

# Malleable Proof Systems and Applications

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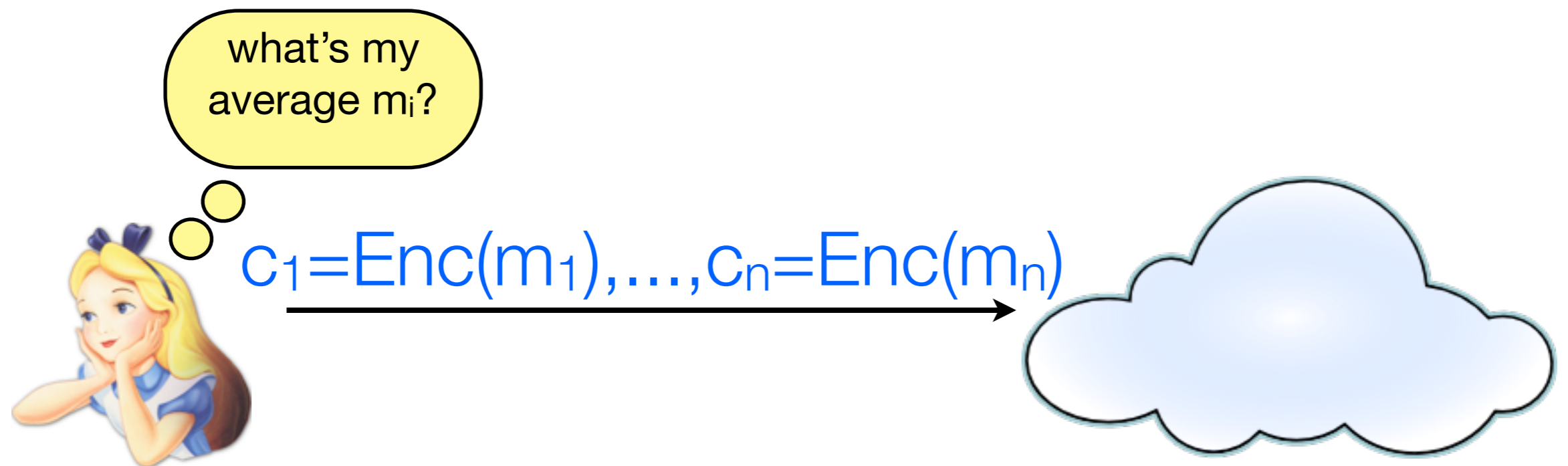
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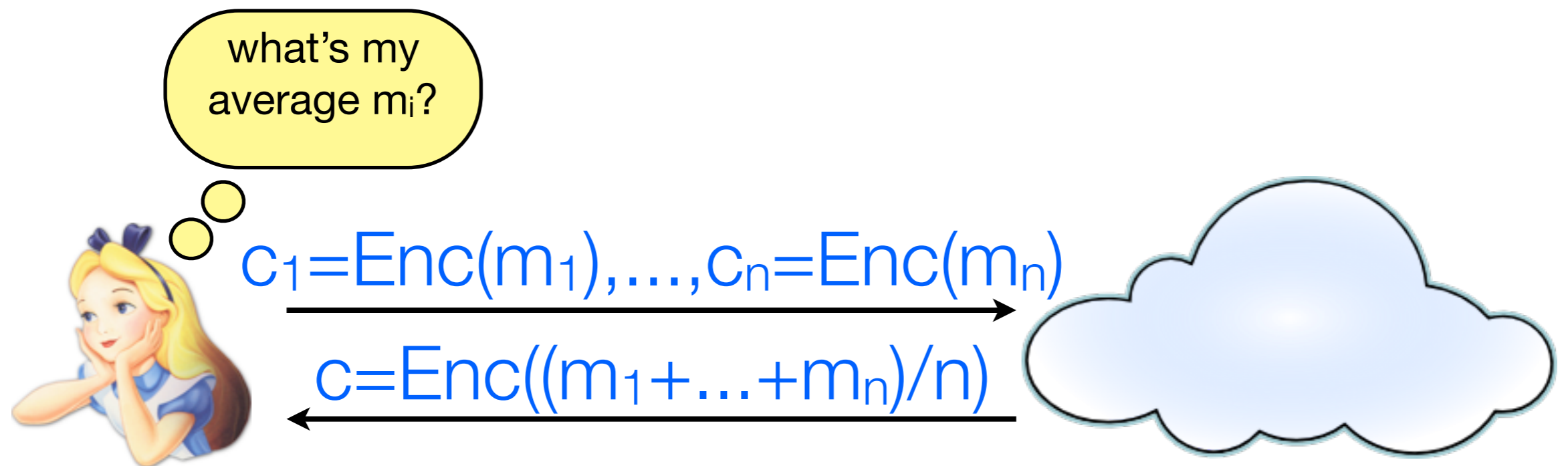
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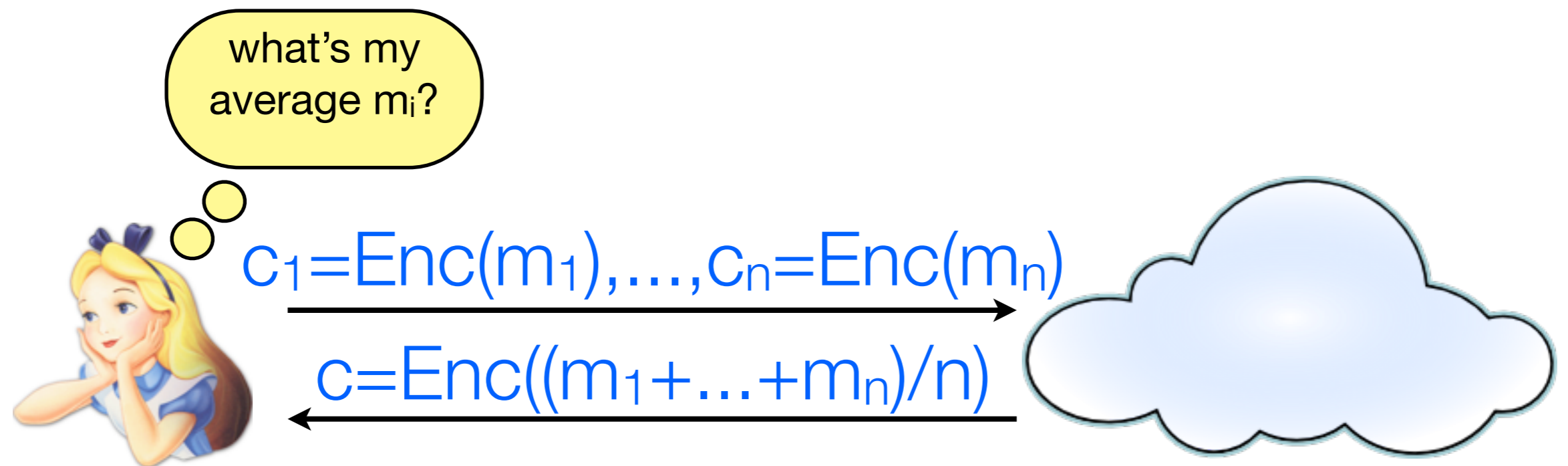
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In this work:

- Introduce notions of **uncontrolled** and **controlled** malleability for proofs
- Give two applications: **CM-CCA security** and **compact verifiable shuffles**
- Examine malleability within existing proof systems

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Controlled malleability  
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If we want zero knowledge, need to make sure proofs are malleable only with respect to operations under which the language is **closed**

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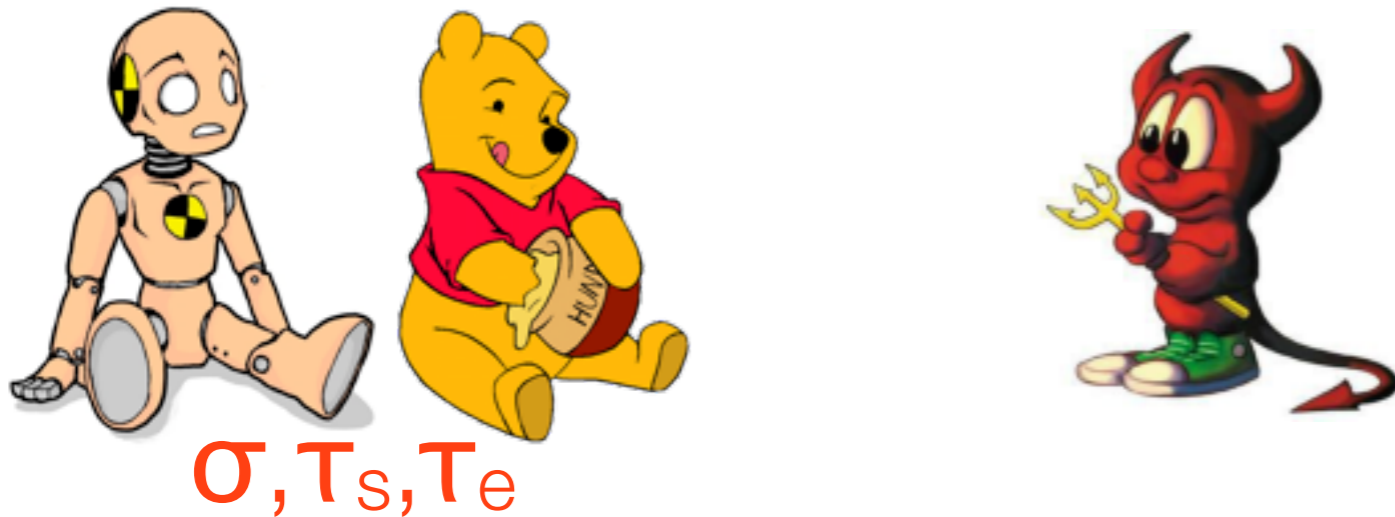




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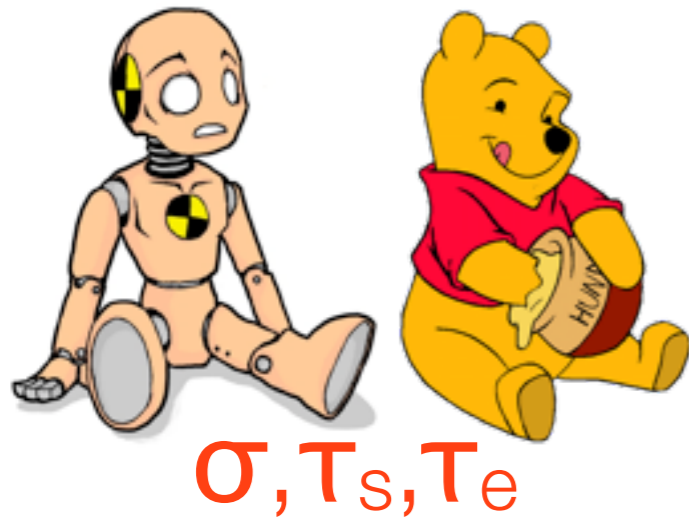
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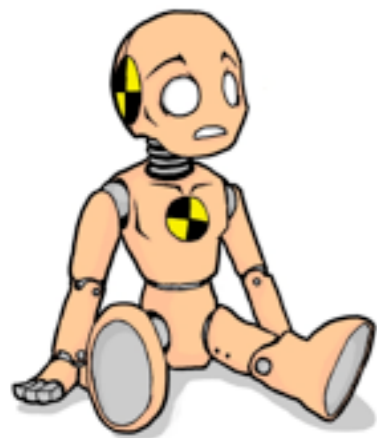
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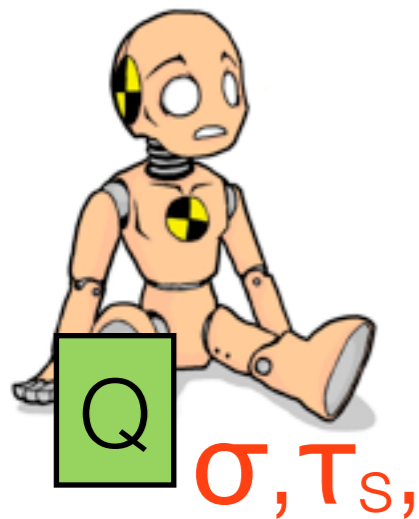


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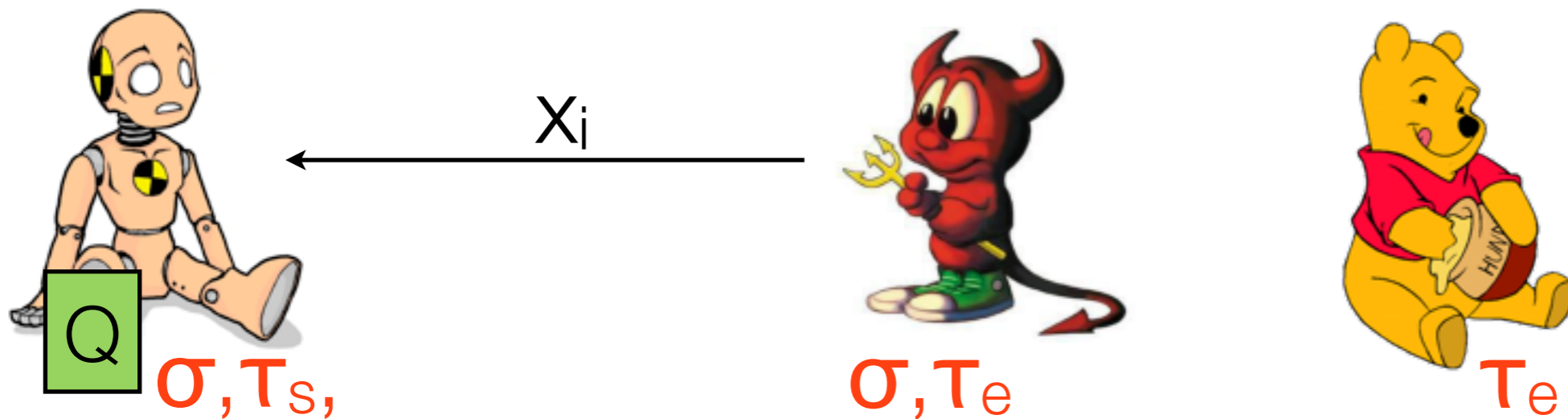


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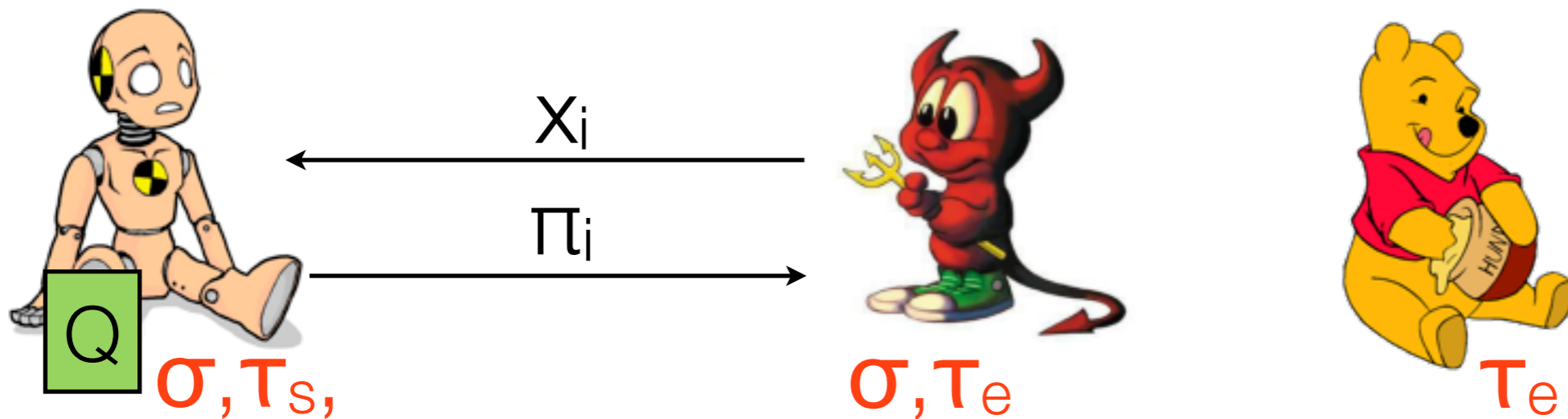
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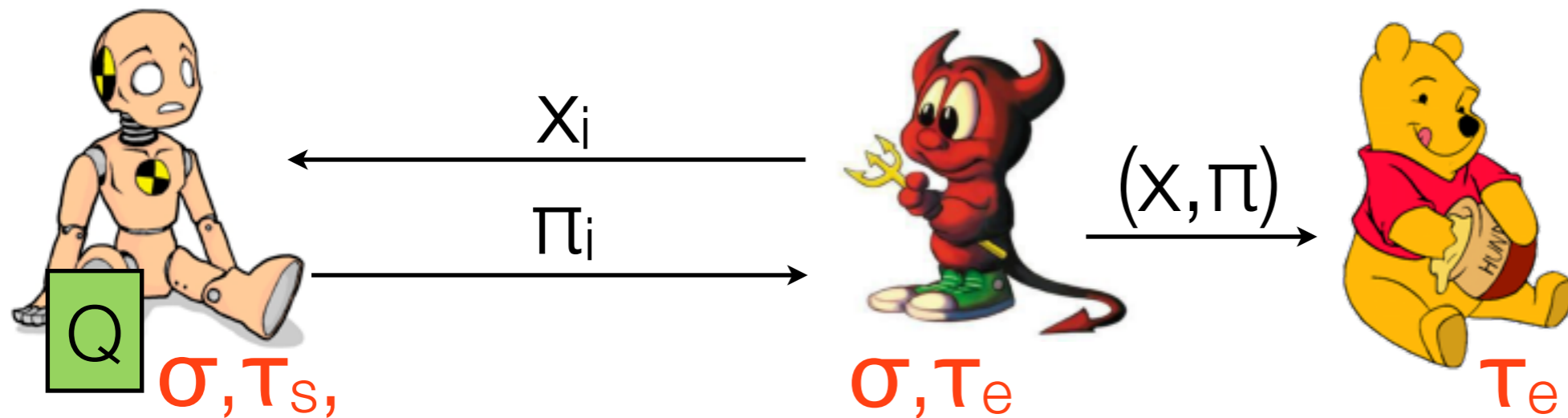
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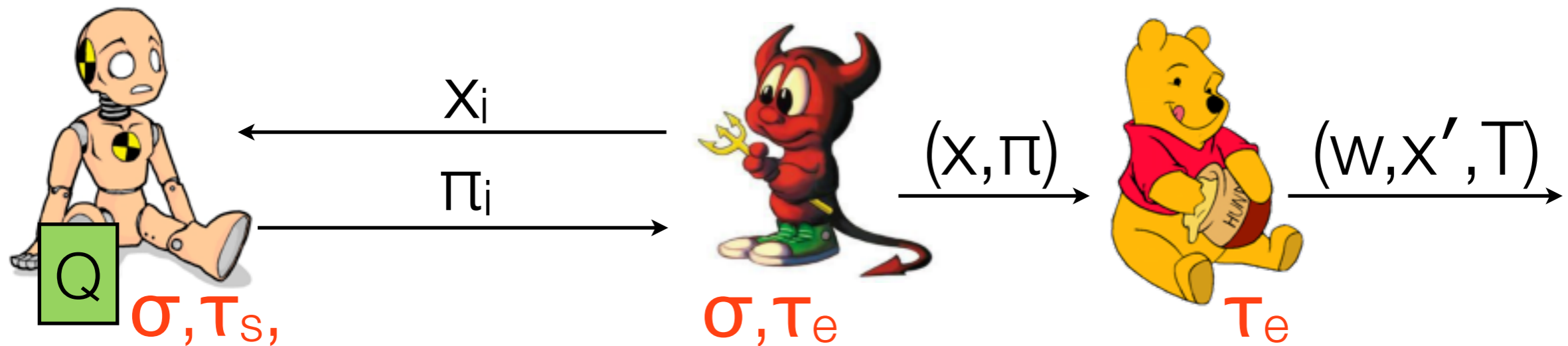
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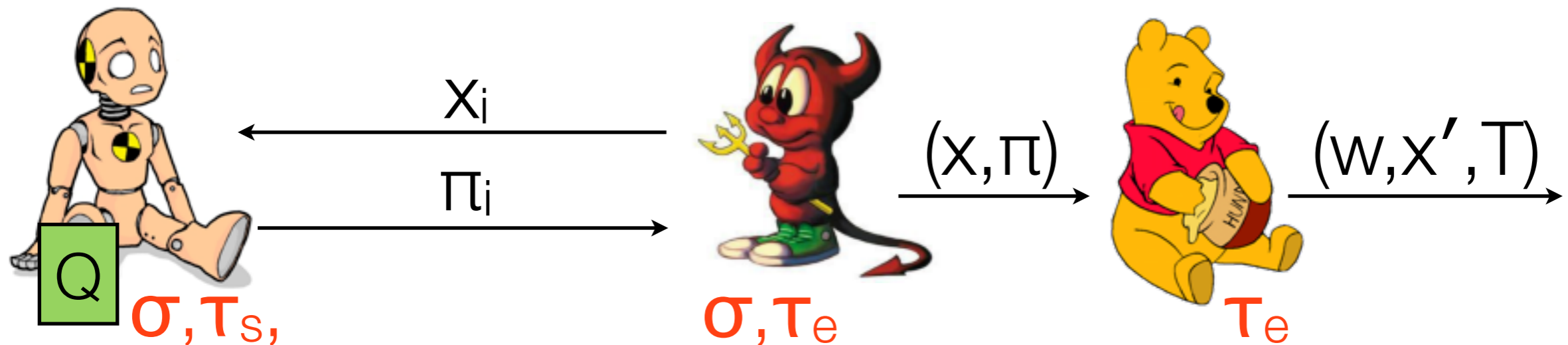
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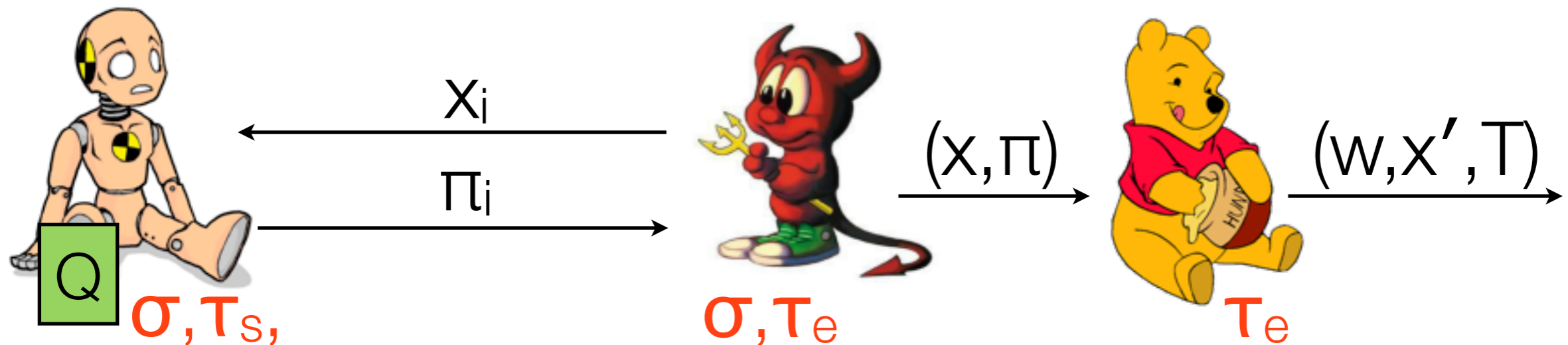
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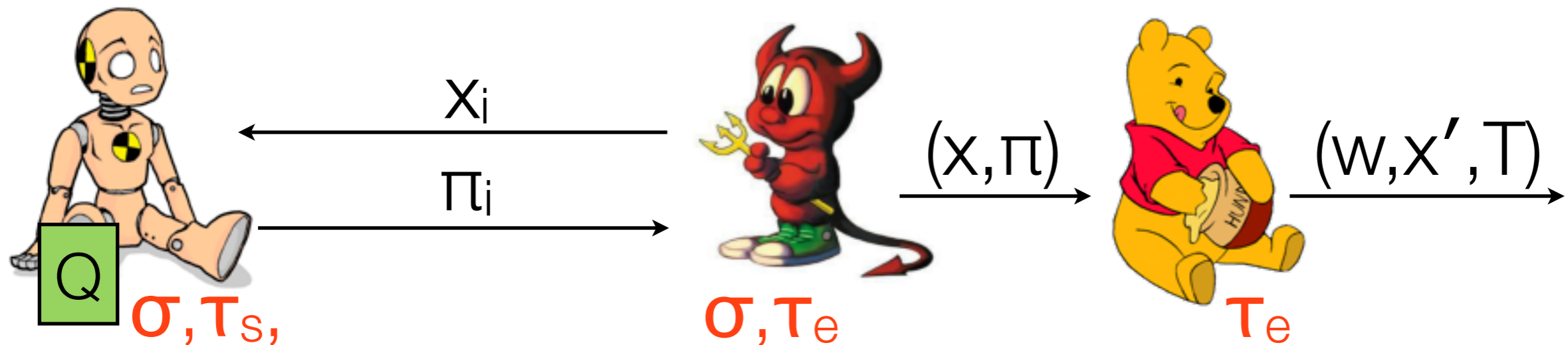


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If a proof is zero knowledge, CM-SSE, and strongly derivation private, then we call it a **cm-NIZK**

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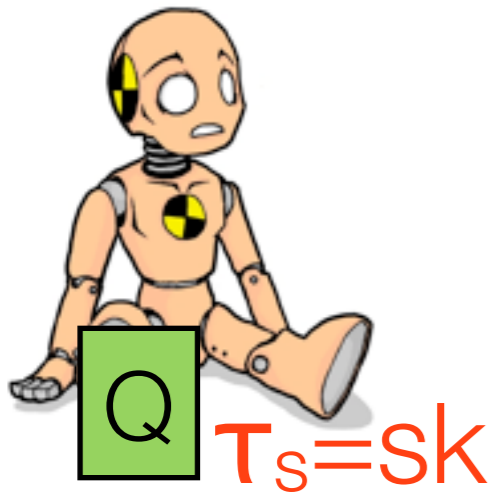


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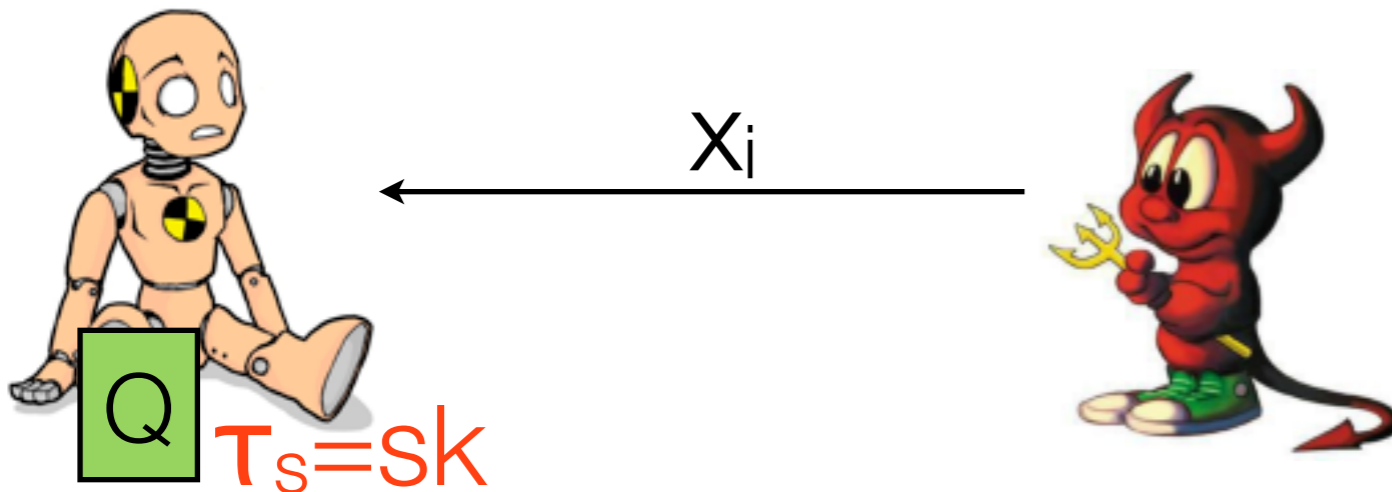


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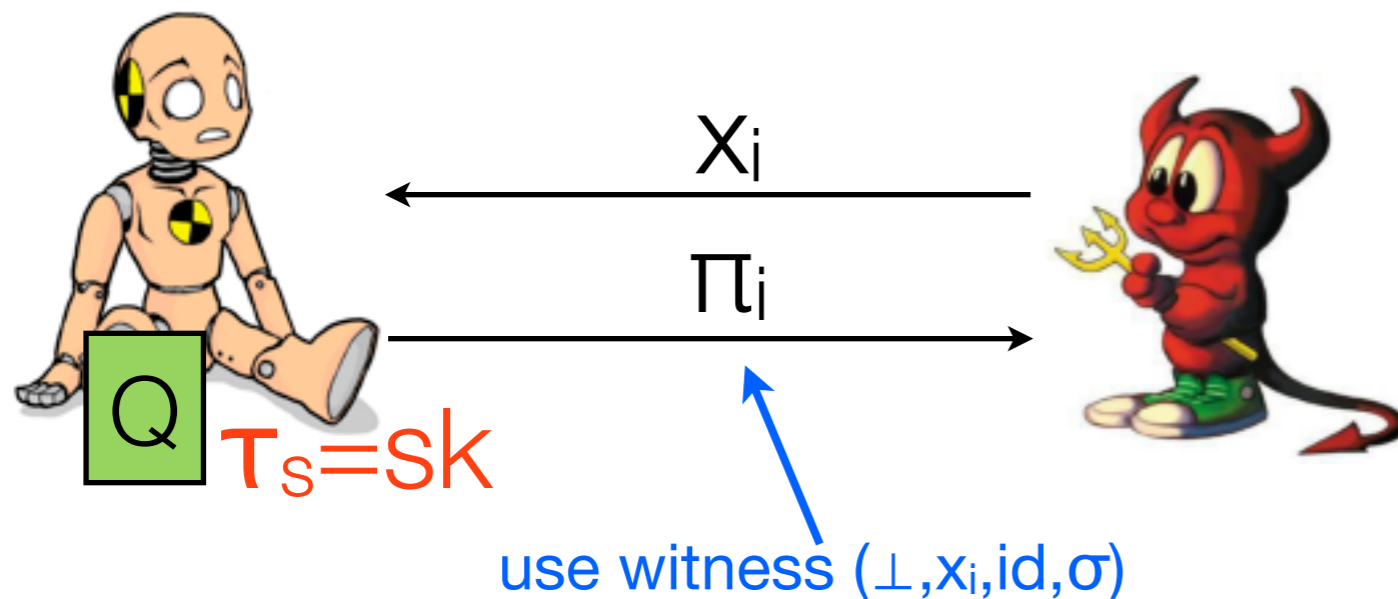


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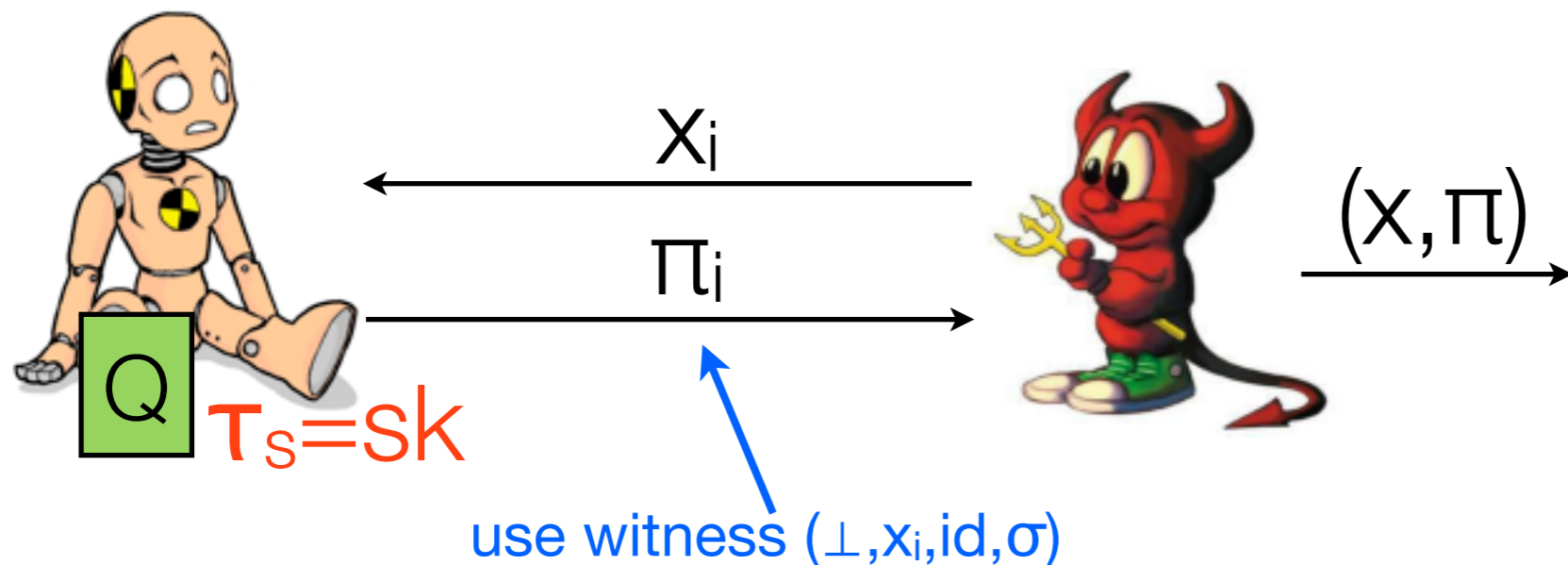
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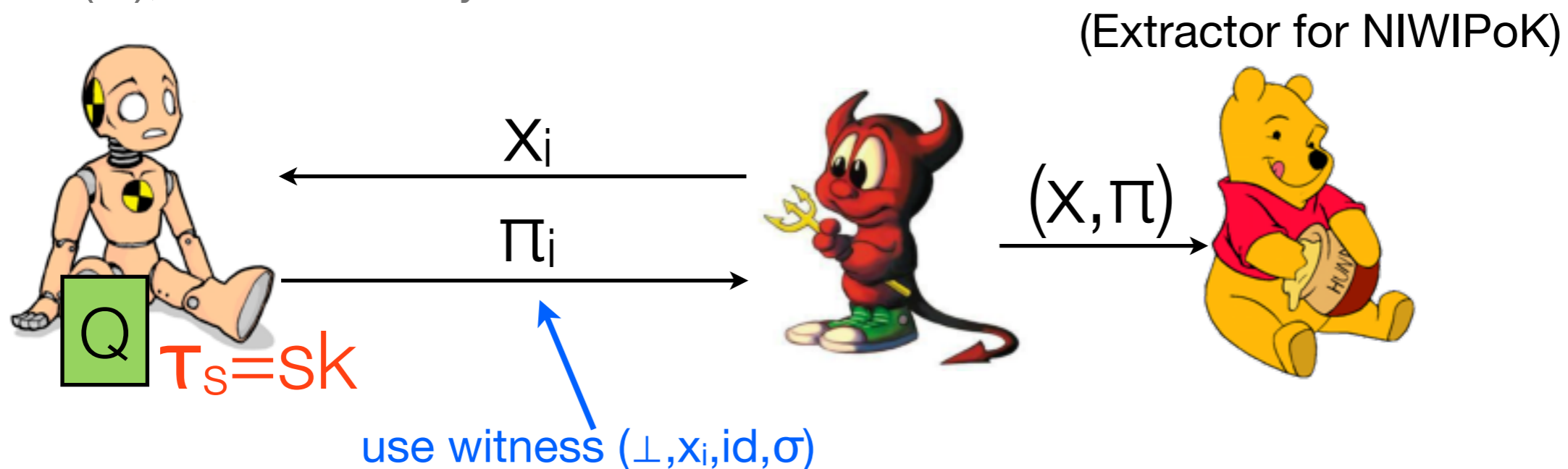
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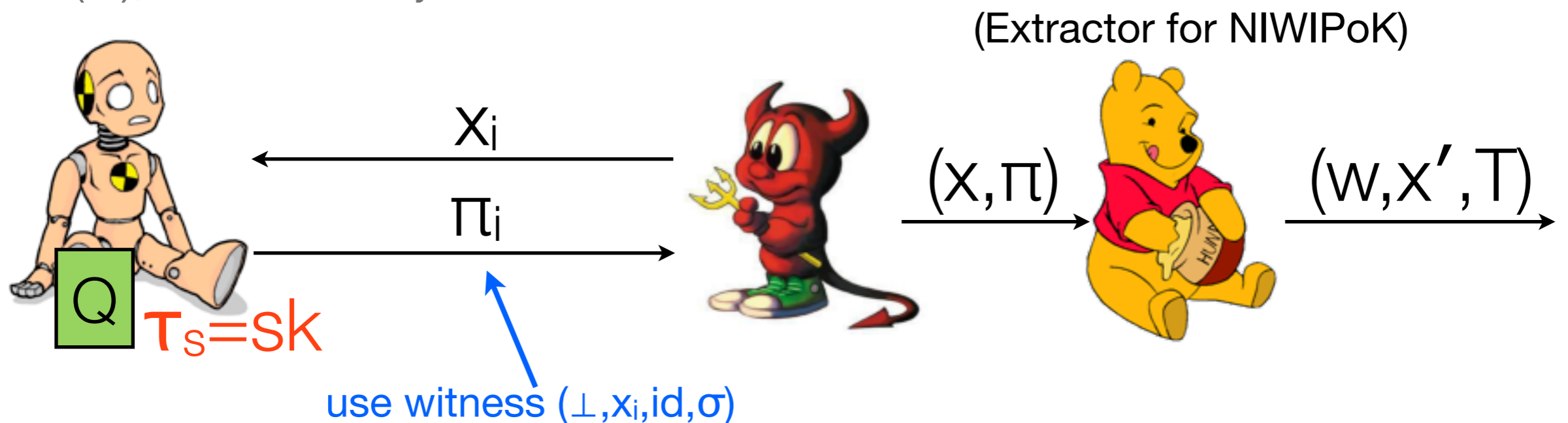
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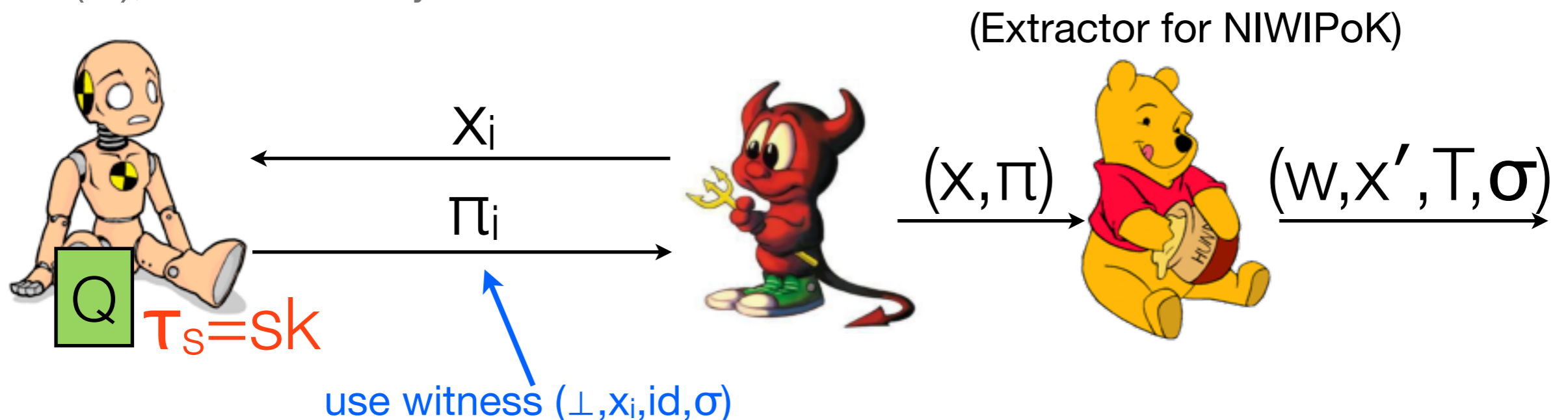
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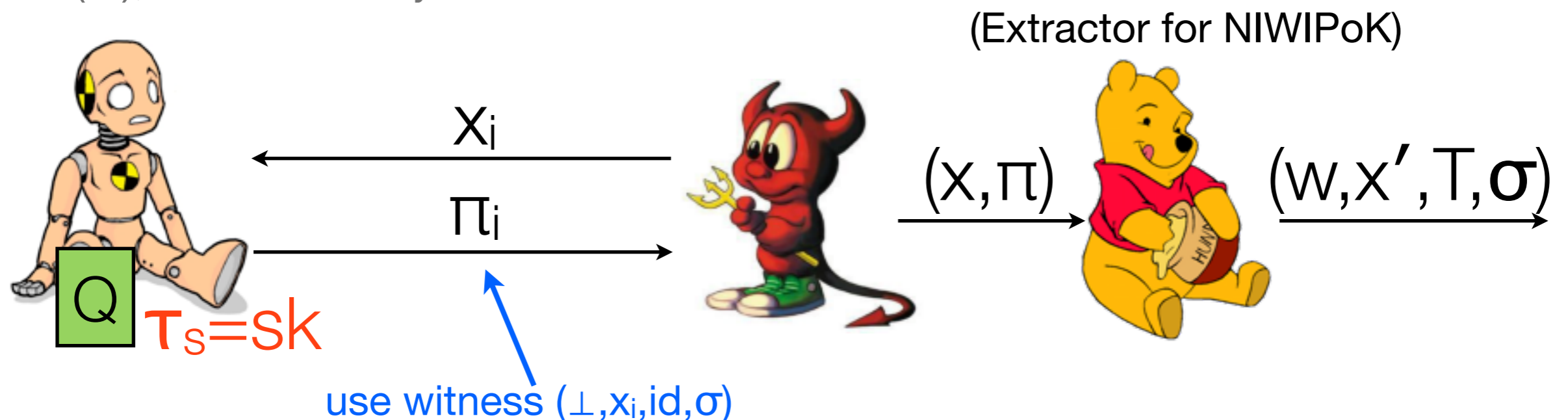
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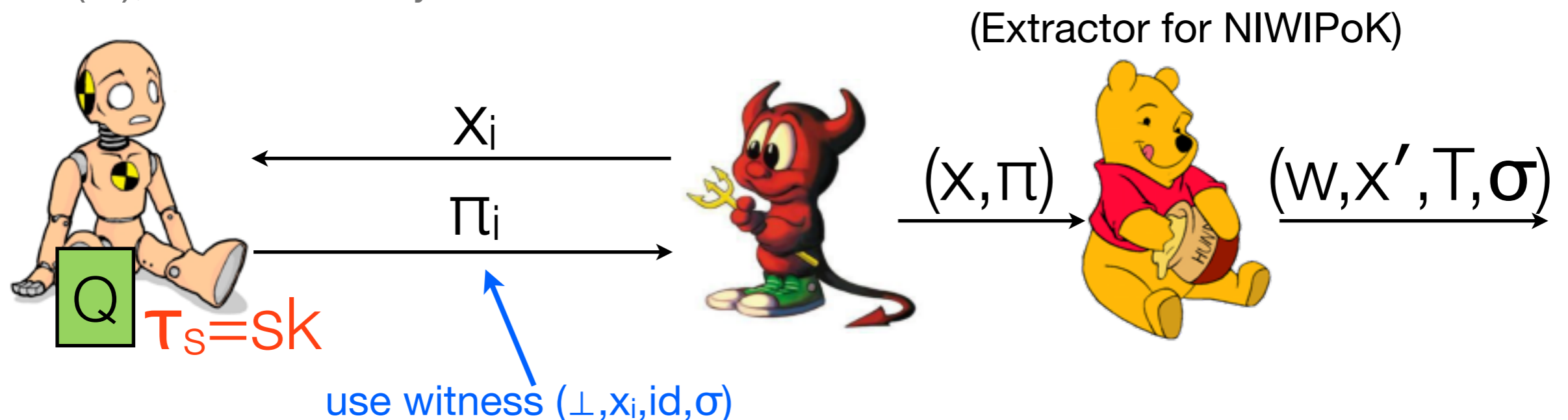
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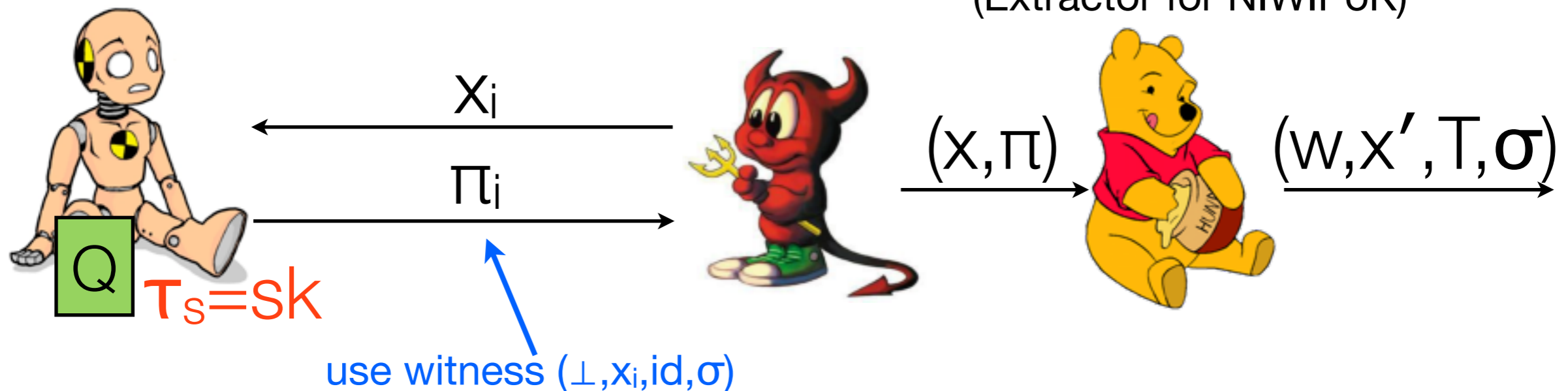
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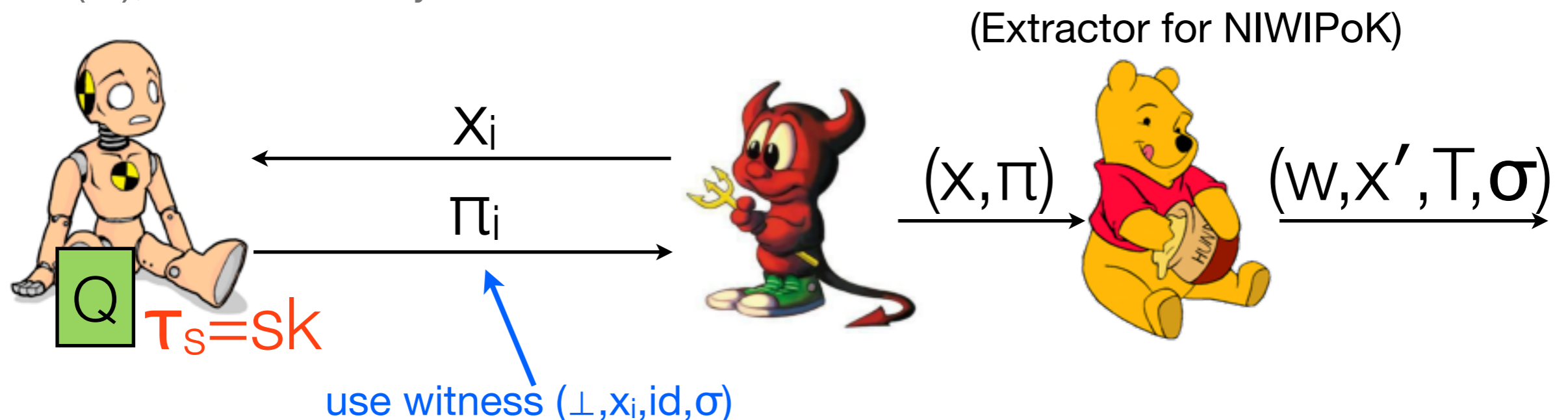
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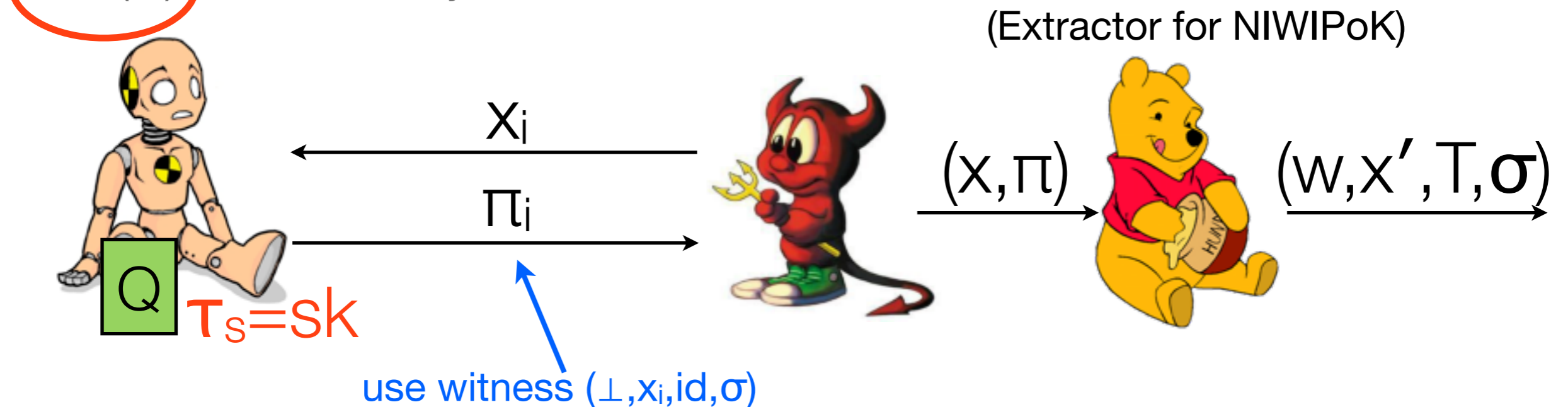


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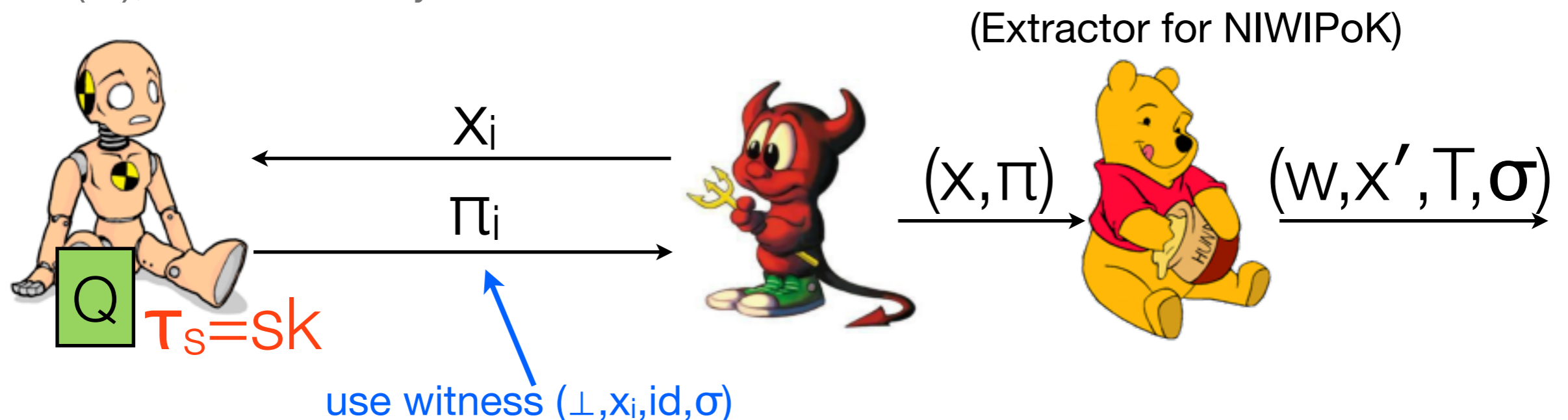


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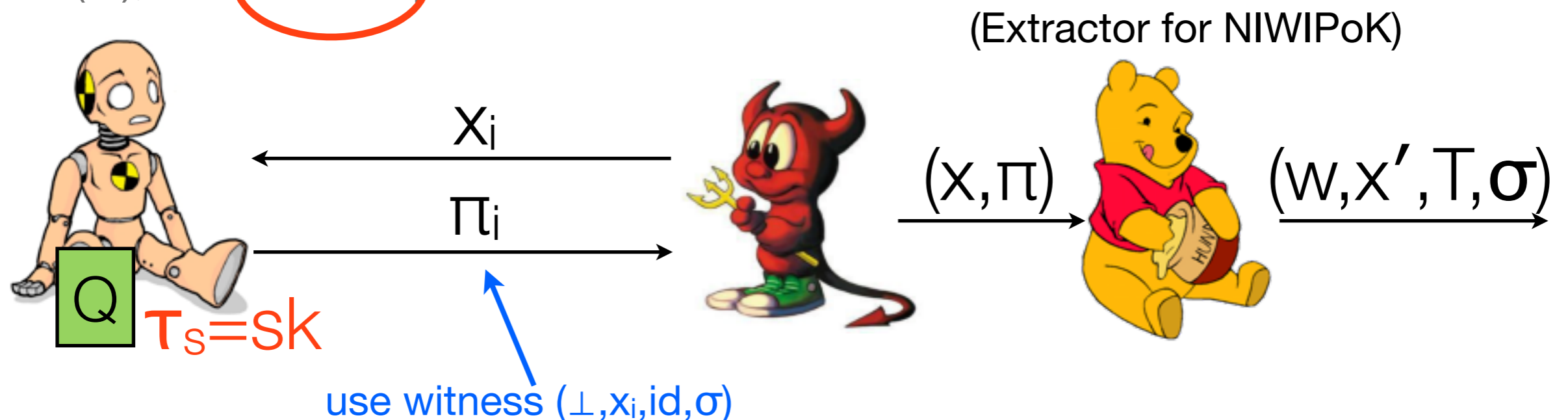


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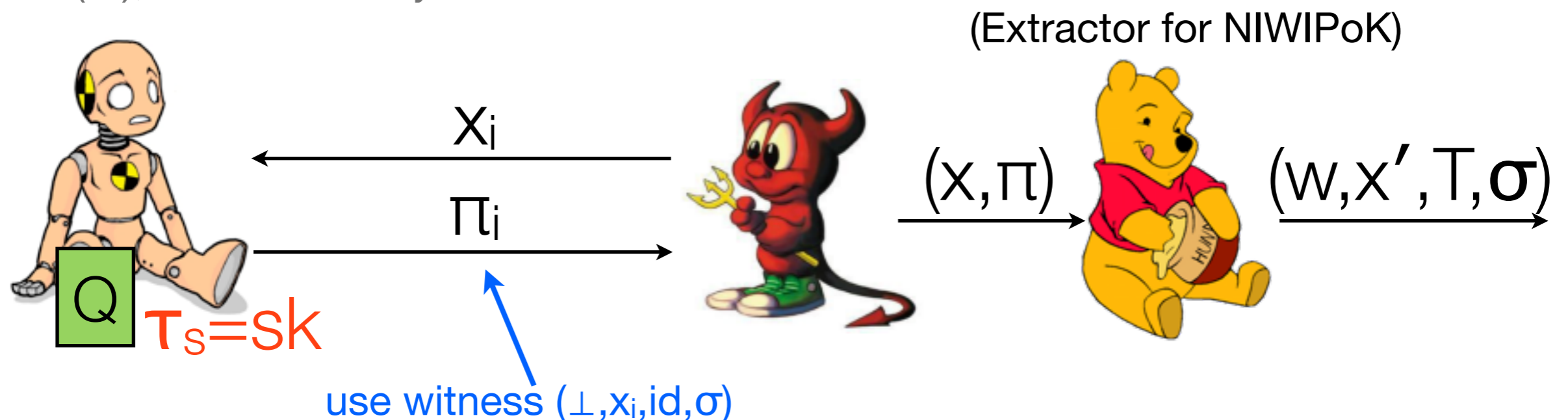


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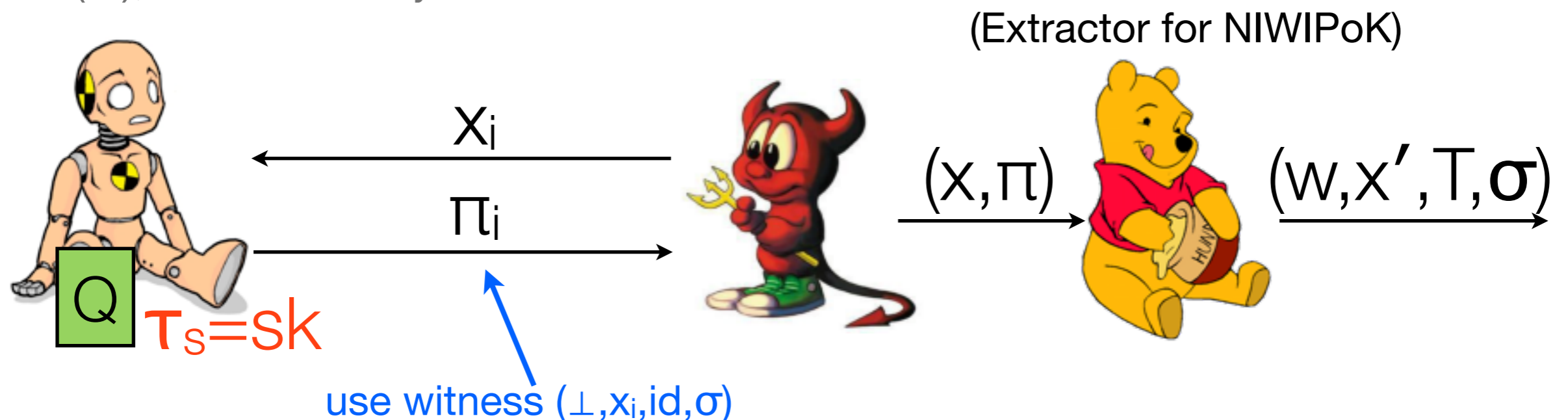


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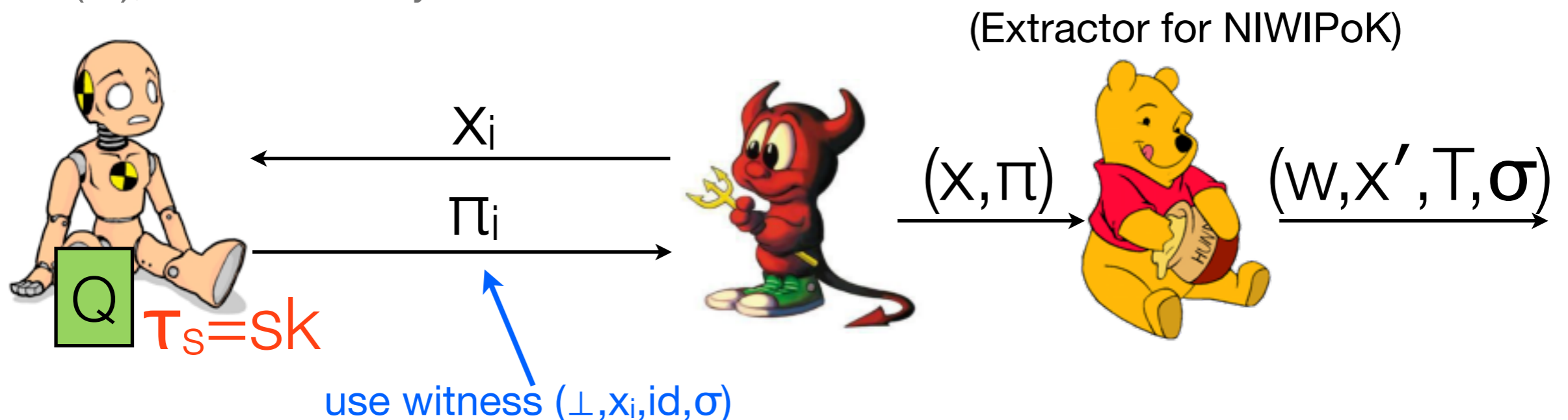
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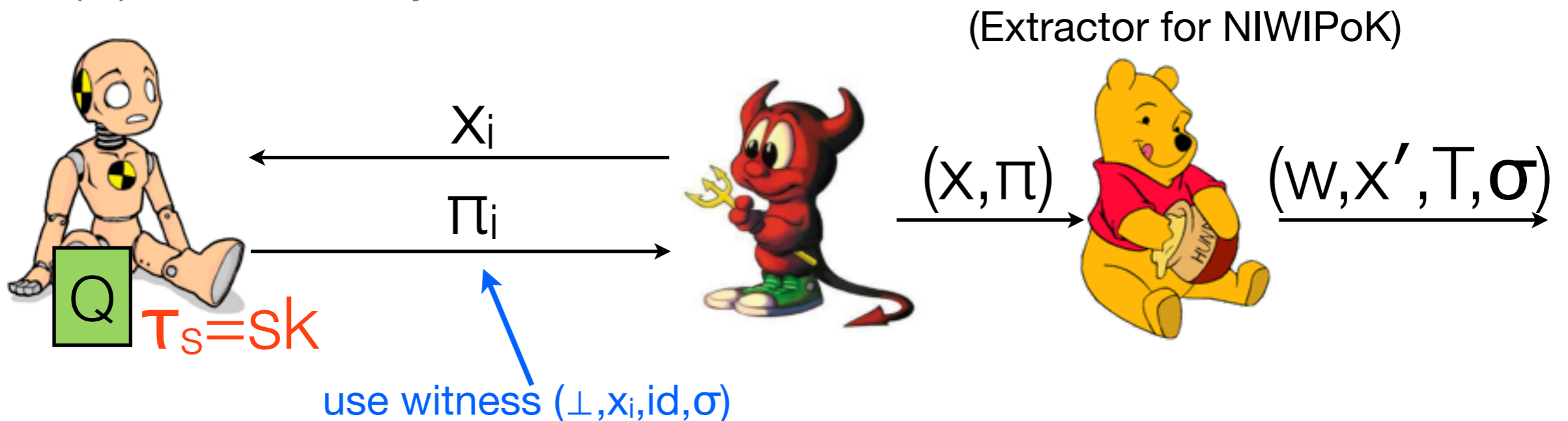


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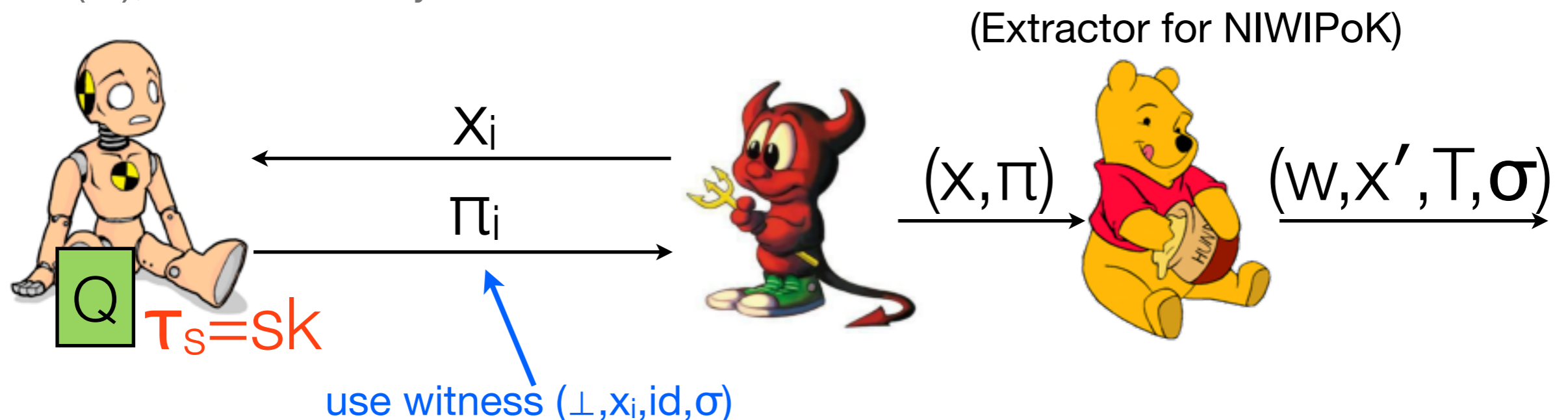


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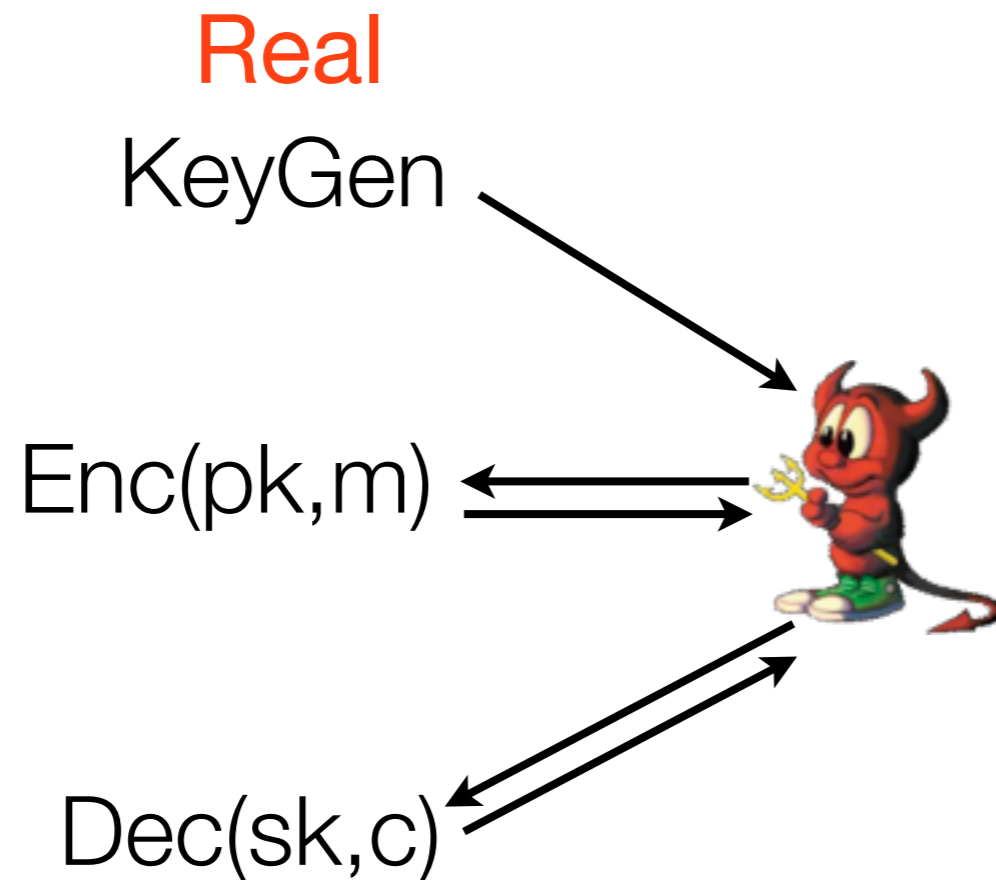
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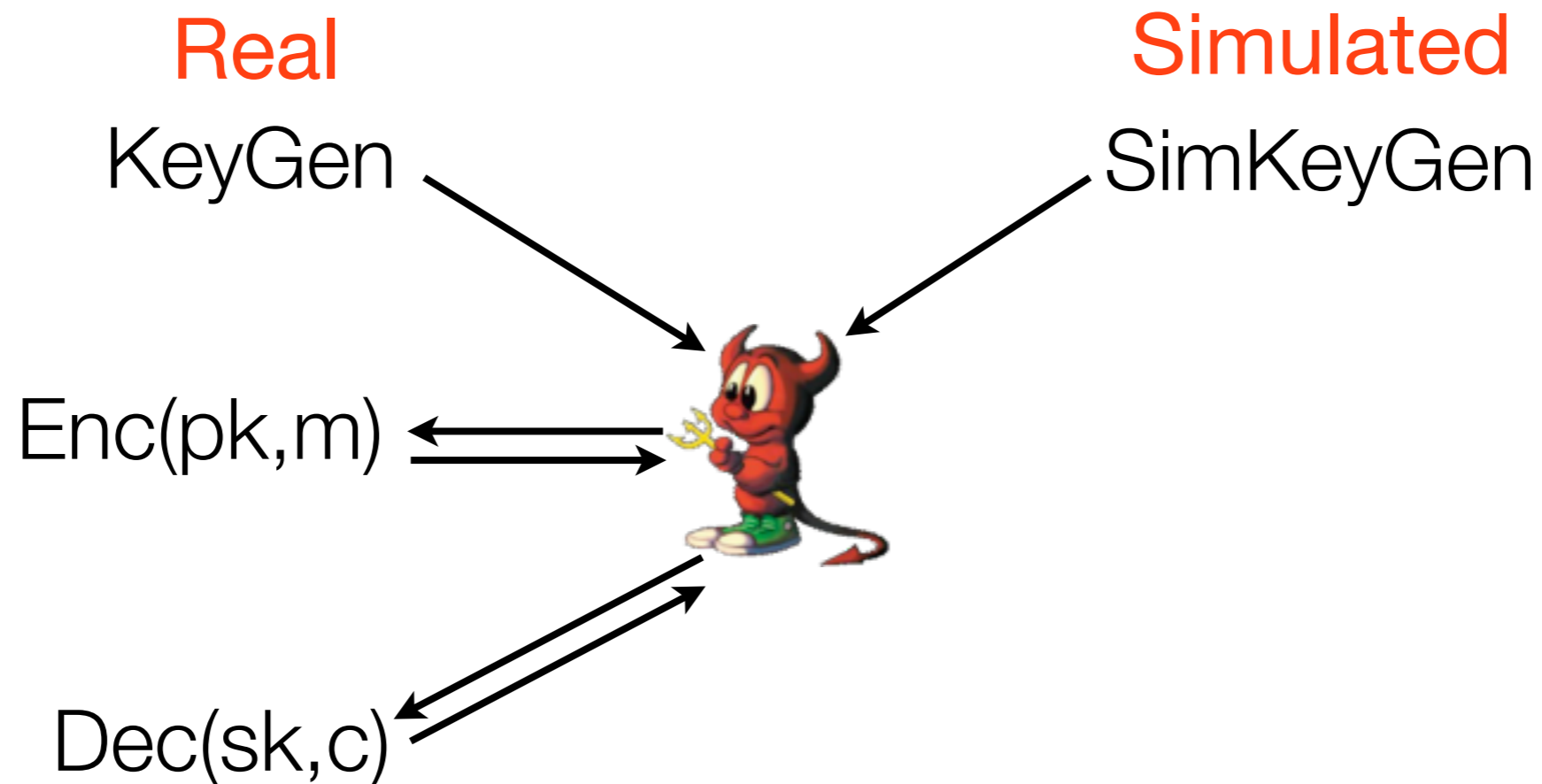
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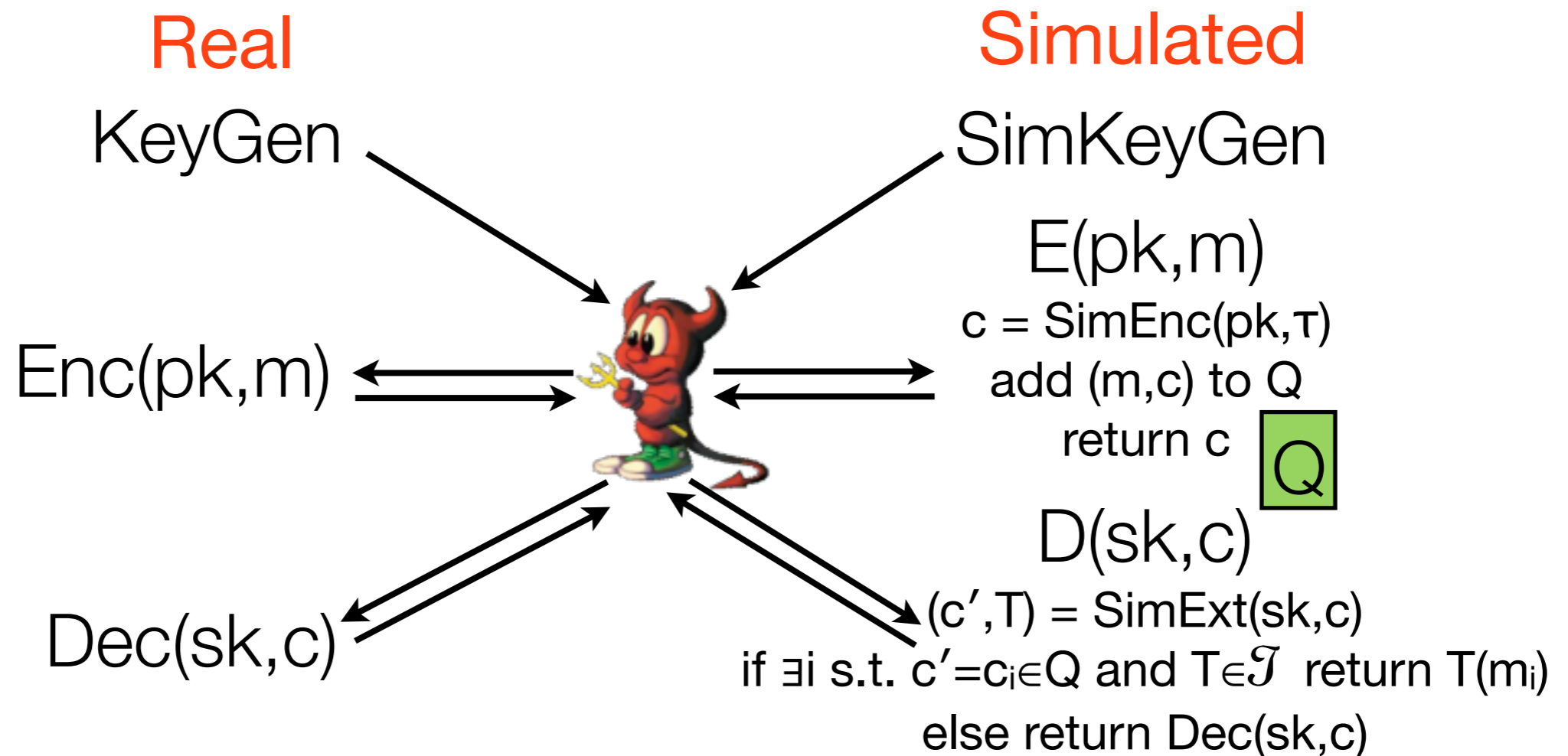
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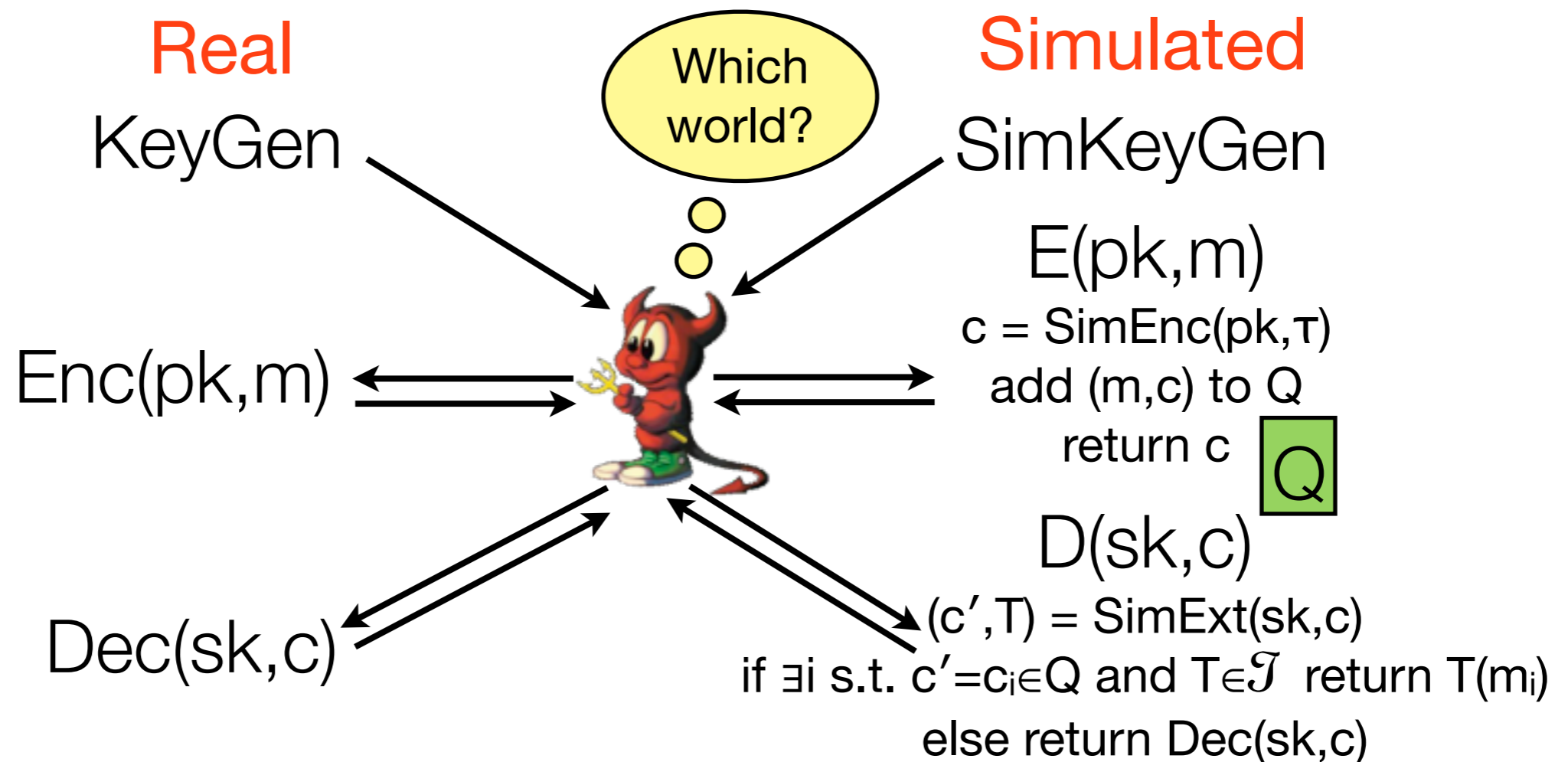
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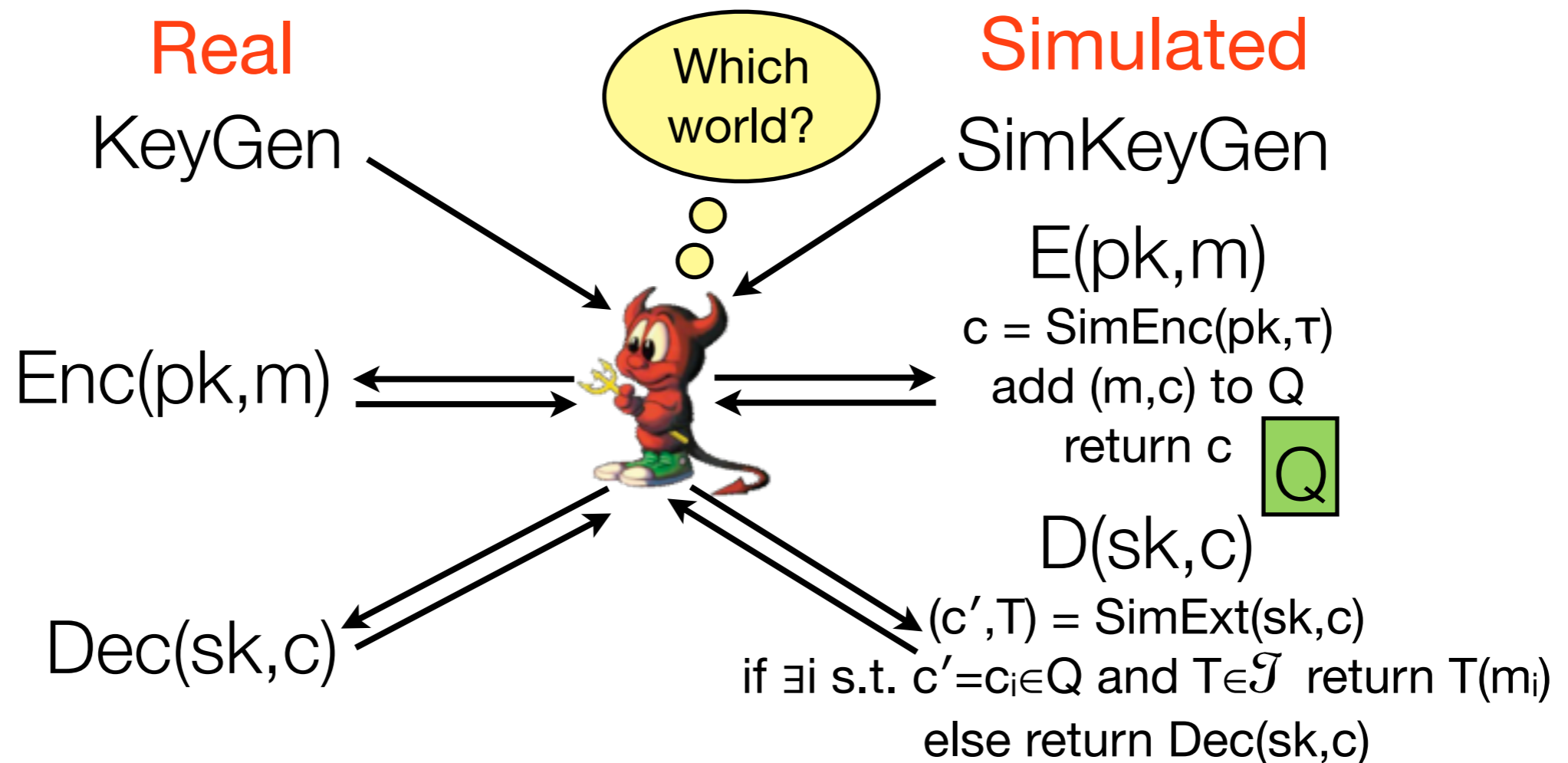
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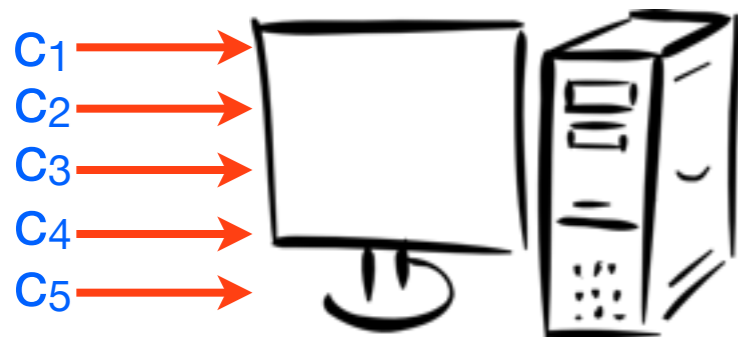


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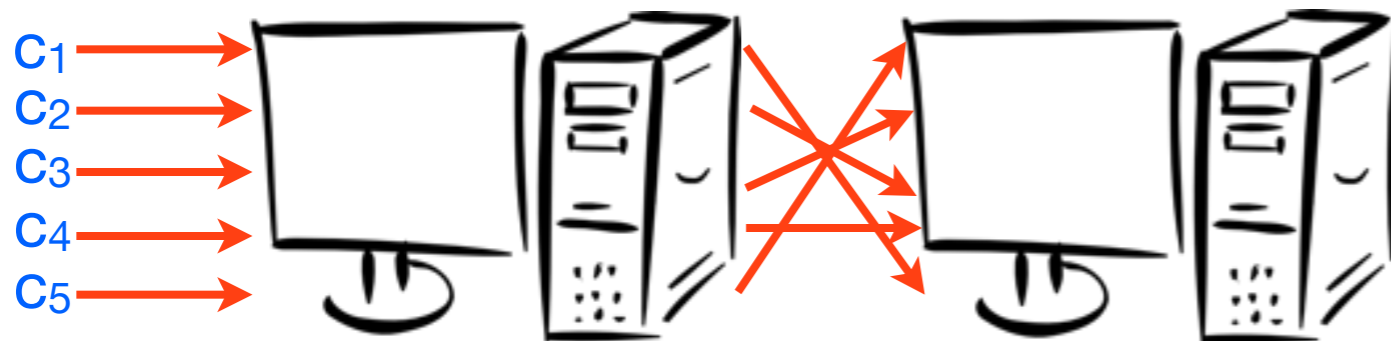


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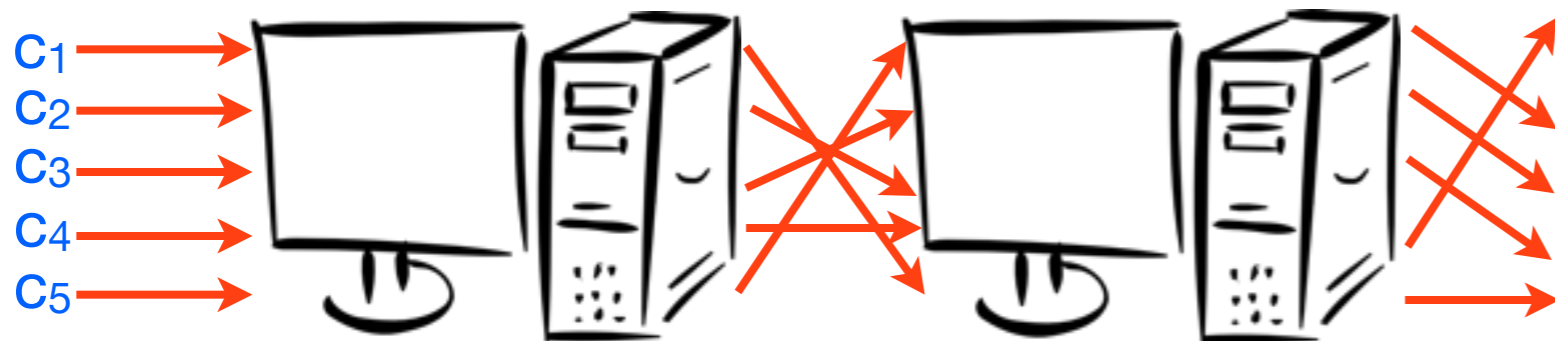


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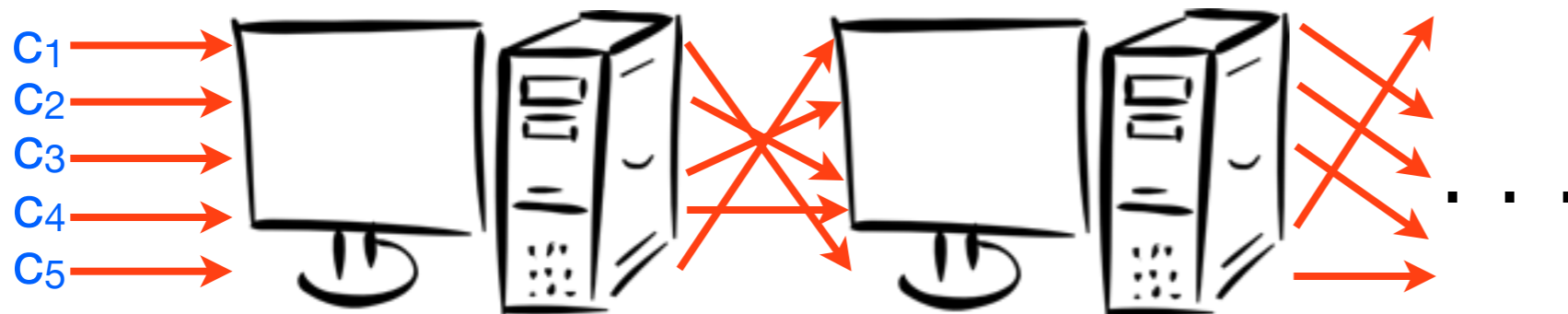


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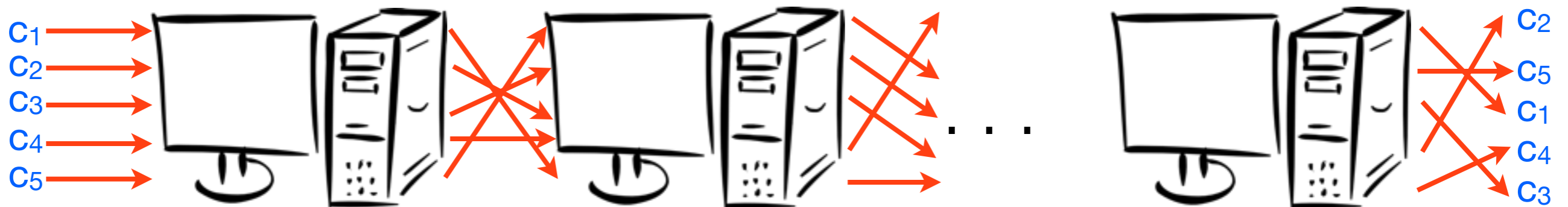
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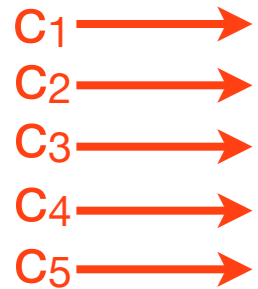
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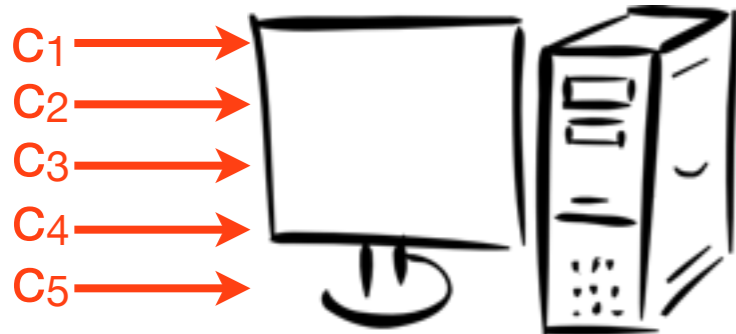
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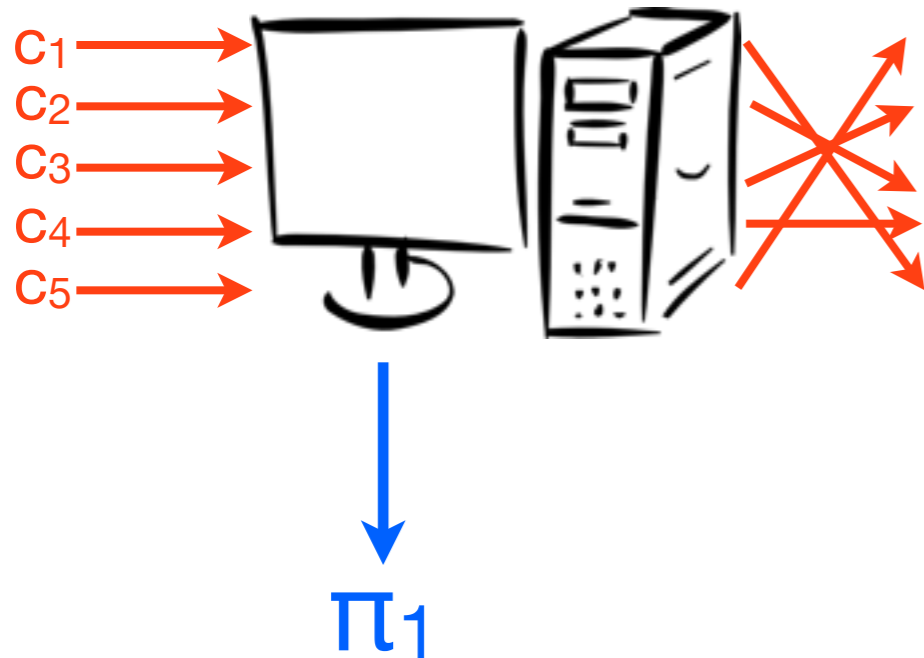




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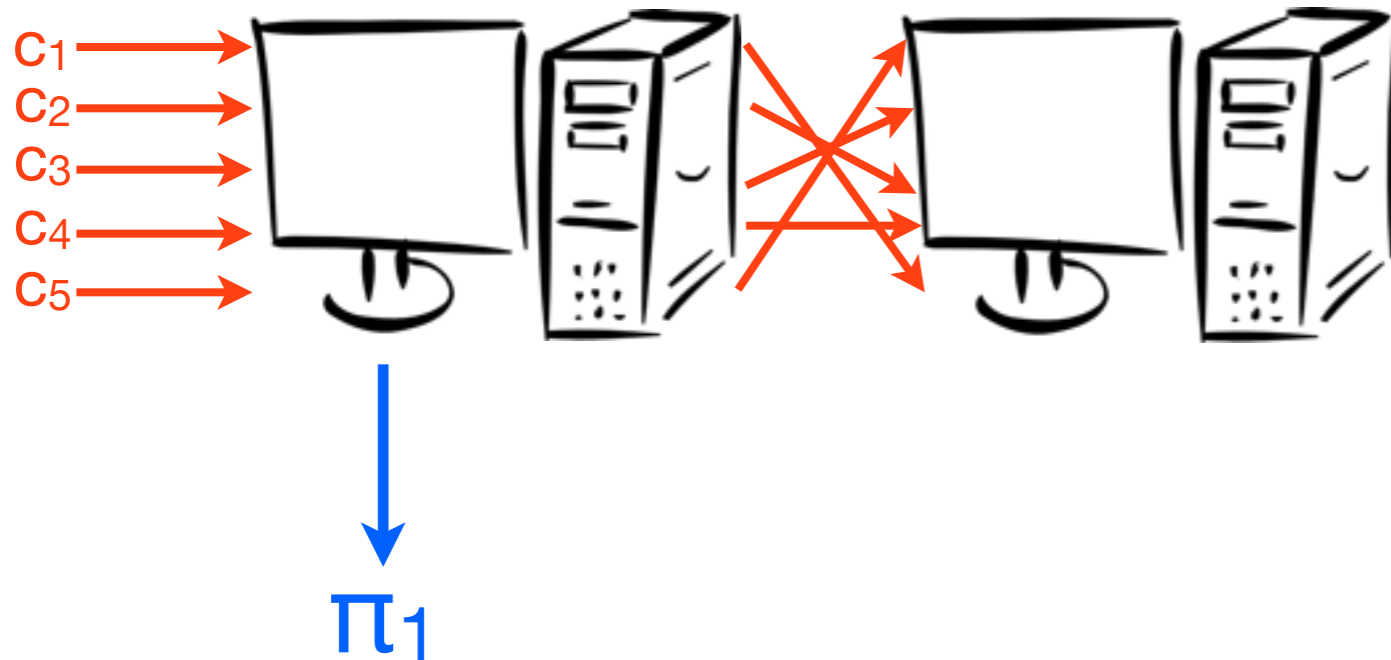
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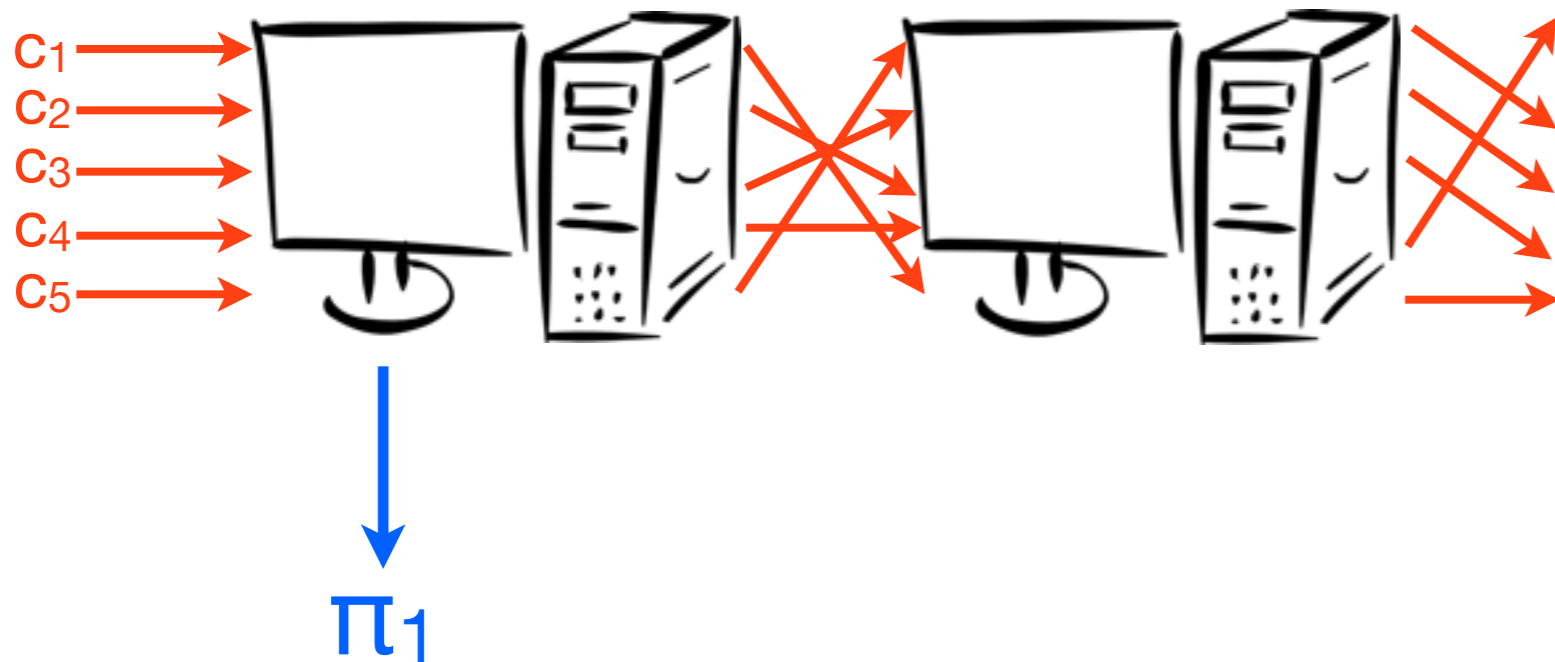
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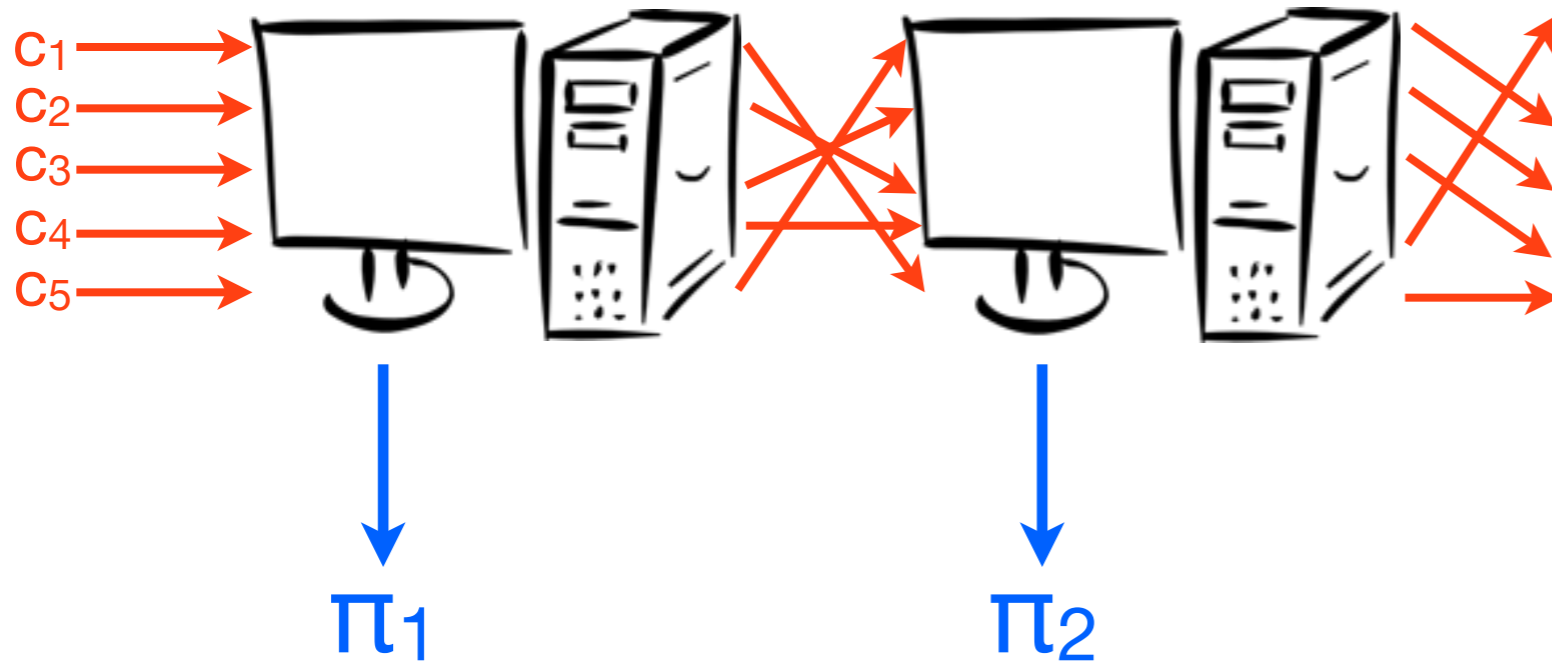
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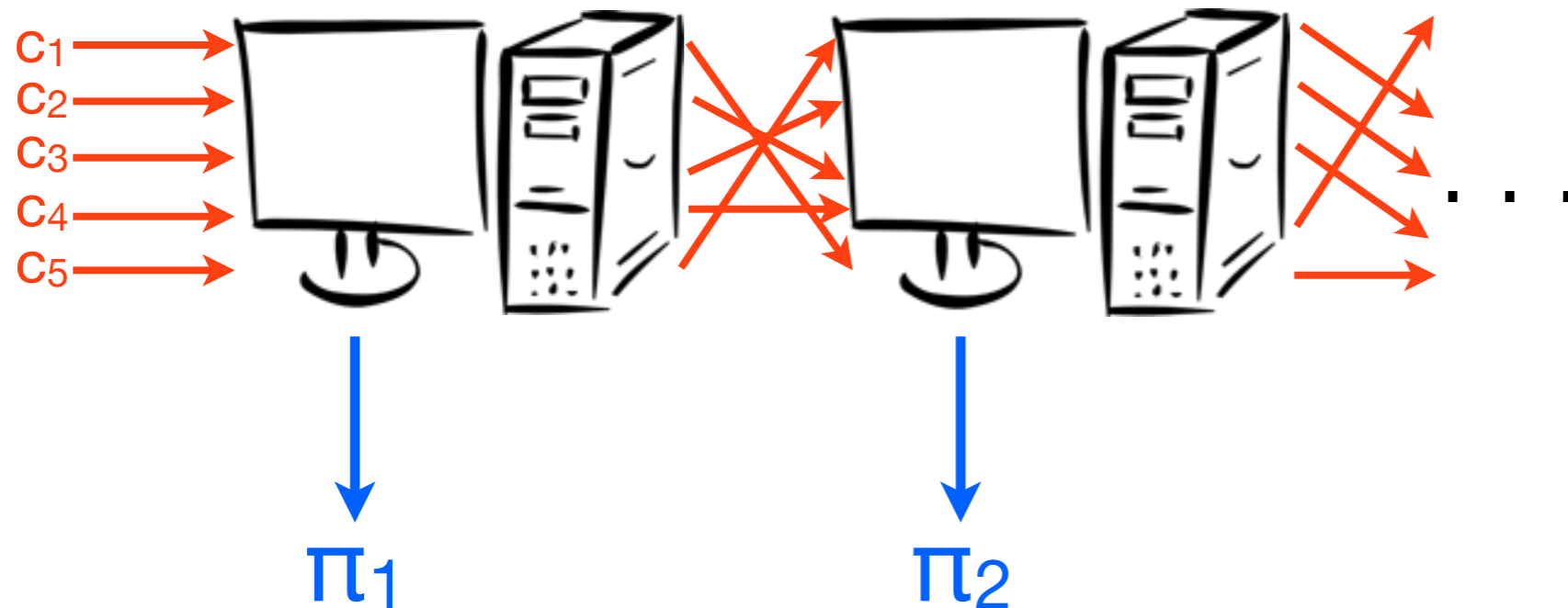
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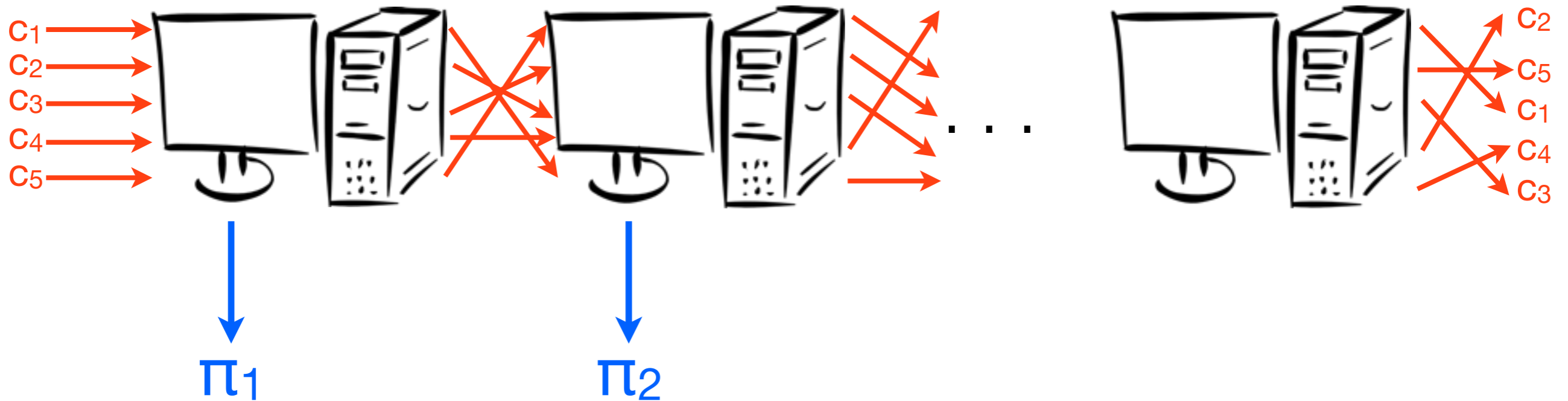
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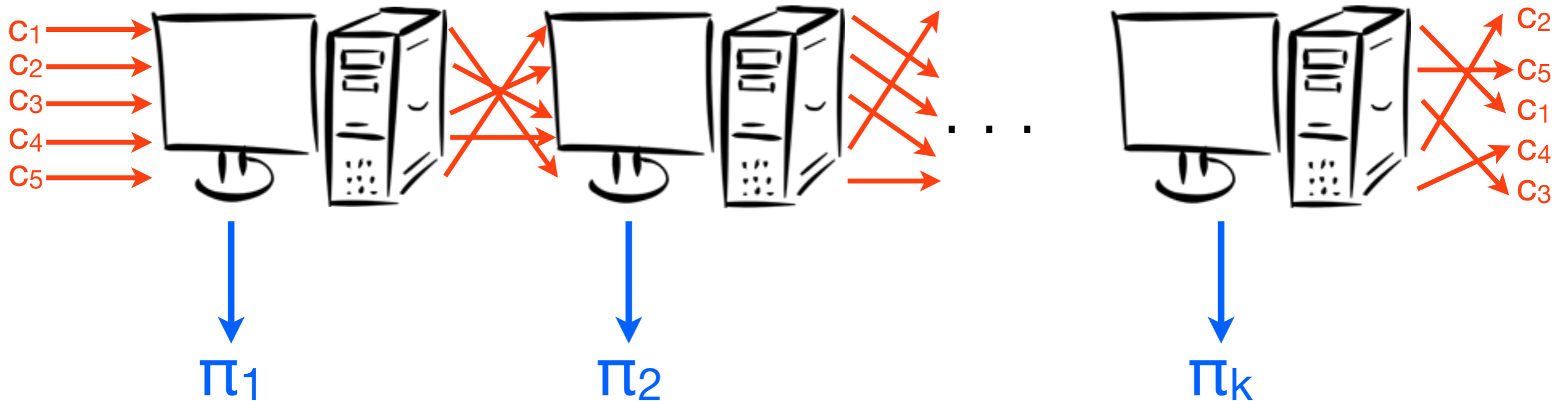
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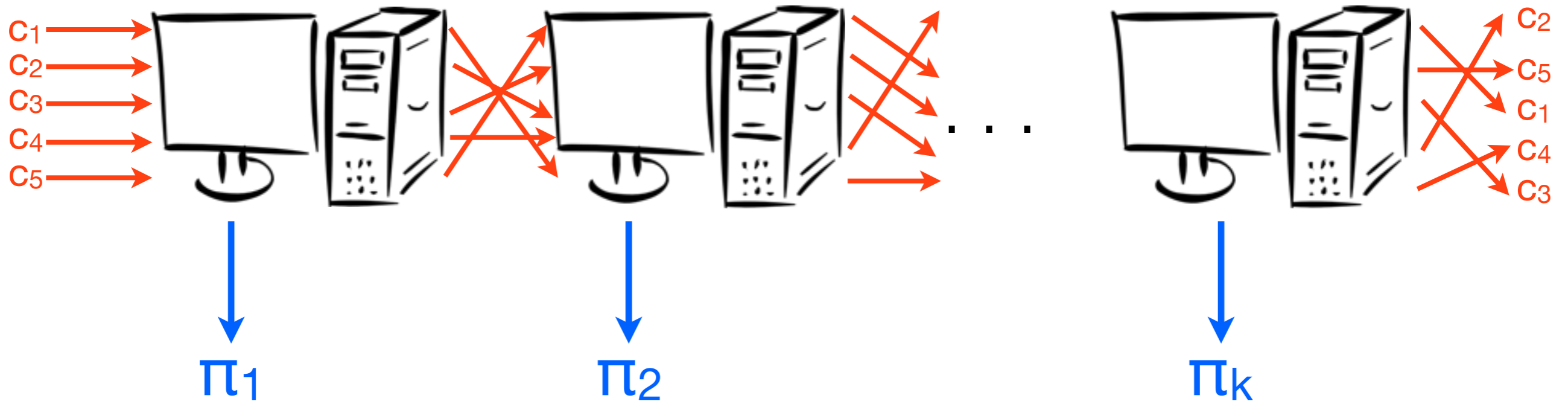
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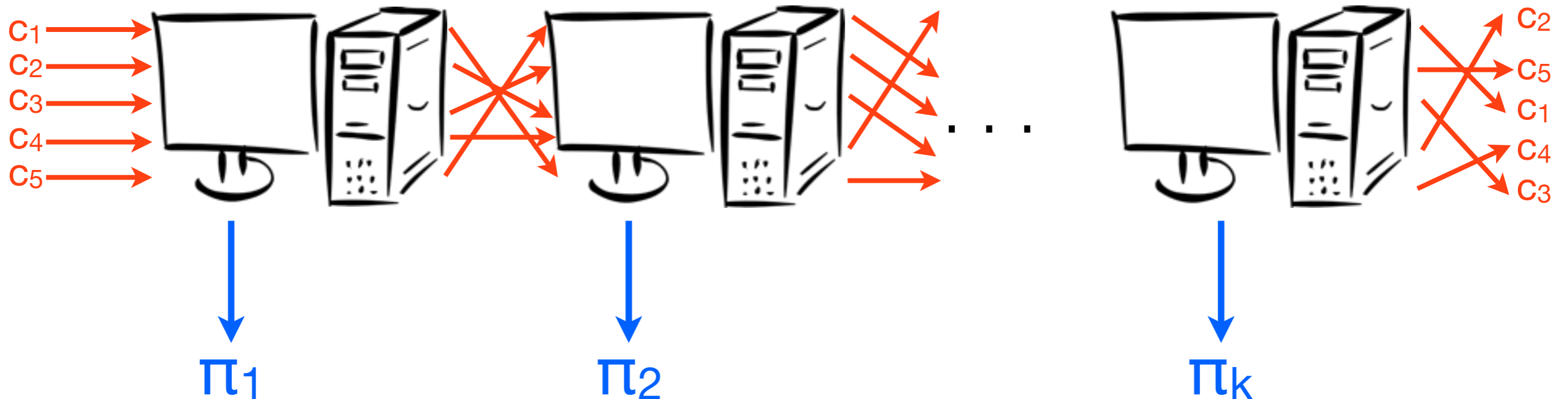


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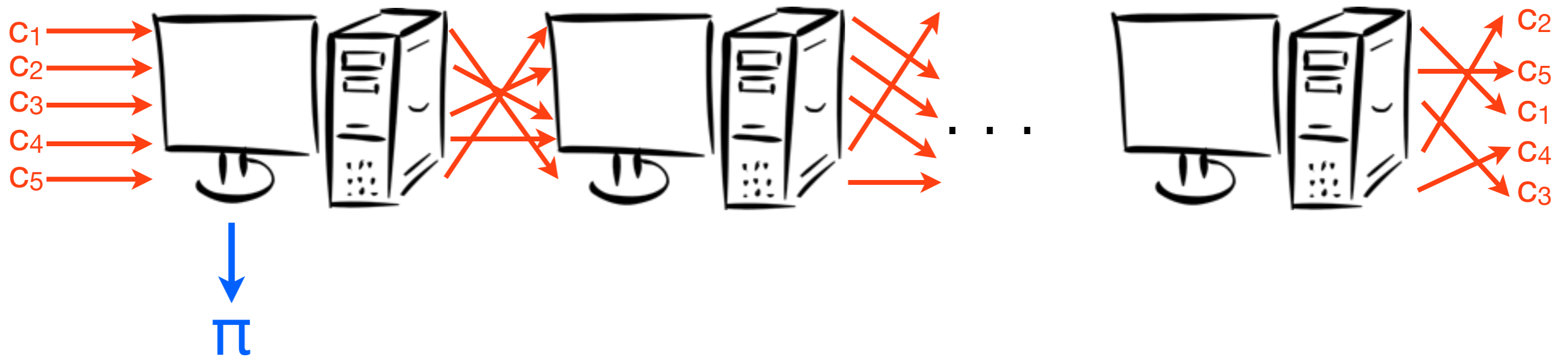
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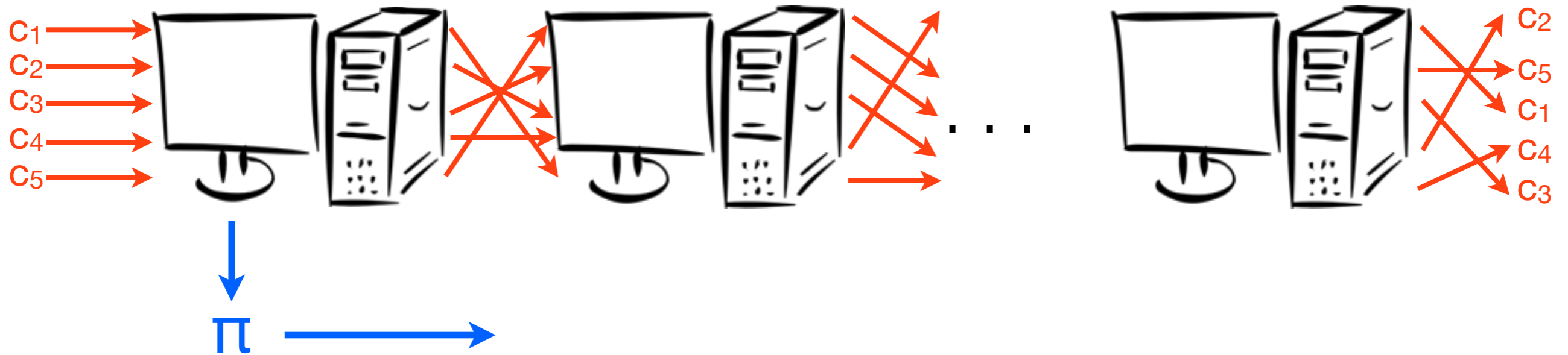


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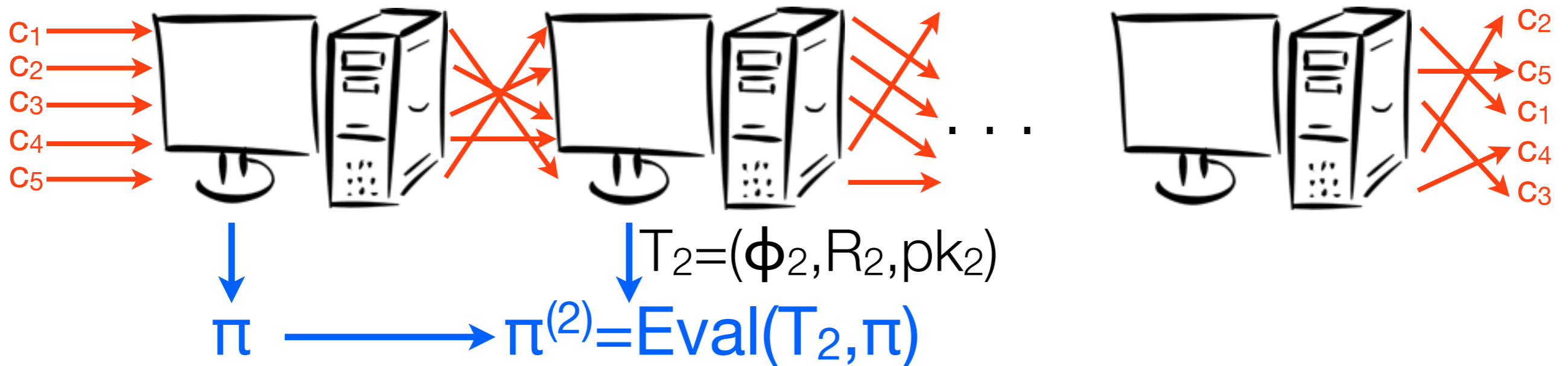
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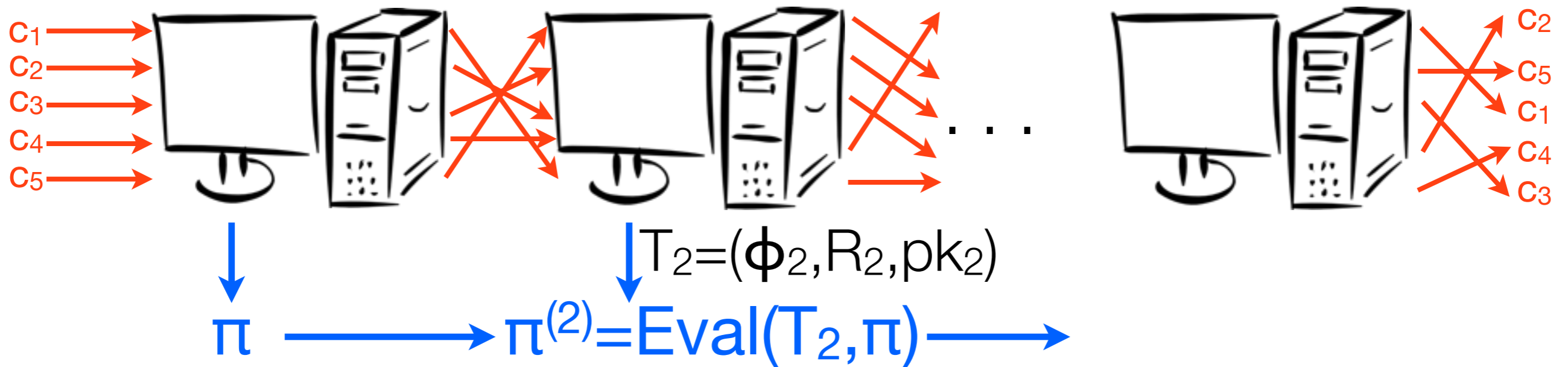
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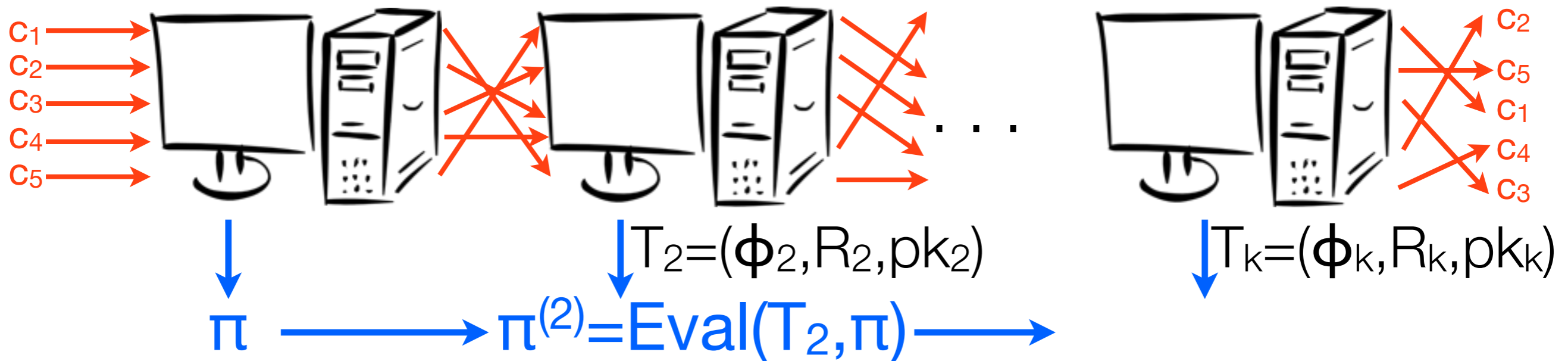
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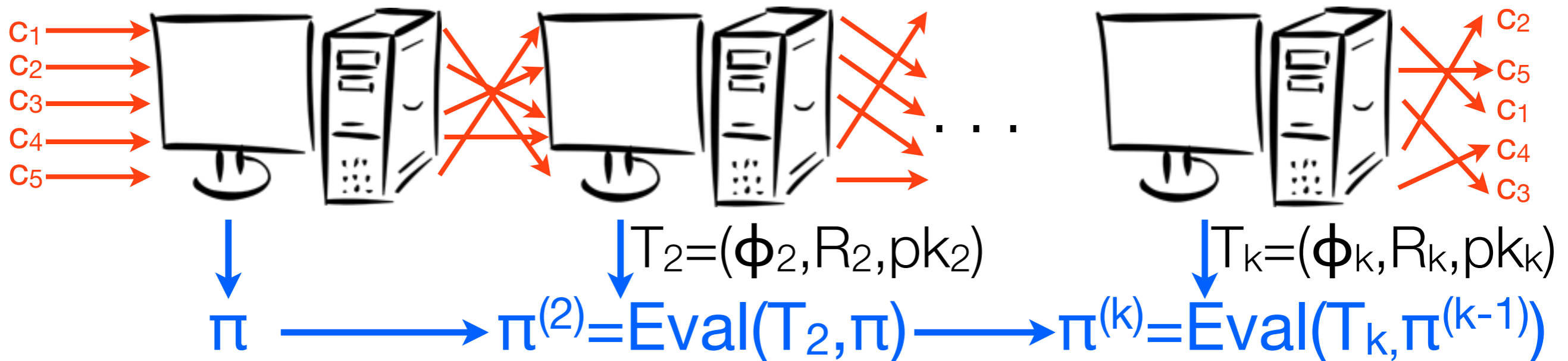
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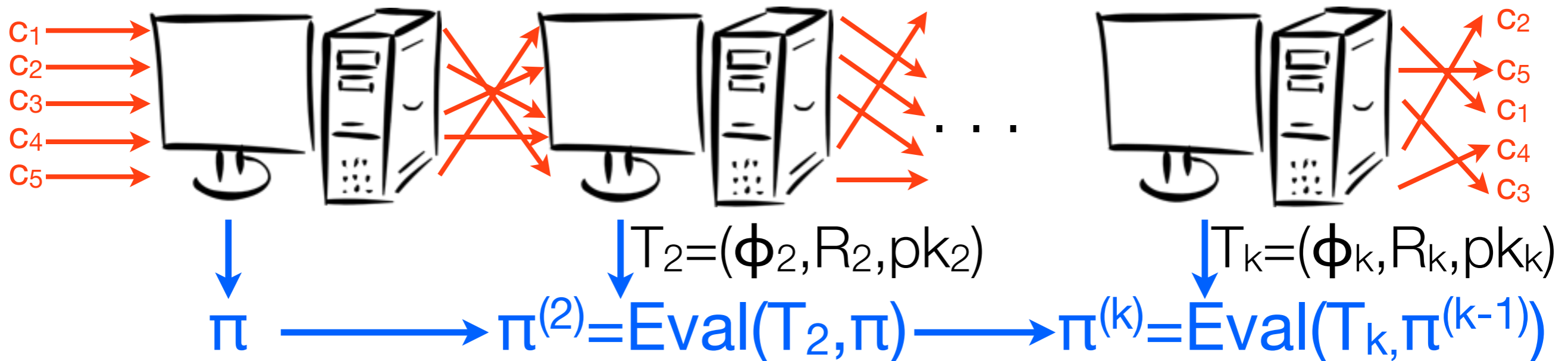


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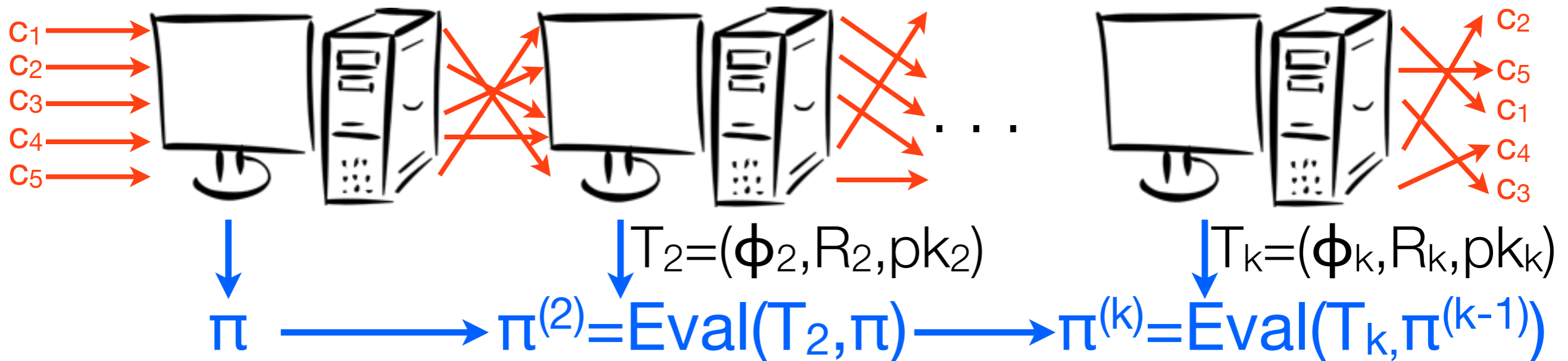


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