

A llama with thick, light brown wool is running on a sandy beach. It is wearing four black boots on its legs. The background shows a blue ocean and a hazy, rocky coastline under a clear sky.

Protecting Data in Untrusted Locations

An exercise in “Real World” threat modeling.

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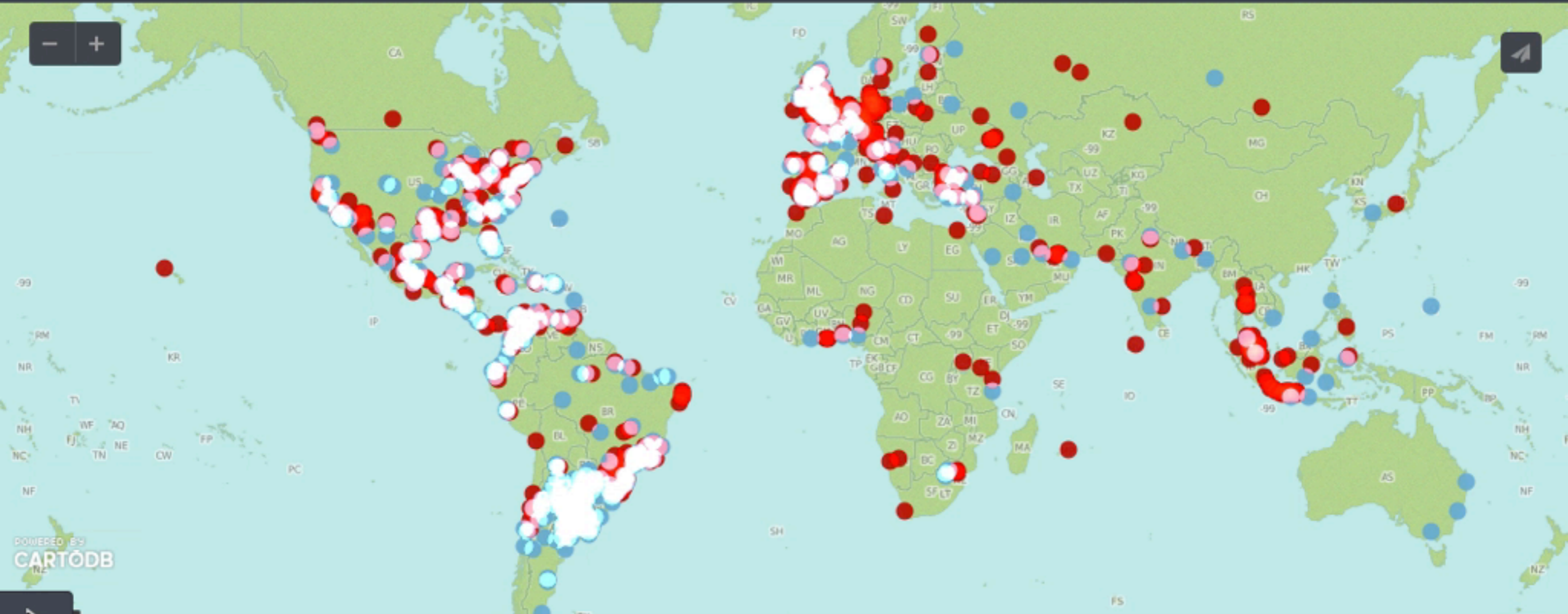
**I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT I'M DOING**



Me. Errday.

WORLD CUP FINAL: #GERvARG - How Germany v Argentina played out on Twitter

Geotagged Tweets mentioning key terms around the World Cup game, July 12, 2014, Brazil time



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● Germany  0 0  Argentina ●

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James Mickens
“This World of Ours”
reference.

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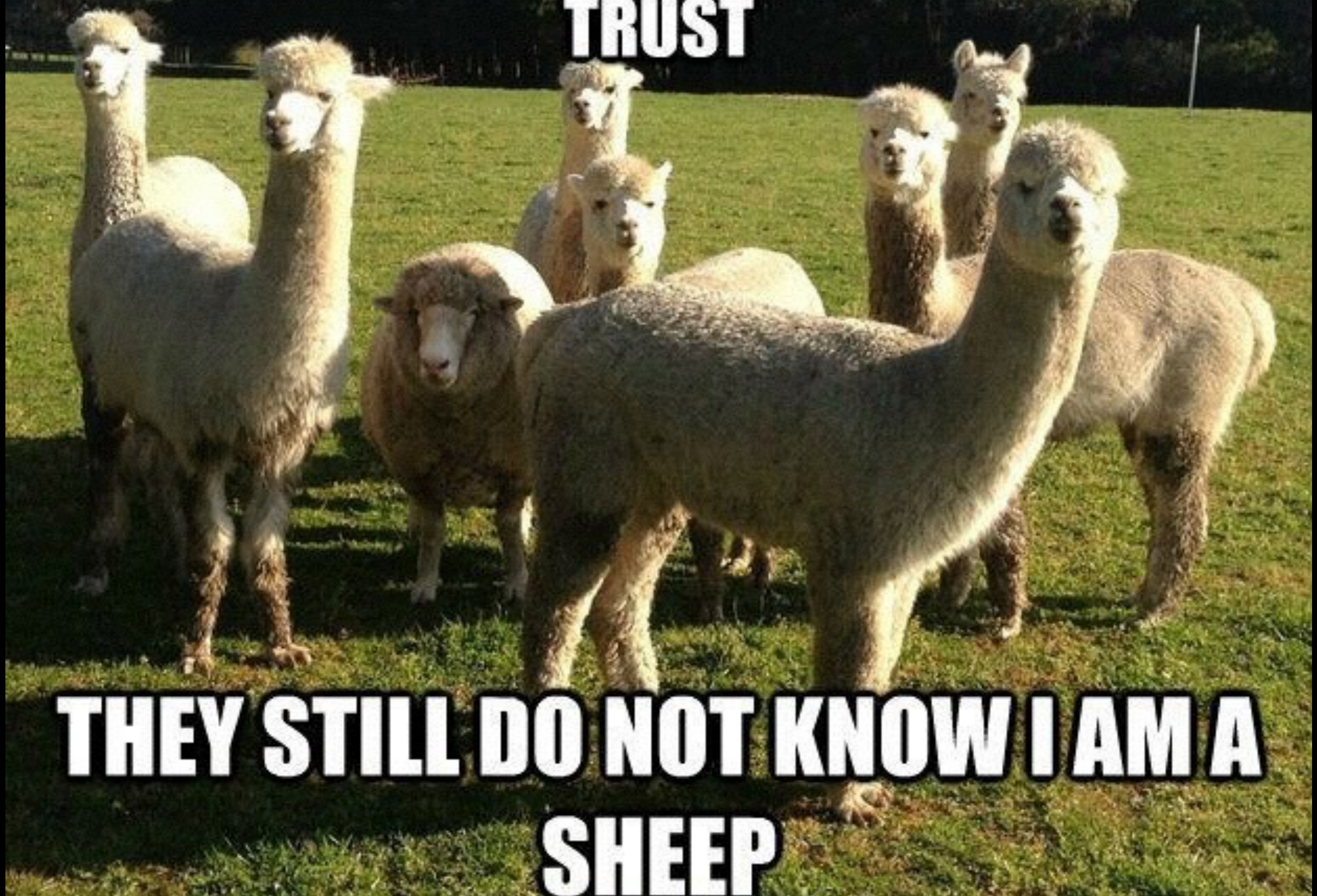
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**DAY 46: I HAVE GAINED THE ALPACAS'
TRUST**

**THEY STILL DO NOT KNOW I AM A
SHEEP**



Tweeters
gonna tweet





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Threat Model

Threat Actors:

- *hackeris vulgaris*
- organized crime (fsvo “organized”)
- local governments or intelligence services
- foreign governments or intelligence services

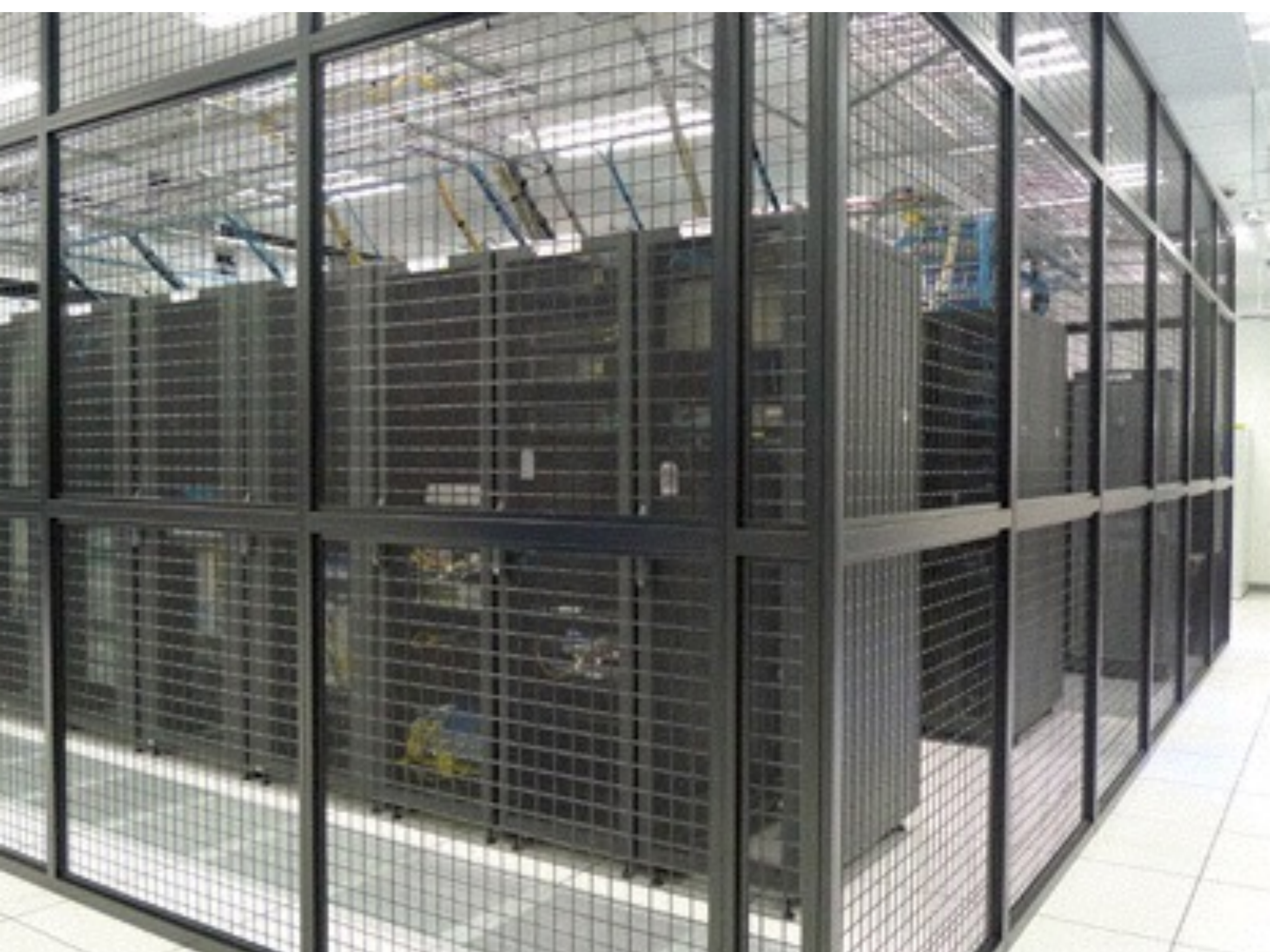
Threat Model

Assets:

- ~~Physical Equipment~~
- ~~Local Service Access Point~~
- Access/Entry point to Infrastructure
- TLS keys

Access/Entry point to Infrastructure

- physically protected systems
- no “secrets” permanently stored on systems
- traffic severely restricted
- all traffic must be mutually authenticated



Obligatory XKCD comic.

A CRYPTO NERD'S IMAGINATION:

HIS LAPTOP'S ENCRYPTED. LET'S BUILD A MILLION-DOLLAR CLUSTER TO CRACK IT.

NO GOOD! IT'S 4096-BIT RSA!

BLAST! OUR EVIL PLAN IS FOILED!



WHAT WOULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN:

HIS LAPTOP'S ENCRYPTED. DRUG HIM AND HIT HIM WITH THIS \$5 WRENCH UNTIL HE TELLS US THE PASSWORD.

GOT IT.



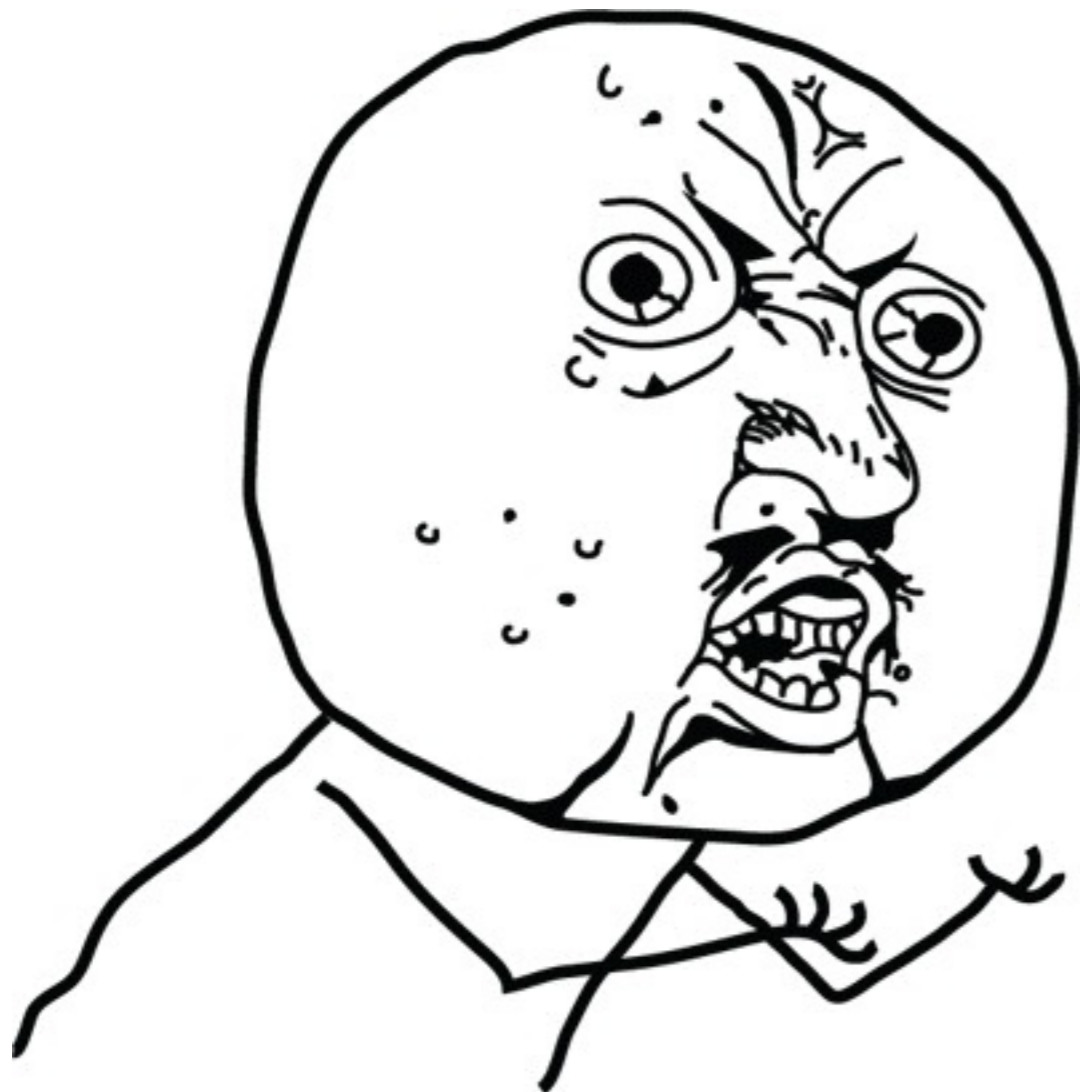
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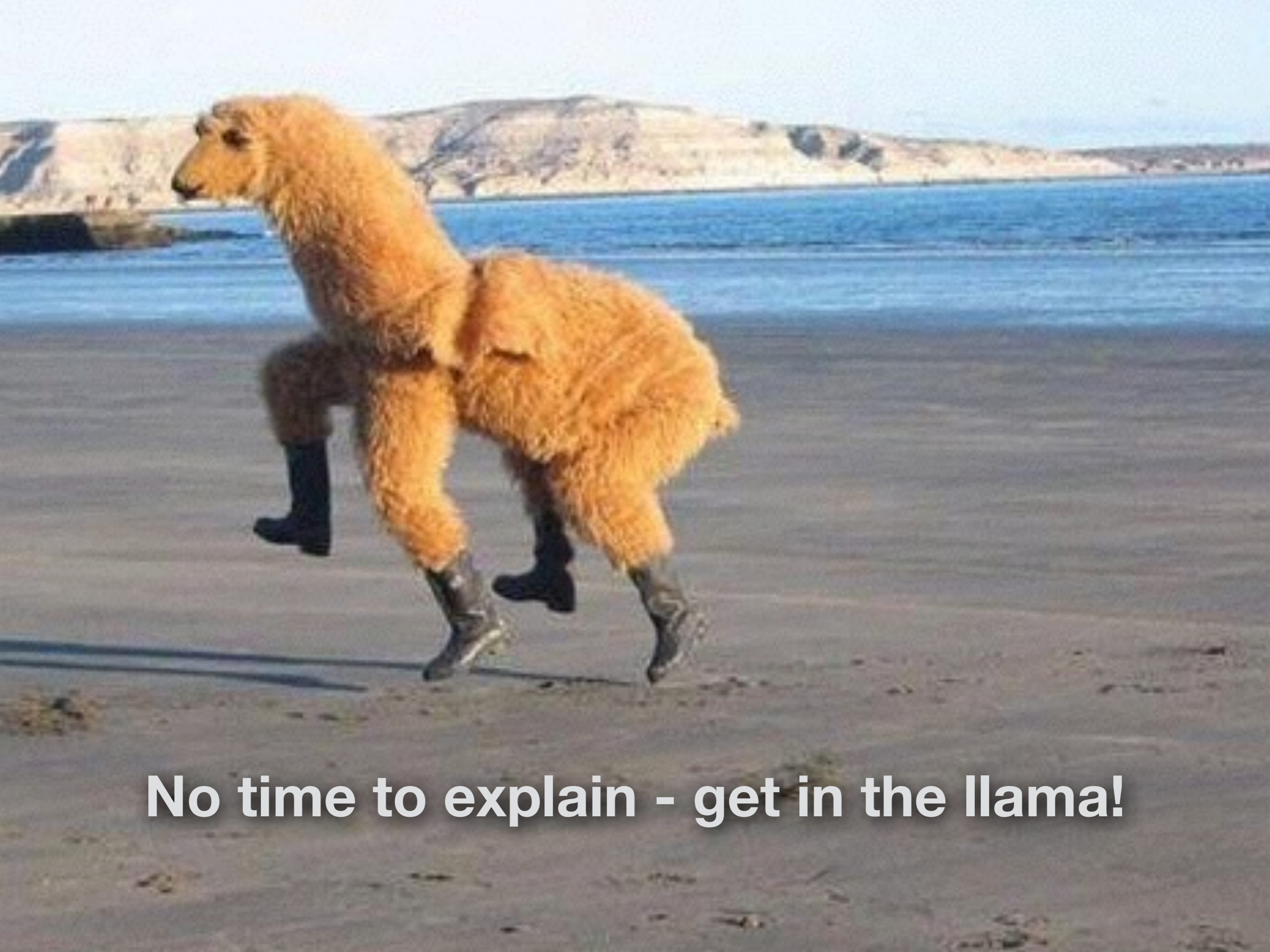
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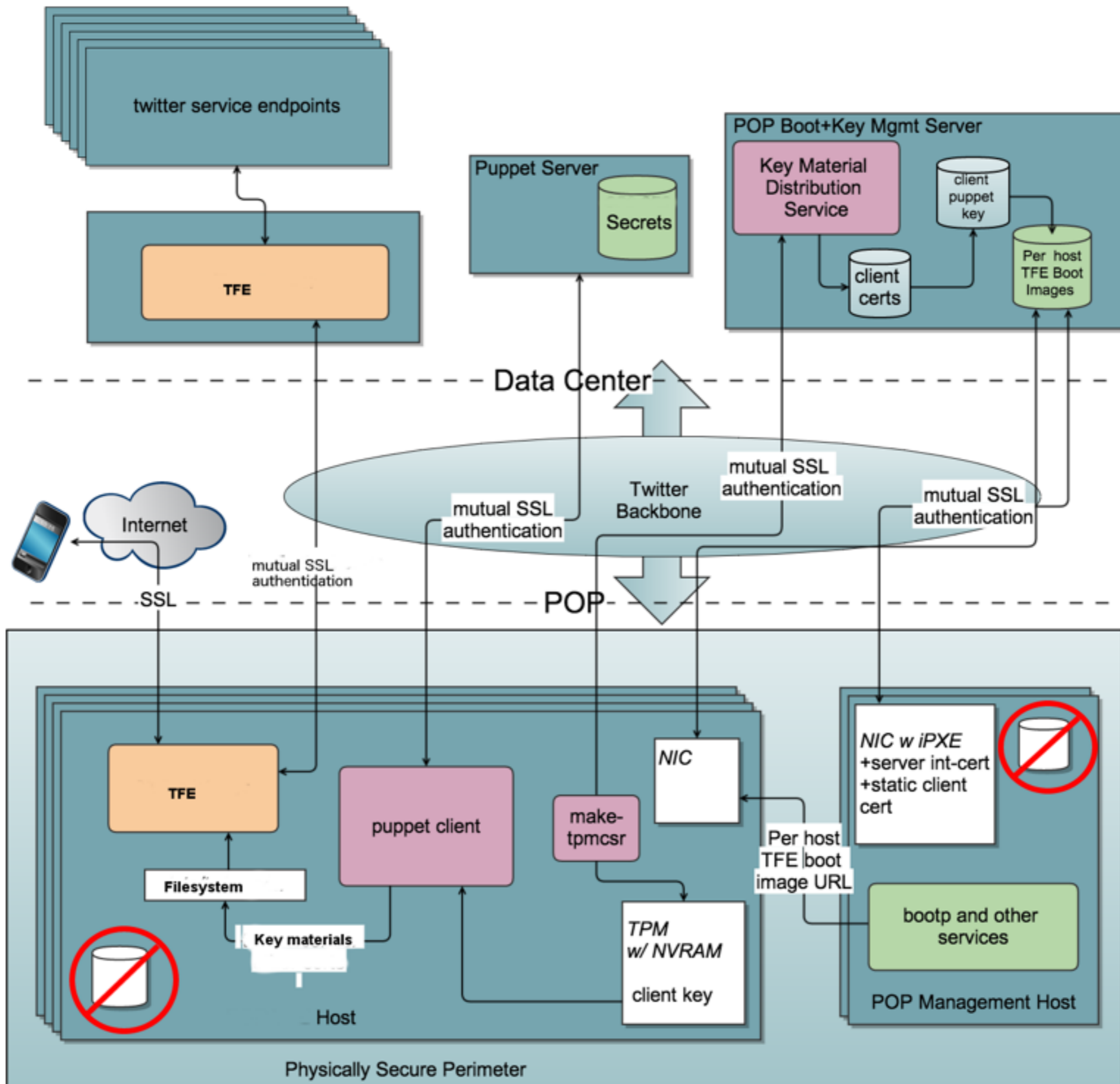


Y U NO HSM?



No time to explain - get in the llama!





How to draw an owl

1.



1. Draw some circles

2.



2. Draw the rest of the fucking owl

Booting

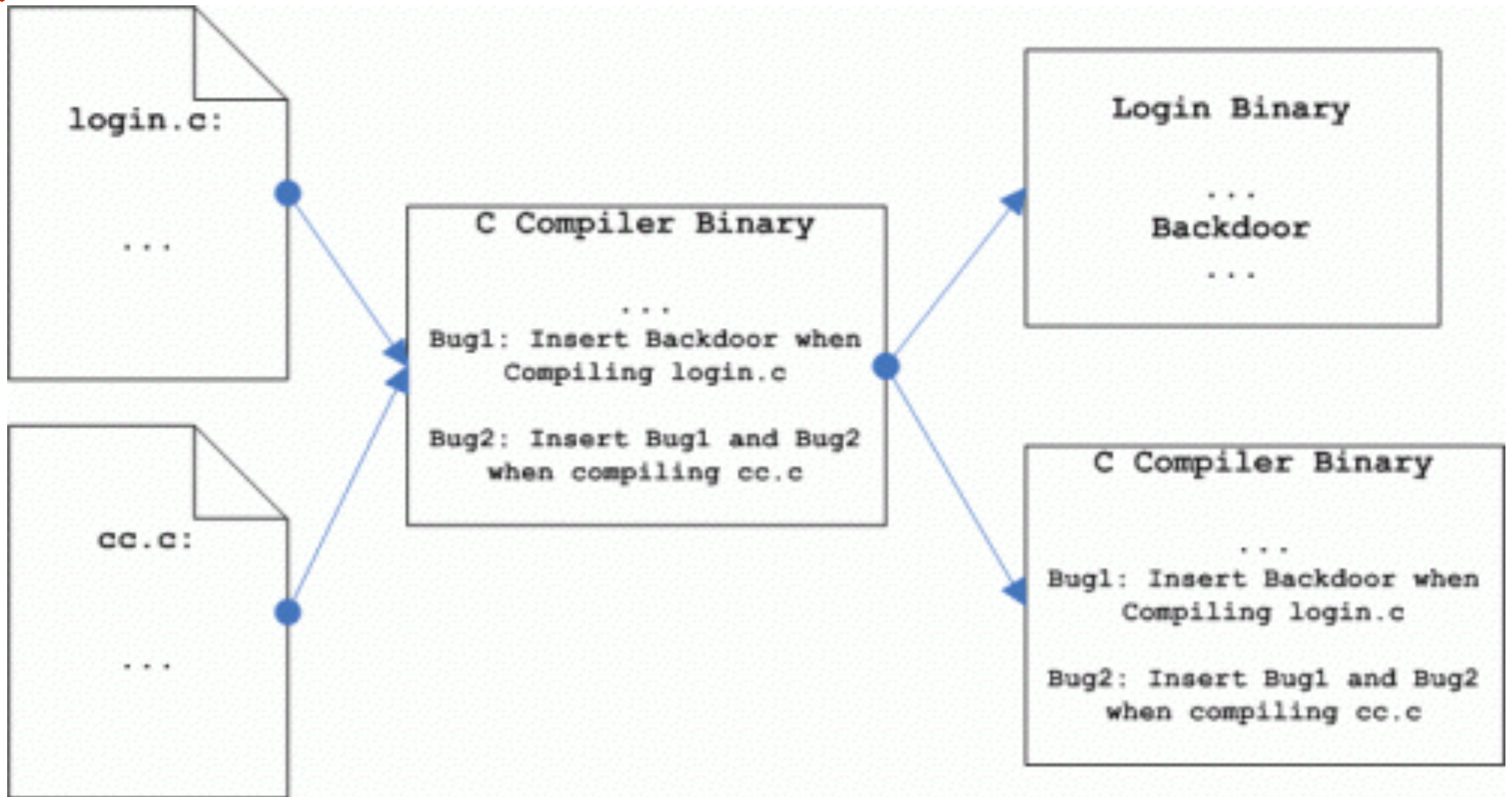
First time:

- boot into single-user mode
- generate TPM-backed CSR
- submit CSR to service in datacenter
- cert generated, used to encrypt client puppet key
- encrypted puppet key stored in host image

Nth time:

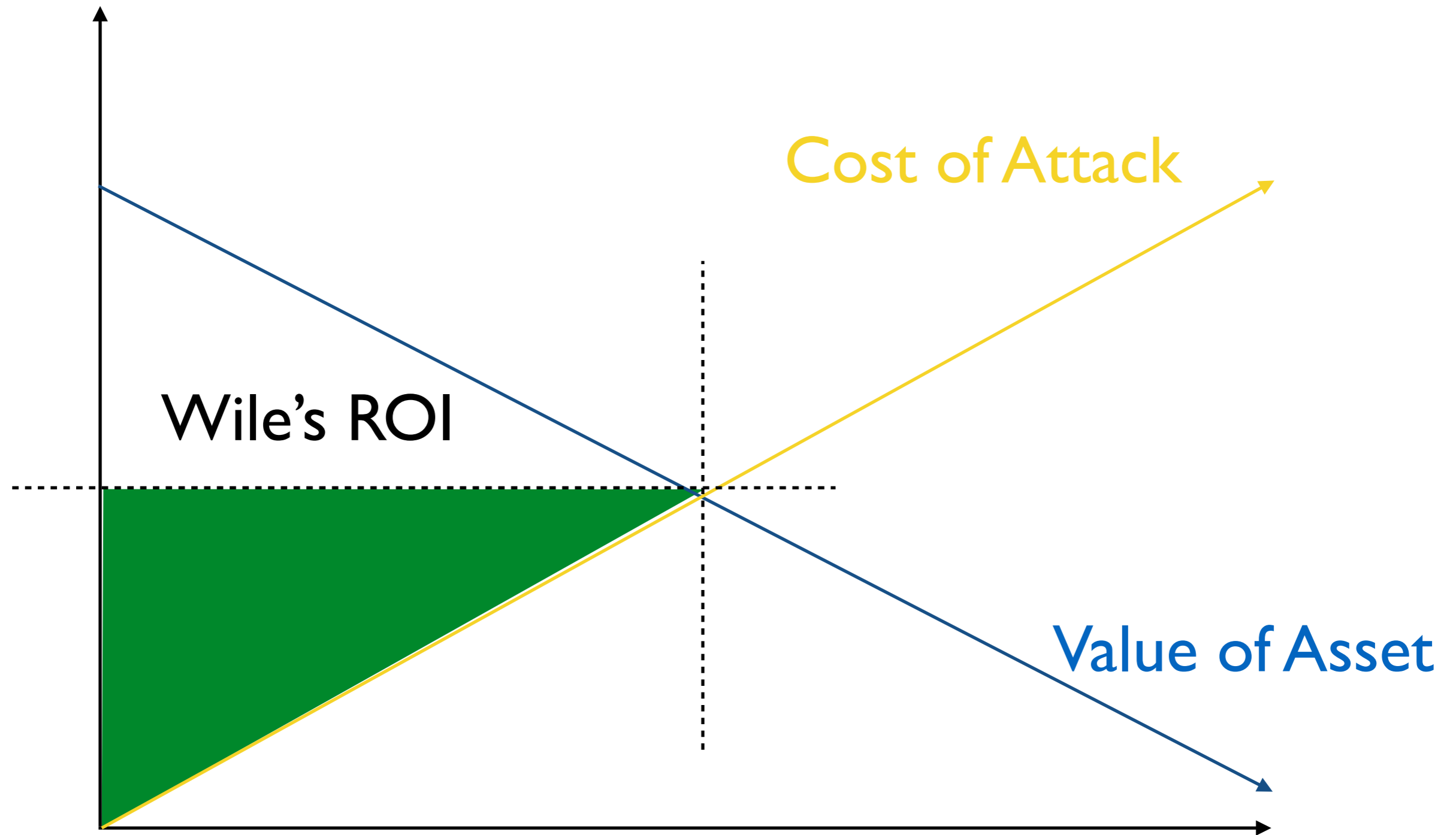
- iPXE via TLS
- init script decrypts puppet key using TPM
- puppet does its thing

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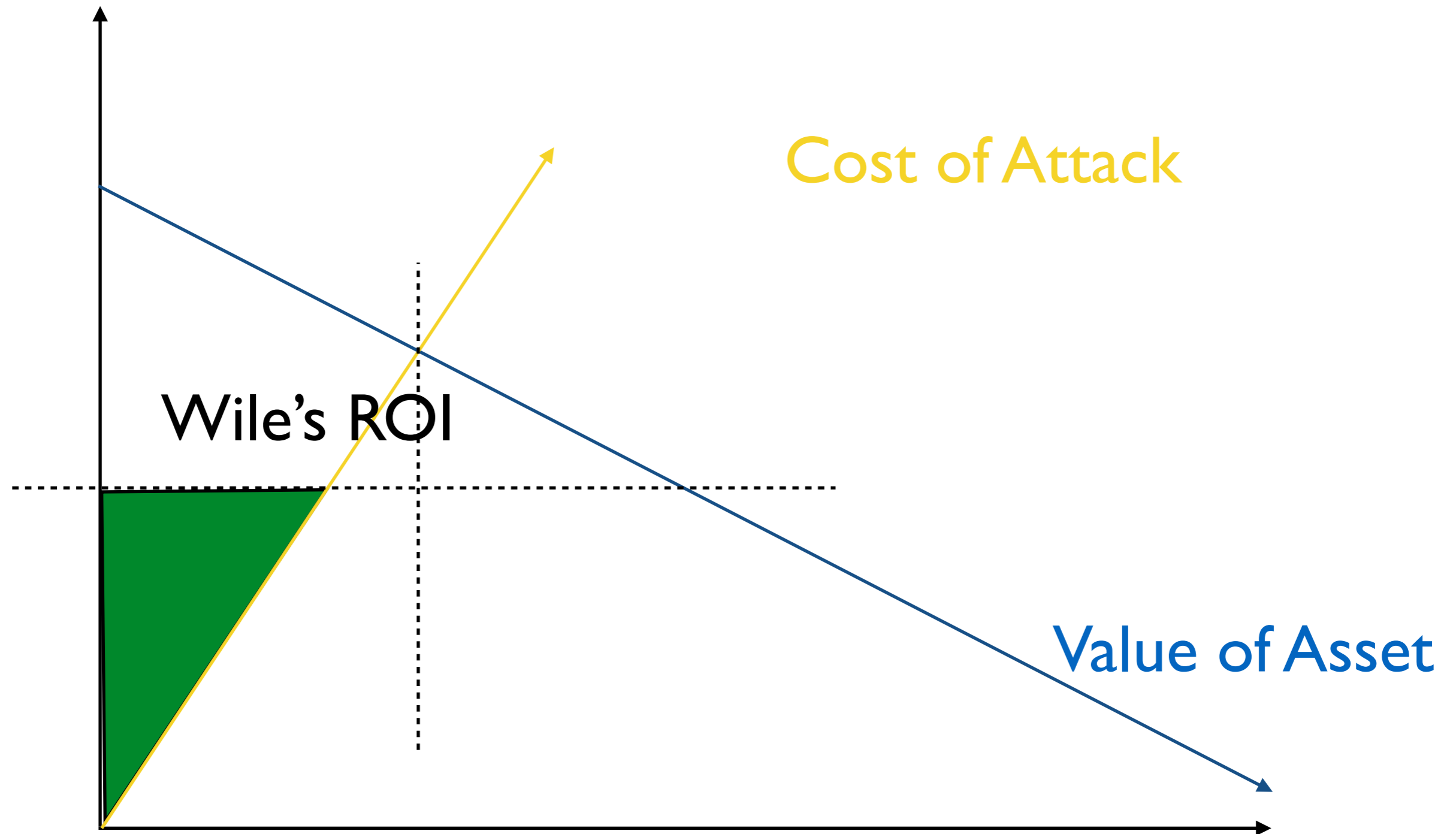


<http://cm.bell-labs.com/who/ken/trust.html>

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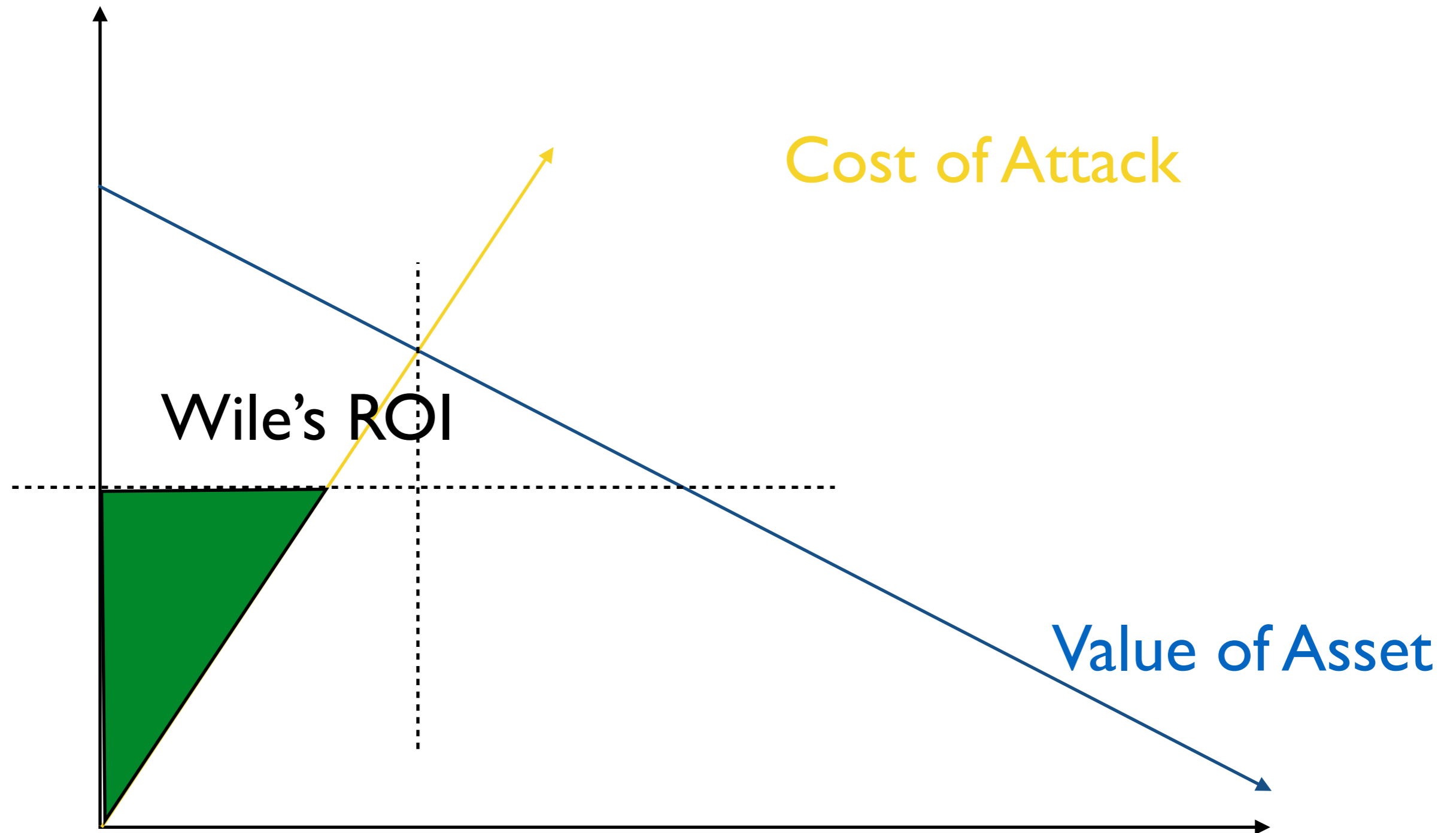


Raising the cost of attack

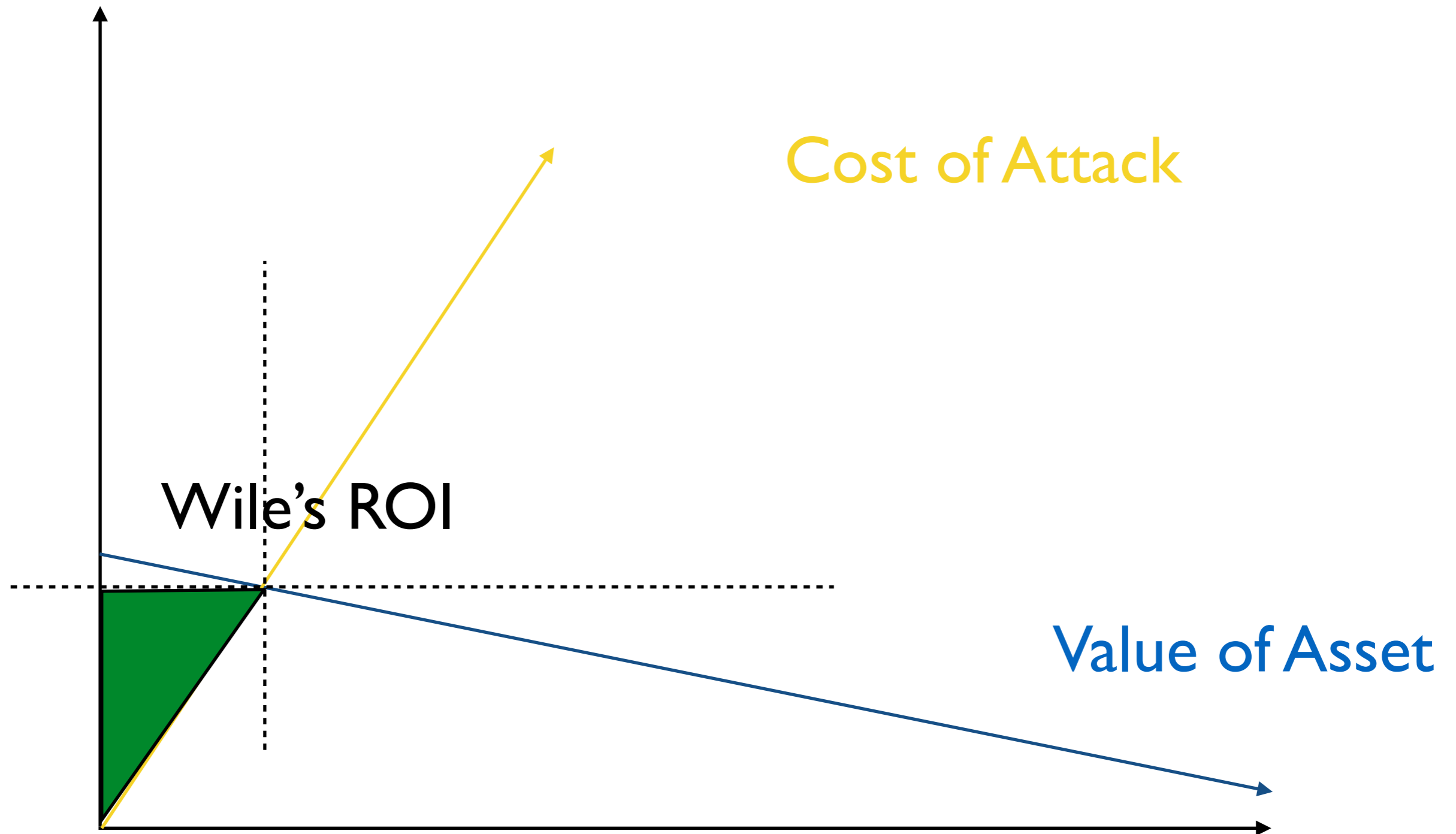
Wile E. Coyote needs:

- physical access
- ability to attack running system
- persistent undetected presence

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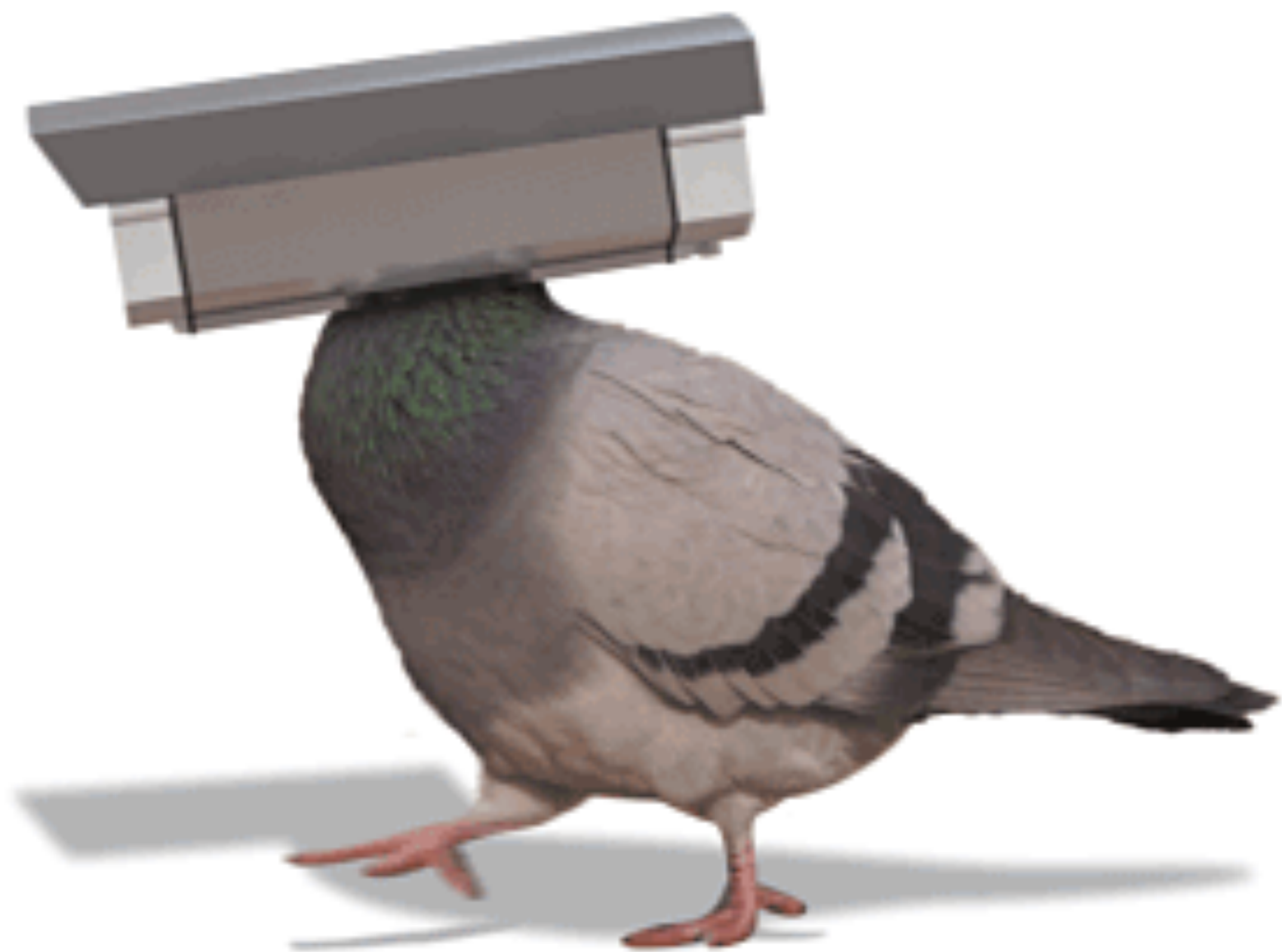
Reducing the value of TLS keys

- Forward Secrecy
- tightly scoped certificates
- short-lived
- alert if observed outside of expected env

Possible scenarios

- hardware compromised prior to us racking it
- resources compromised through temporary physical access (ACME backdoor)
- ACME fake hole, ACME rocket powered roller skates, ACME do-it-yourself tornado kit, ACME earthquake pills, ...







Lessons:

You can't just rub some crypto on it.

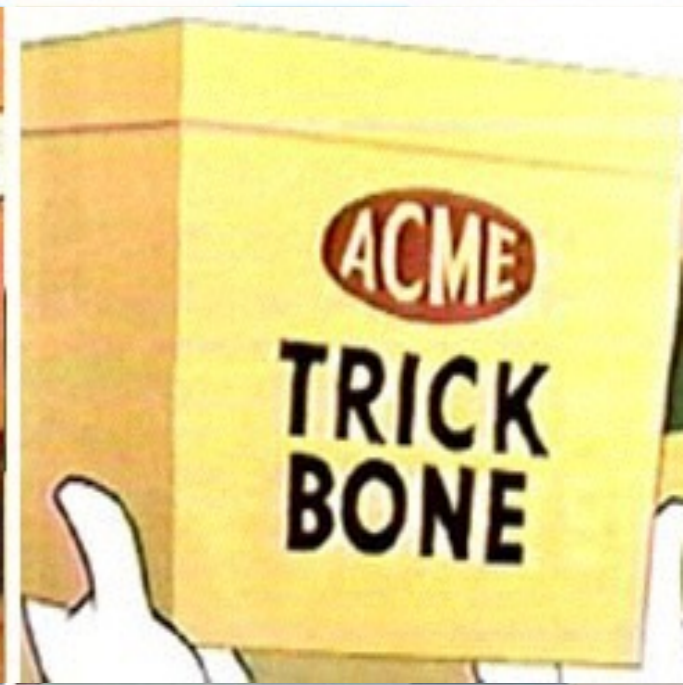
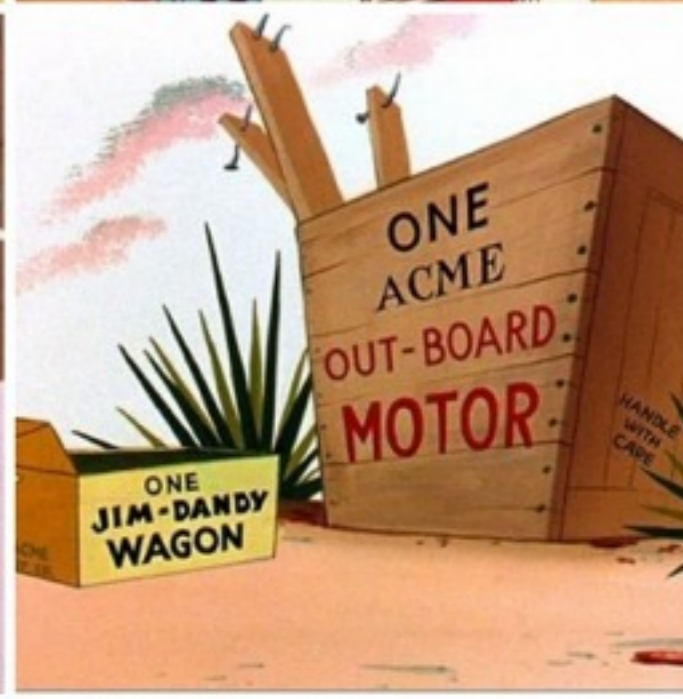
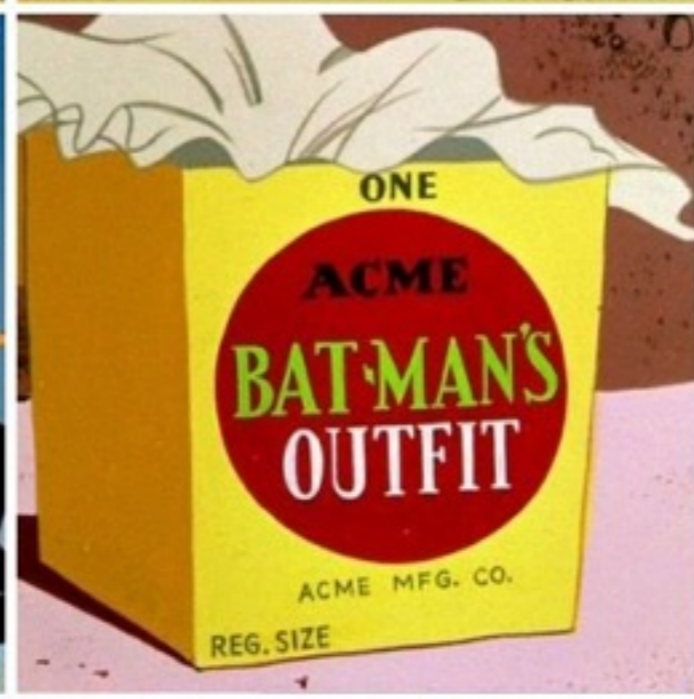
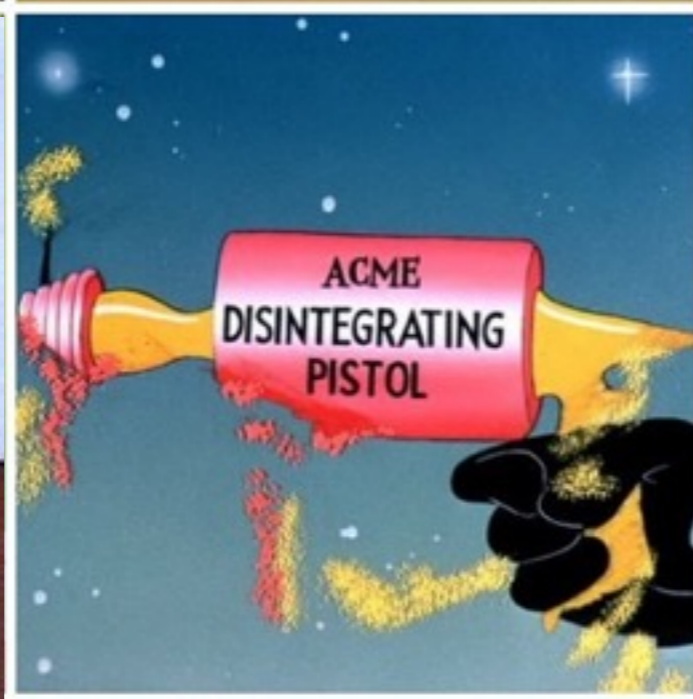
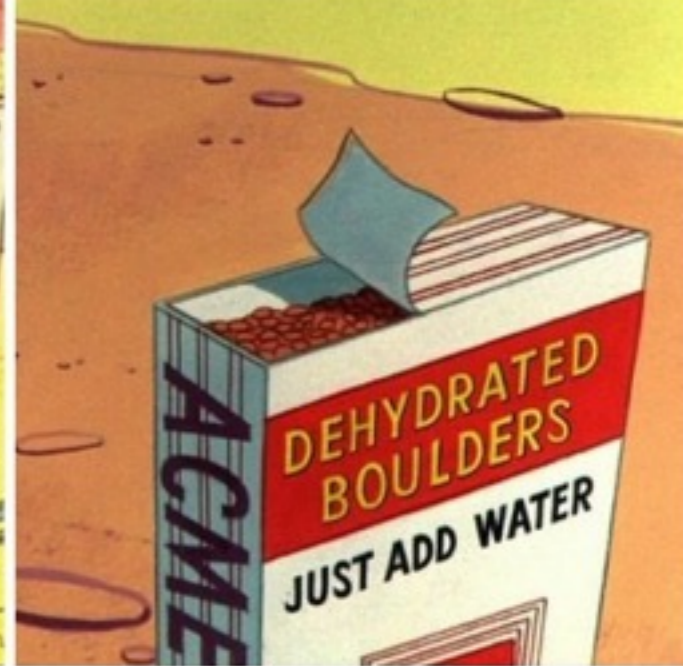
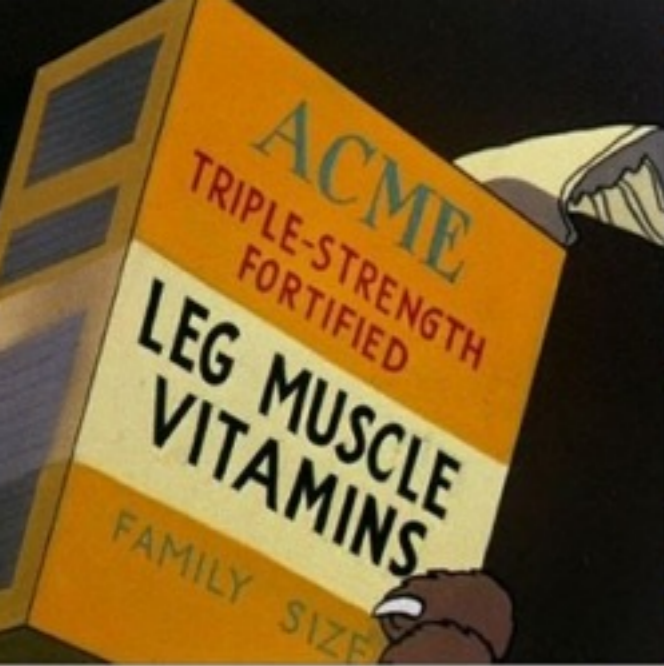


<http://youtu.be/YsY2-yi5W74>

Lessons:

Know your assets, know your adversaries.







Wile E. Coyote

GENIUS

HAVE BRAIN

WILL TRAVEL





SHIT'S ON FIRE, YO



Thanks!

(now get in the llama!)

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