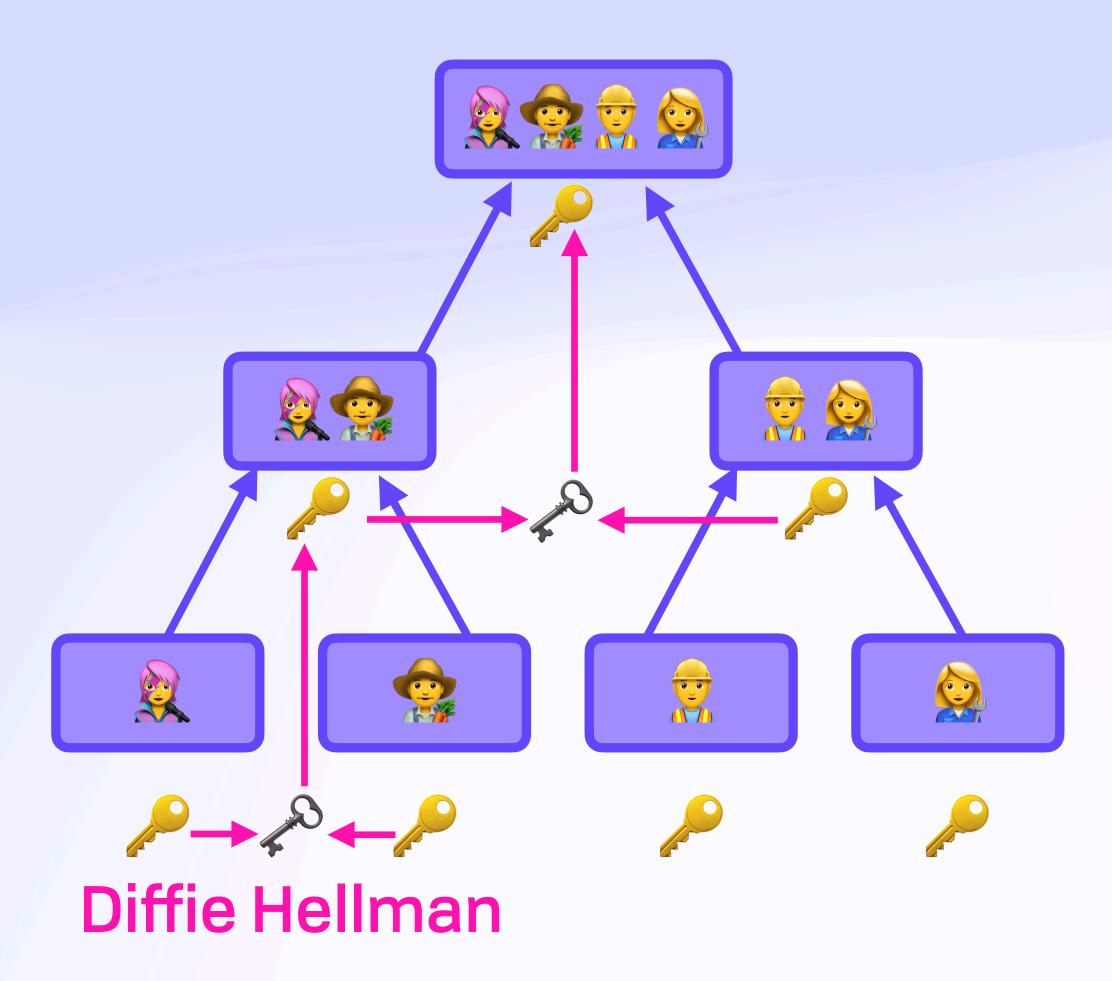




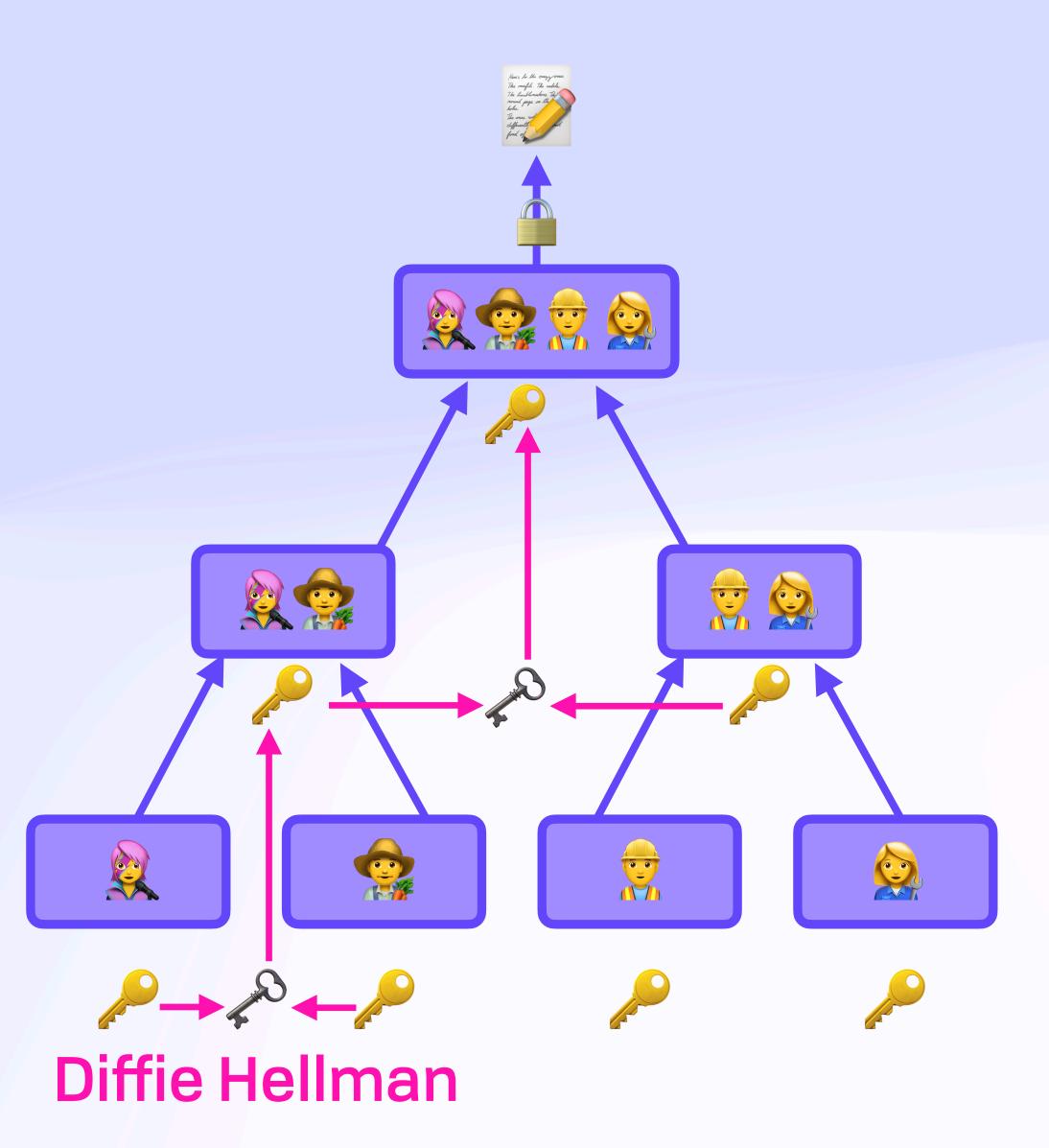
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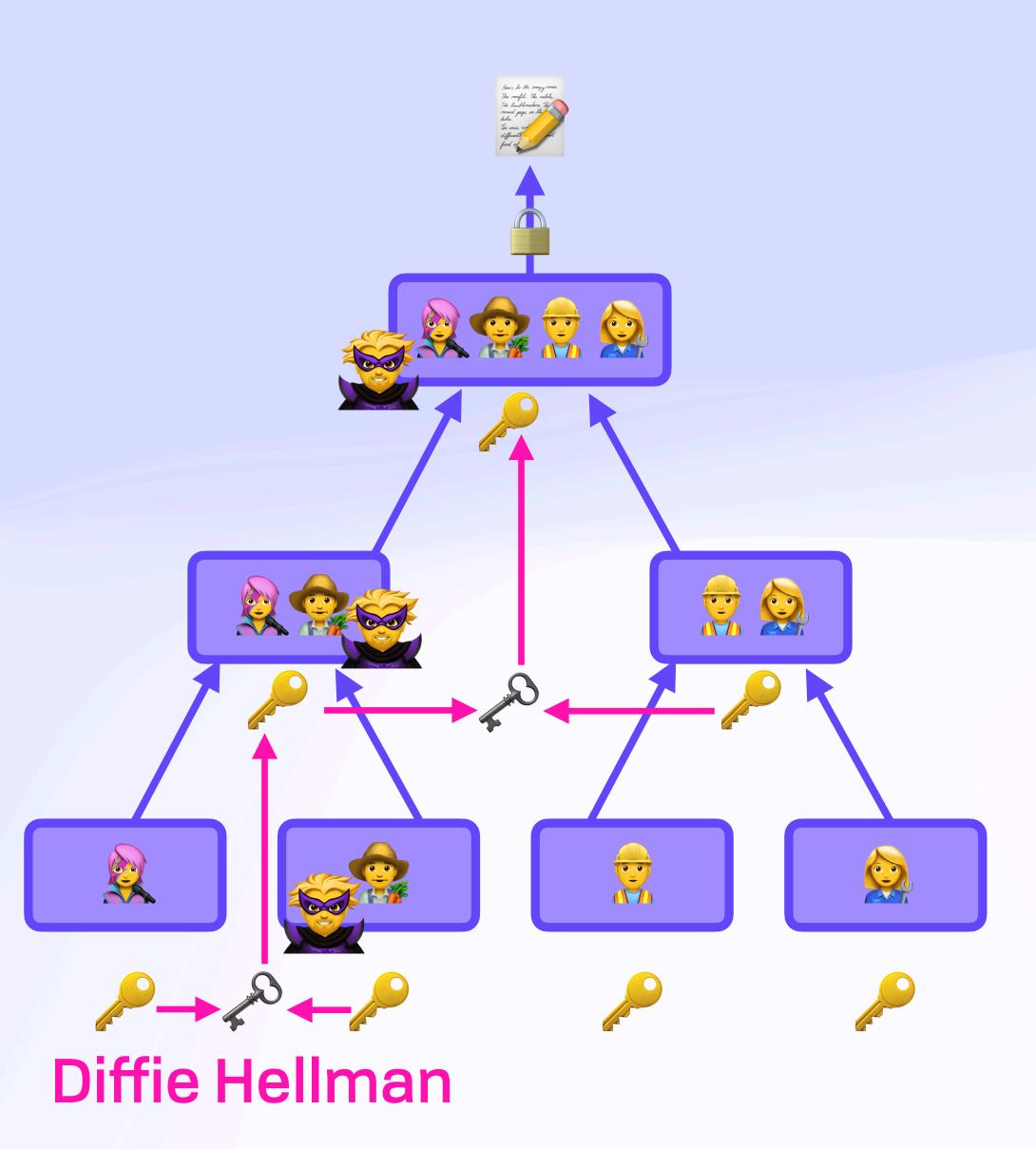




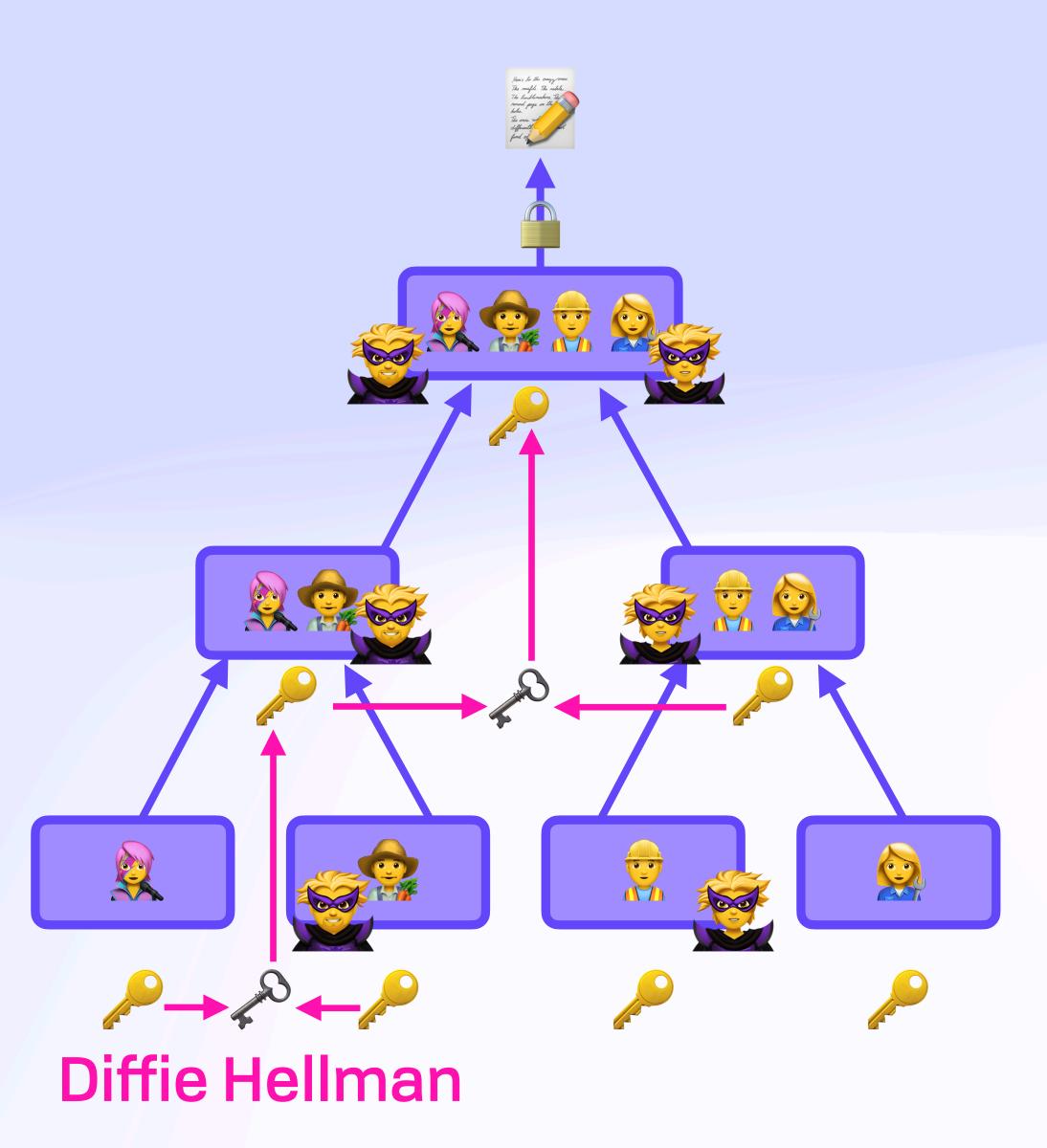


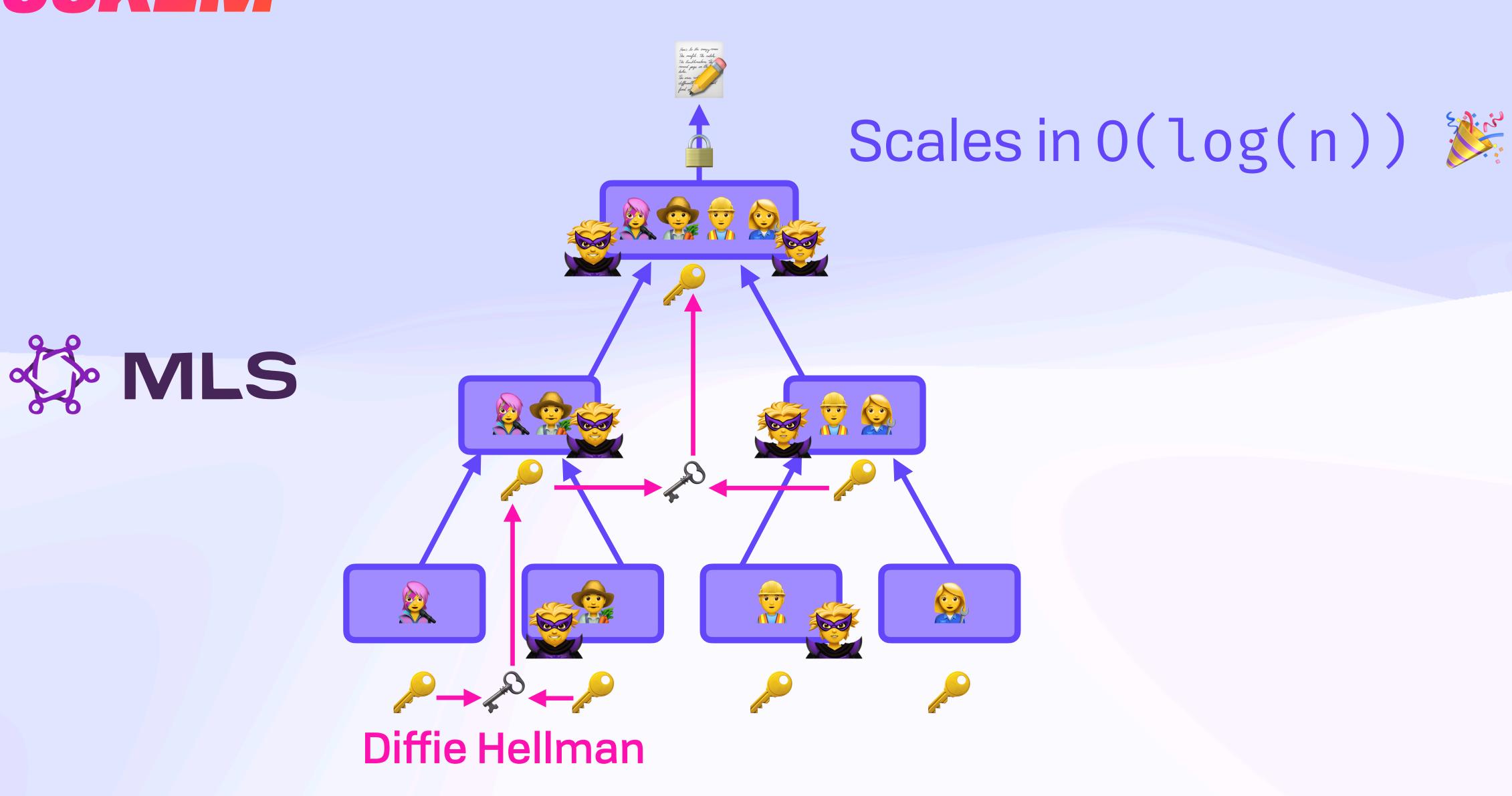


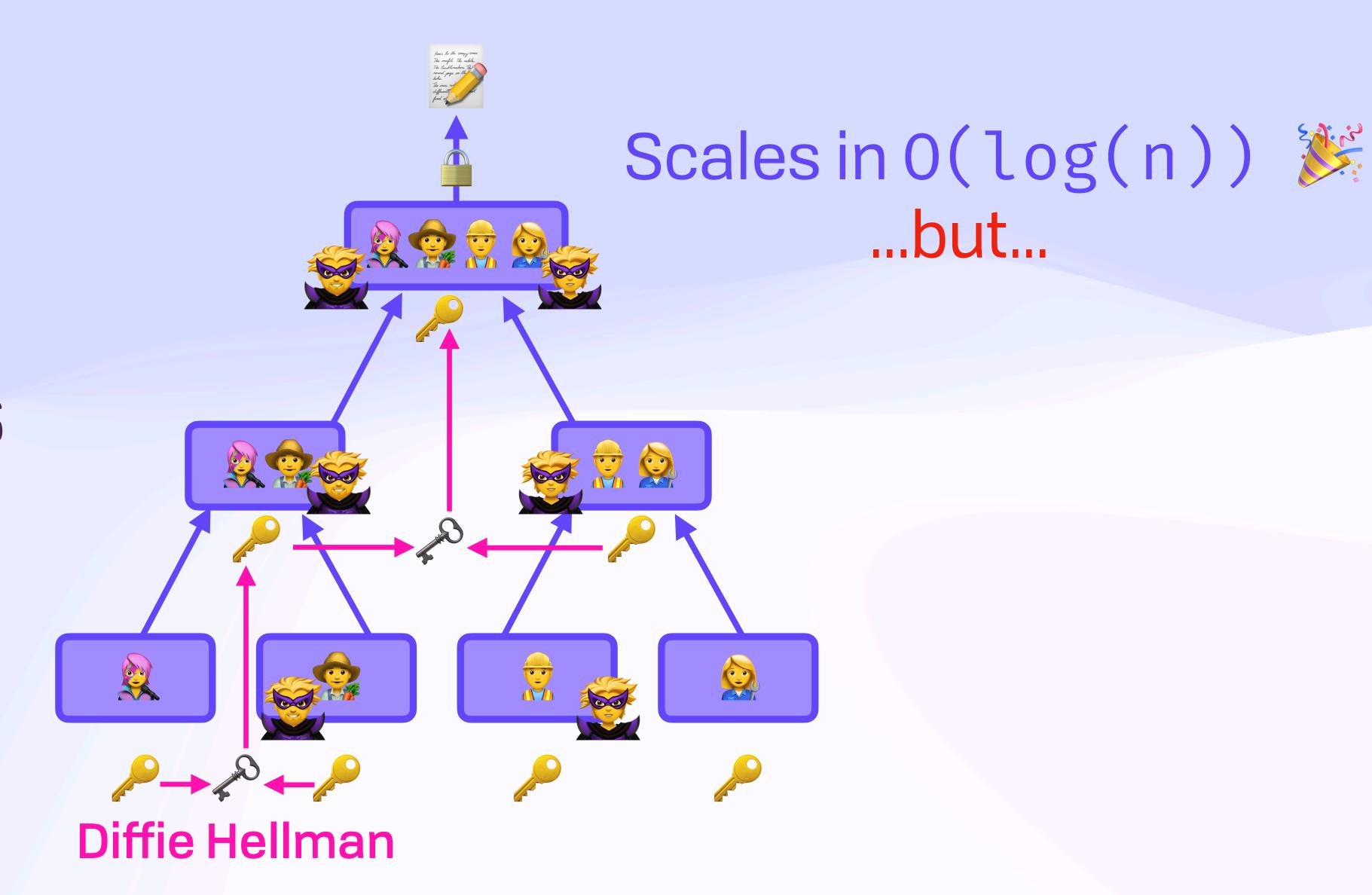




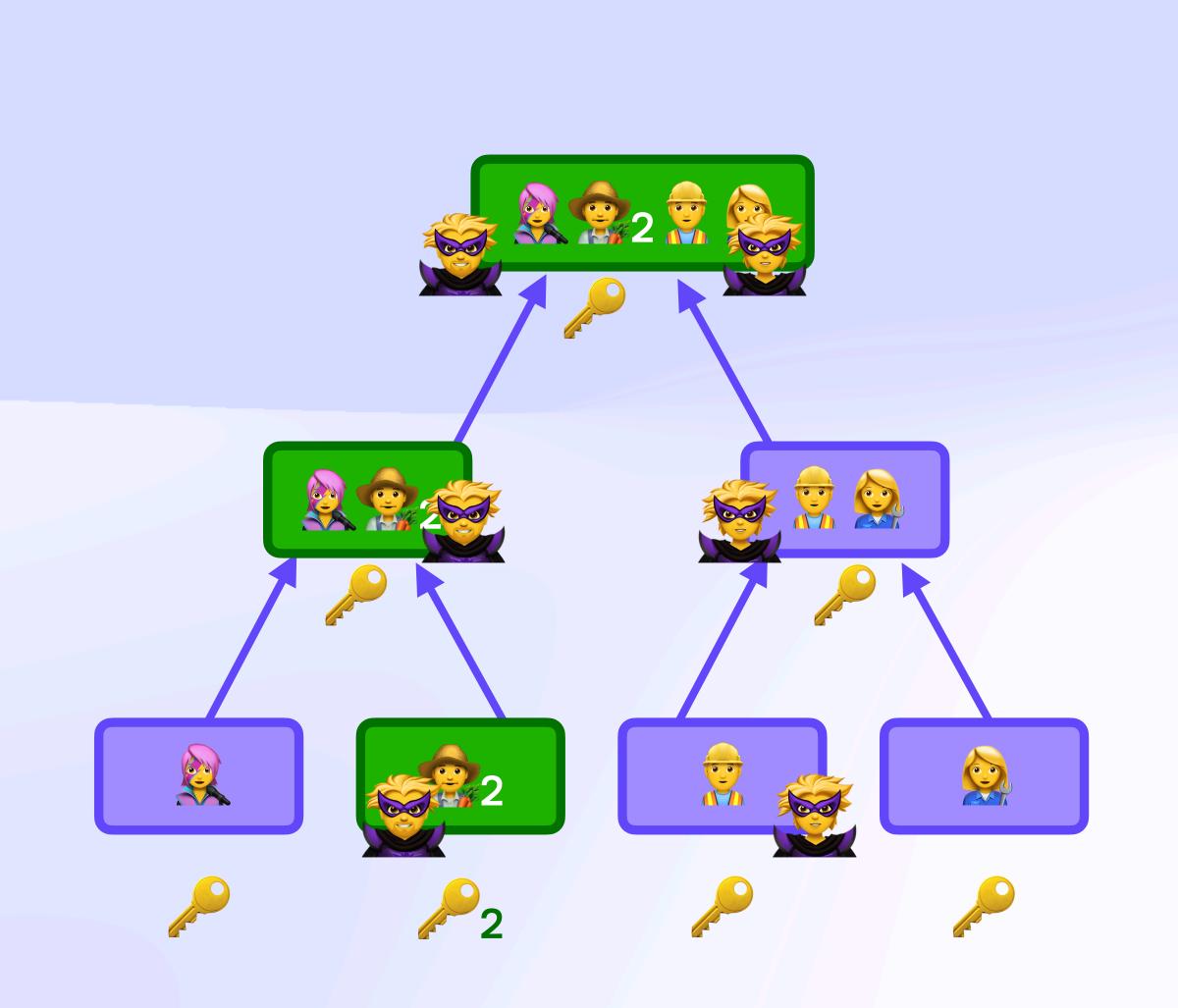


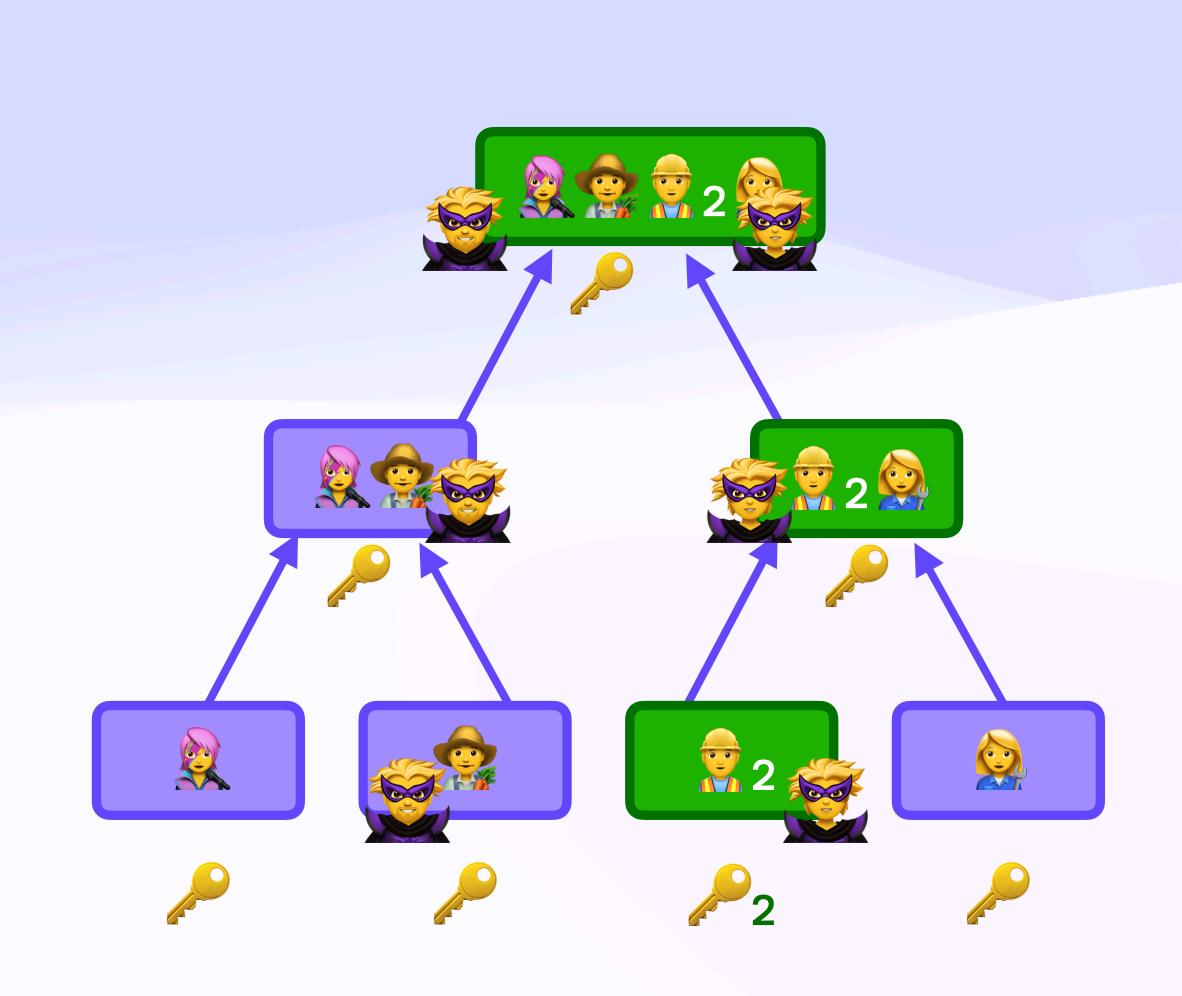


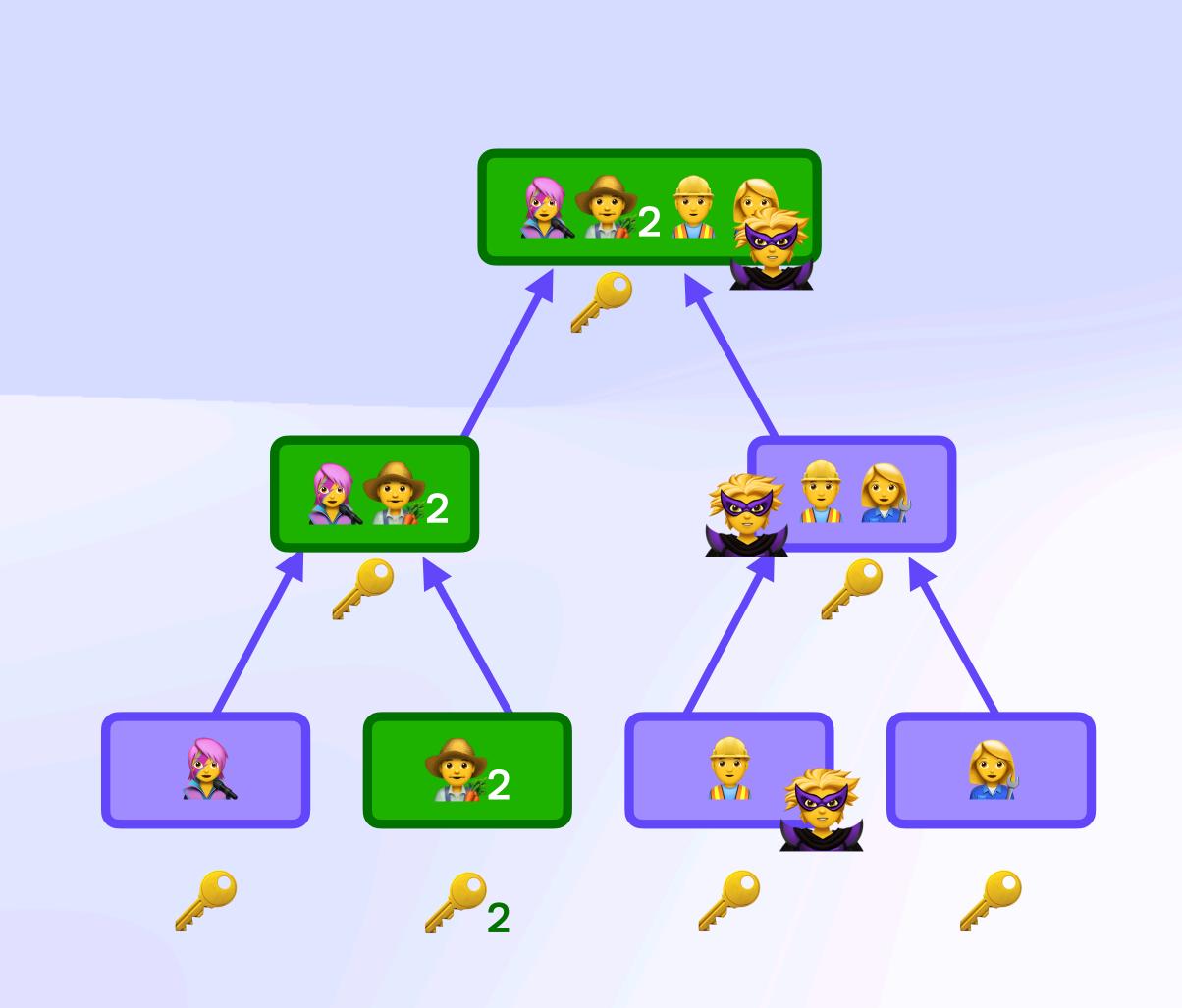


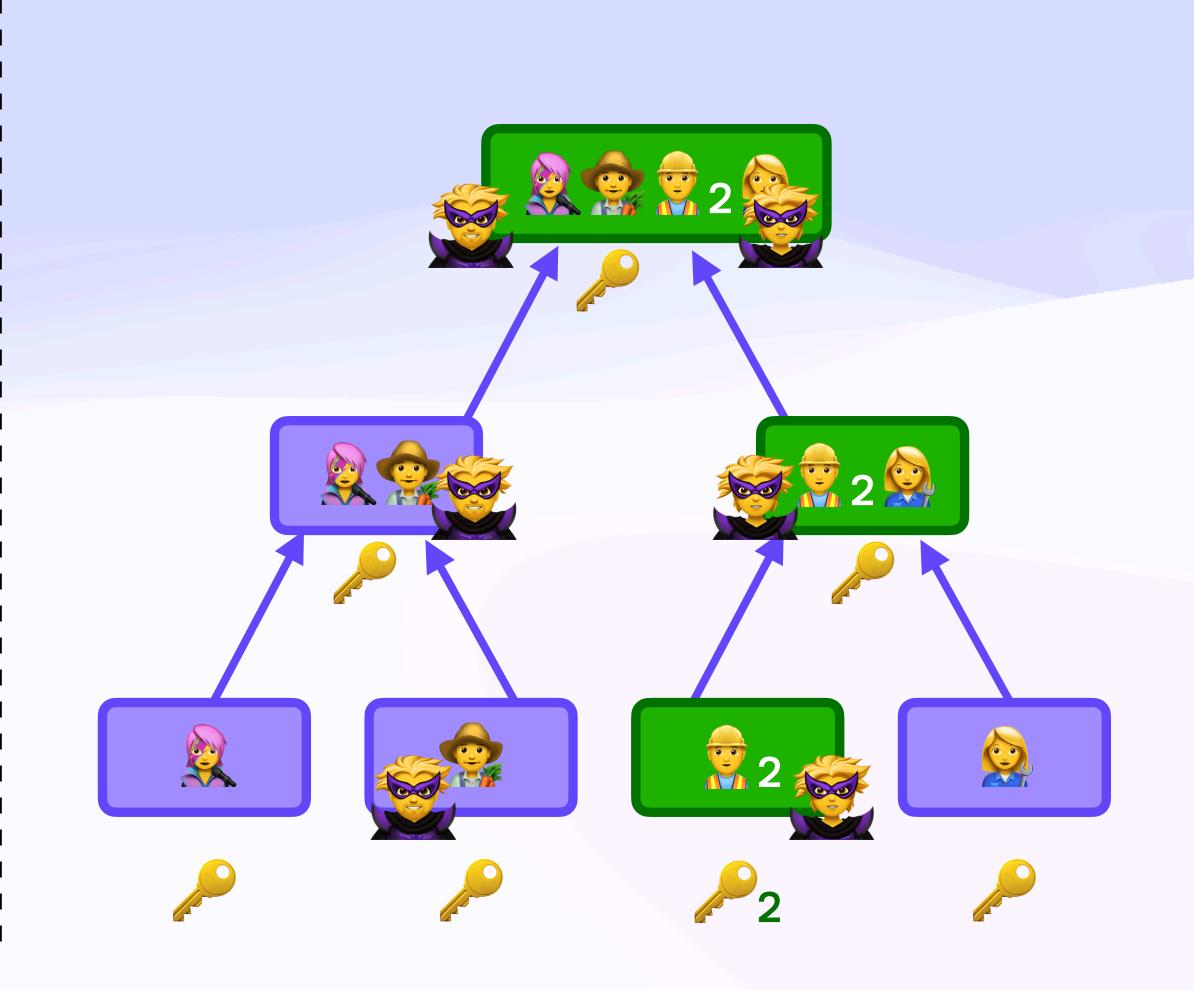


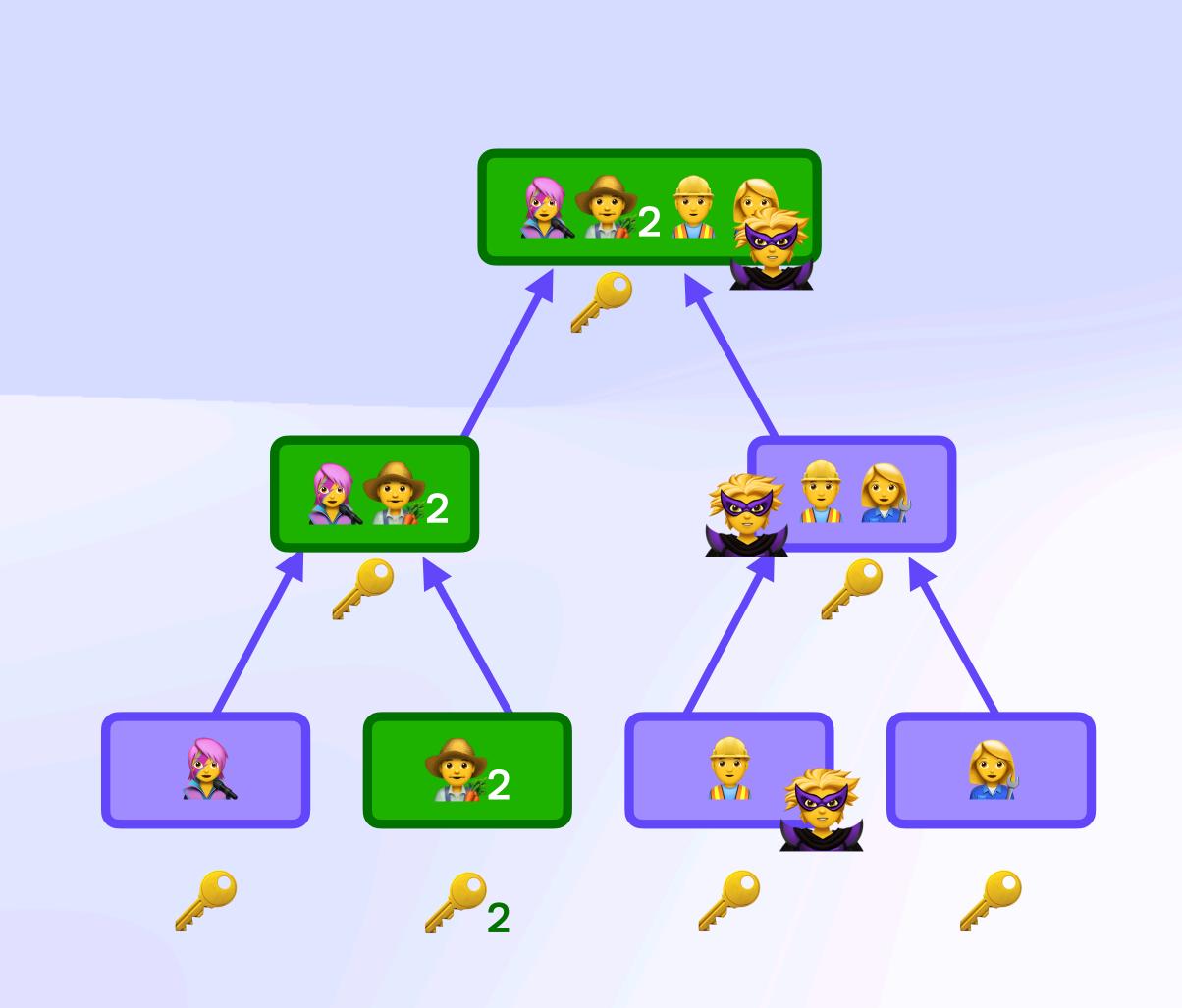


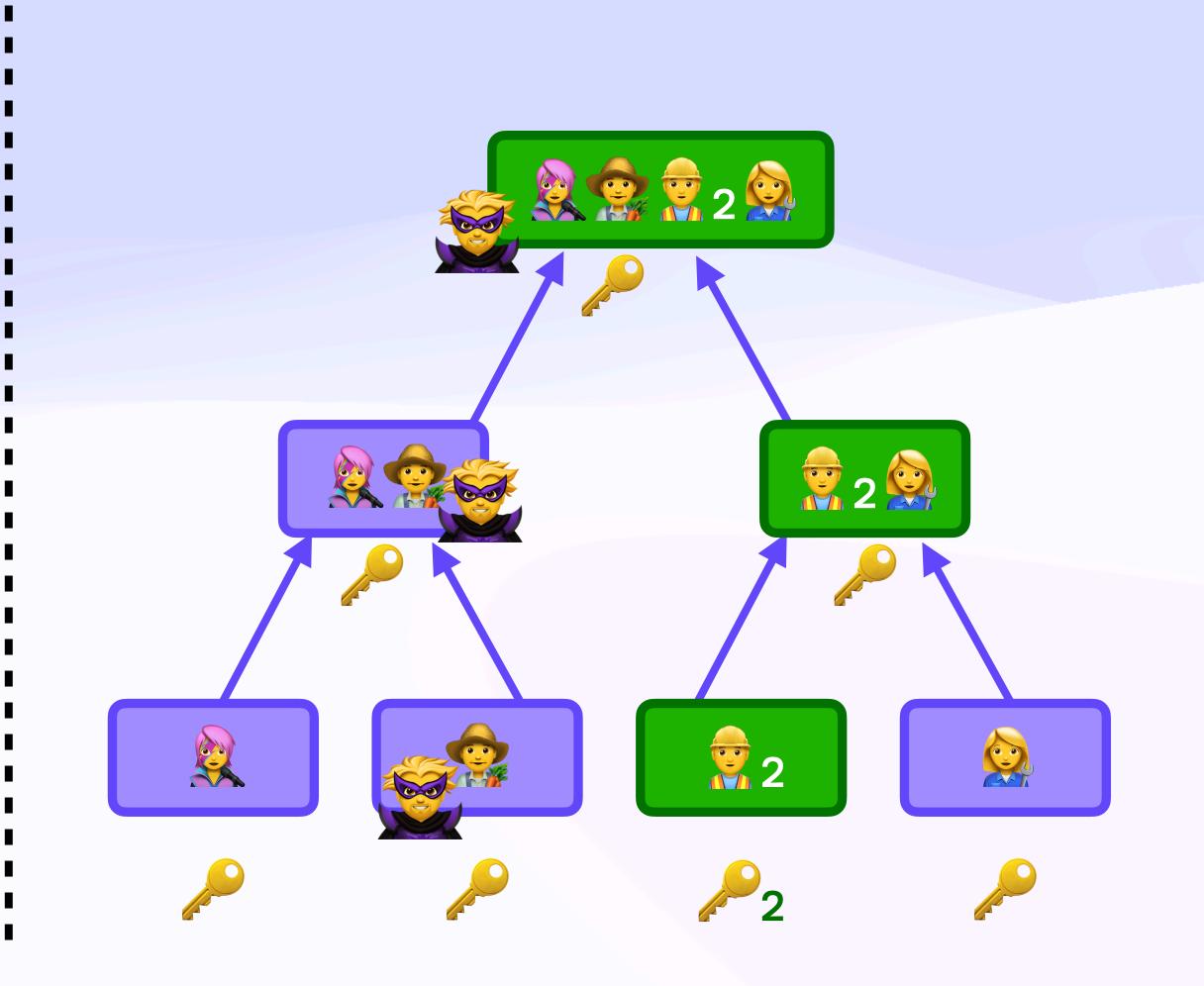


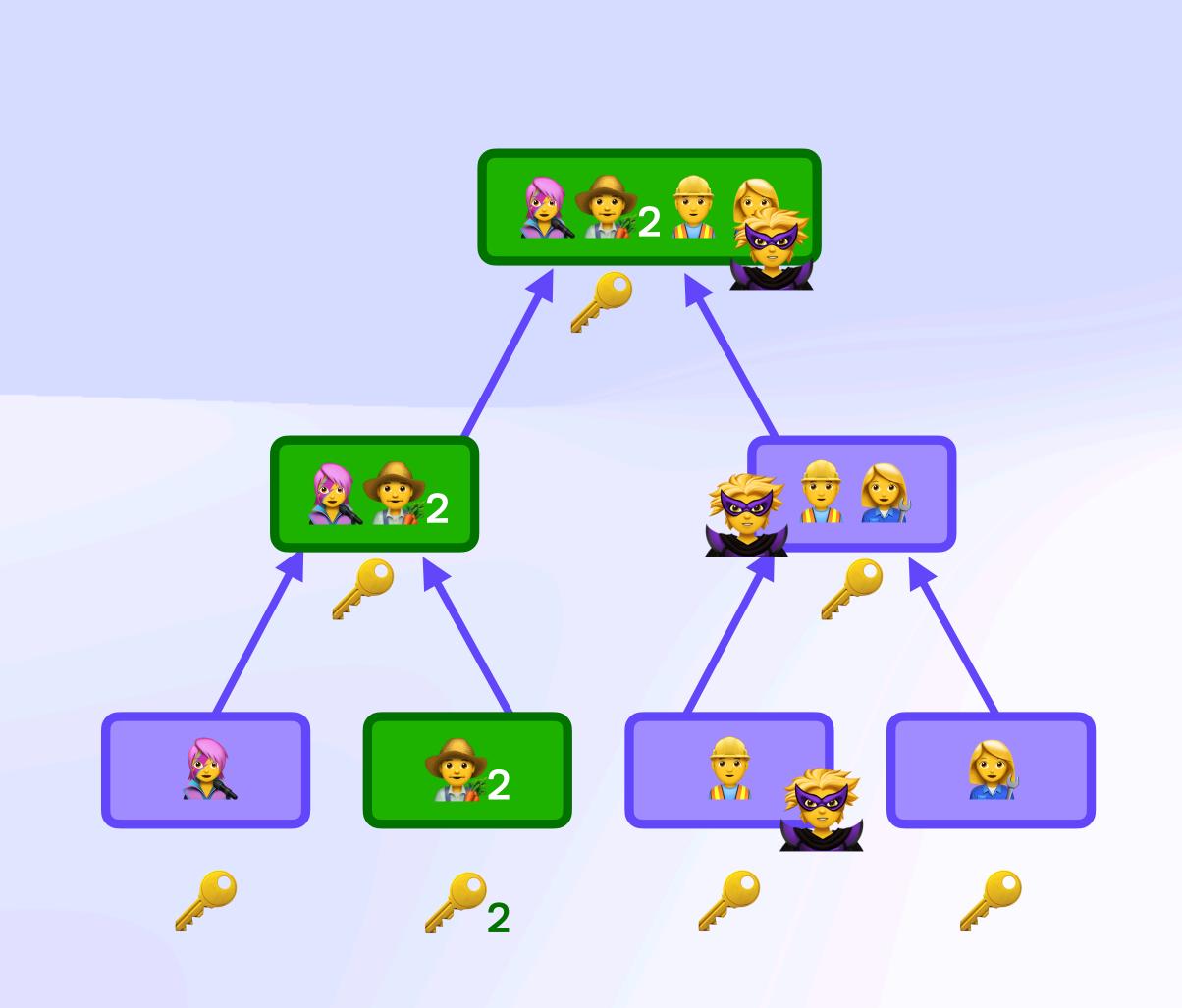


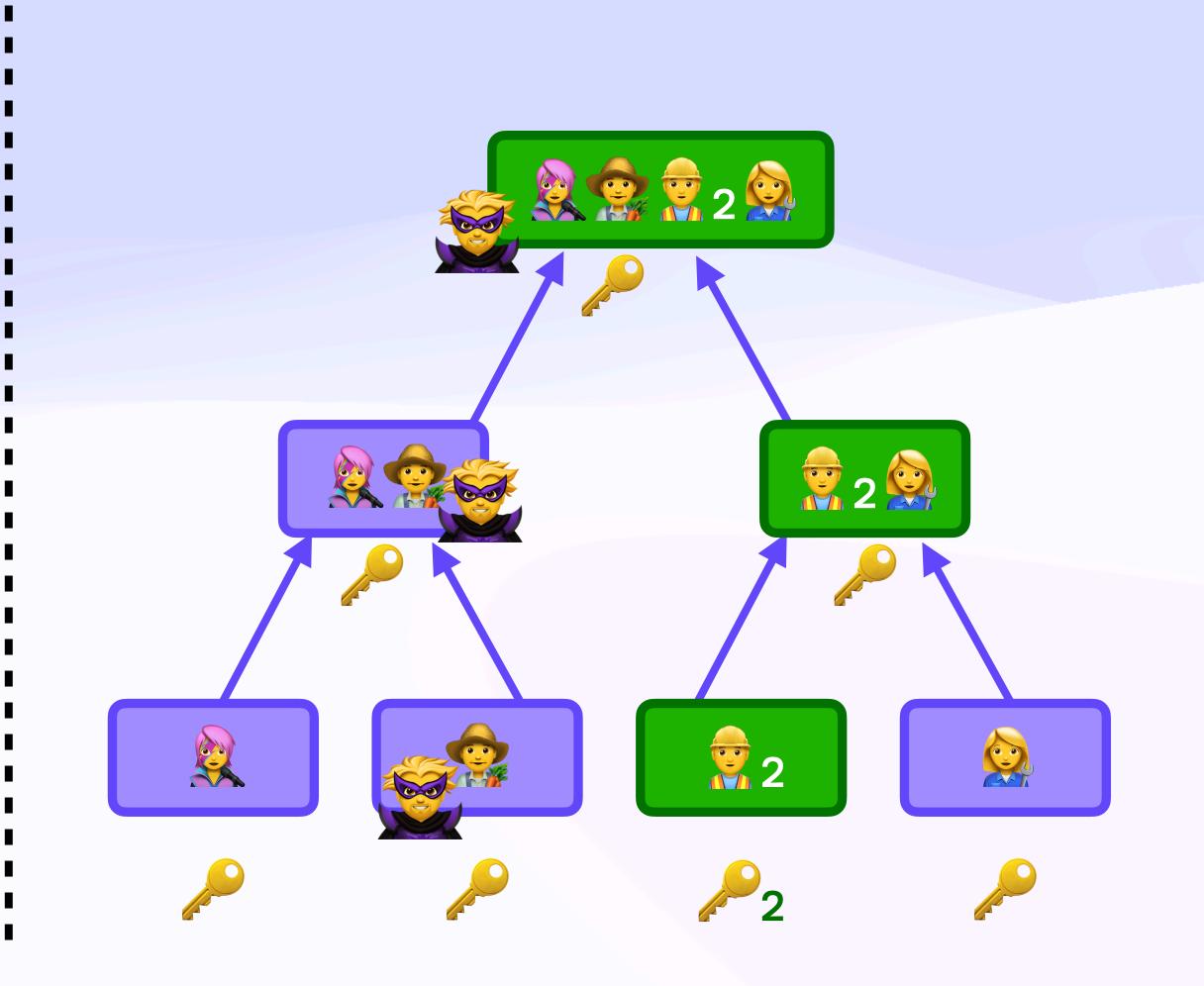




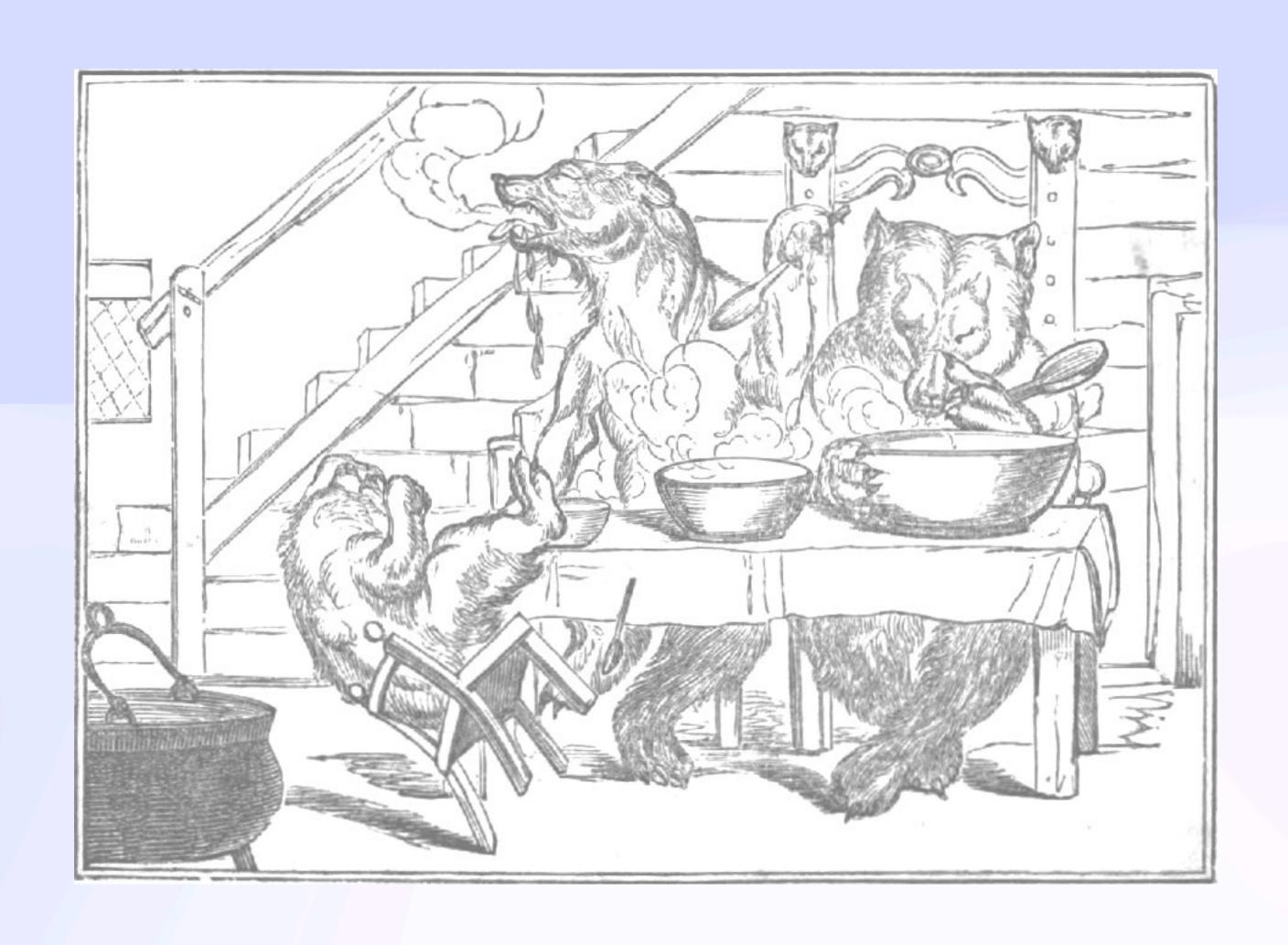




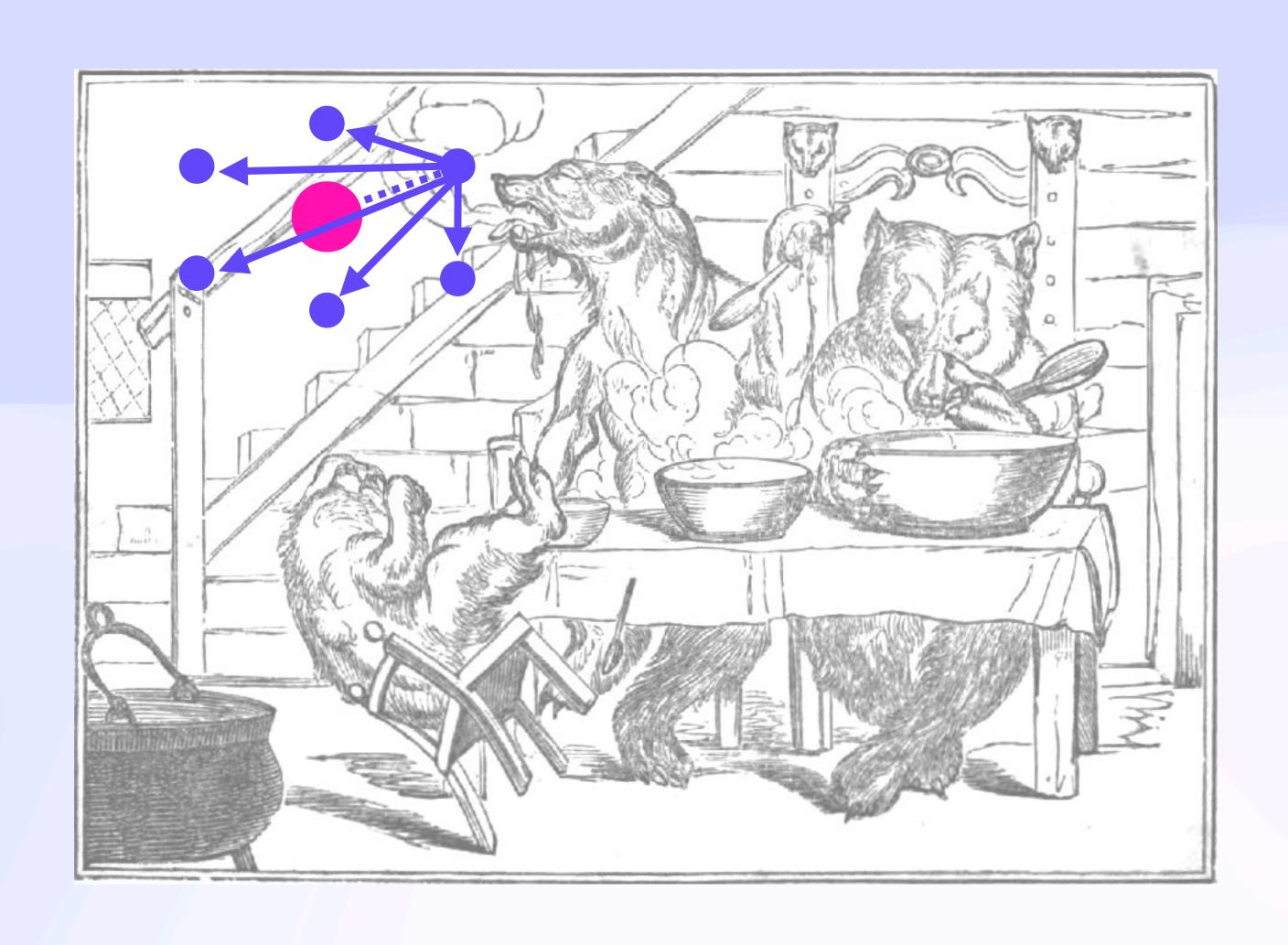




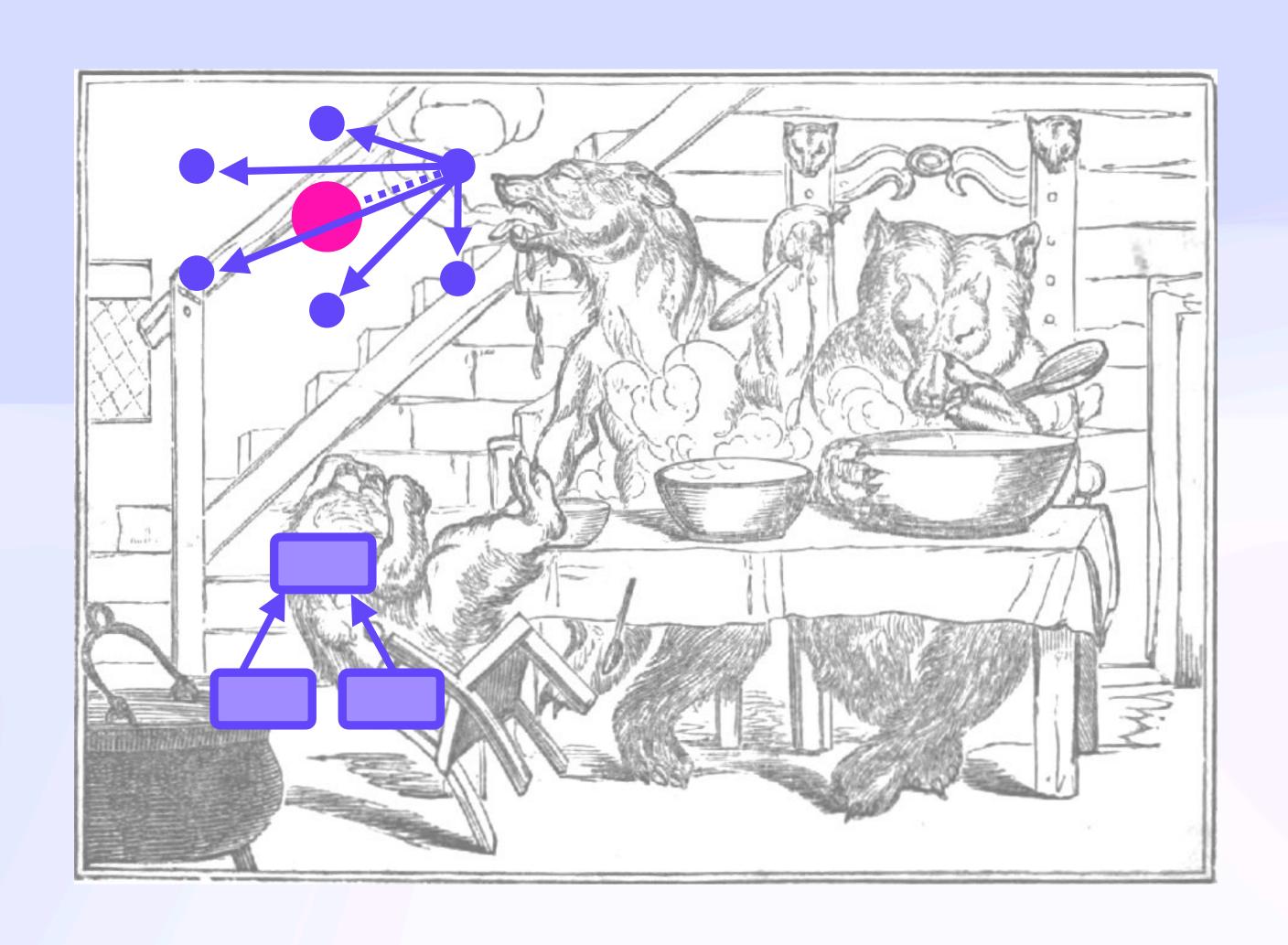
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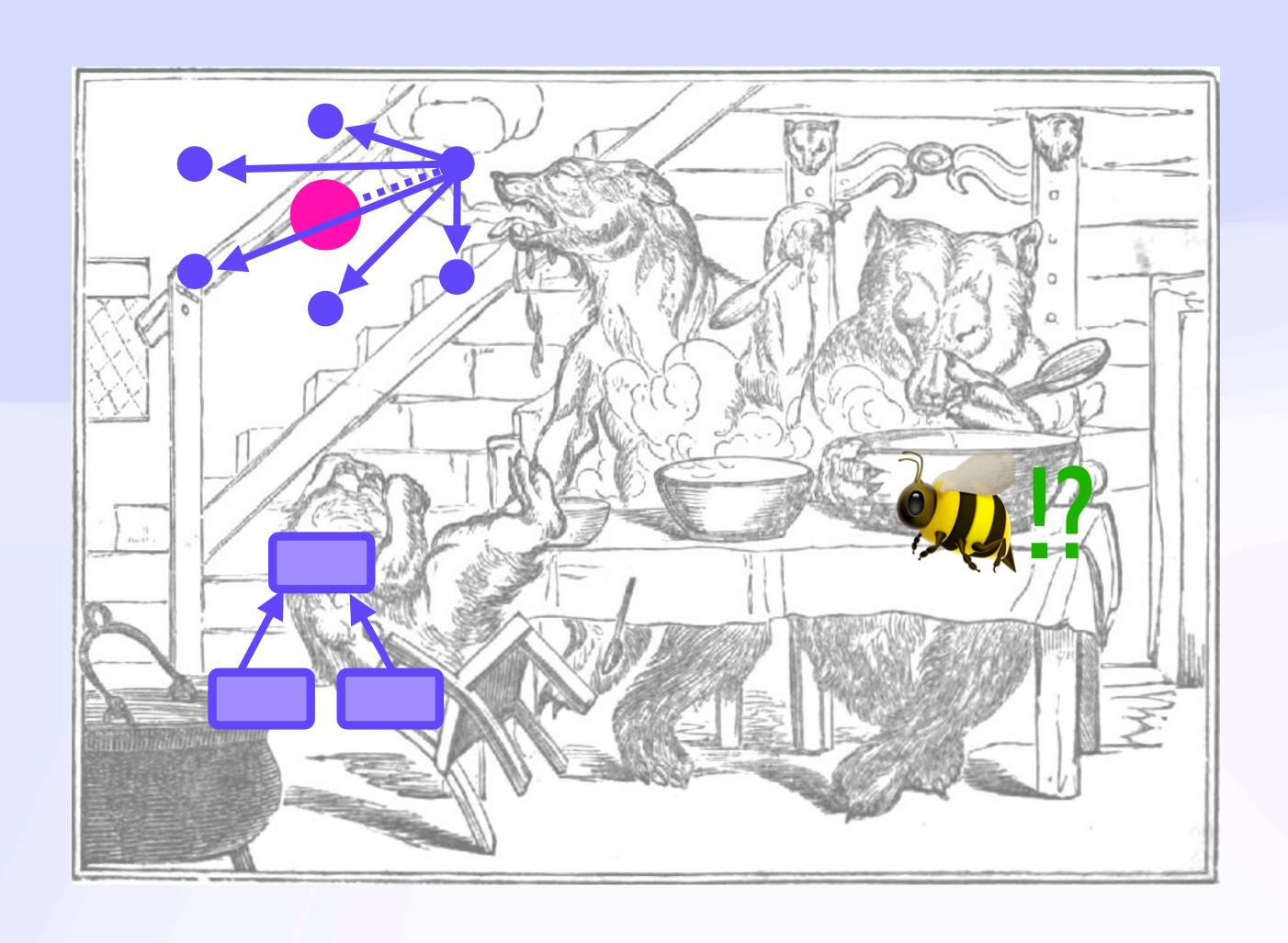
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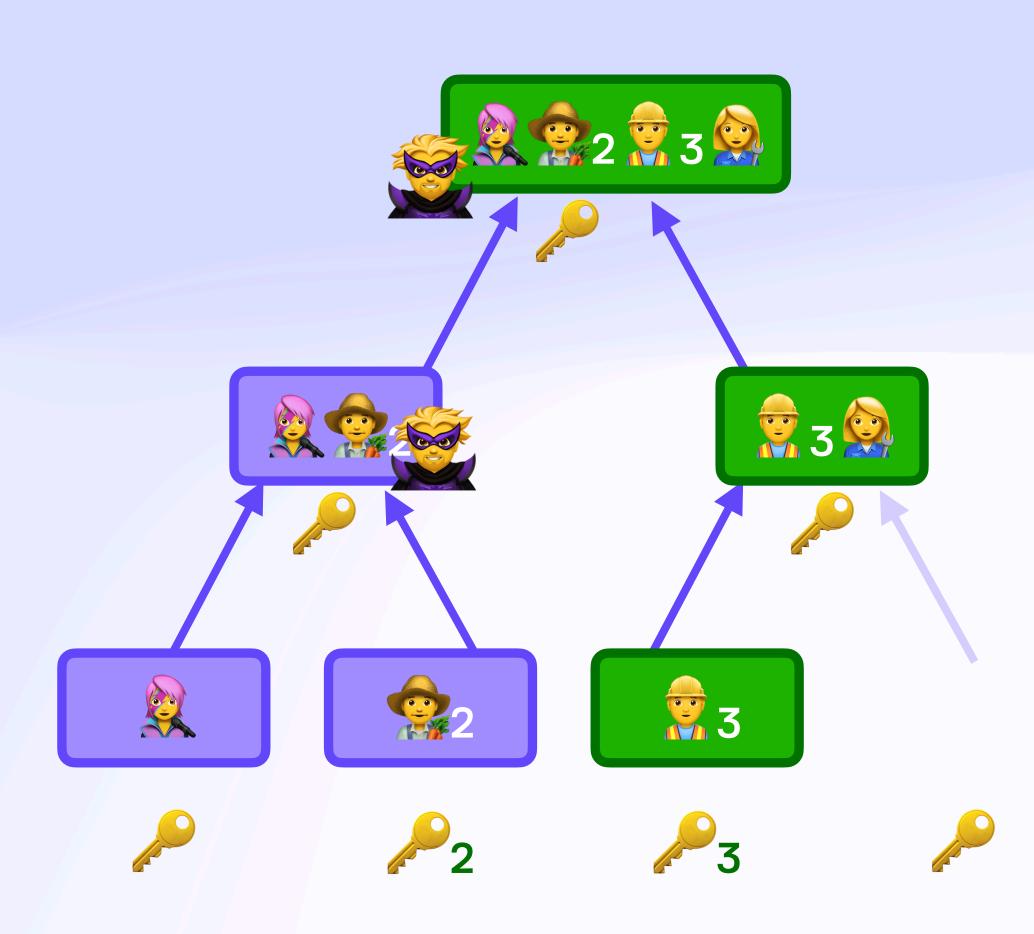


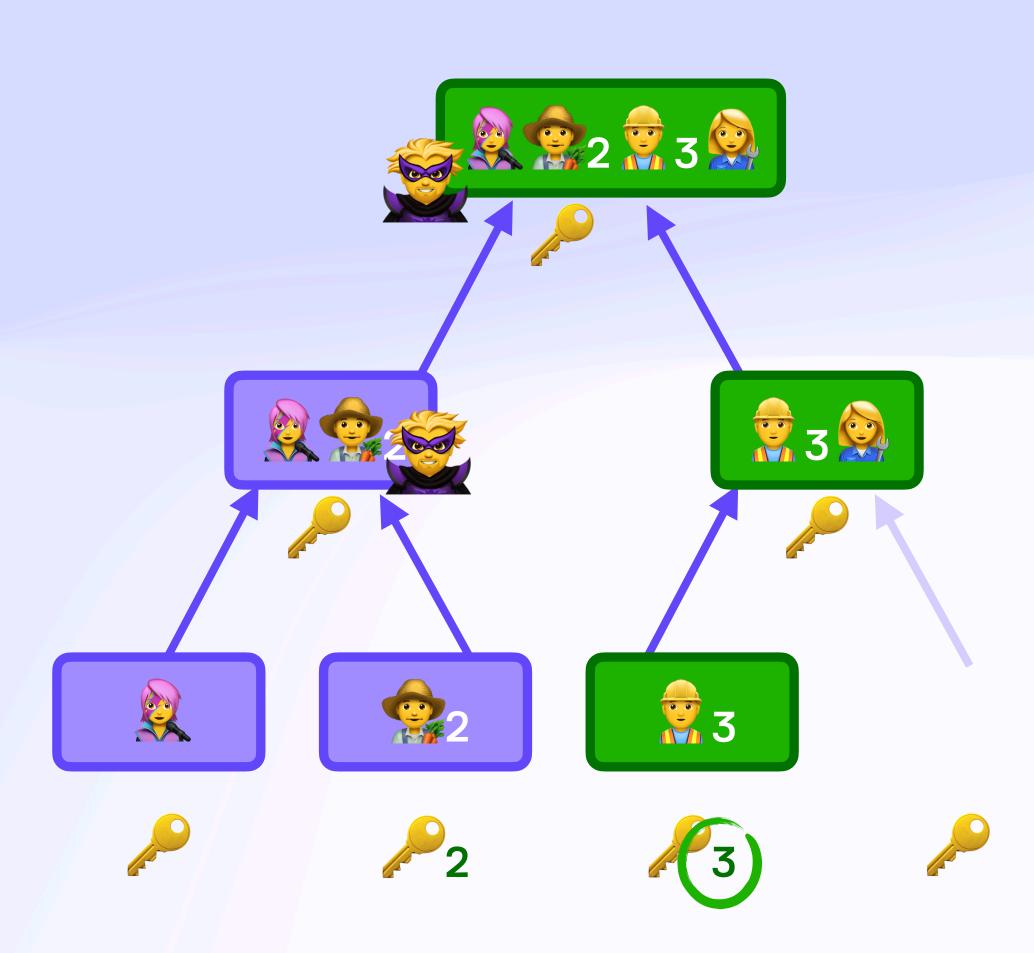
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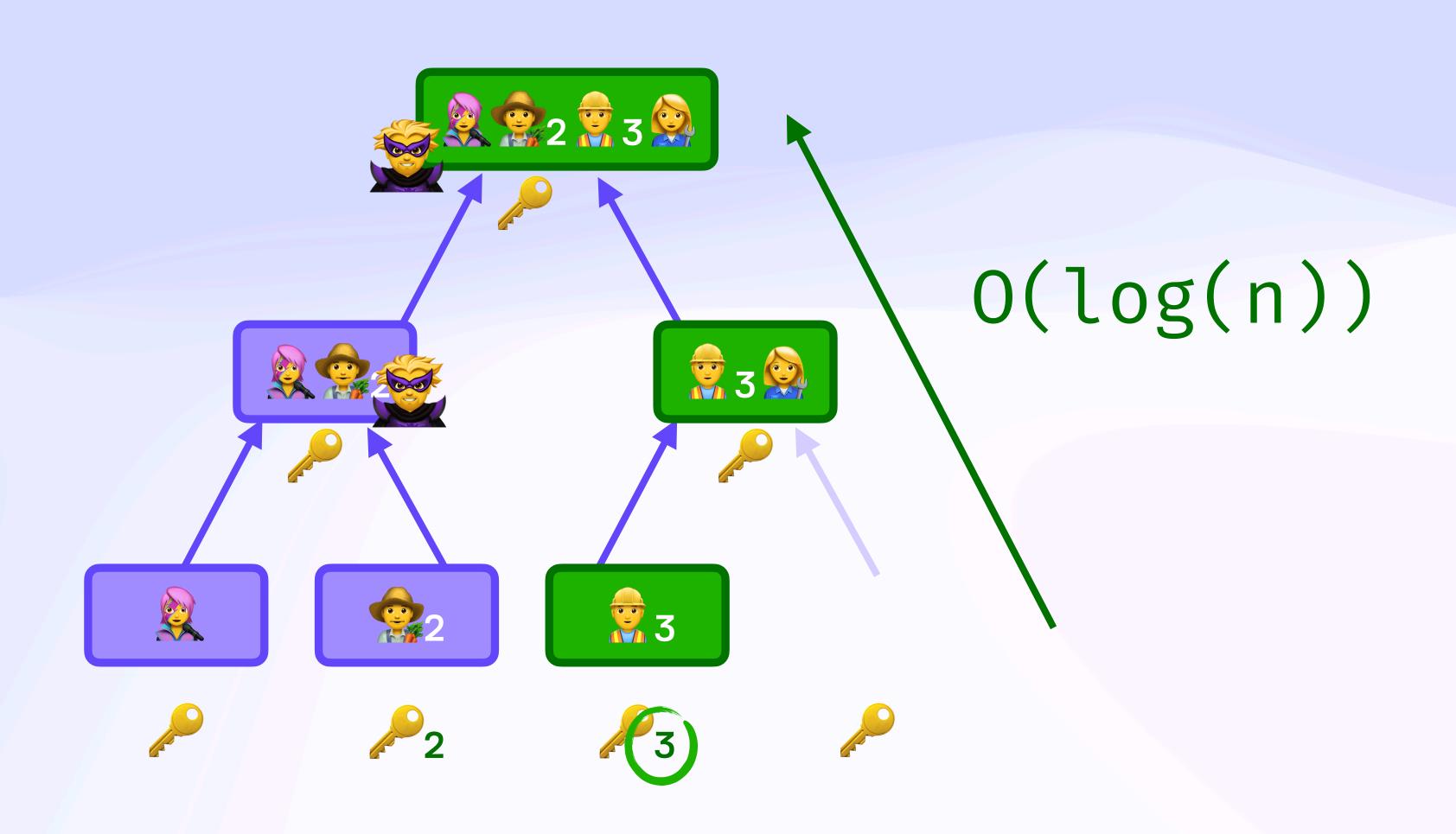


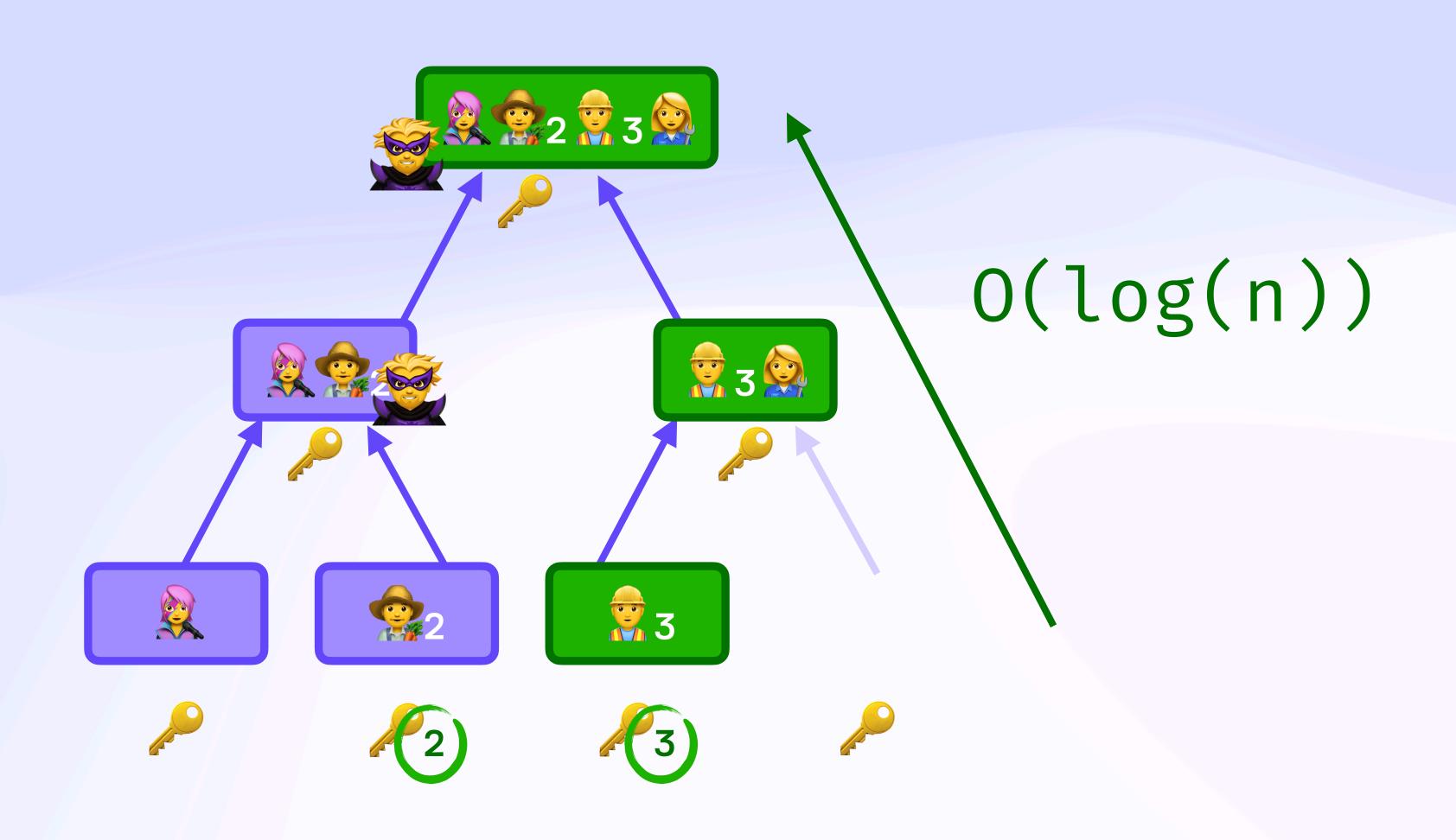
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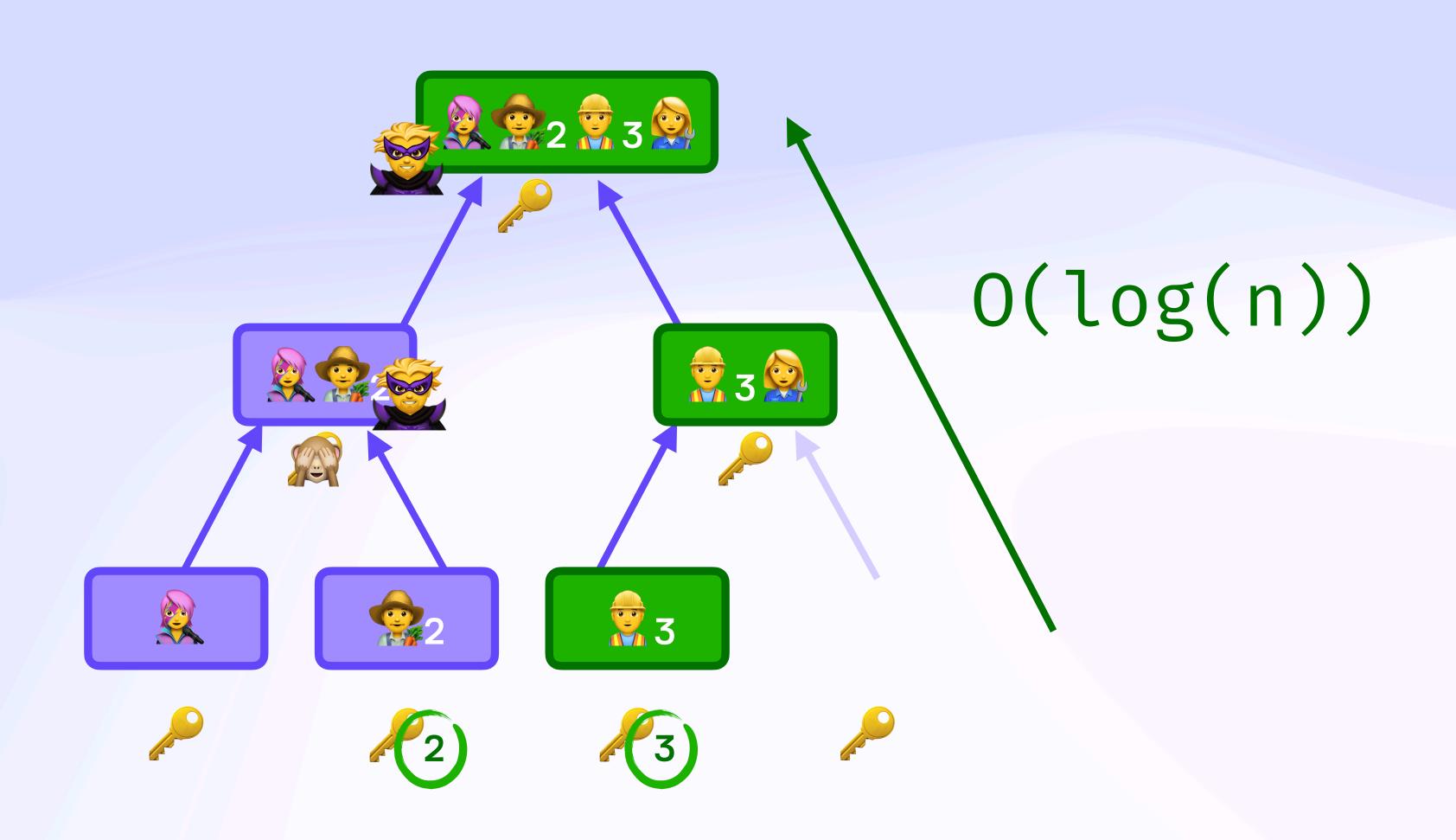


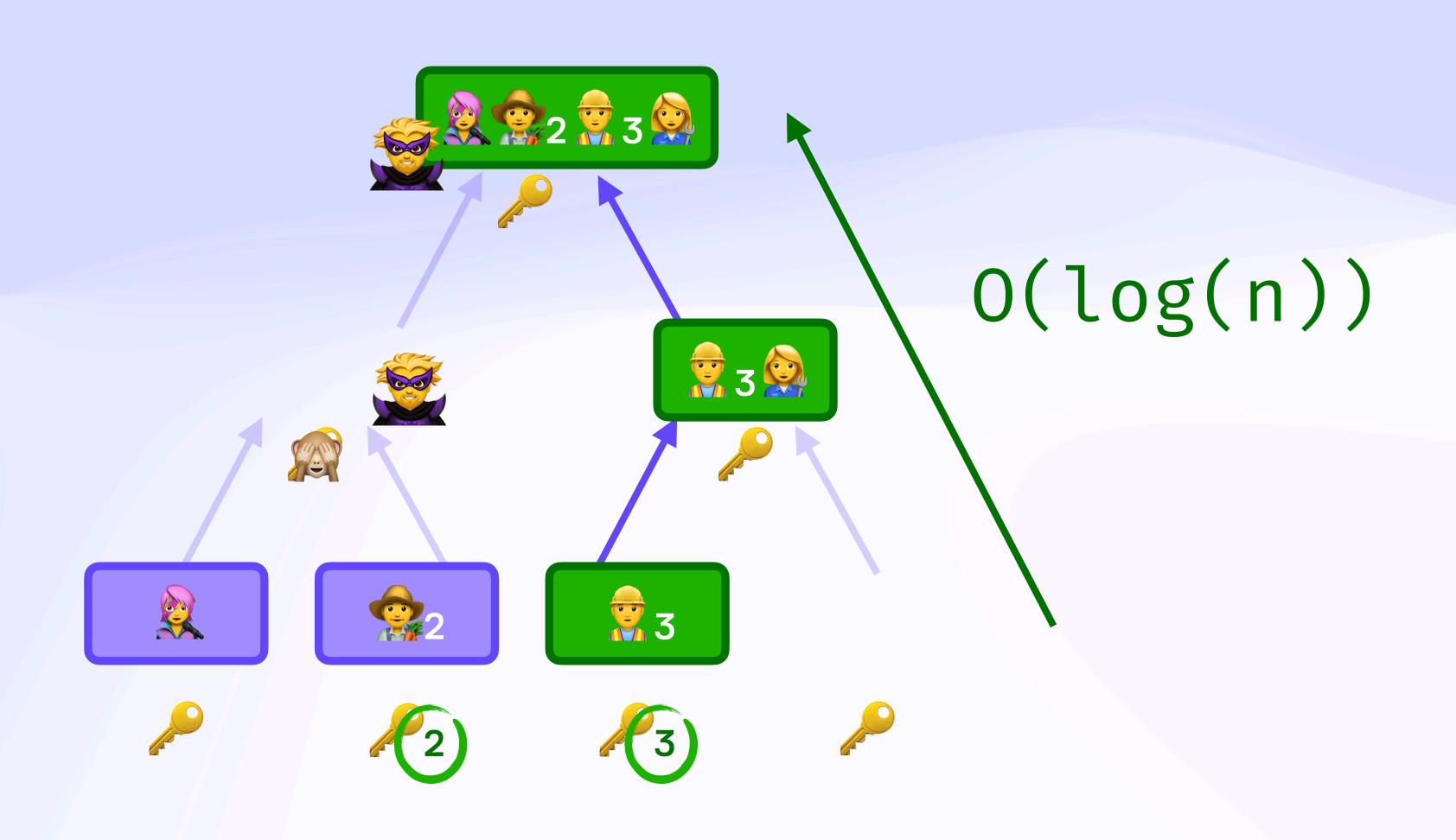


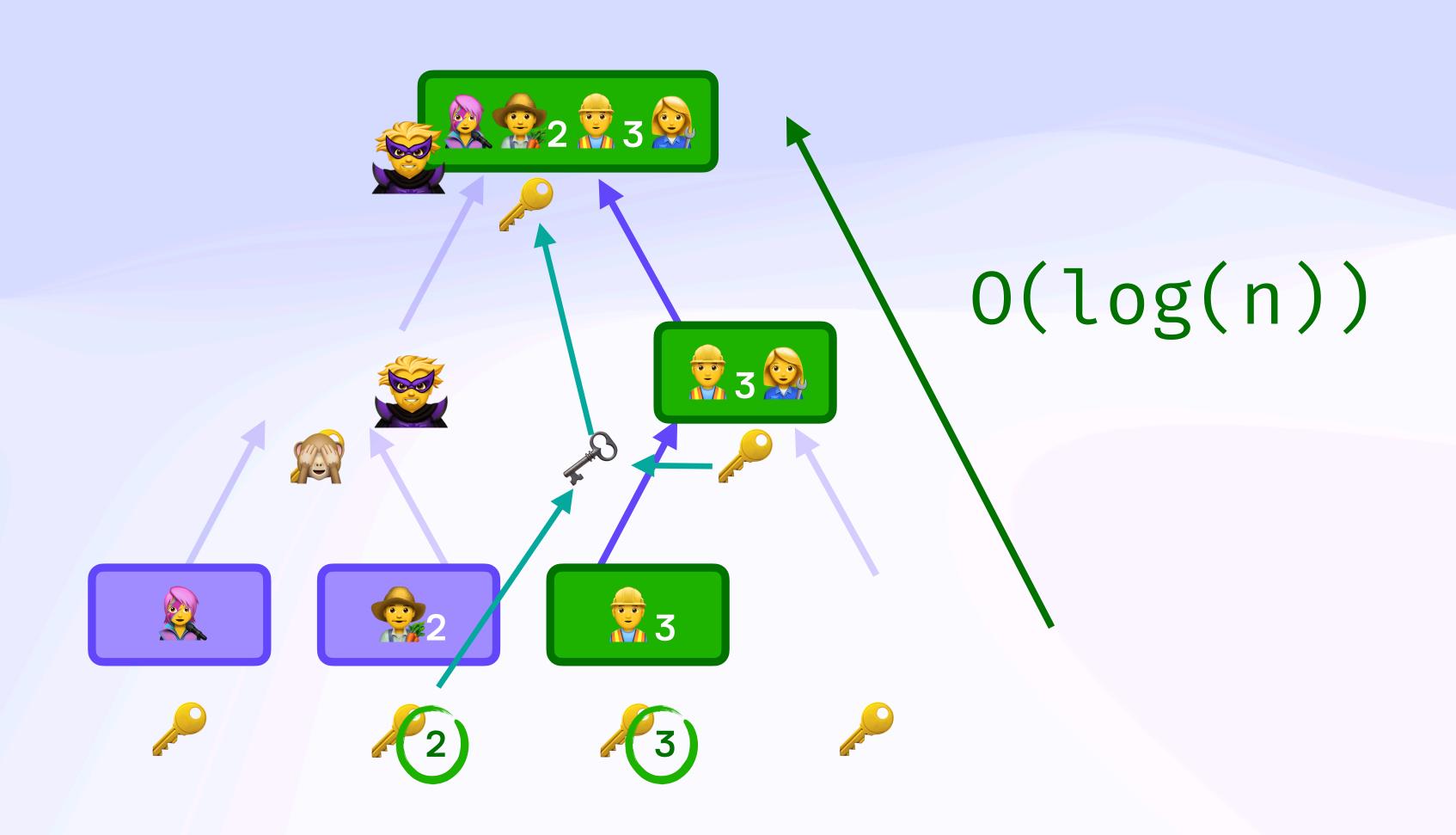


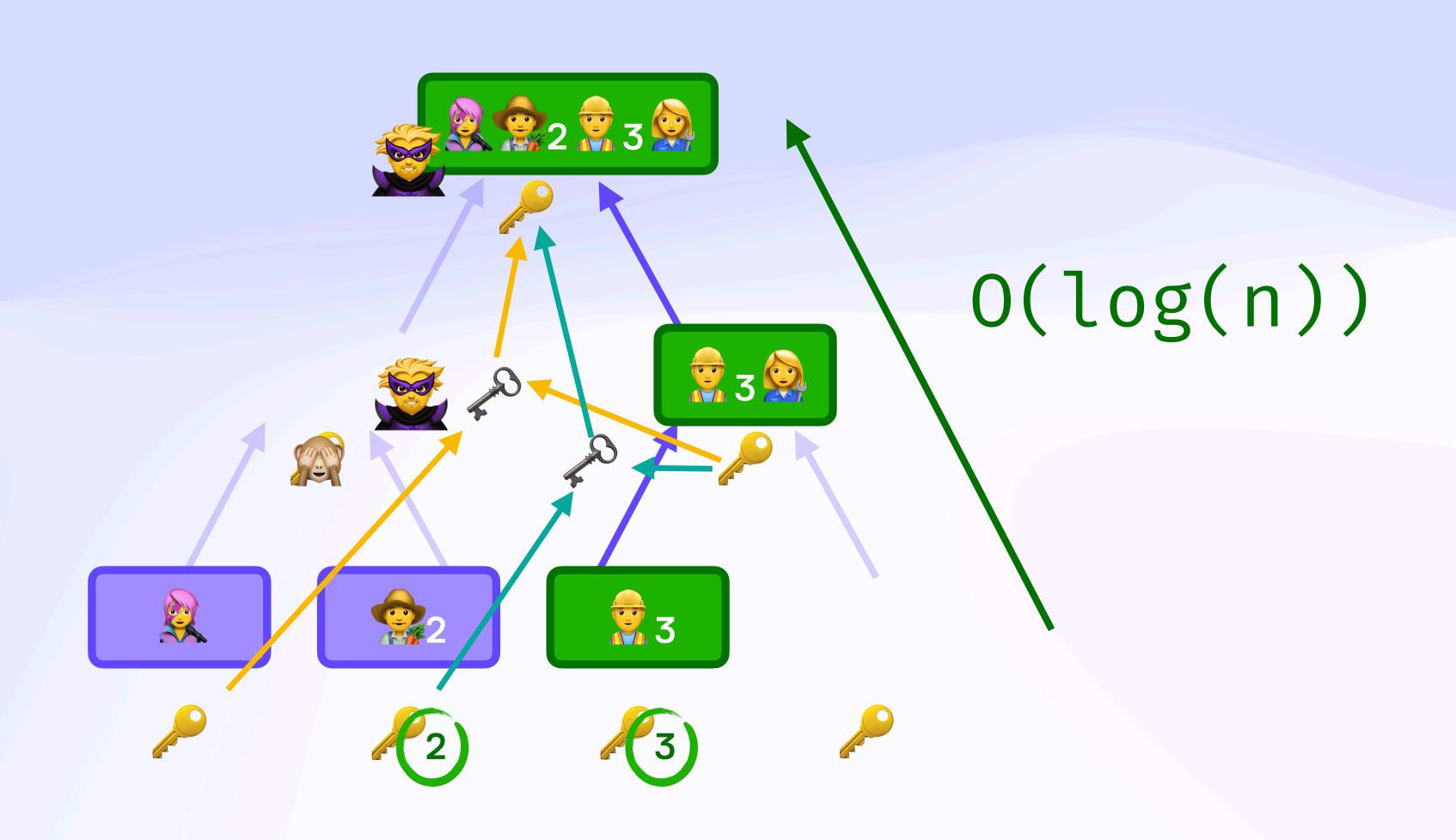


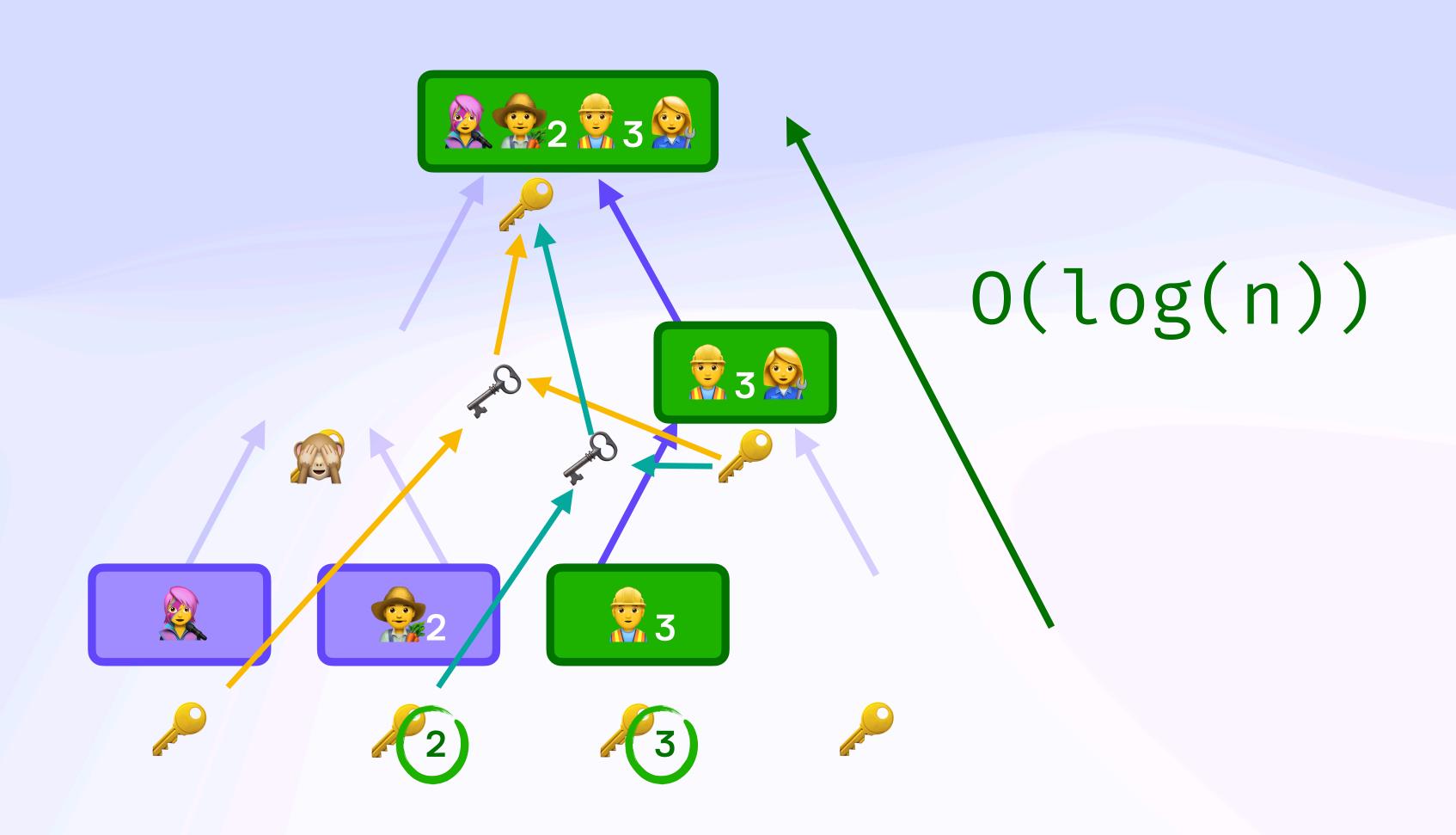


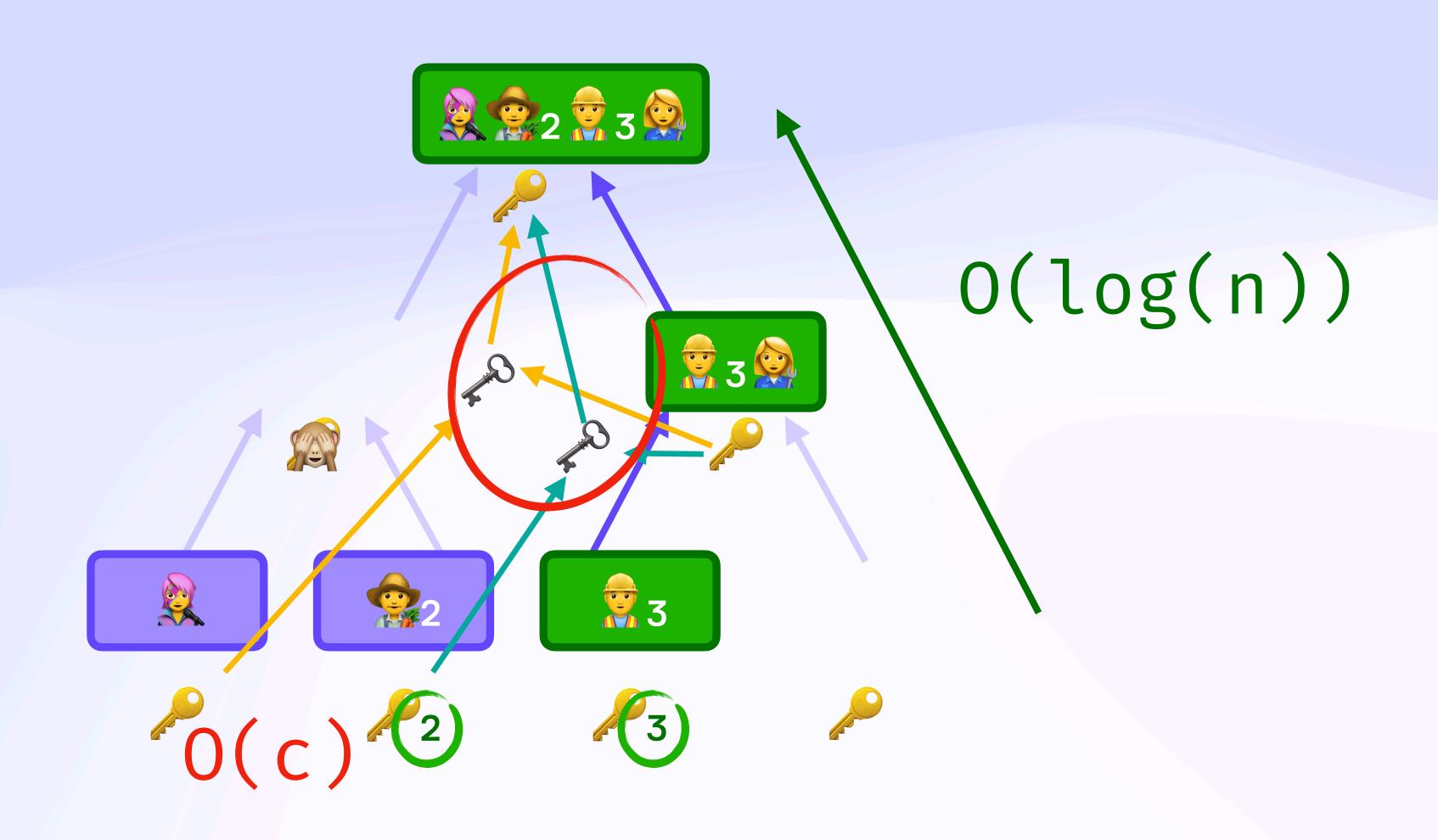






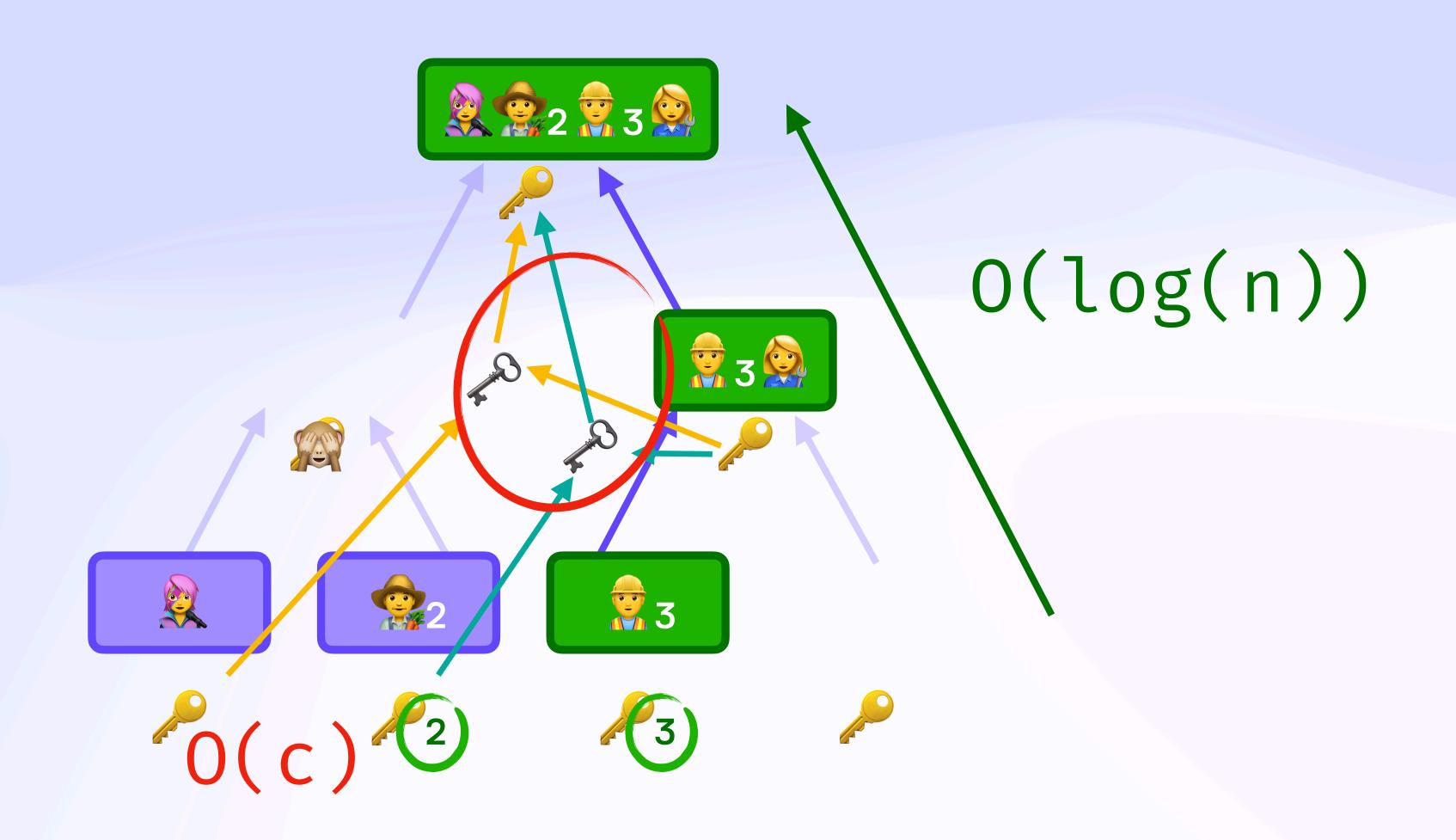






BeeKEM

Scales in O(c+log(n))





The unreasonable effectiveness of syntactic checking

Policy Language

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"every", ".recipient", [
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        ["==", ".email", "fraud@not.example.com"]
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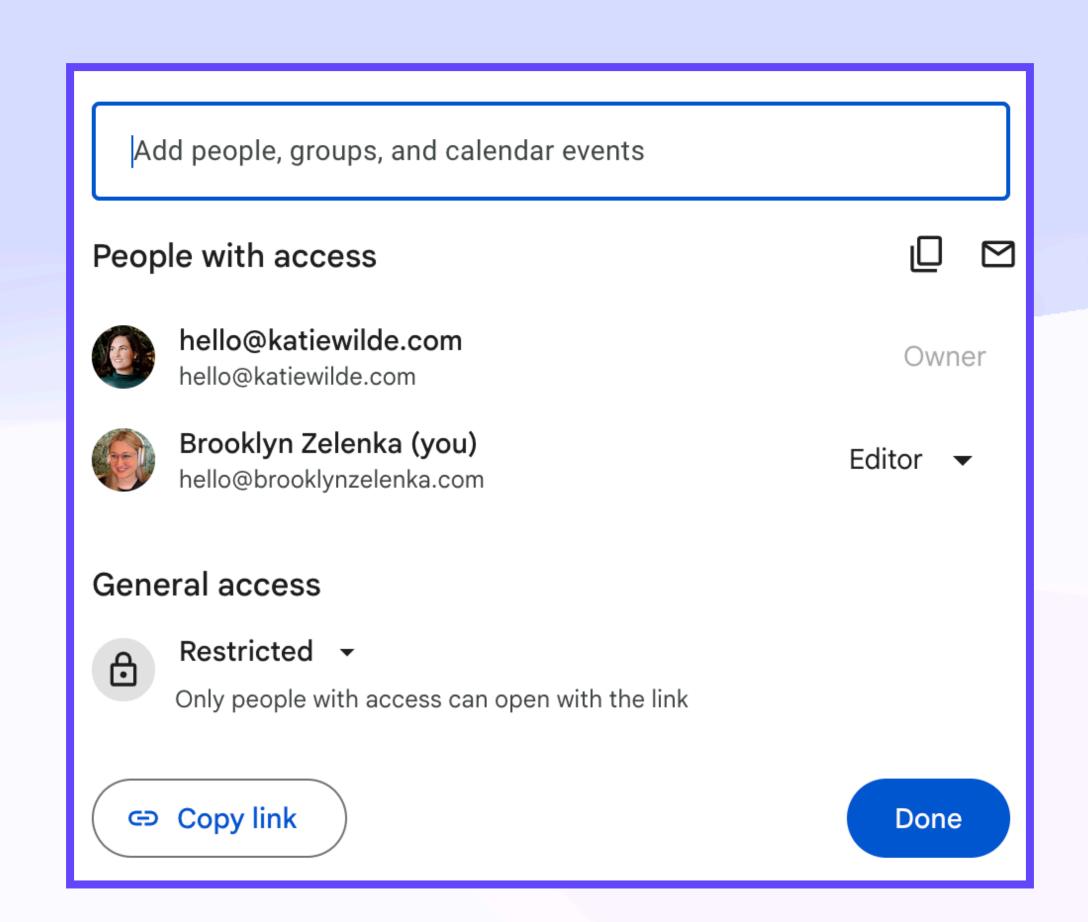
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Ideap Up

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- Mutation Control
 - Convergent capabilities
 - Concurrent revocation
- Read Control
 - Causal encryption
 - Continuous group key agreement (CGKA)



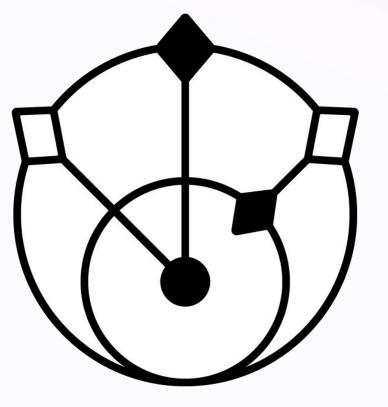


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