

# Quantum Key-Revocable Dual- Regev Encryption, Revisited

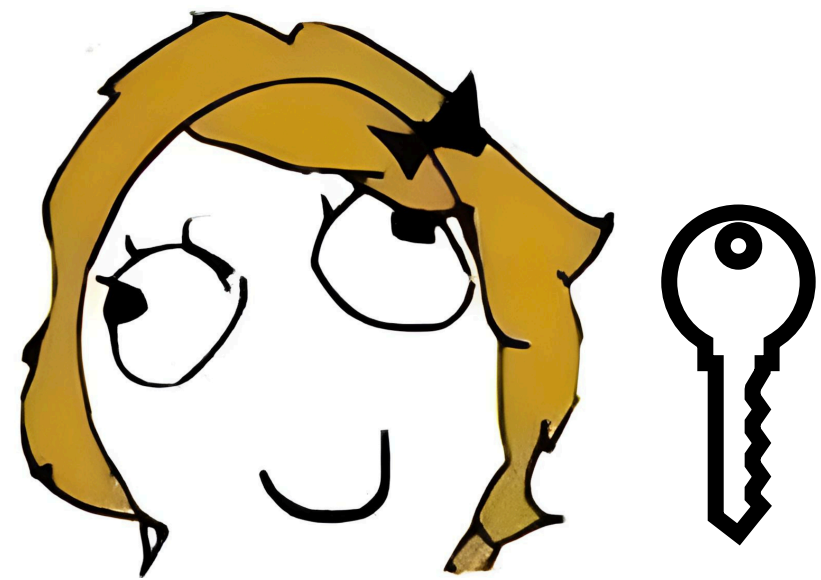
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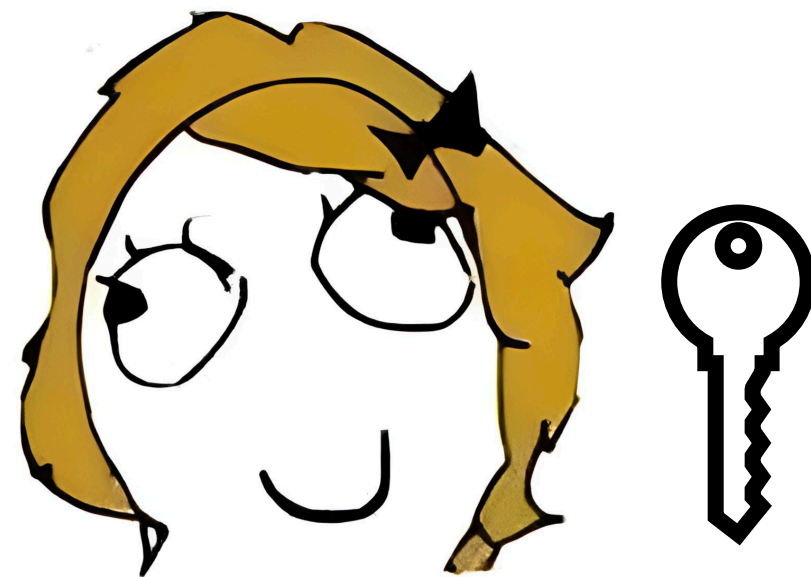
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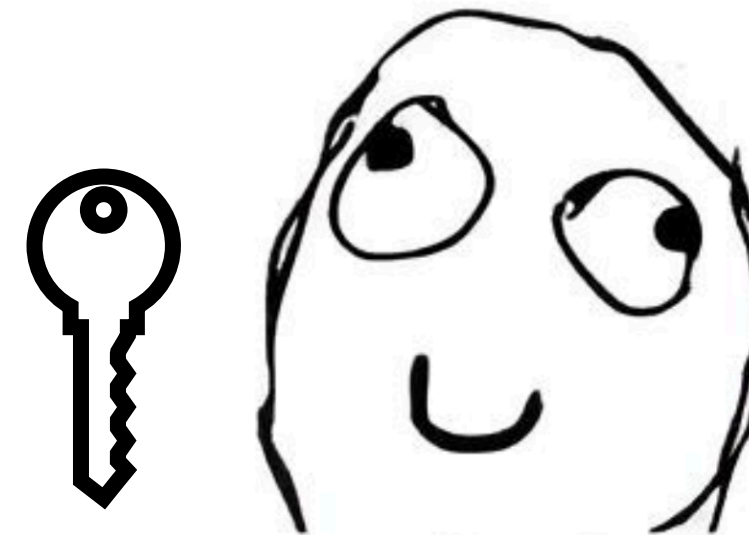
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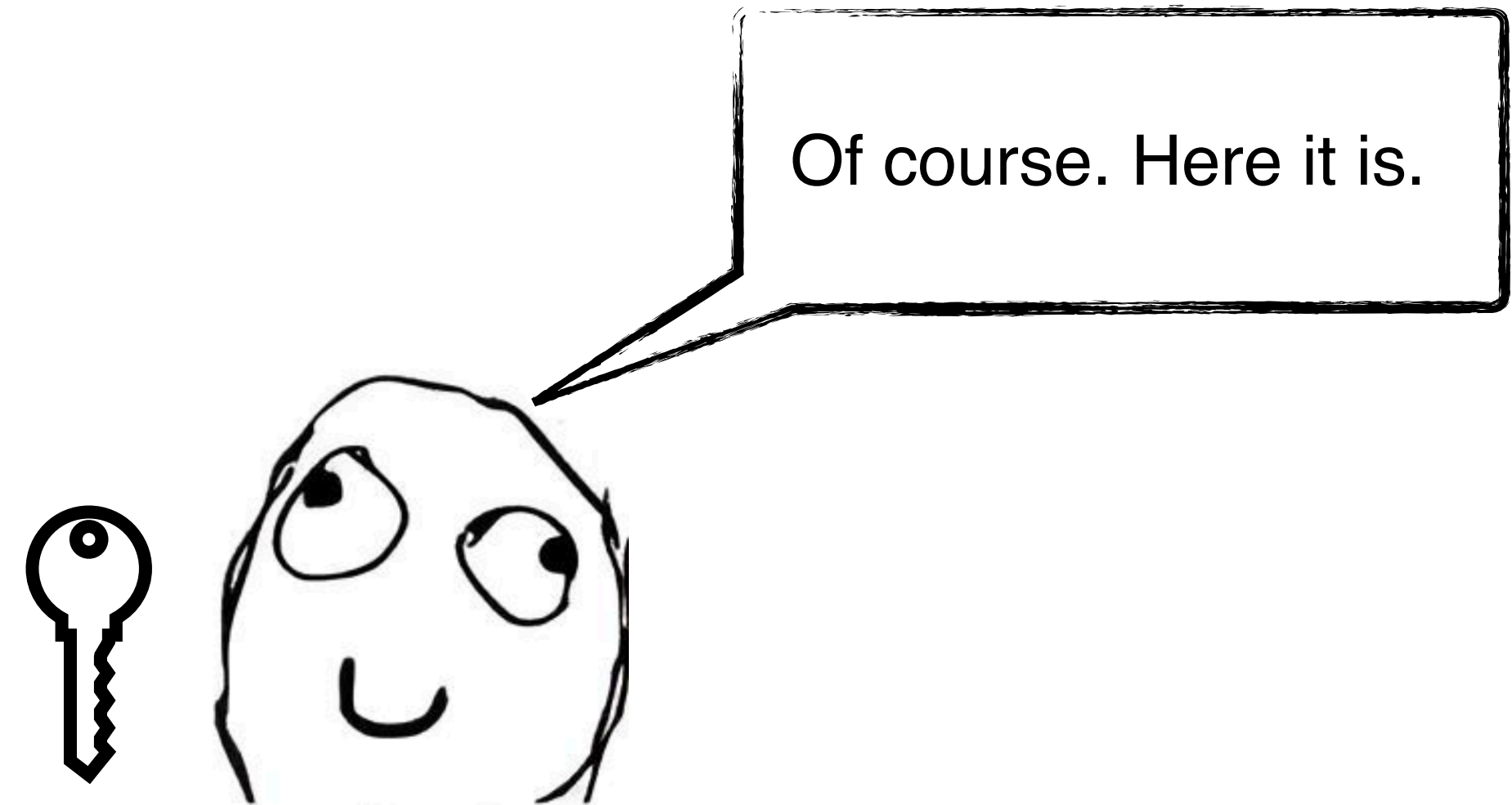
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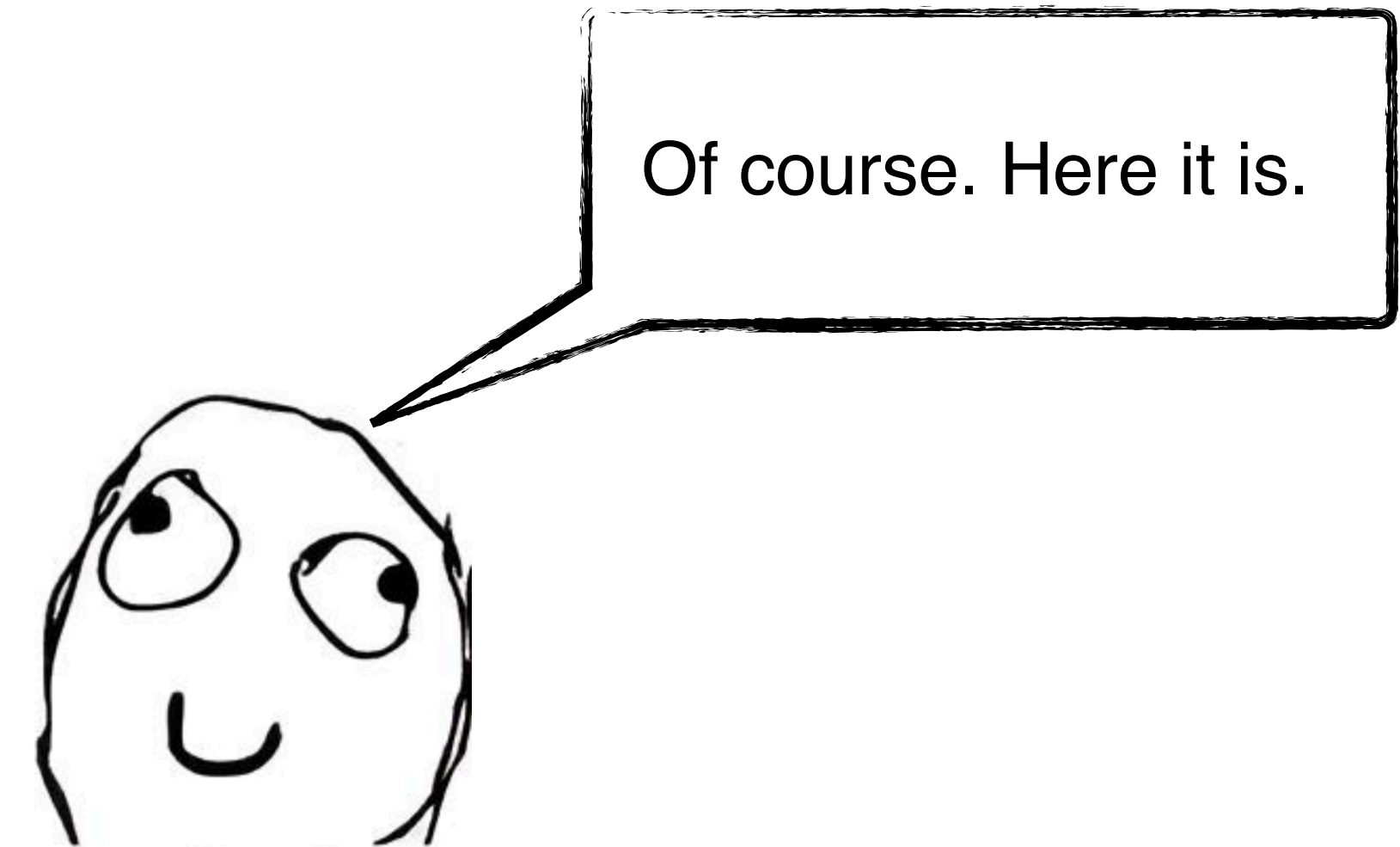
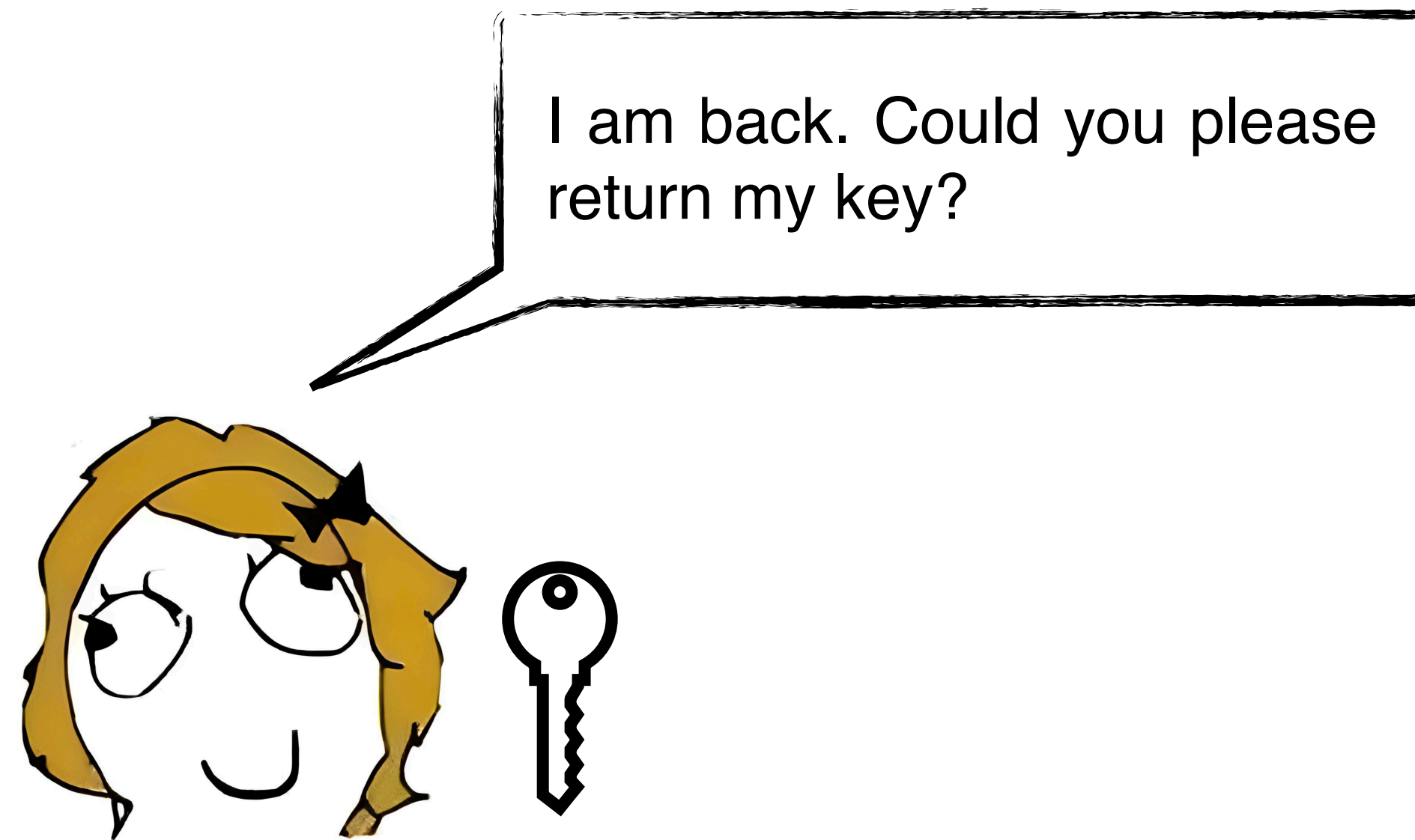
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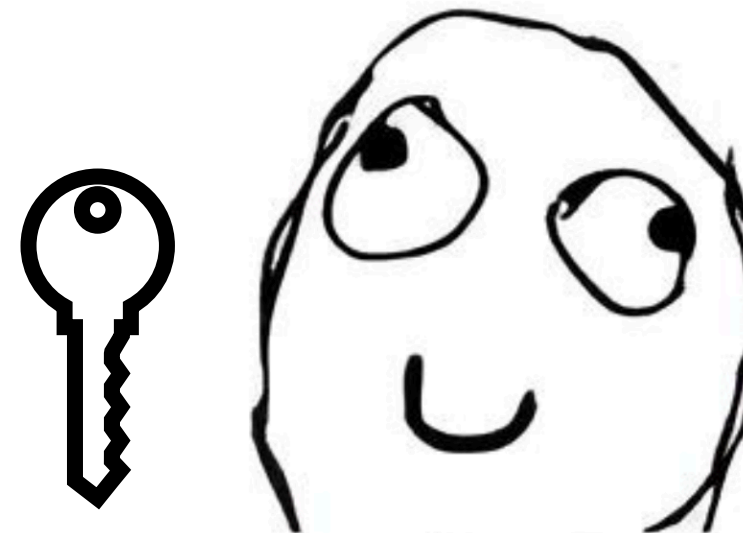
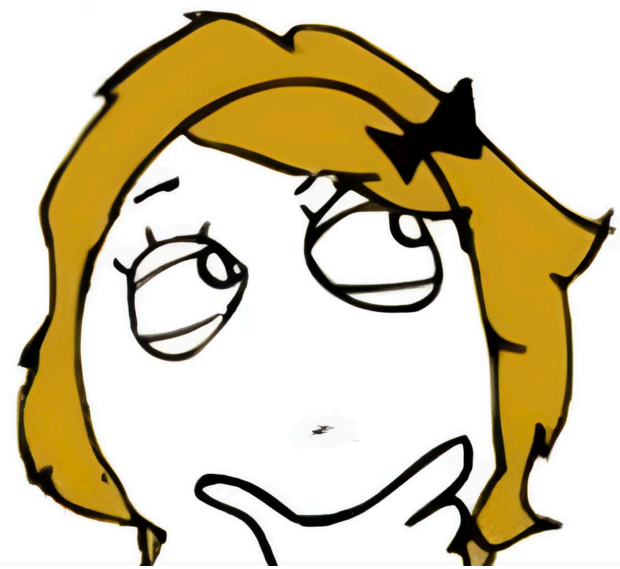
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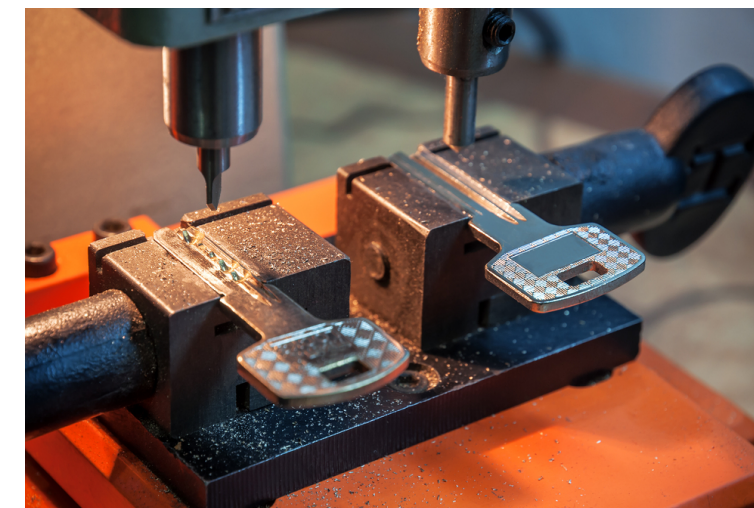
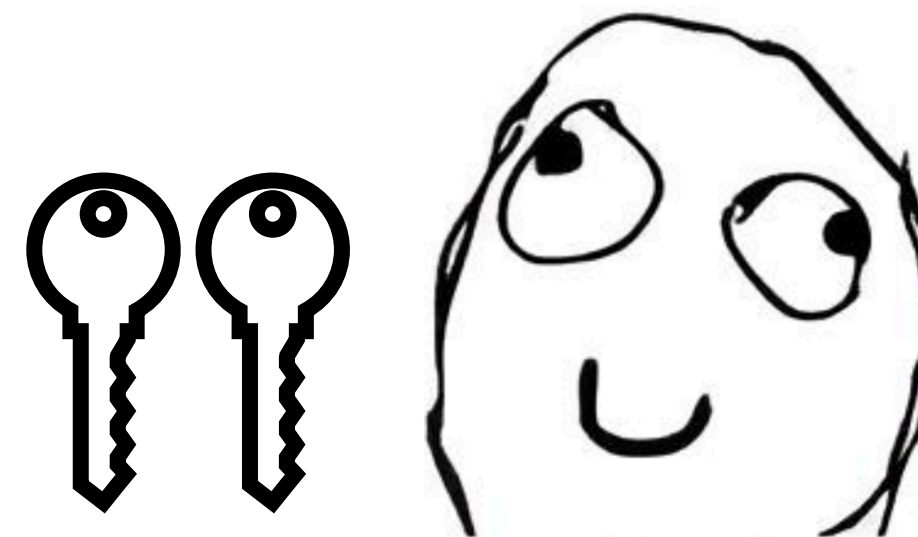
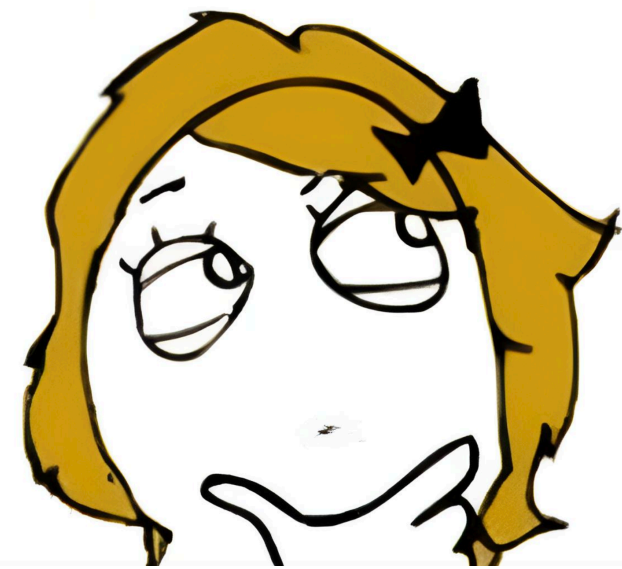




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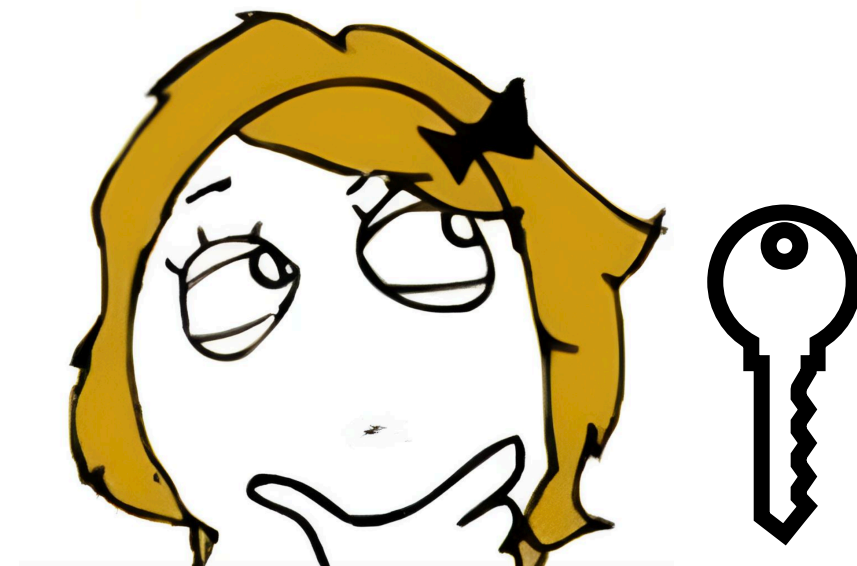
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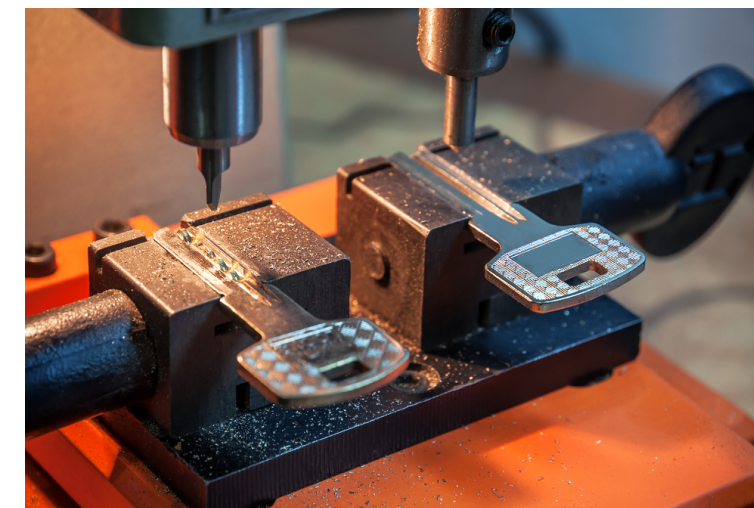
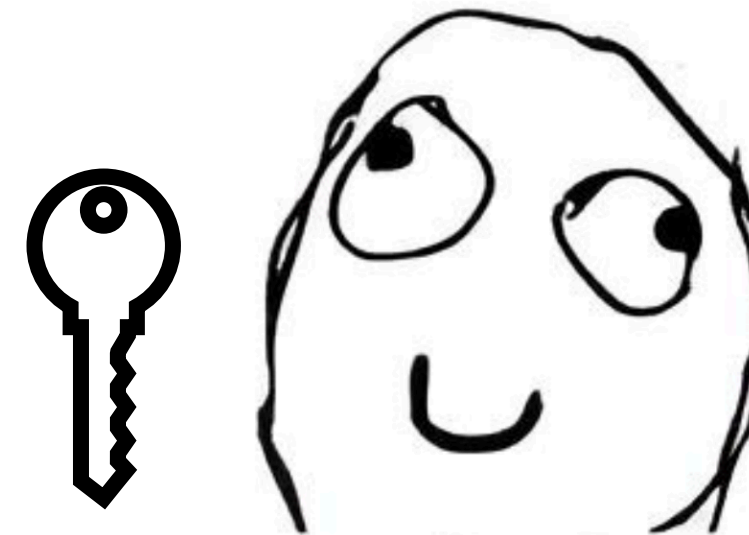
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Bob may have access to Alice's mailbox after returning one of the keys.

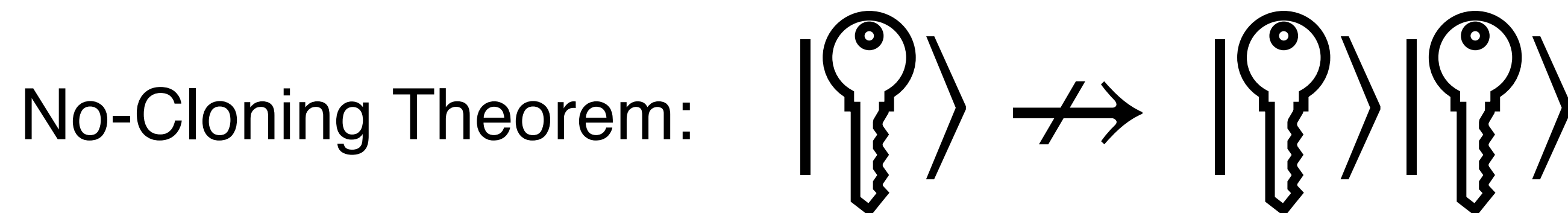
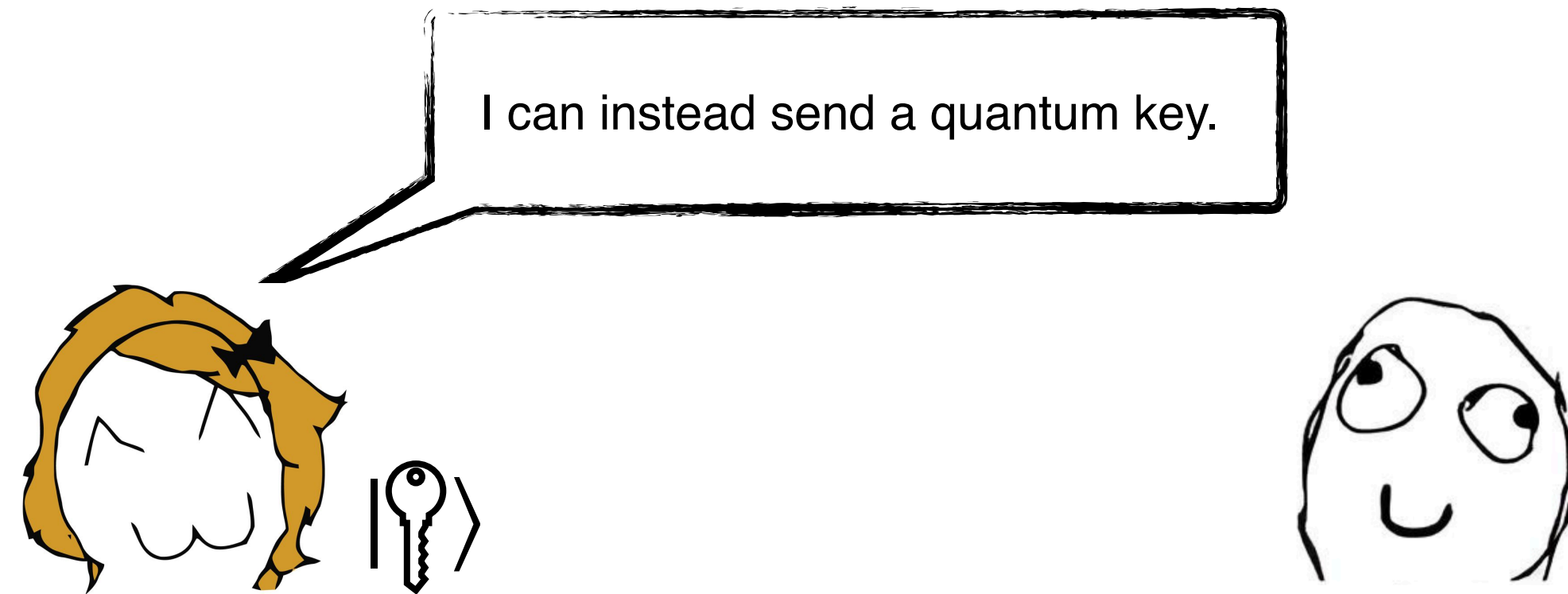


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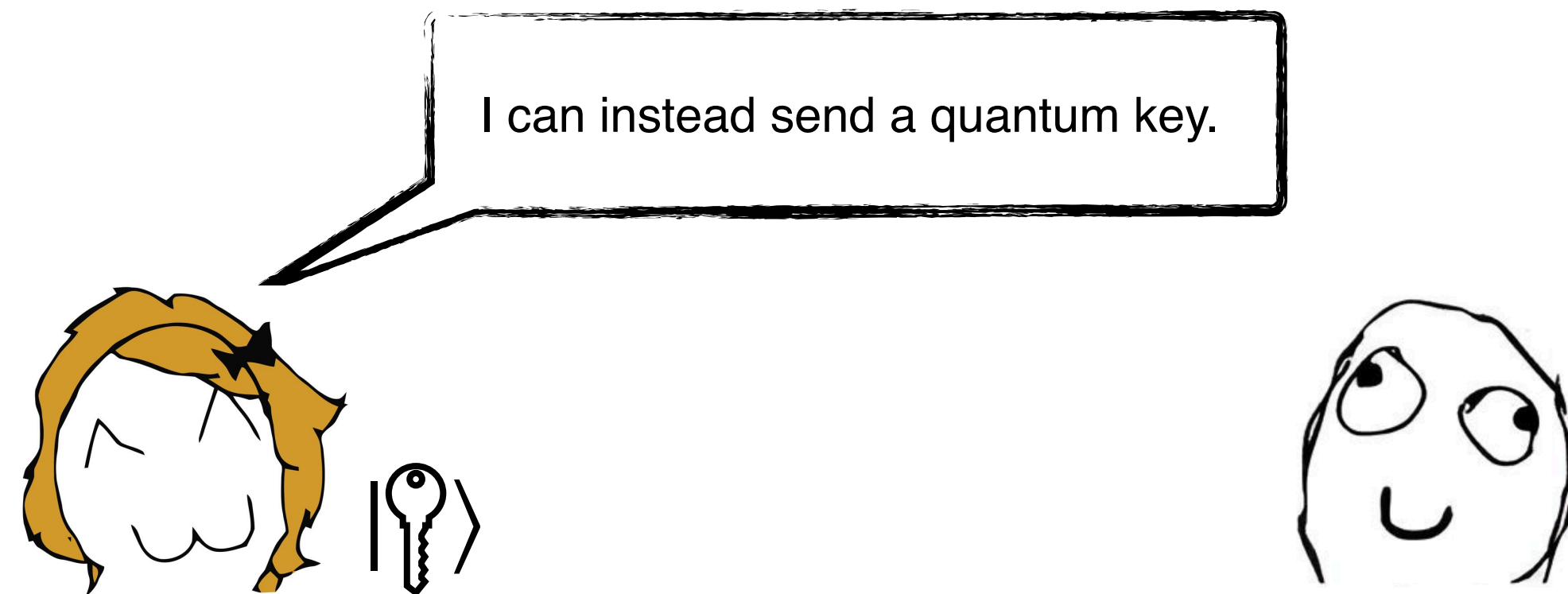
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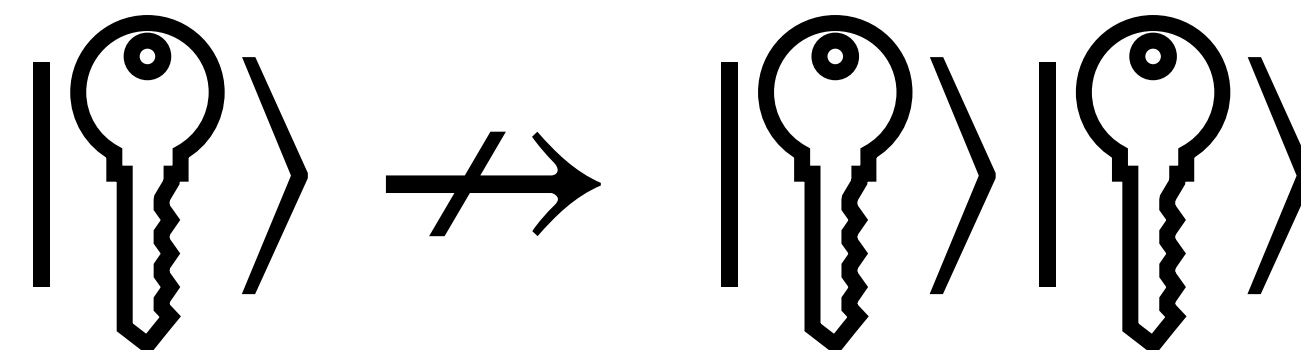
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- It's weaker than copy-protection [Aar09], yet **meaningful**, and can be based on **weaker assumptions**
- Unlike cryptography with certified deletion [BI20, HMNY21, BK22], an honest user is supposed to return the original quantum key for revocation

No-Cloning Theorem:



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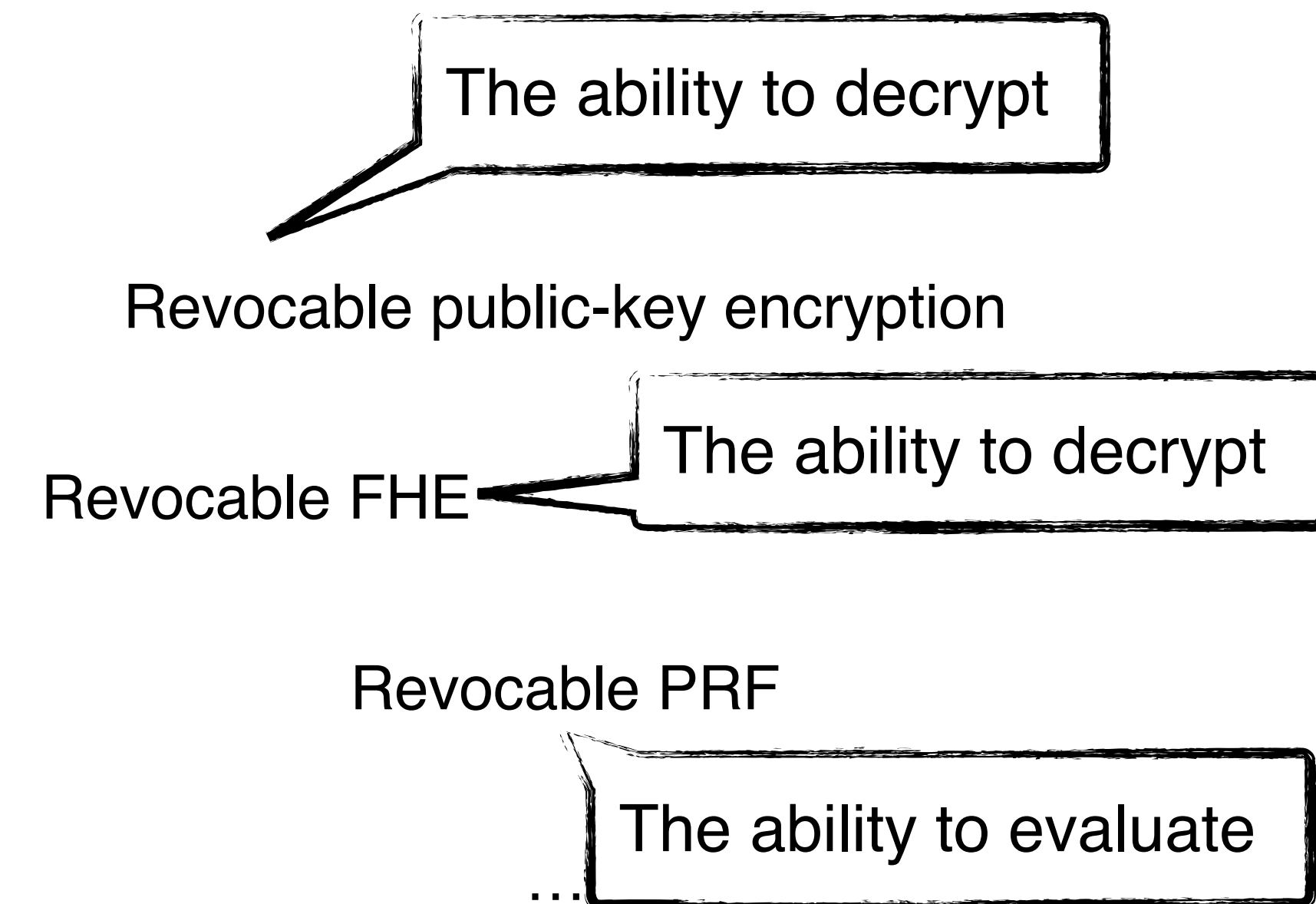
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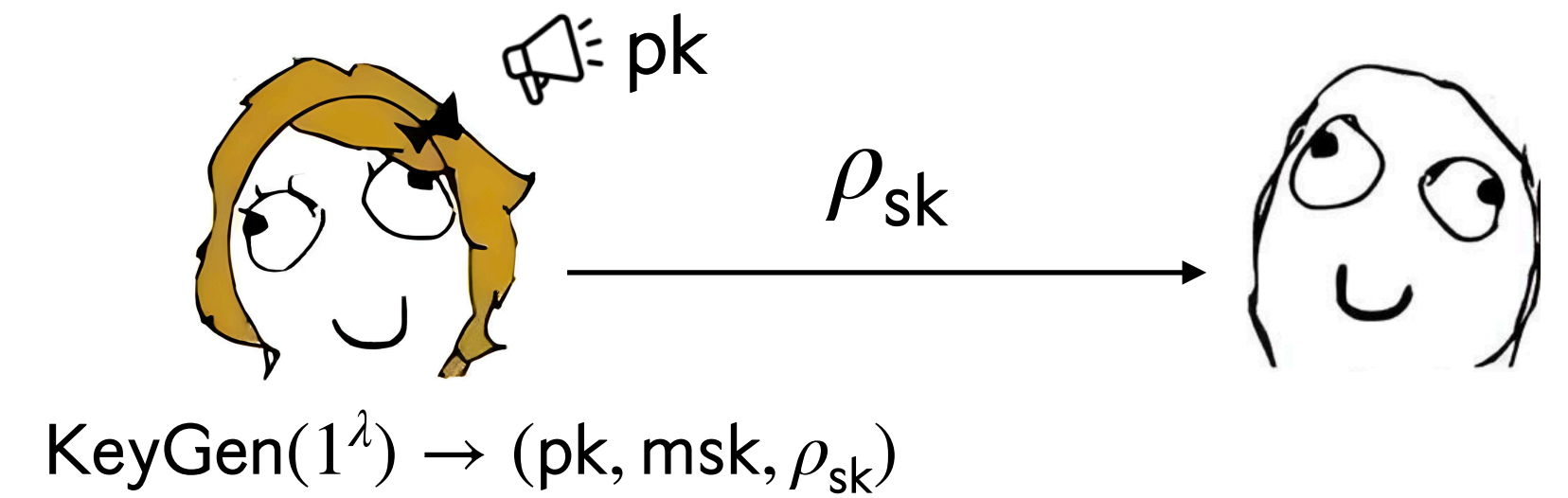
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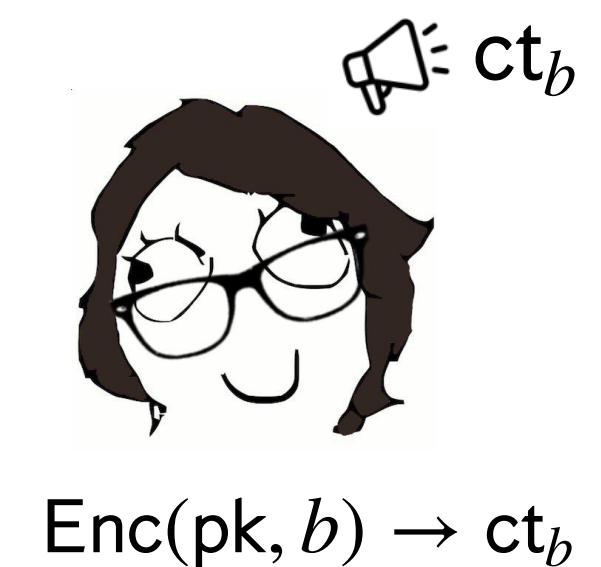
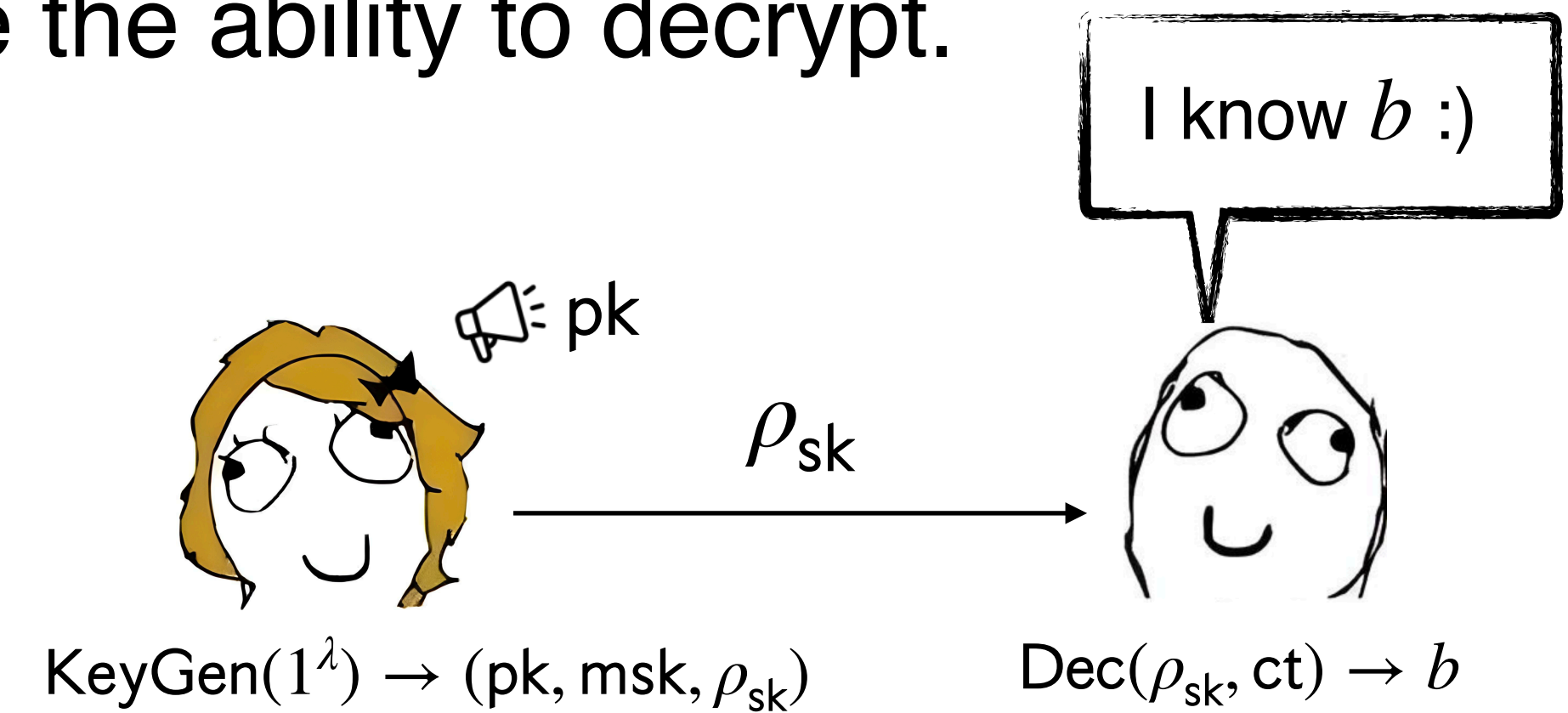


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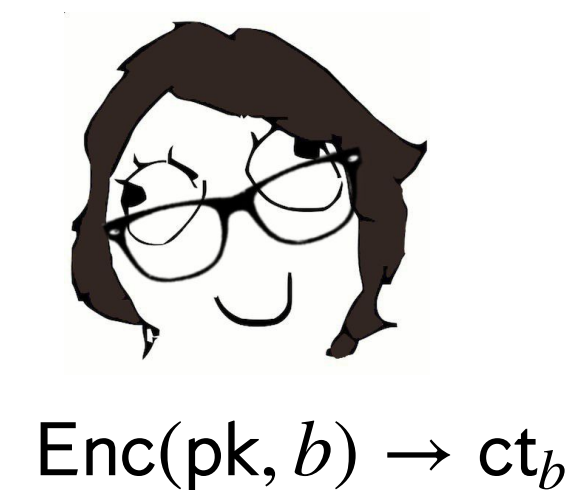
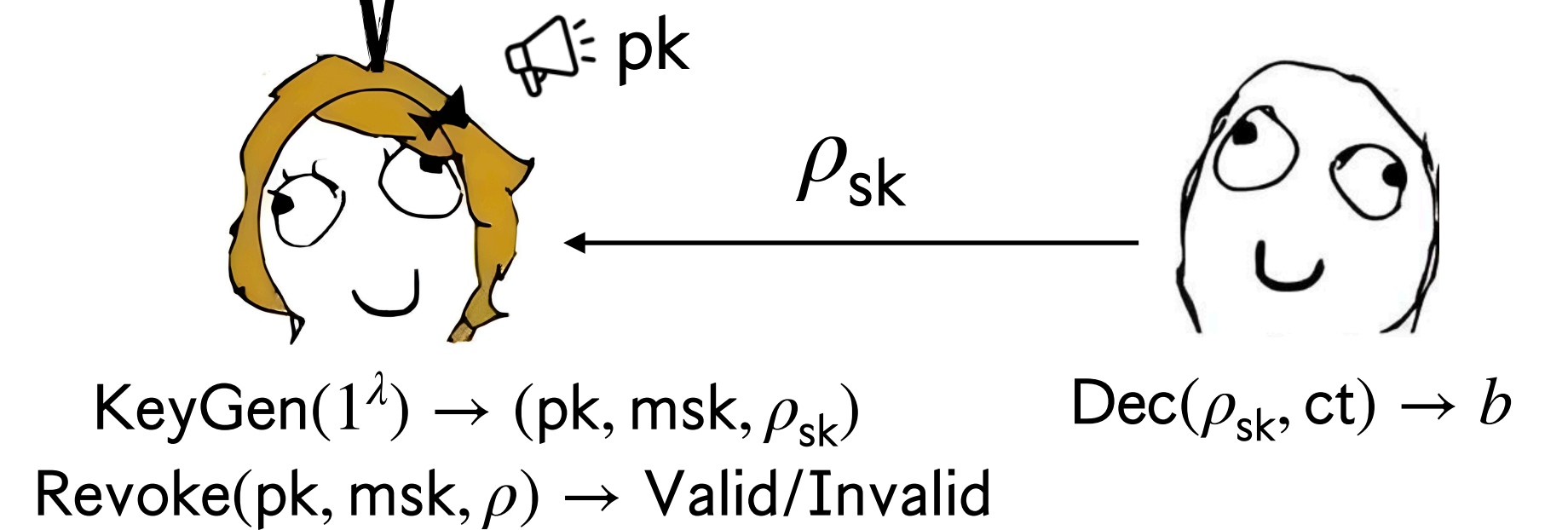
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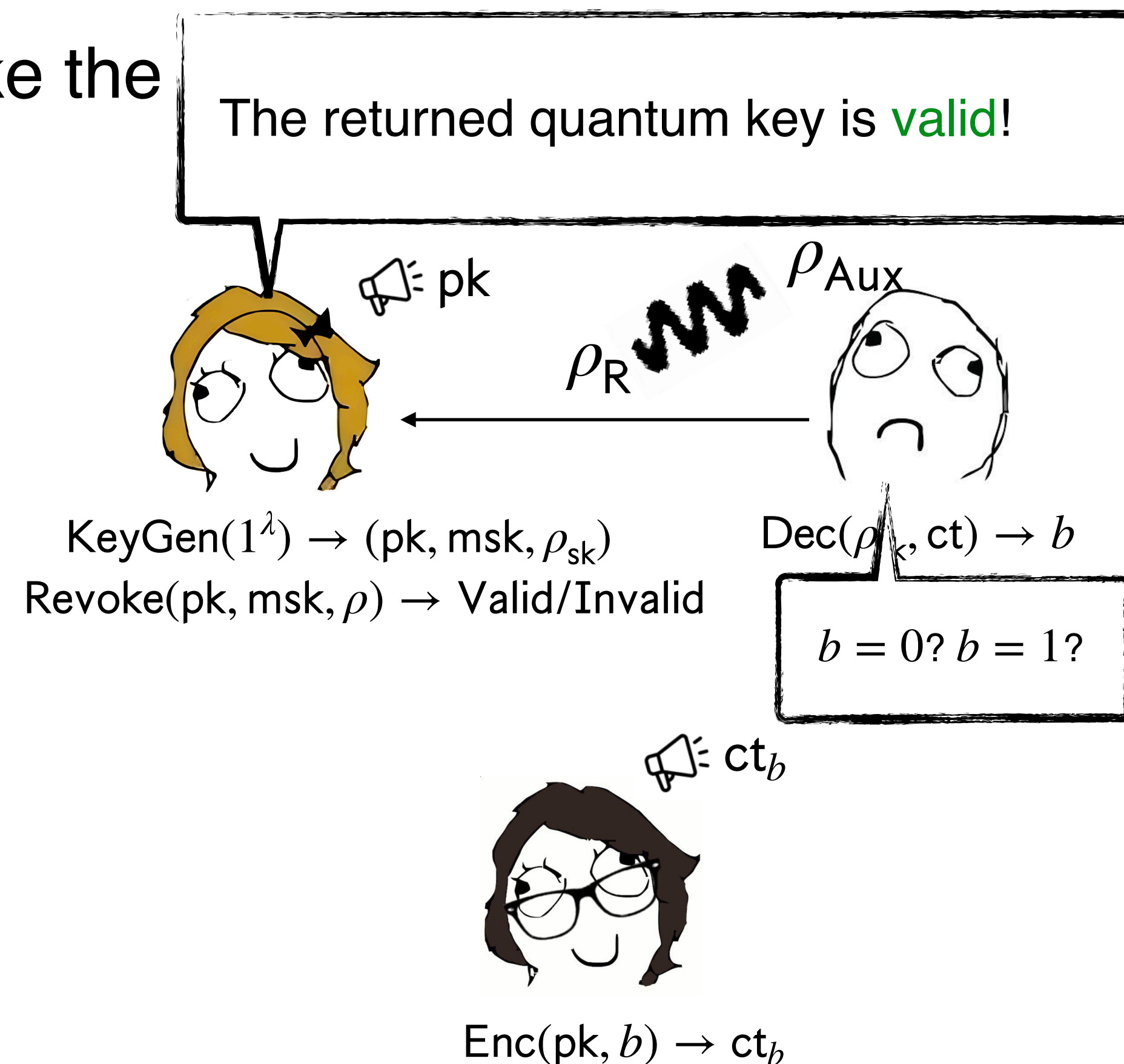
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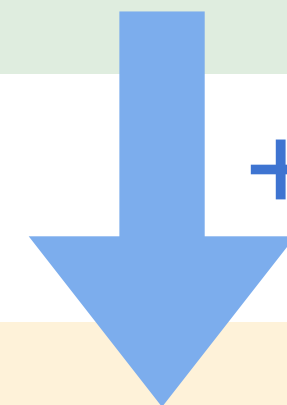
(1) [APV23] gave many reductions from revocable dual-Regev PKE scheme!

(2) It's a textbook PKE, and may inspire other protocols with similar structures.

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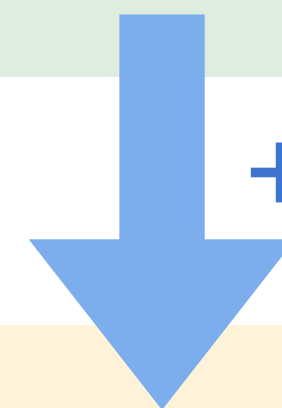
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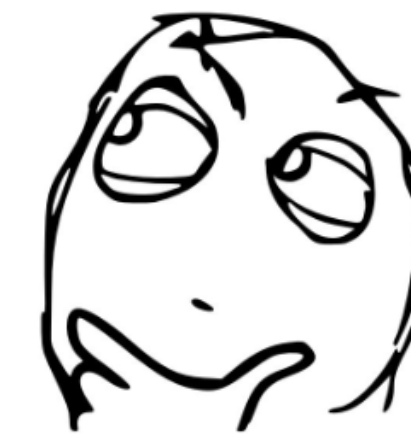
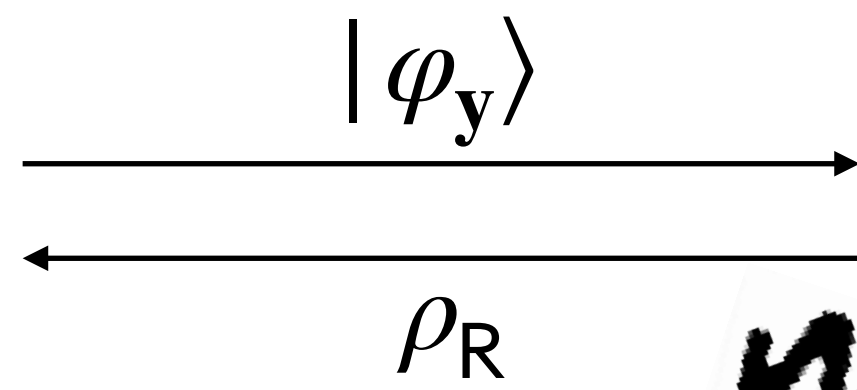
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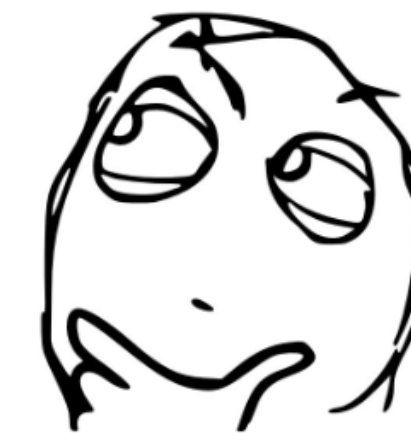
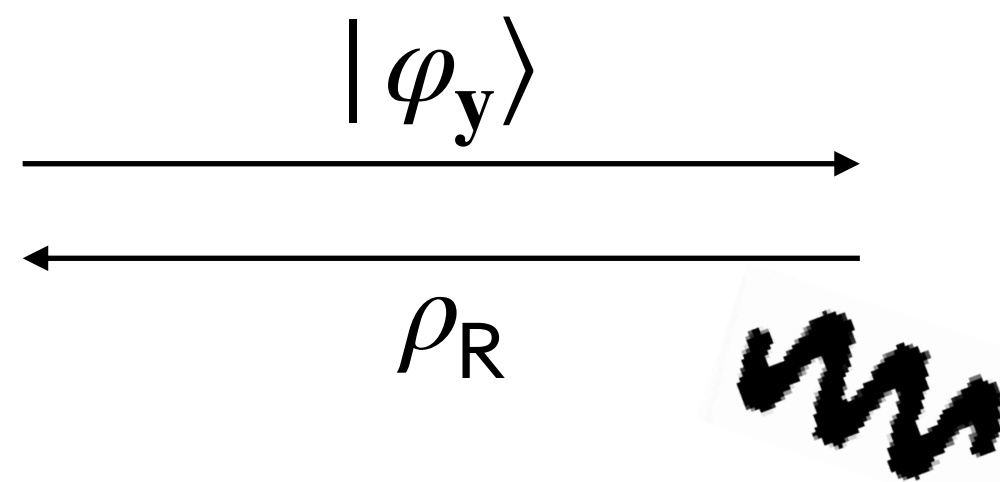
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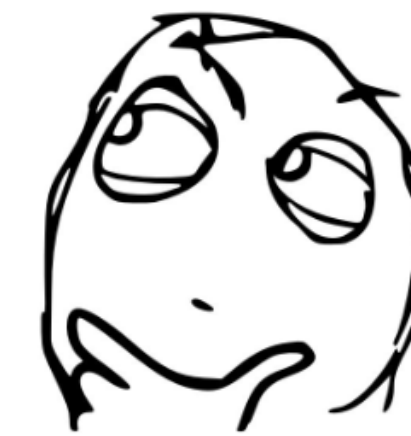
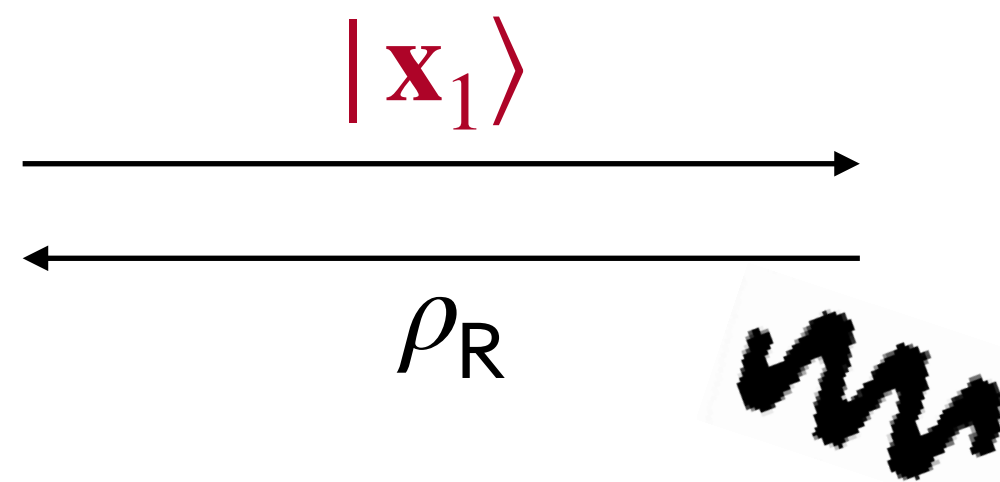
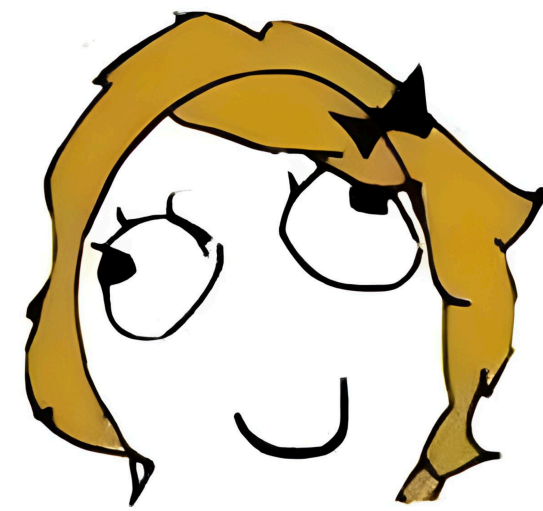
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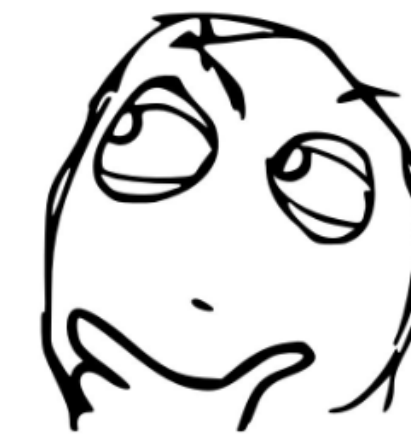
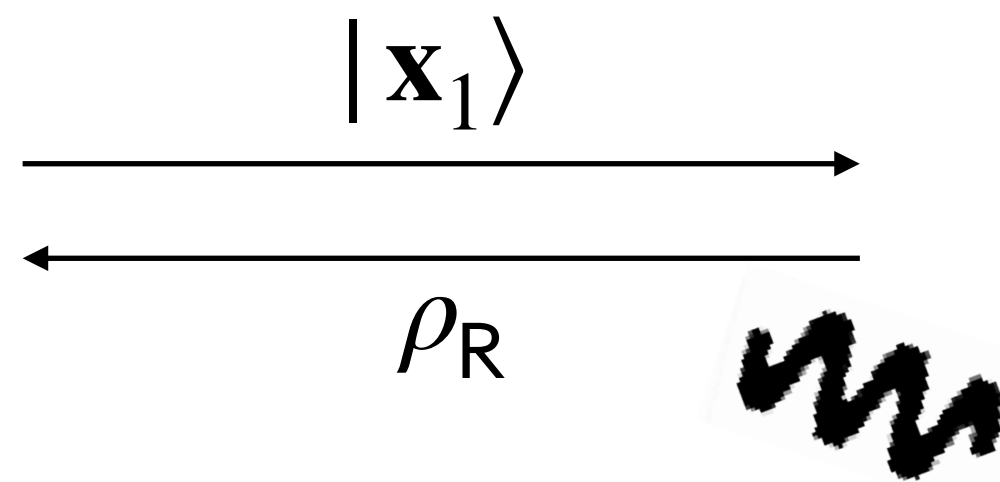
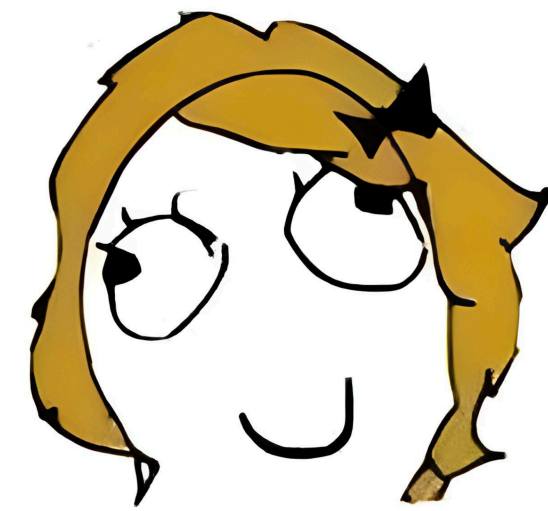
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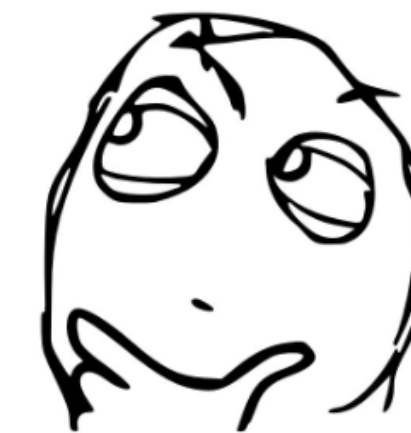
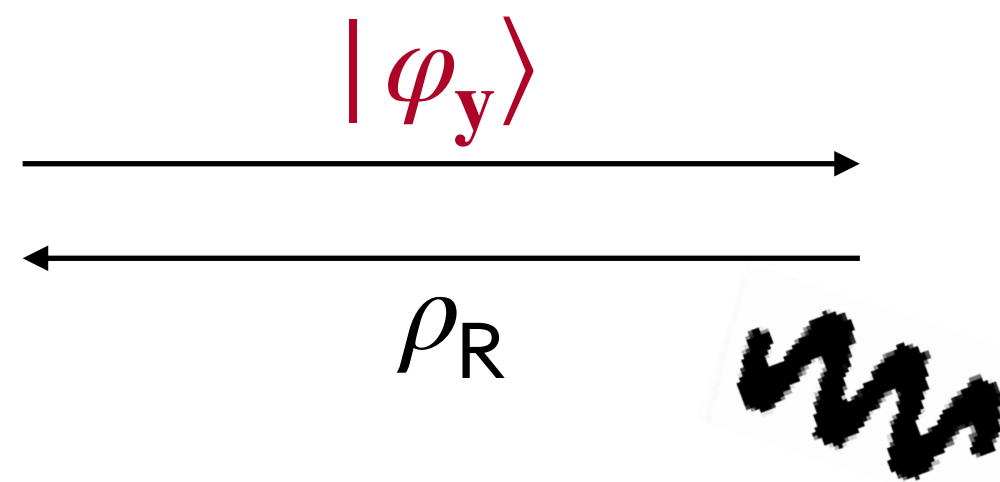
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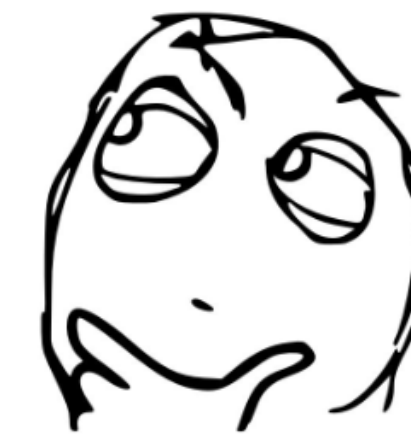
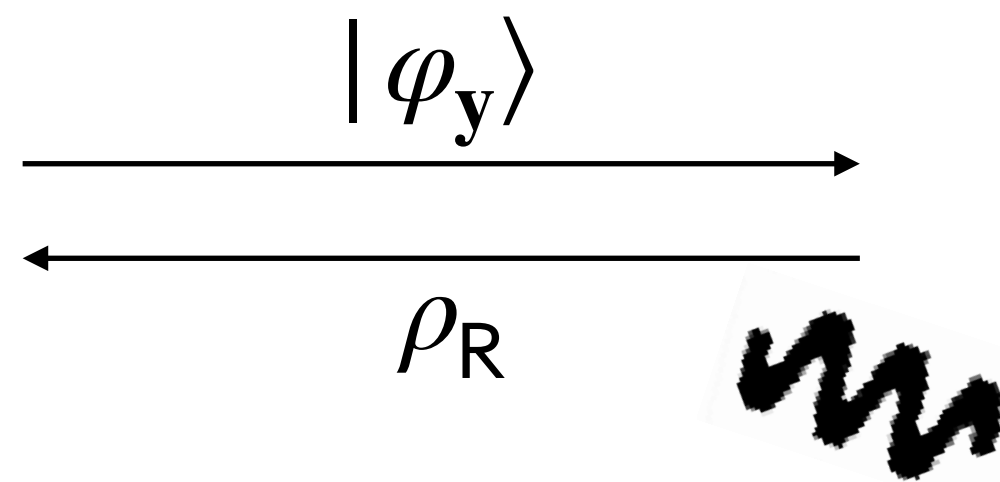
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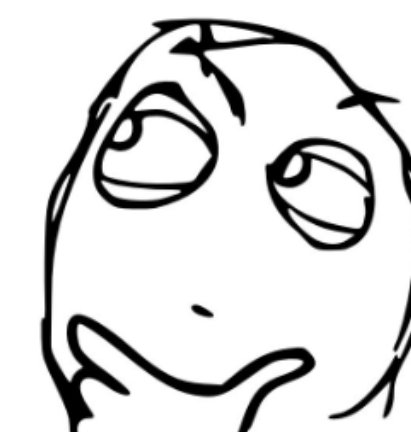
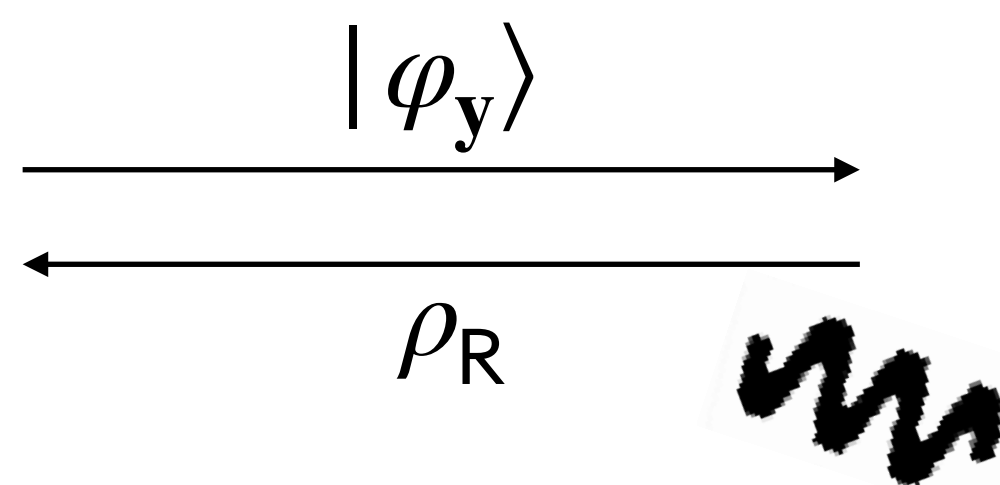
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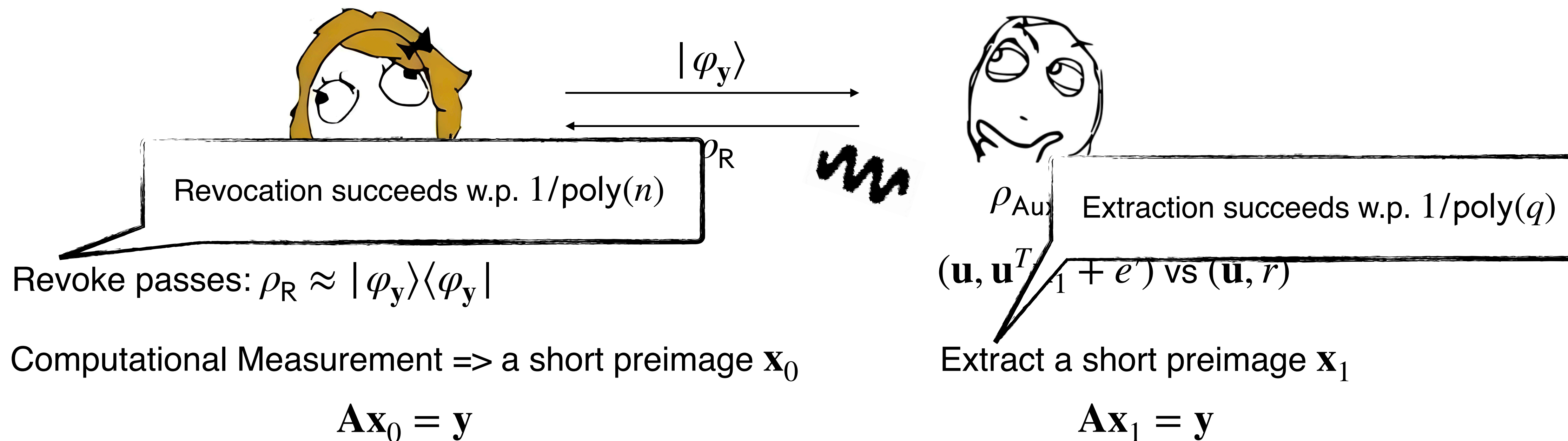
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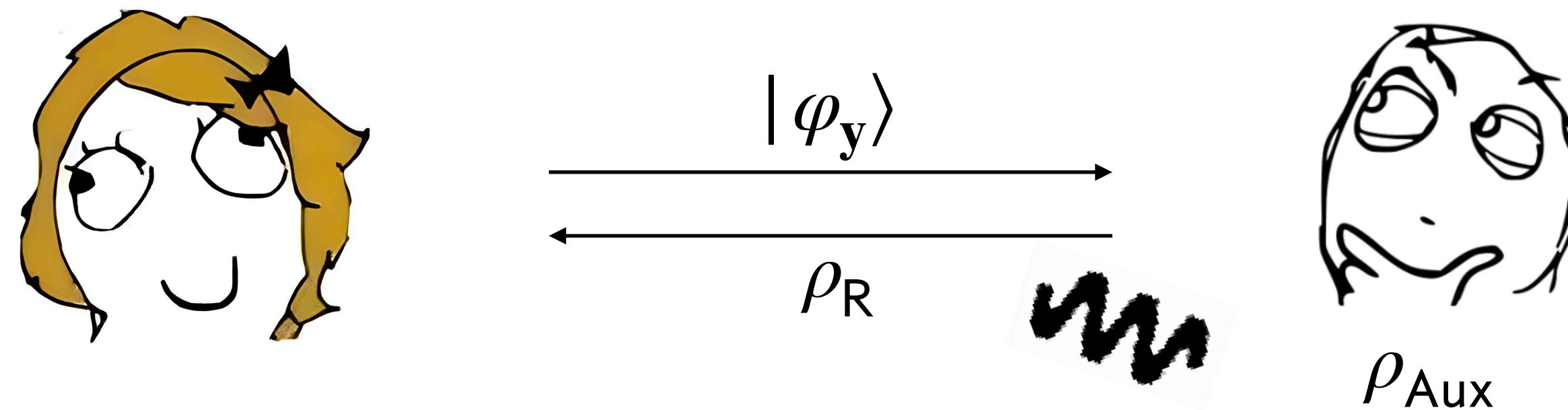
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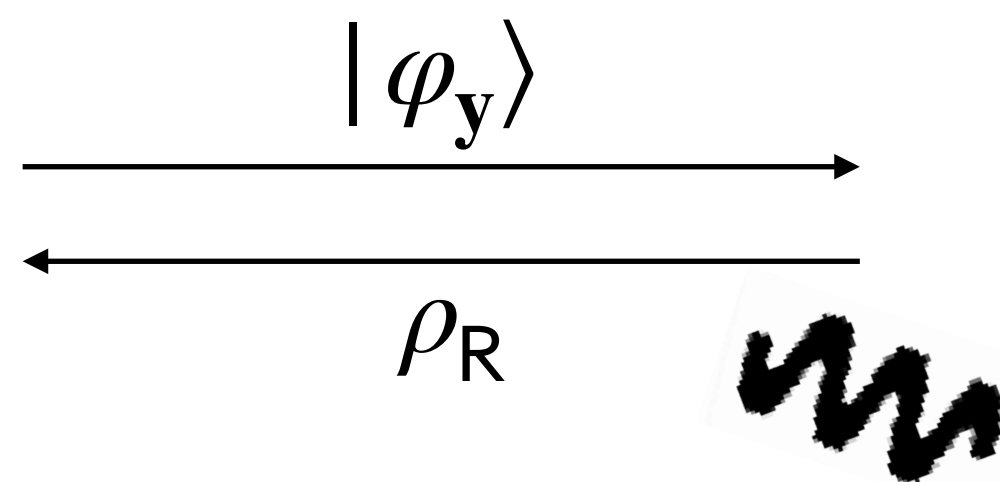
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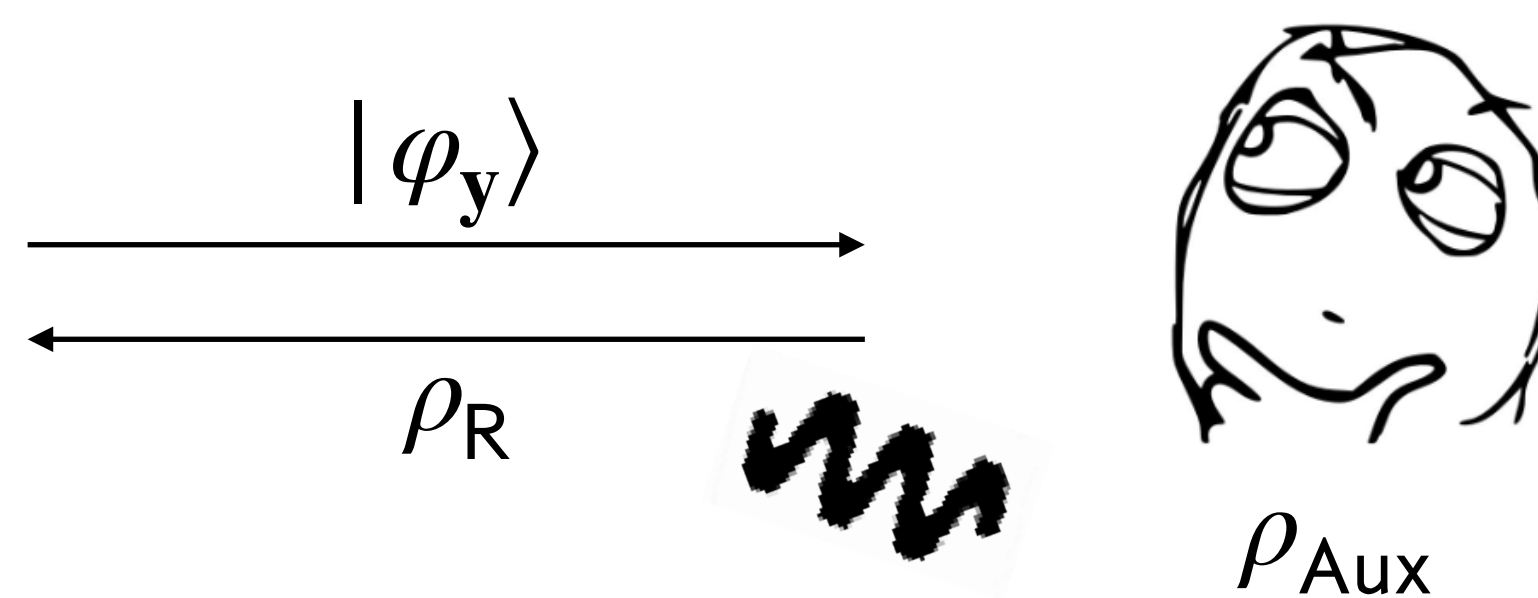
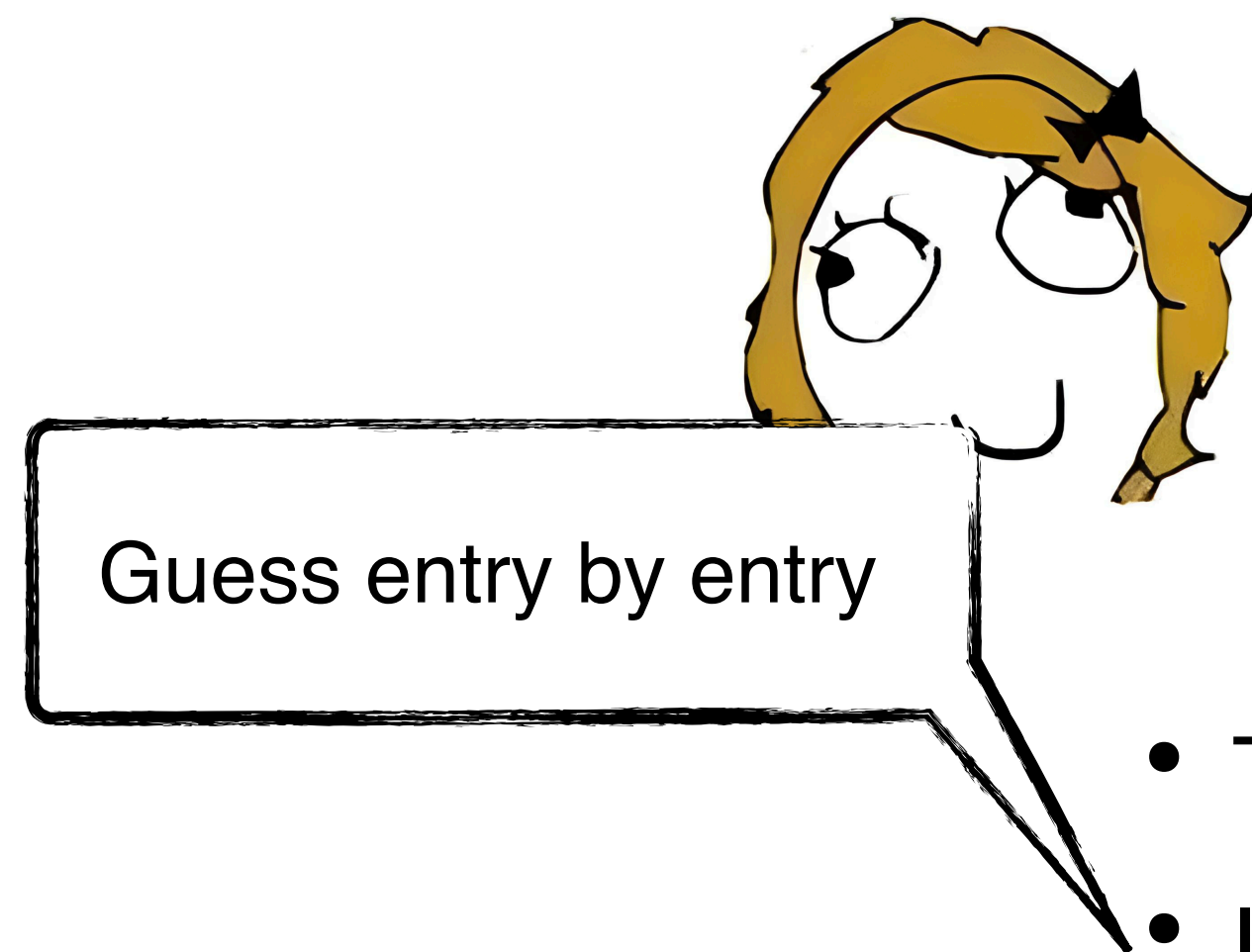
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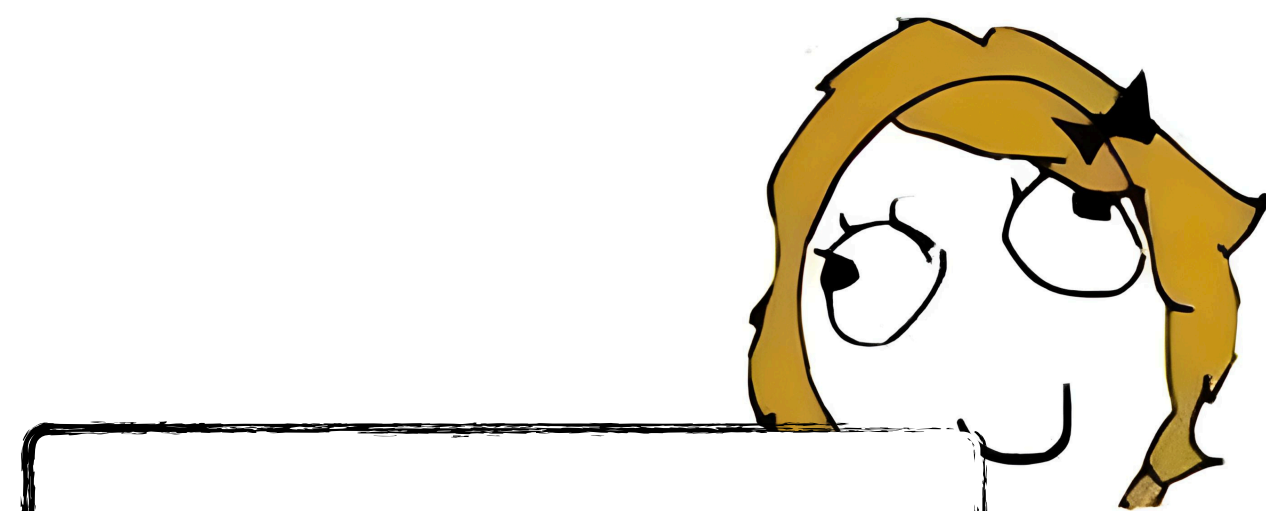
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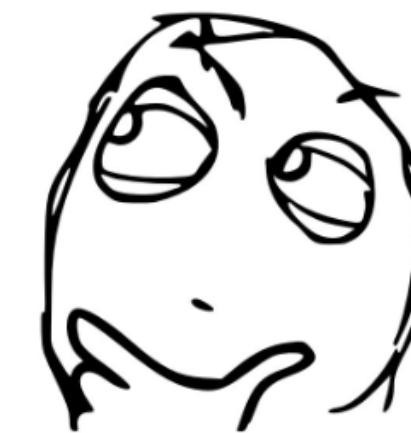
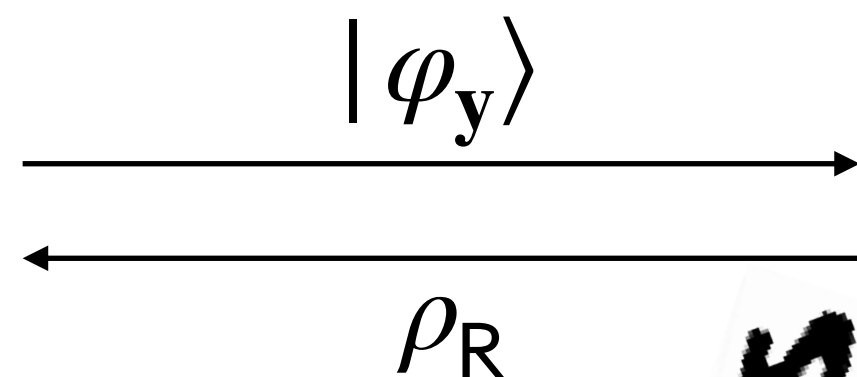
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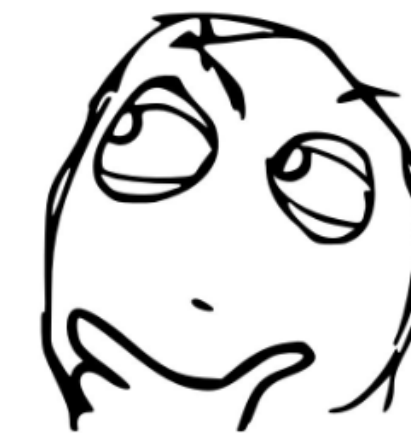
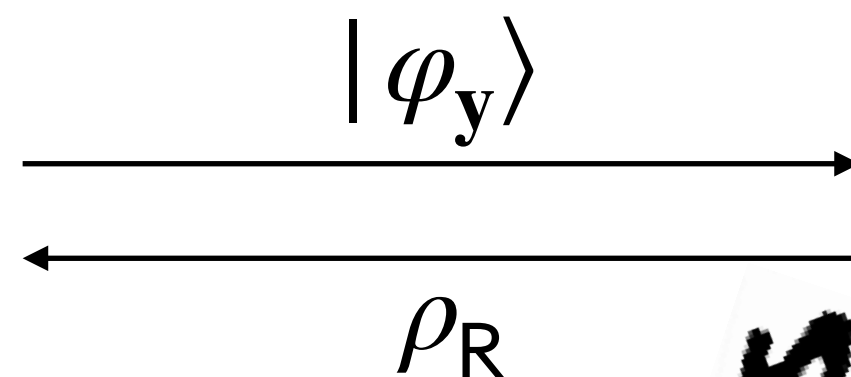
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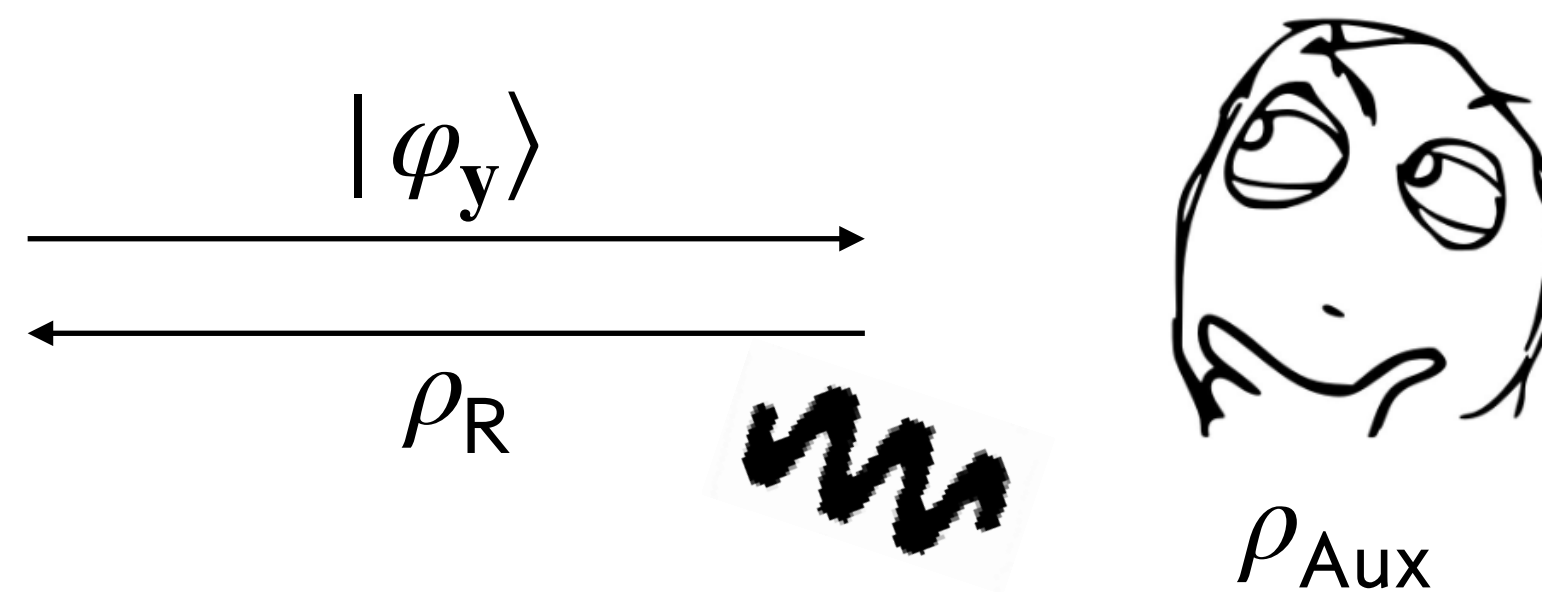
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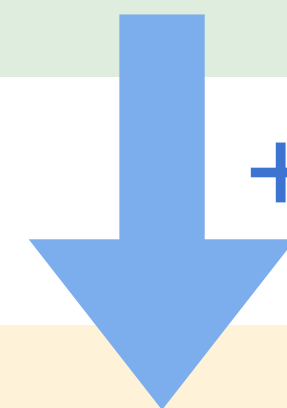
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**Thank you!**

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