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MAKING AUDIT LOGS POTABLE

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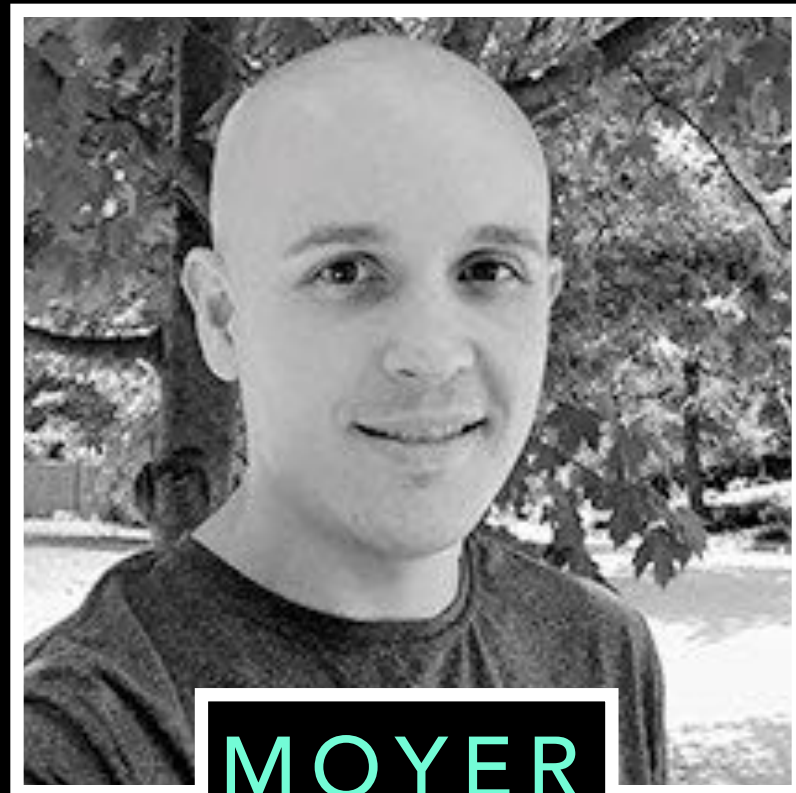
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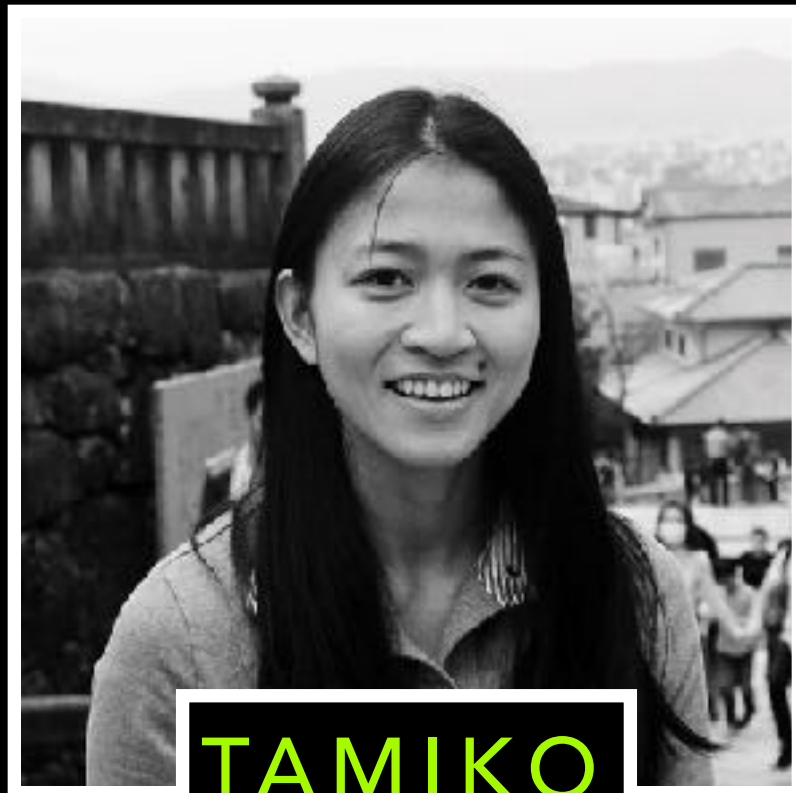
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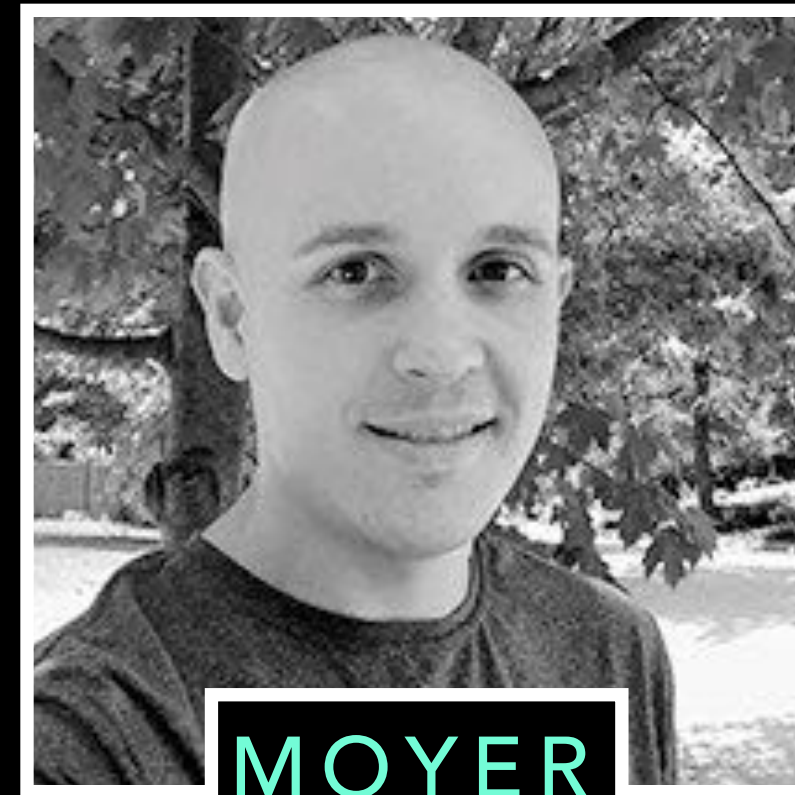
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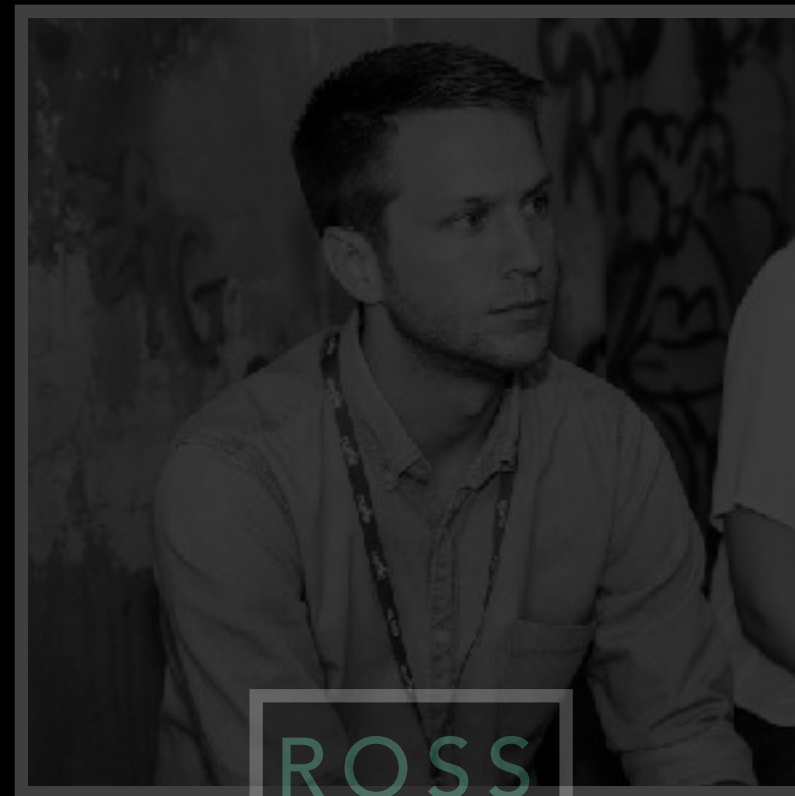
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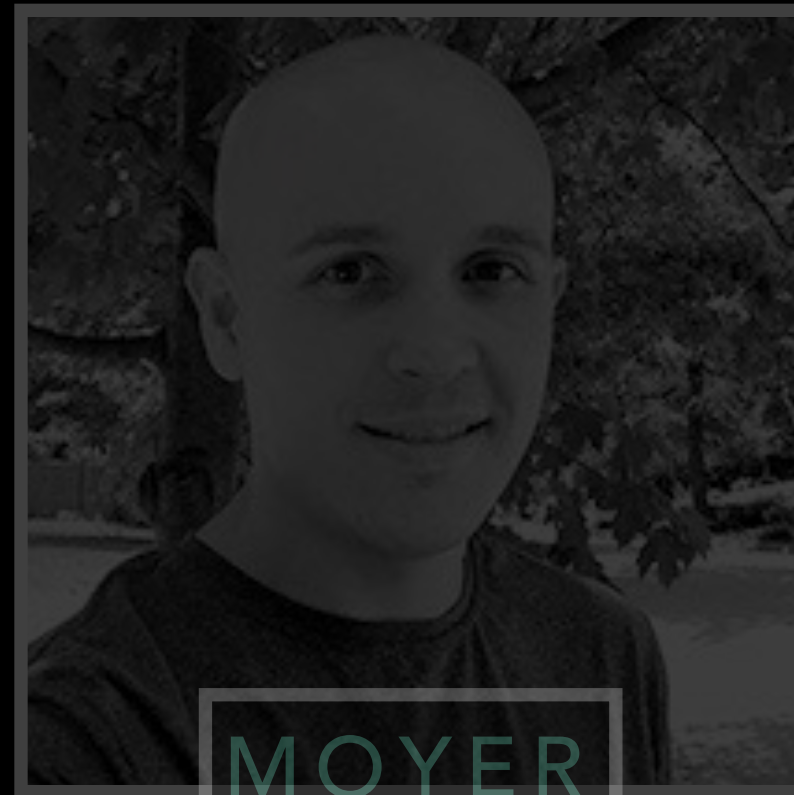
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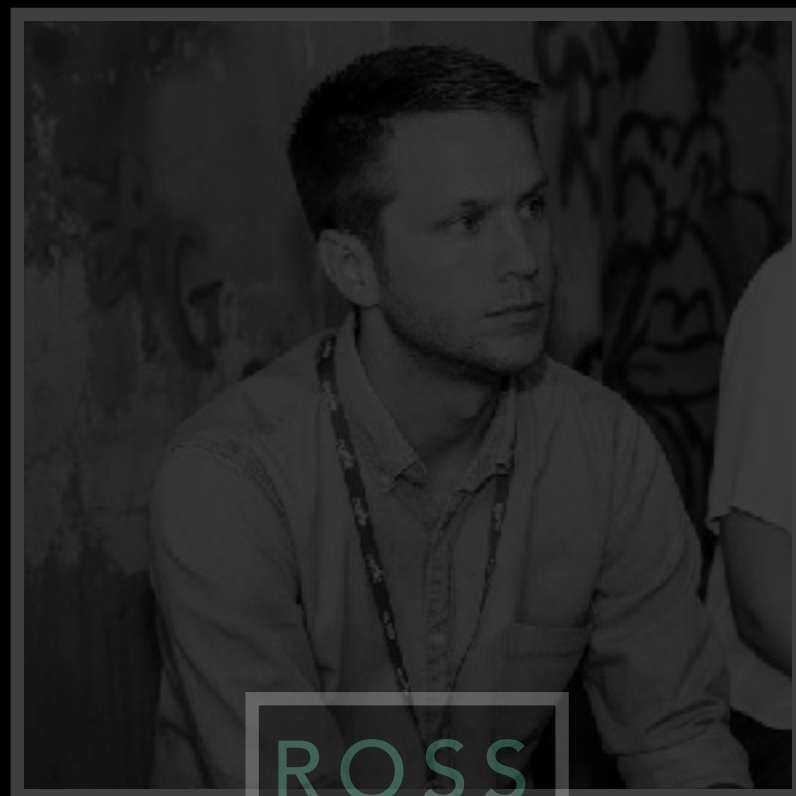
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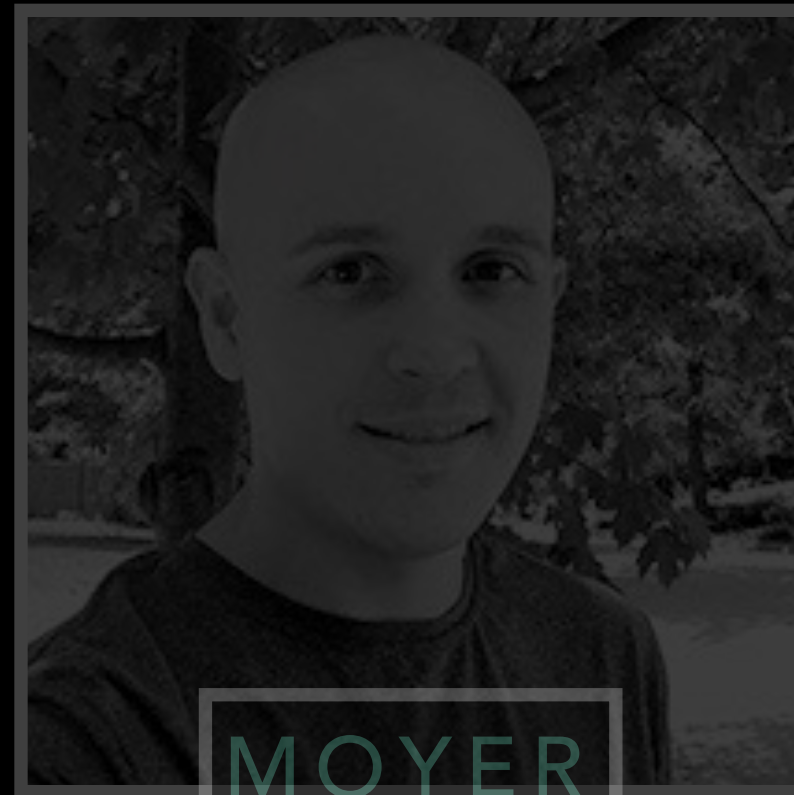
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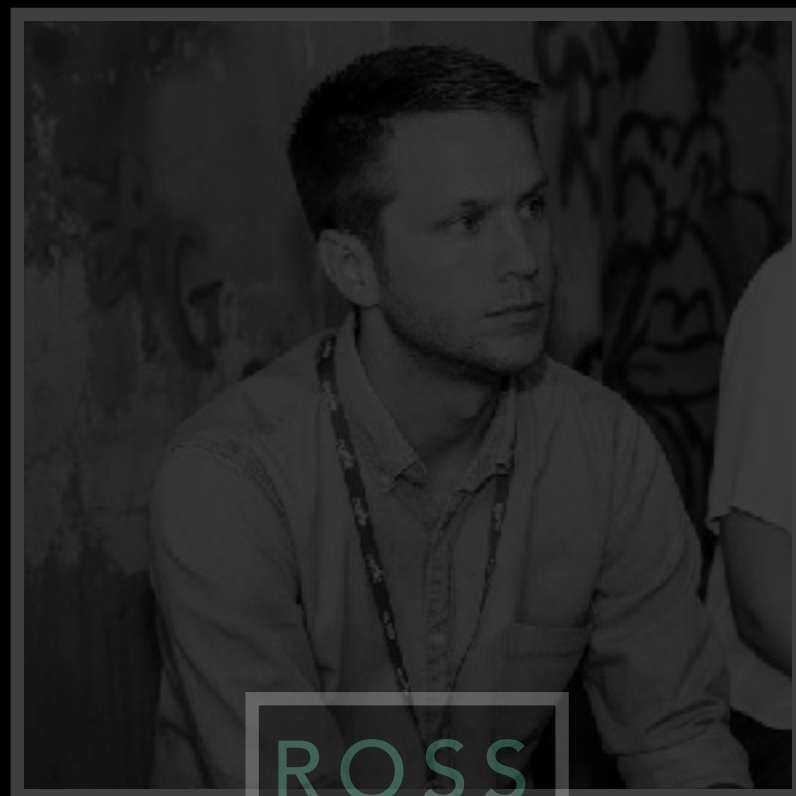
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NO AGENDA NO ATTENDA

- Who am I / Yes I work for VMWare now
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WTF IS KUBERNETES AUDIT LOGGING

AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE

AUDIT LOGS

RECORD

ALL REQUESTS

MADE **TO** THE

KUBERNETES API SERVER

EXTERNAL COMPLIANCE
ANOMALY DETECTION
EVENT ATTRIBUTION

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EVENT ATTRIBUTION

EXTERNAL COMPLIANCE

ANOMALY DETECTION

EVENT **ATTRIBUTION**



OKAY, WHAT'S A LOG LOOK LIKE

SHAPE OF AUDIT LOGS

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

WHO DID IT?

WHERE WAS IT INITIATED?

WHAT DID IT HAPPEN ON?

WHERE WAS IT OBSERVED?

AUDIT EVENTS

```
{
  "metadata": {
    "creationTimestamp": "2018-11-15T20:18:13Z"
  },
  "level": "Request",
  "timestamp": "2018-11-15T20:18:13Z",
  "auditID": "277da1b5-16aa-4a1b-ae0f-4d1cdb2cc67a",
  "stage": "ResponseComplete",
  "requestURI": "/api/v1/namespaces/default/pods/populator-58f9bd8b6f-ngx8s",
  "verb": "get",
  "user": {
    "username": "system:node:ip-10-0-100-113.us-west-2.compute.internal",
    "groups": [
      "system:nodes",
      "system:authenticated"
    ]
  },
  "sourceIPs": [
    "34.217.76.189"
  ],
  "objectRef": {
    "resource": "pods",
    "namespace": "default",
    "name": "populator-58f9bd8b6f-ngx8s",
    "apiVersion": "v1"
  },
  "responseStatus": {
    "metadata": {},
    "code": 200
  },
  "requestReceivedTimestamp": "2018-11-15T20:18:13.388833Z",
  "stageTimestamp": "2018-11-15T20:18:13.389856Z"
}
```


WHAT HAPPENED

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```
{  
  "verb": "get"  
}
```


WHEN DID IT HAPPEN

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WHO DID IT

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    "username": "system:node:ip-10-0-100-113.us-west-2.compute.internal",  
    "groups": [  
      "system:nodes",  
      "system:authenticated"  
    ]  
  }  
}
```


WHERE WAS IT INITIATED

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  ]  
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```


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}
```

WHERE WAS IT OBSERVED

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Literally

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Literally

always

WHERE WAS IT OBSERVED

Literally

always

the API Server



LOGS ARE CREATED AT EACH STAGE

AUDIT STAGES

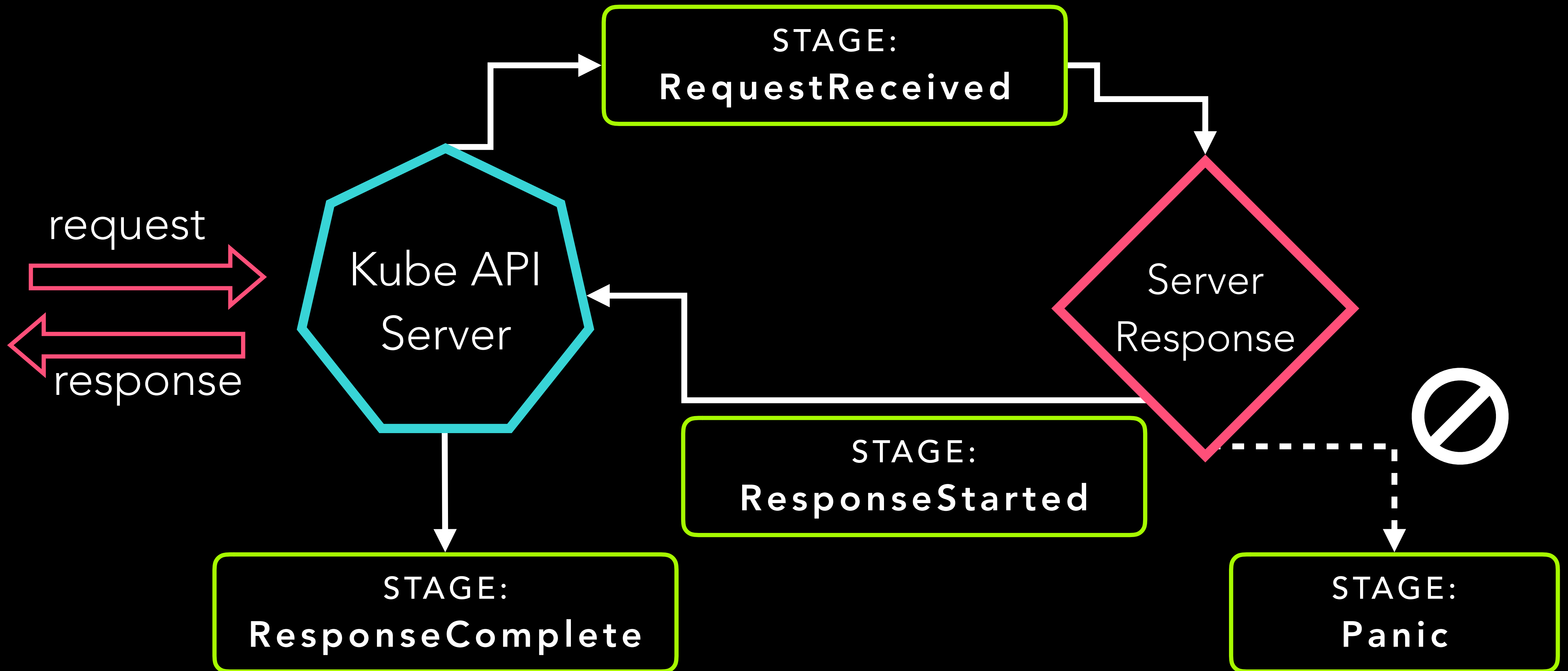
RequestReceived audit handler receives request

ResponseStarted only for requests like `watch`

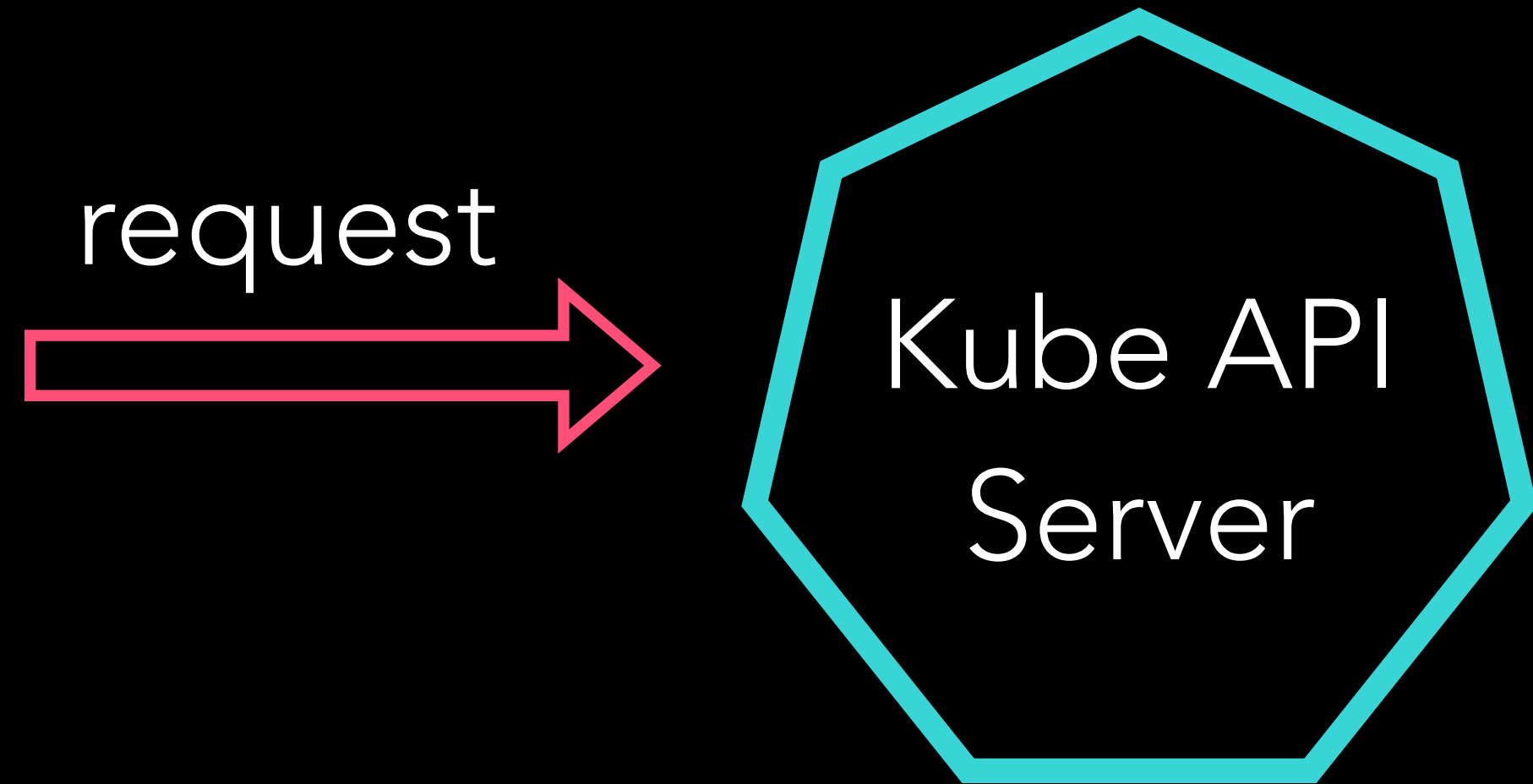
ResponseComplete no more bytes will be sent

Panic generated when a panic occurs

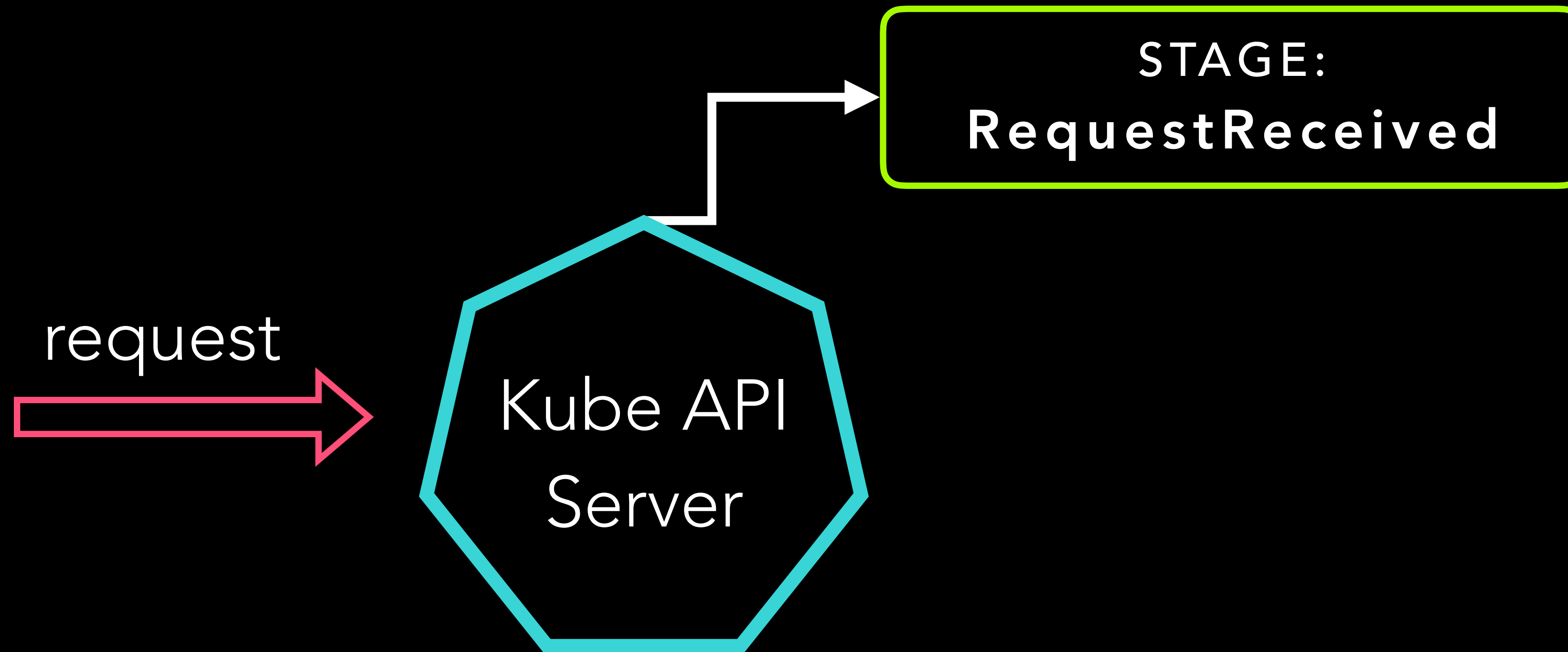
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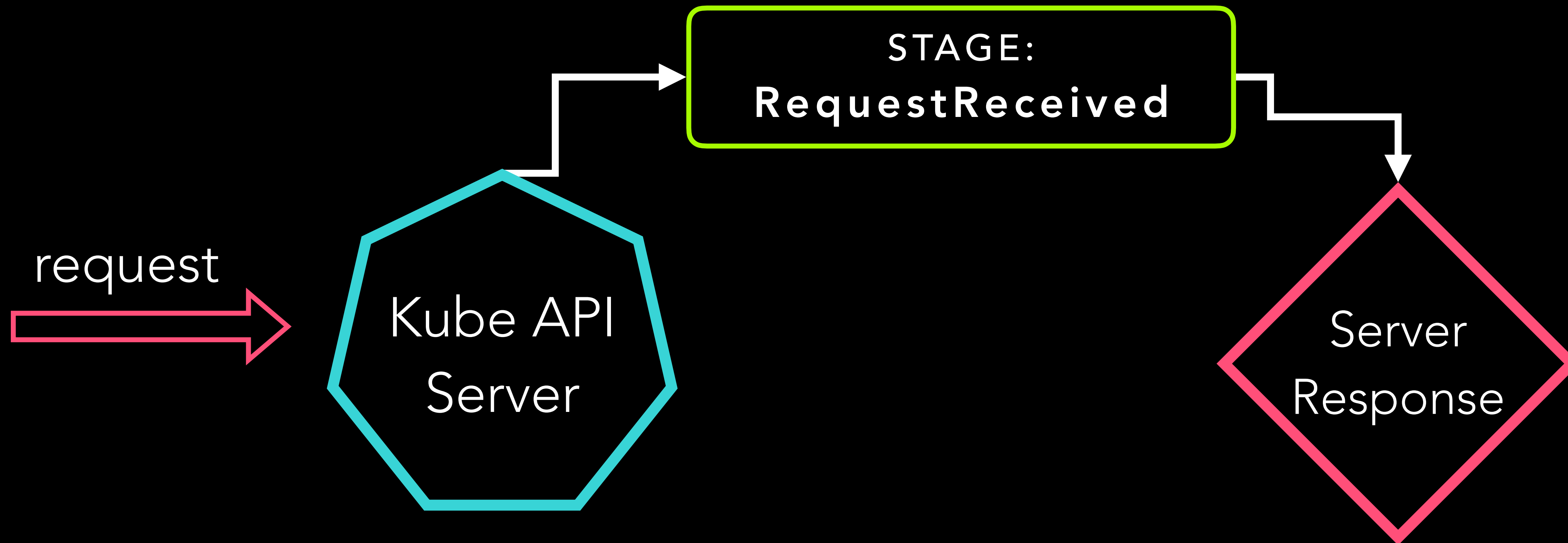
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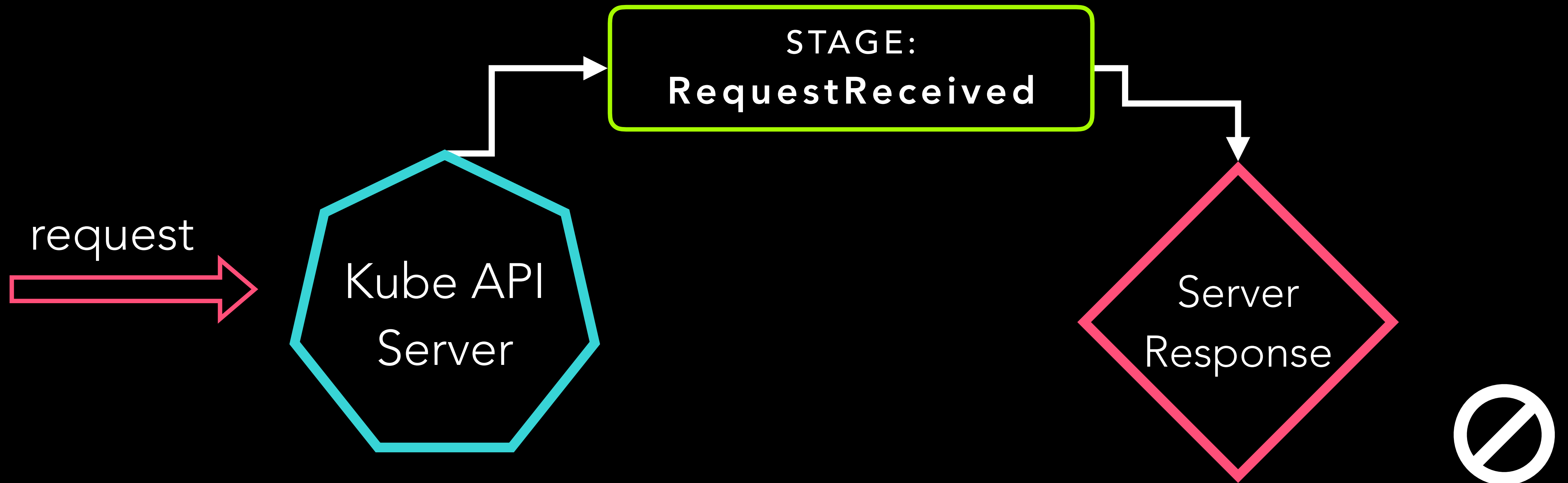
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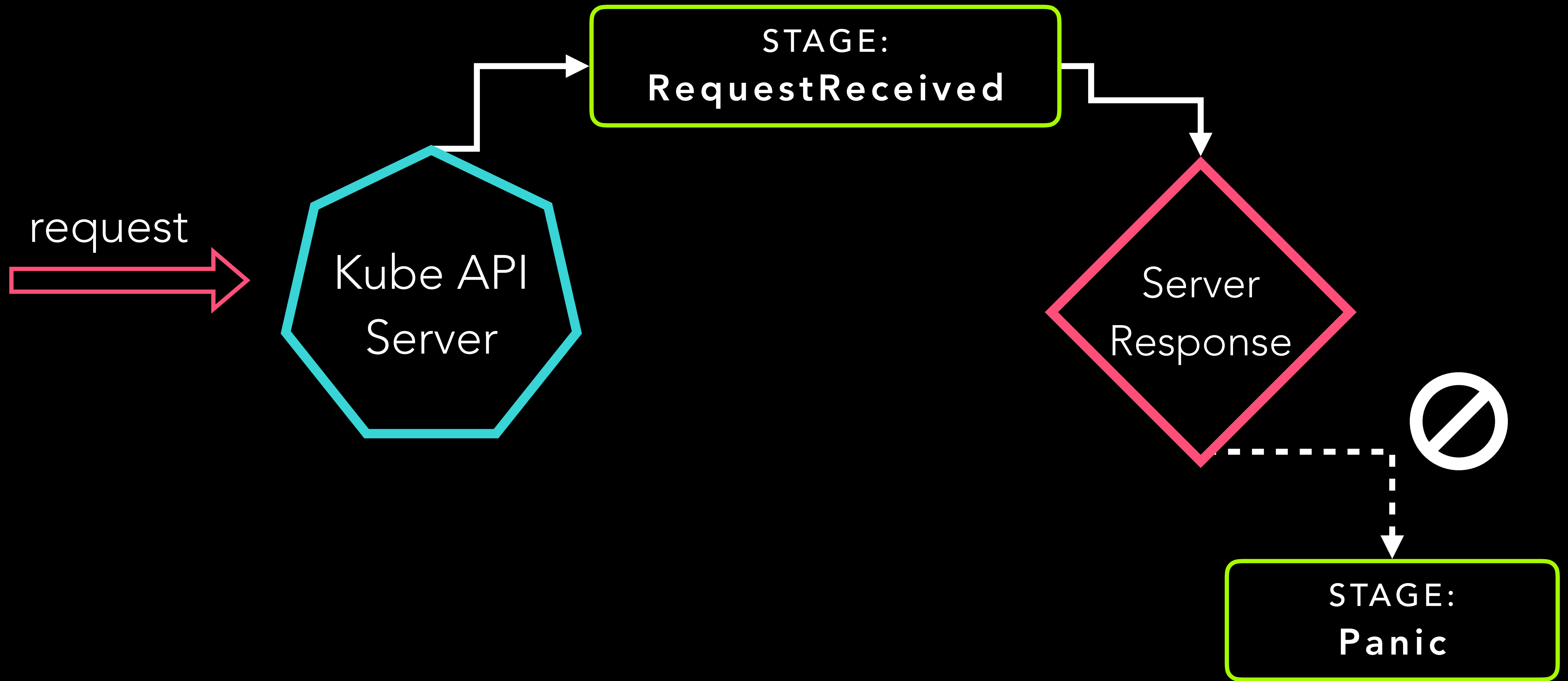
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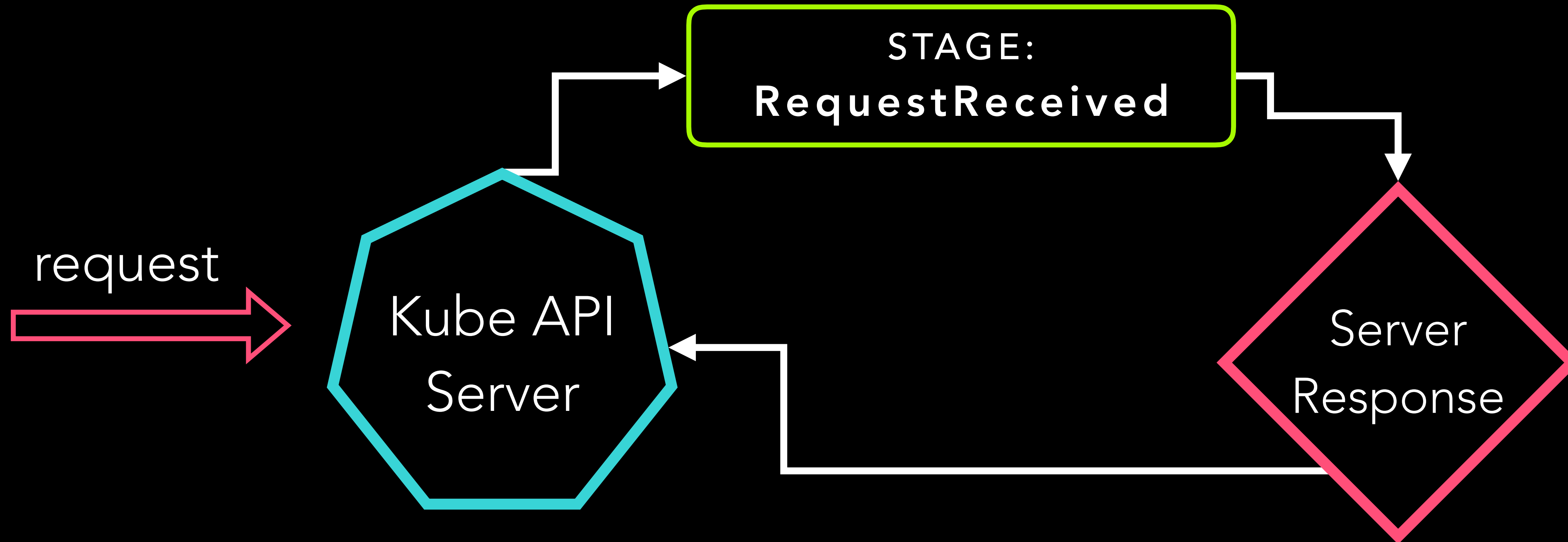
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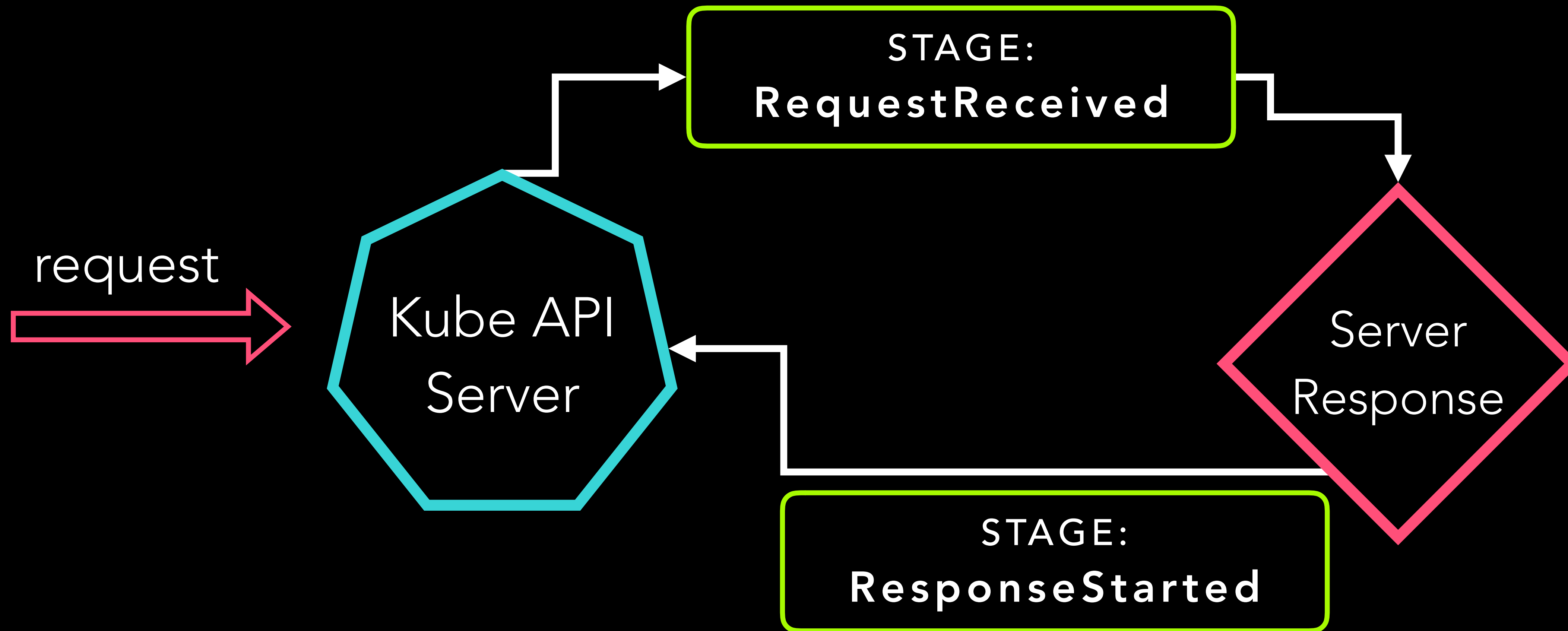
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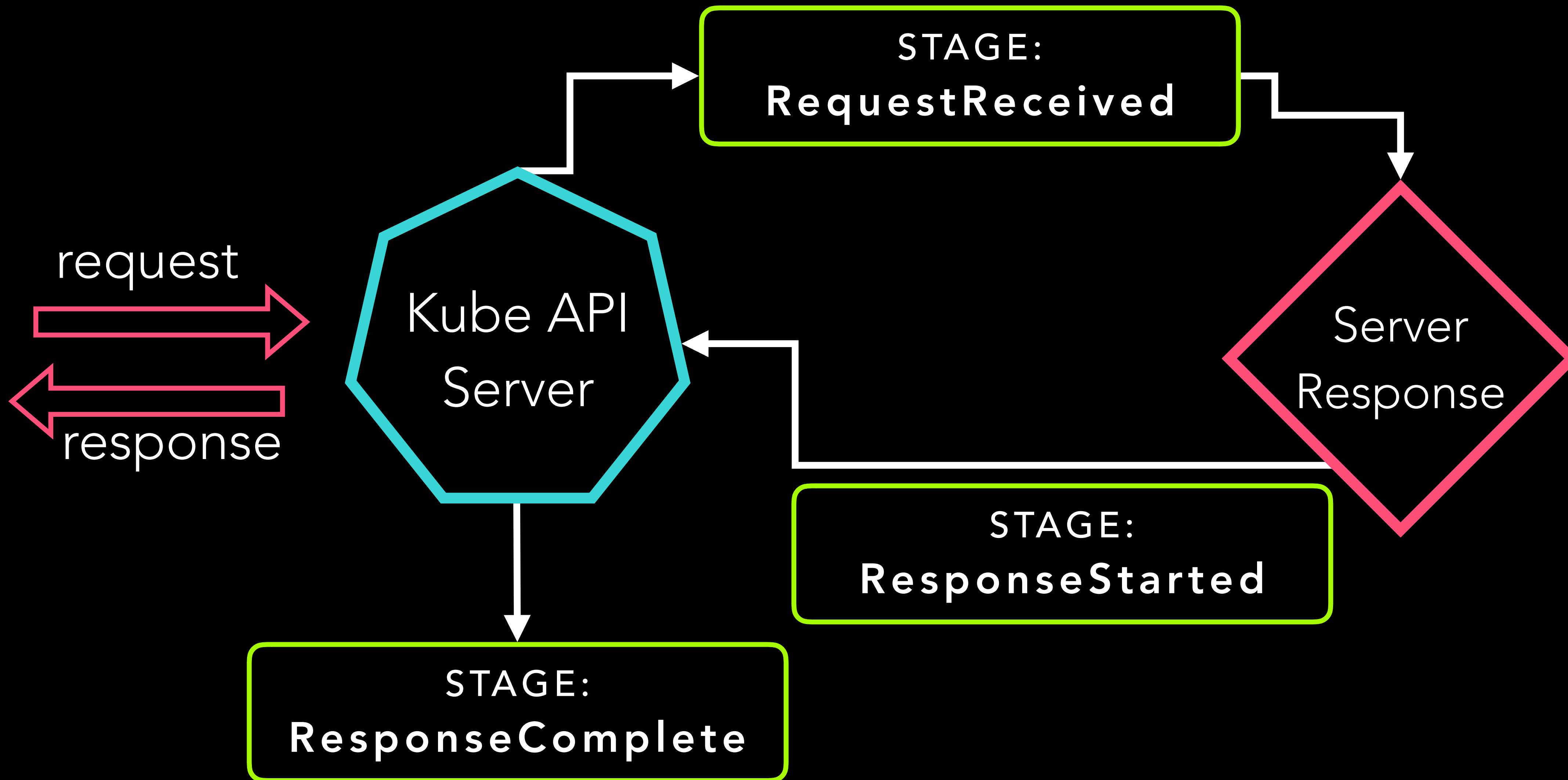
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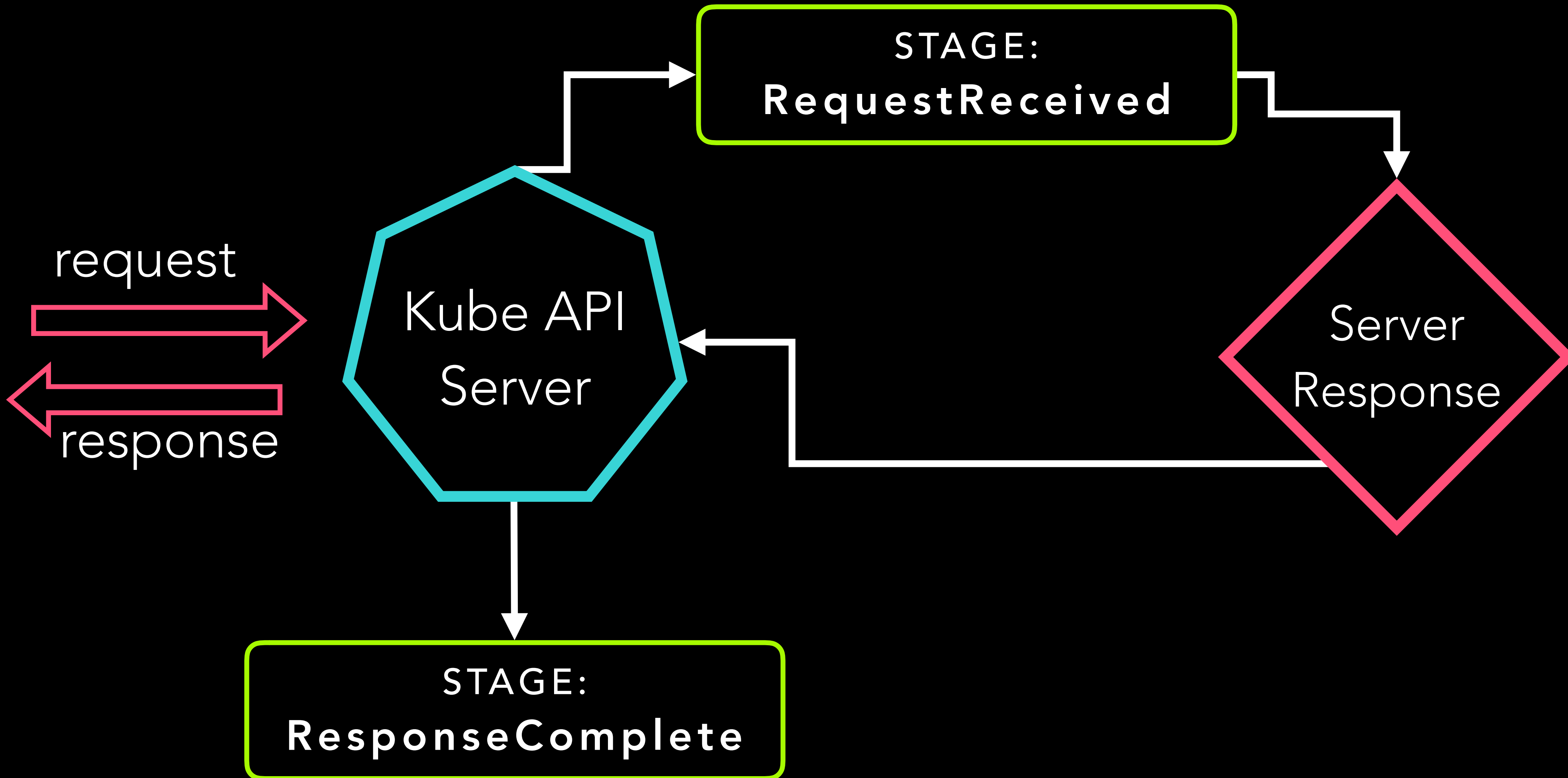
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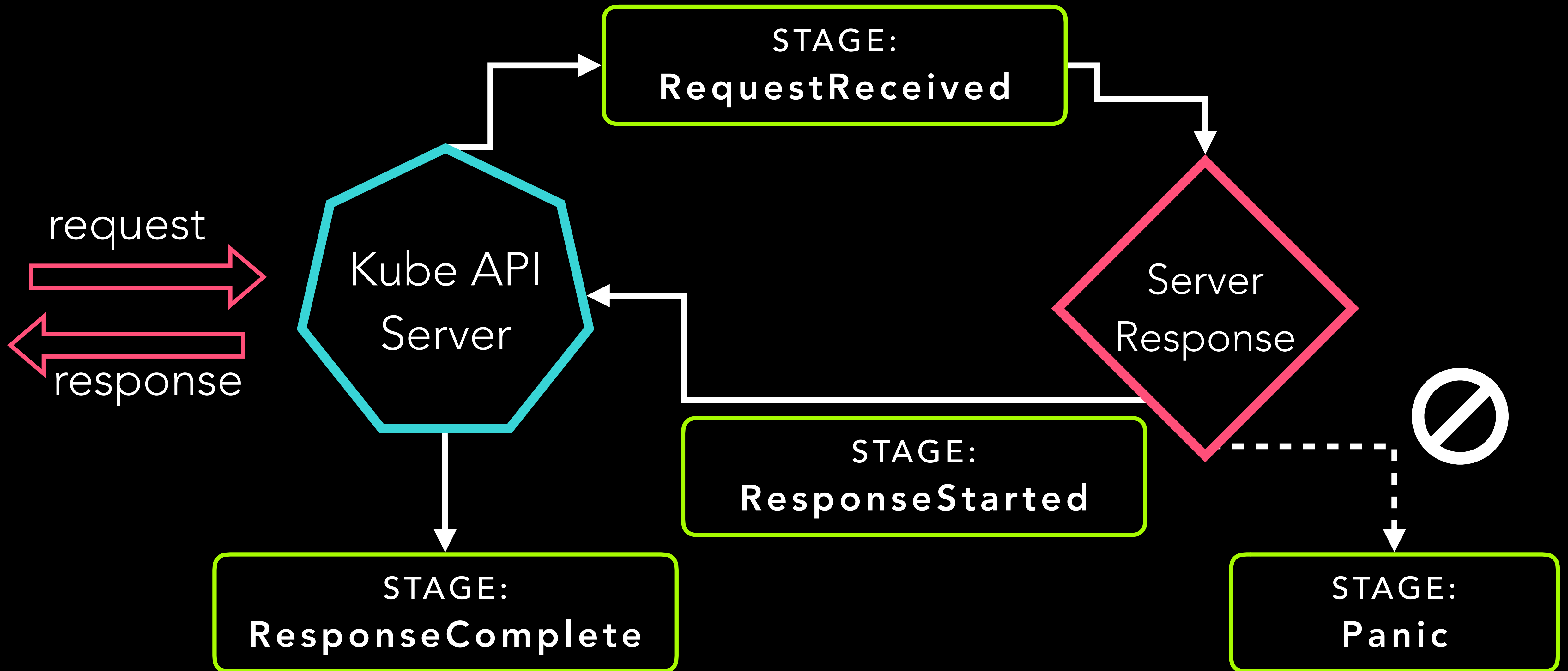
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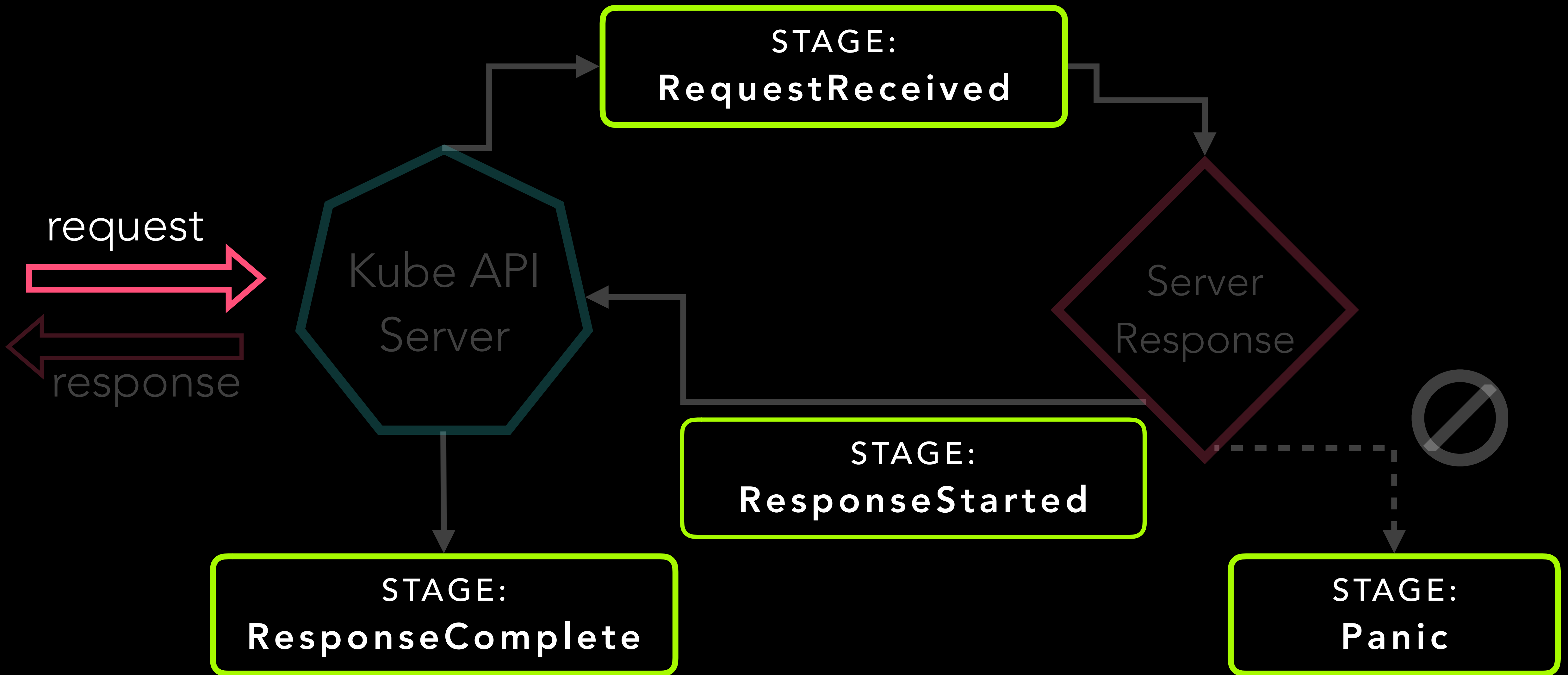
AUDIT STAGES



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LEVEL IS DETERMINED BY POLICY

AUDITING LEVELS

None no requests are logged

Metadata only request metadata is logged

Request request object is logged

RequestResponse request & response objects
are logged

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EXAMPLE POLICY

```
apiVersion: audit.k8s.io/v1
```

```
kind: Policy
```

```
omitStages:
```

```
- "RequestReceived"
```

```
rules:
```

```
- level: Metadata
```

```
  resources:
```

```
    - group: ""
```

```
      resources: ["secrets"]
```


OUTPUT

```
{
  "level": "Metadata",
  "timestamp": "2018-12-09T17:02:25Z",
  "stage": "ResponseComplete",
  "requestURI": "/api/v1/namespaces/default/secrets/api-key",
  "verb": "get",
  "user": {
    "username": "dolores"
  },
  "sourceIPs": ["10.0.143.187"],
  "objectRef": {
    "resource": "secrets",
    "namespace": "default"
  },
  "requestReceivedTimestamp": "2018-12-09T17:02:25.399627Z",
  "stageTimestamp": "2018-12-09T17:02:25.400717Z"
}
```

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PROBLEM 1

CONFIGURING AUDIT

YOU GOTTA

KNOW YOUR INSTALLER



GET READY TO MAKE SOME MISTAKES

CONFIGURATION IS PRECISE



NEW CHANGES REQUIRE YOU TO

RESTART THE API SERVER





sooooo...

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM

CLUSTER OPERATORS

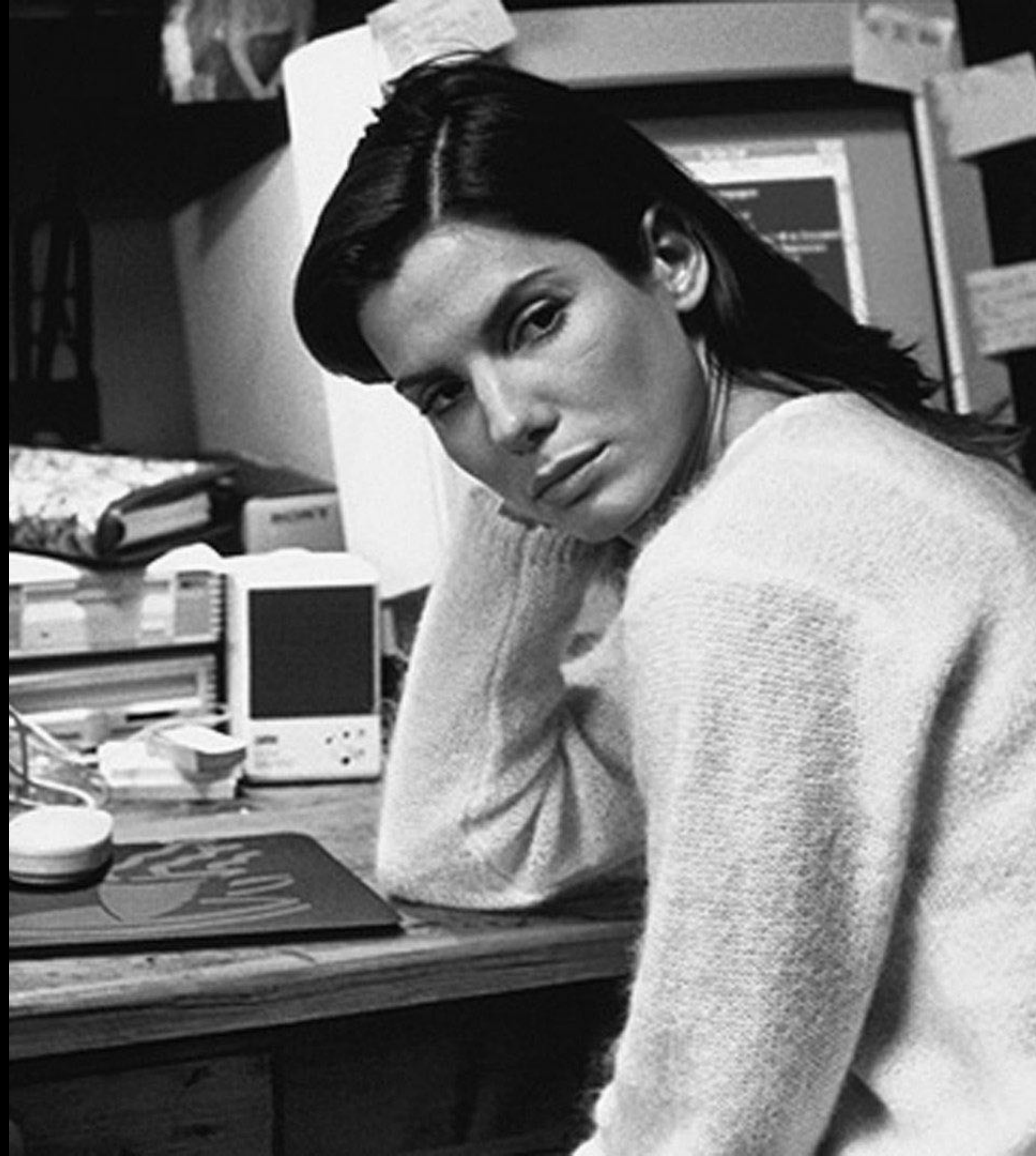


CLUSTER OPERATORS

- have to copy files up to the master node
- must restart the API server on every single iteration

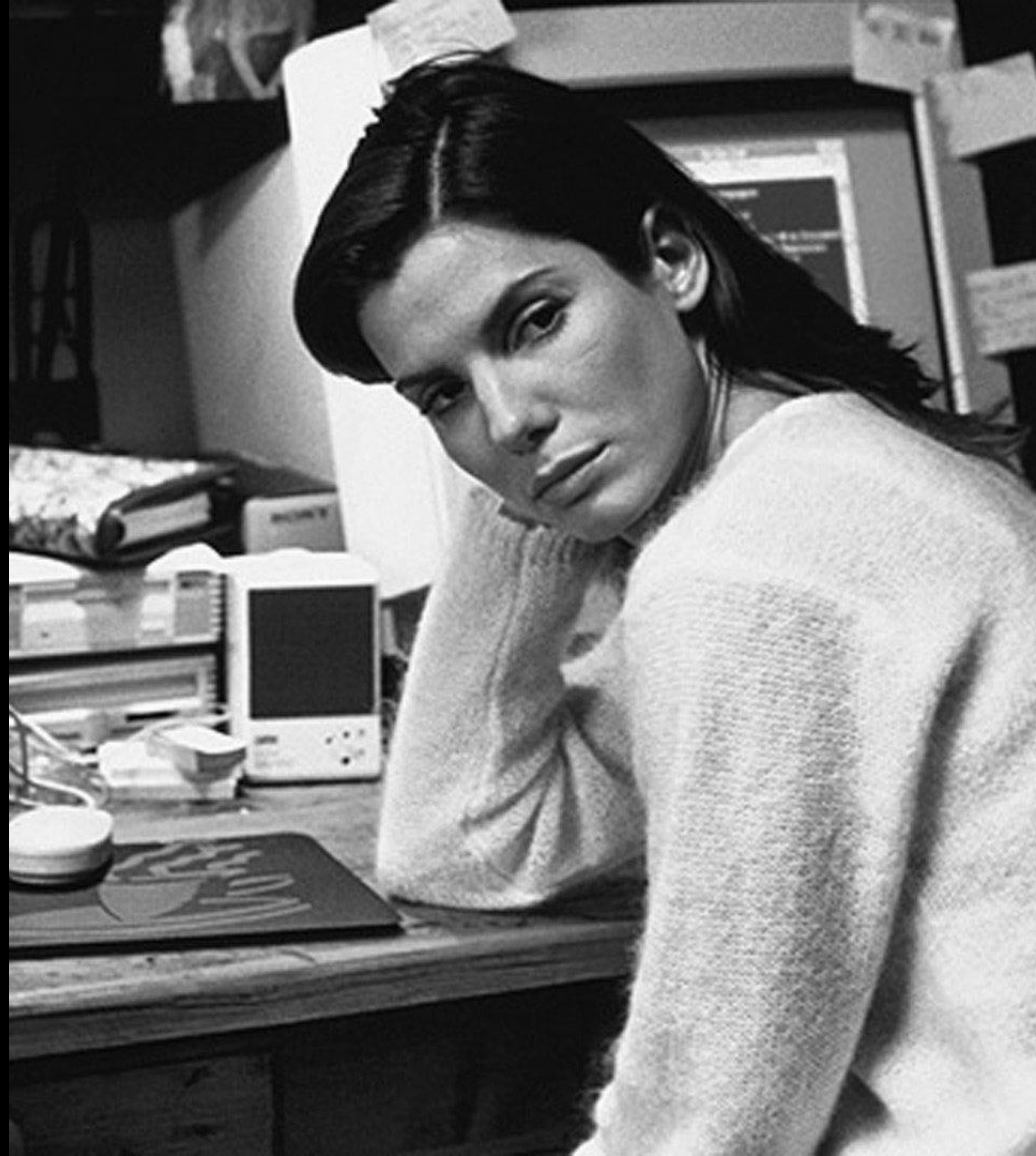


APP DEVS



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difficult to turn up audit logs when debugging an application



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APP DEVS



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(THIRD PARTY)

APP DEVS

can't drop in audit
facilities



DYNAMIC AUDIT CONFIG

(v1.13 alpha)



WTF IS

DYNAMIC AUDIT CONFIG?



WTF IS

DYNAMIC AUDIT CONFIG?

A SET OF OBJECTS THAT ALLOW
YOU TO CONFIGURE ADVANCED
AUDIT FEATURES...WAIT FOR IT

DYNAMICALLY

API SERVER FLAGS

`--audit-dynamic-configuration`

`--feature-gates=DynamicAuditing=true`

`--runtime-config=auditregistration.k8s.io/v1alpha1=true`

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AUDIT SINK

```
apiVersion: auditregistration.k8s.io/v1alpha1
kind: AuditSink
metadata:
  name: mysink
spec:
  policy:
    level: Metadata
    stages:
    - ResponseComplete
webhook:
  throttle:
    qps: 10
    burst: 15
  clientConfig:
    url: "https://audit.app"
```


CLUSTER OPERATORS

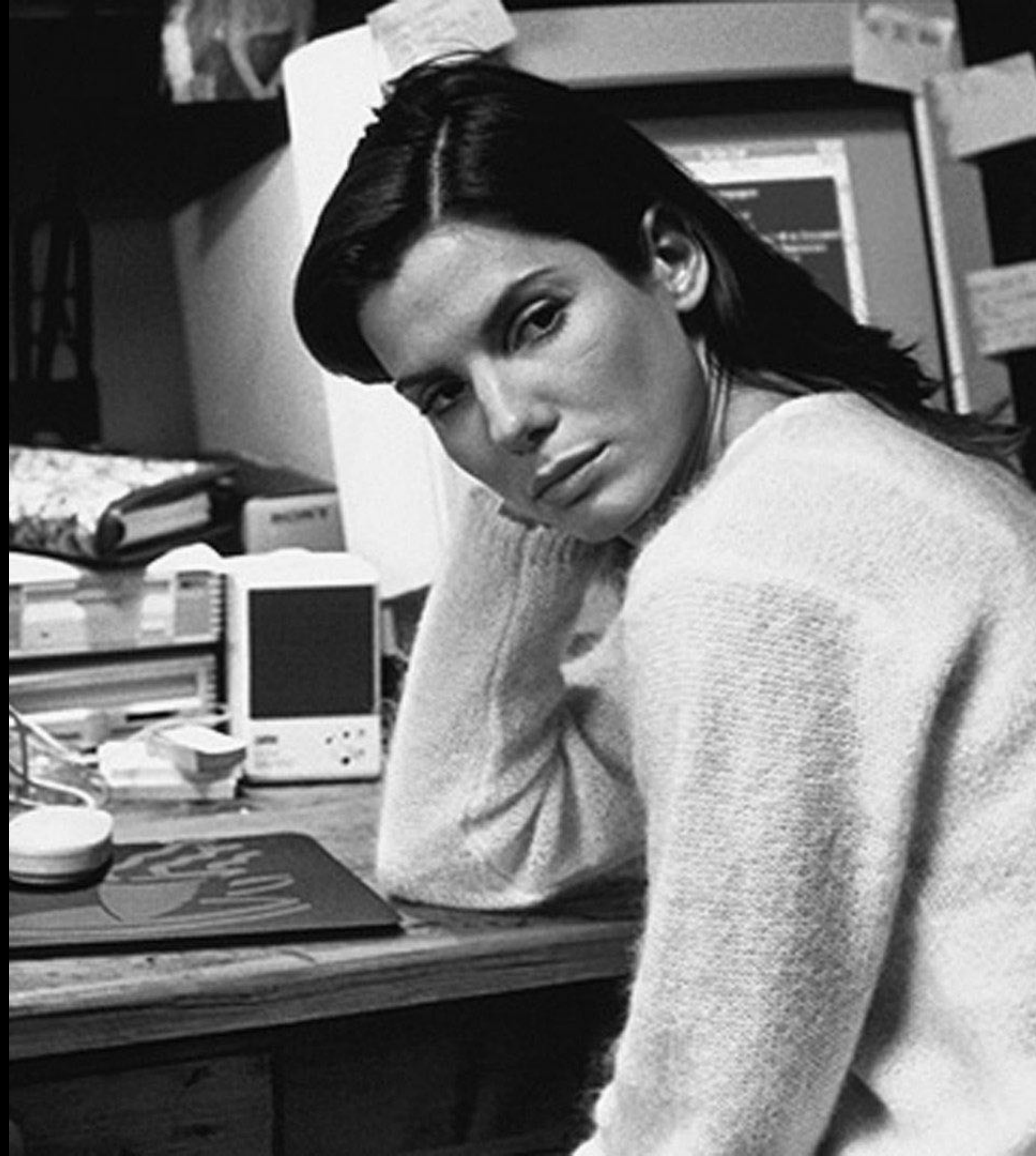


CLUSTER OPERATORS

can just create or
edit an **AuditSink**
object to configure
audit on their
clusters

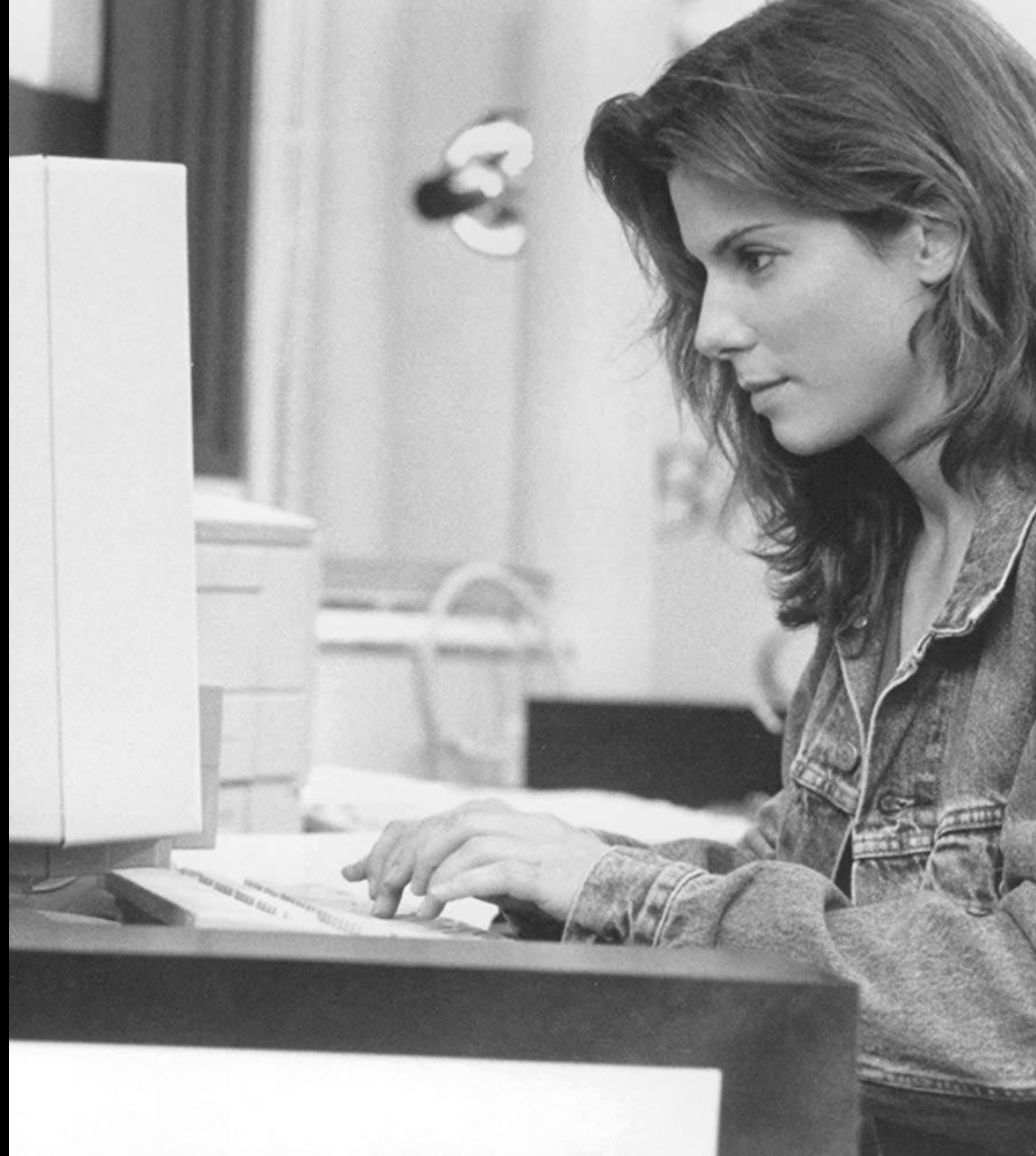


APP DEVS



APP DEVS

can easily update
log levels when
they're debugging



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APP DEVS

can drop in third
party audit facilities
to their heart's
content



ENABLING DYNAMIC AUDIT ON A KIND* CLUSTER

*kubernetes in docker

CREATE A KIND CLUSTER

```
kind build node-image \  
  && kind create cluster \  
  --image kindest/node:latest \  
  --config kindconfig.yaml
```


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```

KINDCONFIG.YAML

```
apiVersion: kind.sigs.k8s.io/v1alpha1
```

```
kind: Config
```

```
kubeadmConfigPatches:
```

```
- |
```

```
  apiVersion: kubeadm.k8s.io/v1beta1
```

```
  kind: ClusterConfiguration
```

```
  apiServer:
```

```
    extraArgs:
```

```
      audit-dynamic-configuration: "true"
```

```
      feature-gates: DynamicAuditing=true
```

```
      runtime-config: auditregistration.k8s.io/v1alpha1=true
```



```
audit-sink-quickstart — docker • kind create cluster --image kindest/node:latest --config kindconfig.yaml — 125x30
Kates-MacBook-Pro ~/audit-sink-quickstart (master) $ kind create cluster --image kindest/node:latest --config kindconfig.yaml
Creating cluster 'kind-1' ...
✓ Ensuring node image (kindest/node:latest) 🖼️
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Creating node container 📦
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Fixing mounts ⚙️
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Starting systemd 🖥️
∴ [kind-1-control-plane] Waiting for docker to be ready 🔄 █
```

```
Kates-MacBook-Pro ~/audit-sink-quickstart (master) $ kind create cluster --image kindest/node:latest --config kindconfig.yaml
Creating cluster 'kind-1' ...
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✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Fixing mounts 🏔️
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Starting systemd 🖥️
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Waiting for docker to be ready 🔄
✓ [kind-1-control-plane] Starting Kubernetes (this may take a minute) 🌀
Cluster creation complete. You can now use the cluster with:

export KUBECONFIG="$(kind get kubeconfig-path --name="1")"
kubectl cluster-info
Kates-MacBook-Pro ~/audit-sink-quickstart (master) $
```


THIS IS STILL
IN ALPHA



THIS IS STILL IN ALPHA

- increase in **CPU/**
Memory
- a **cluster admin** level
privilege
- does **not support auth**
- **policy is scoped down**
for now will be handled
by a proxy



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PROBLEM 2

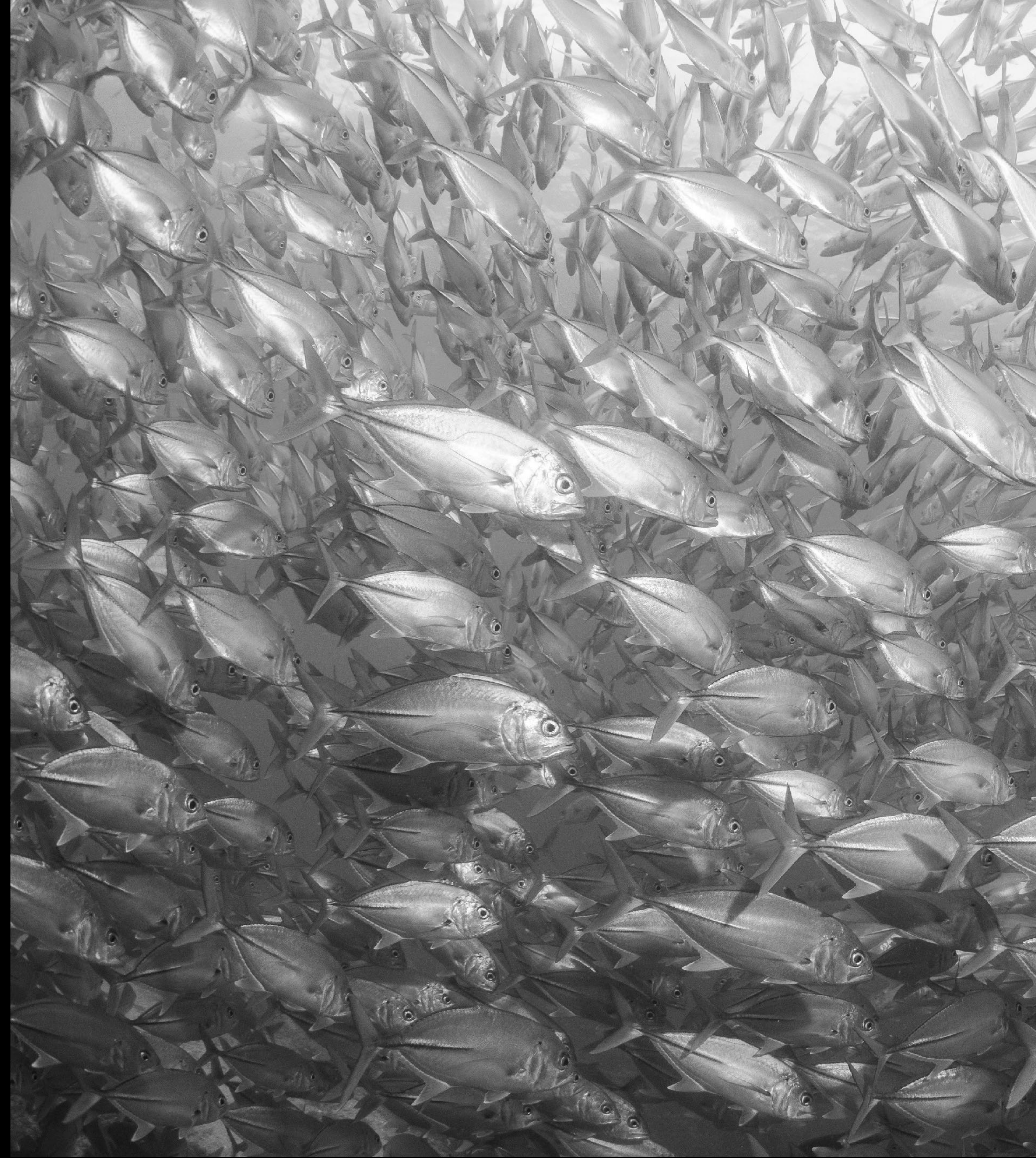
MAKING SENSE OF AUDIT

GOBS OF DATA



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DATA

LIKE
SO MUCH
DATA




```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

USER EVENTS

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

GET

CREATE

LIST

SYSTEM EVENTS

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

GET

CREATE

LIST

UPDATE

GET

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LIST

UPDATE

60,000 EVENTS PER HOUR

1.5 MILLION EVENTS PER DAY

10 MILLION EVENTS PER WEEK

43 MILLION EVENTS PER MONTH



DEMO



Clusters (7)

Connect a cluster

Name ▲	Allocated Memory	Allocated CPU	Nodes	Version
AWS Prod	2% 366 MB / 19.80 GB	39% 2.31 CPUs / 6 CPUs	2	v1.10.0
AWS-1.10-Disconnected	--	--	2	v1.10.0
Cloud PKS	--	--	4	v1.11.5
Cloud PKS Demo	3% 460 MB / 15.17 GB	24% 0.96 CPUs / 4 CPUs	2	v1.10.11
Cloud PKS Prod Demo	1% 350 MB / 30.35 GB	15% 1.2 CPUs / 8 CPUs	4	v1.11.5
Kate-GKE-1.9.7	15% 798 MB / 5.29 GB	53% 0.99 CPUs / 1.88 CPUs	2	v1.9.7-gke.11
ross-kewl-cluster-not-vke	26% 1.40 GB / 5.29 GB	74% 1.39 CPUs / 1.88 CPUs	2	v1.9.7-gke.11

Contact Heptio CRE

Kates-MacBook-Pro ~ \$ █

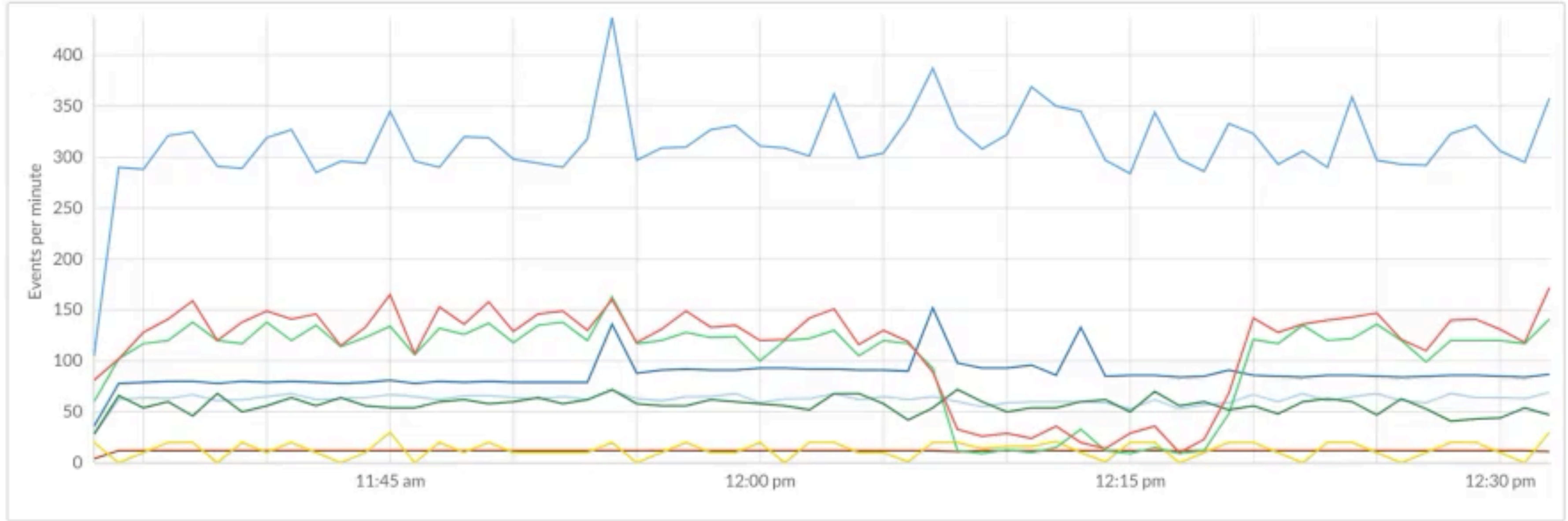
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- Overview
- Nodes
- Namespaces
- Projects
- Workloads
- Scans
- Audit**

Namespace Resource Name Verb User Source IP Failures only System events 1h 6h 1d 1w 1m Custom

Showing all events for the last hour (including system events)

- 38,847 Events
- 715 Patches
- 18,863 Gets
- 5,269 Updates
- 3,763 Lists
- 769 Deletions
- 6,056 Creations
- 3,412 Watches
- 6,796 Failures



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Time	Resource	Name	Verb	Namespace	User
2018-12-08T20:33:21Z	nodes	heptio-updater-20181128-5678b75	get	heptio-hq	system:node:ip-10-0-100-113.us-west-2.com

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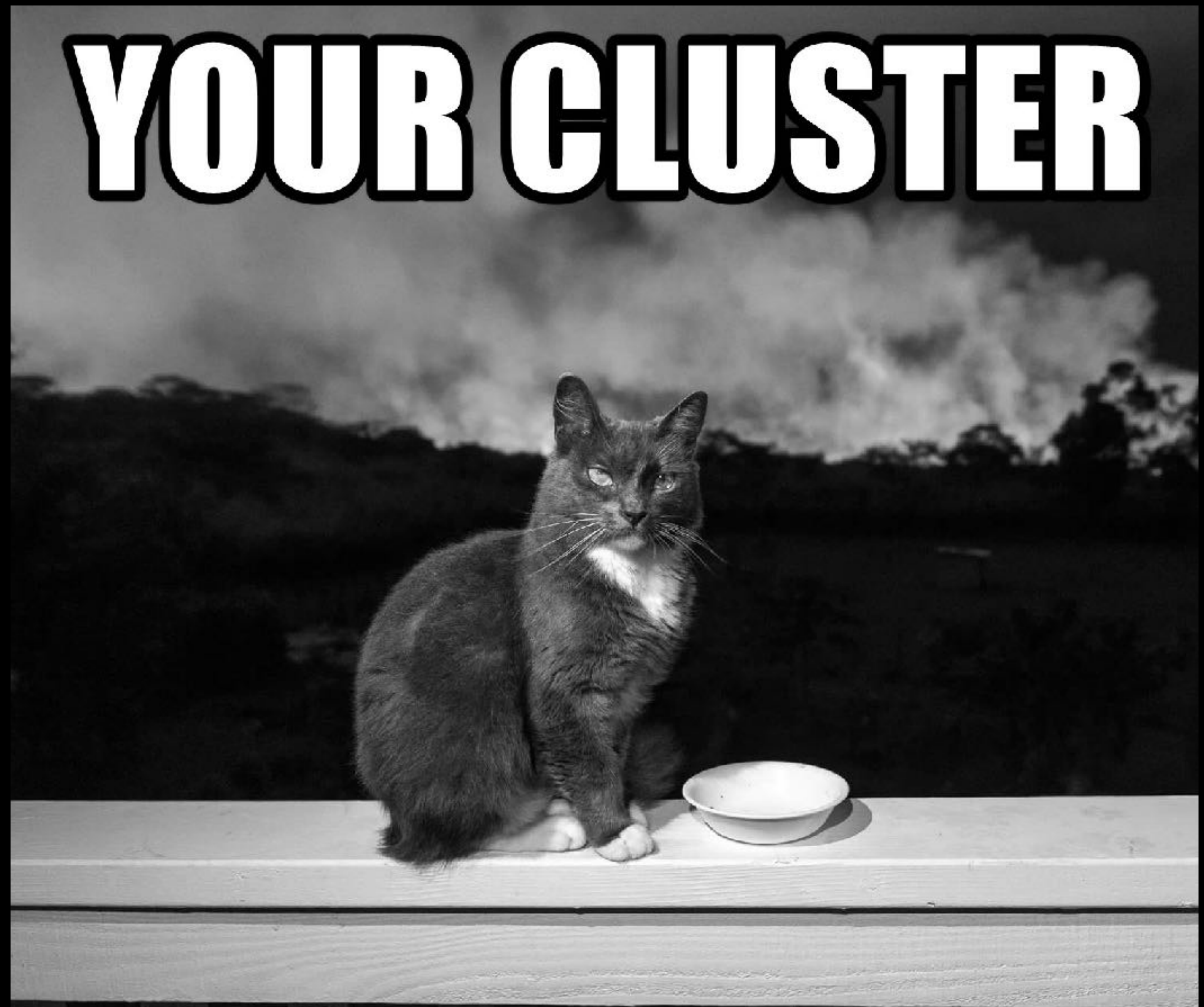
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THANK
YOU

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twitter if you wanna
talk audit or just
say hi

YOUR CLUSTER



LOOKS UNHEALTHY

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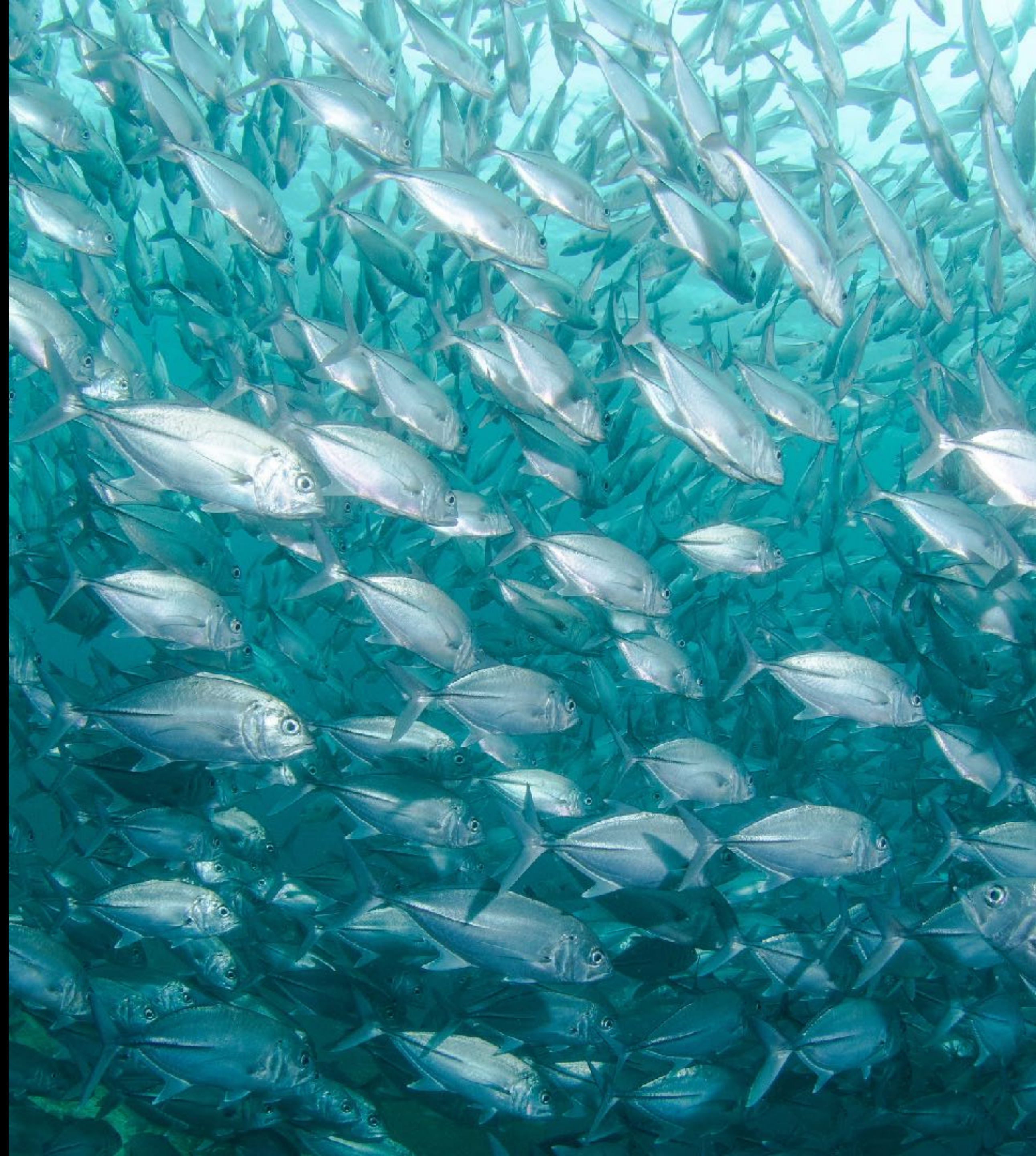


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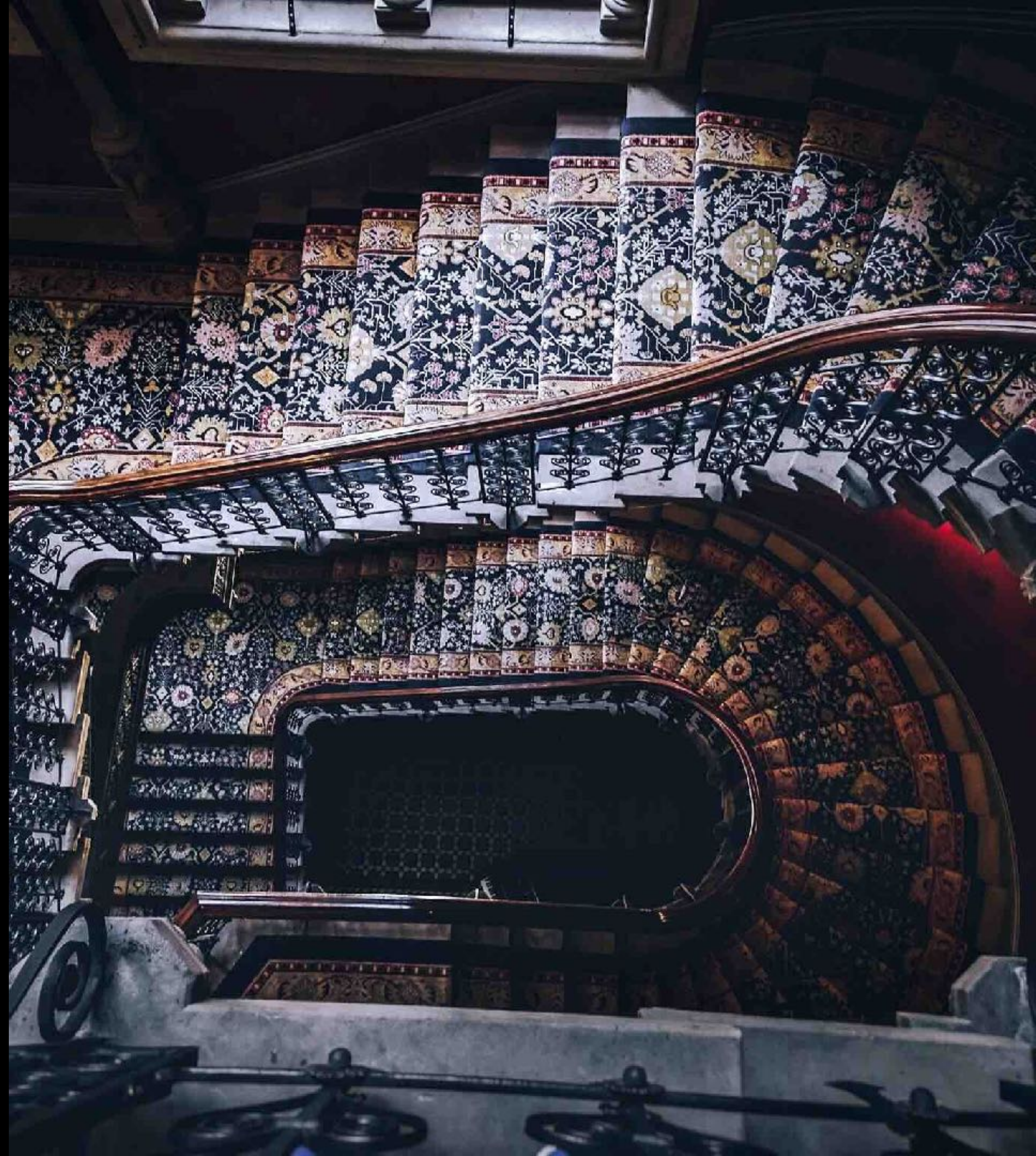


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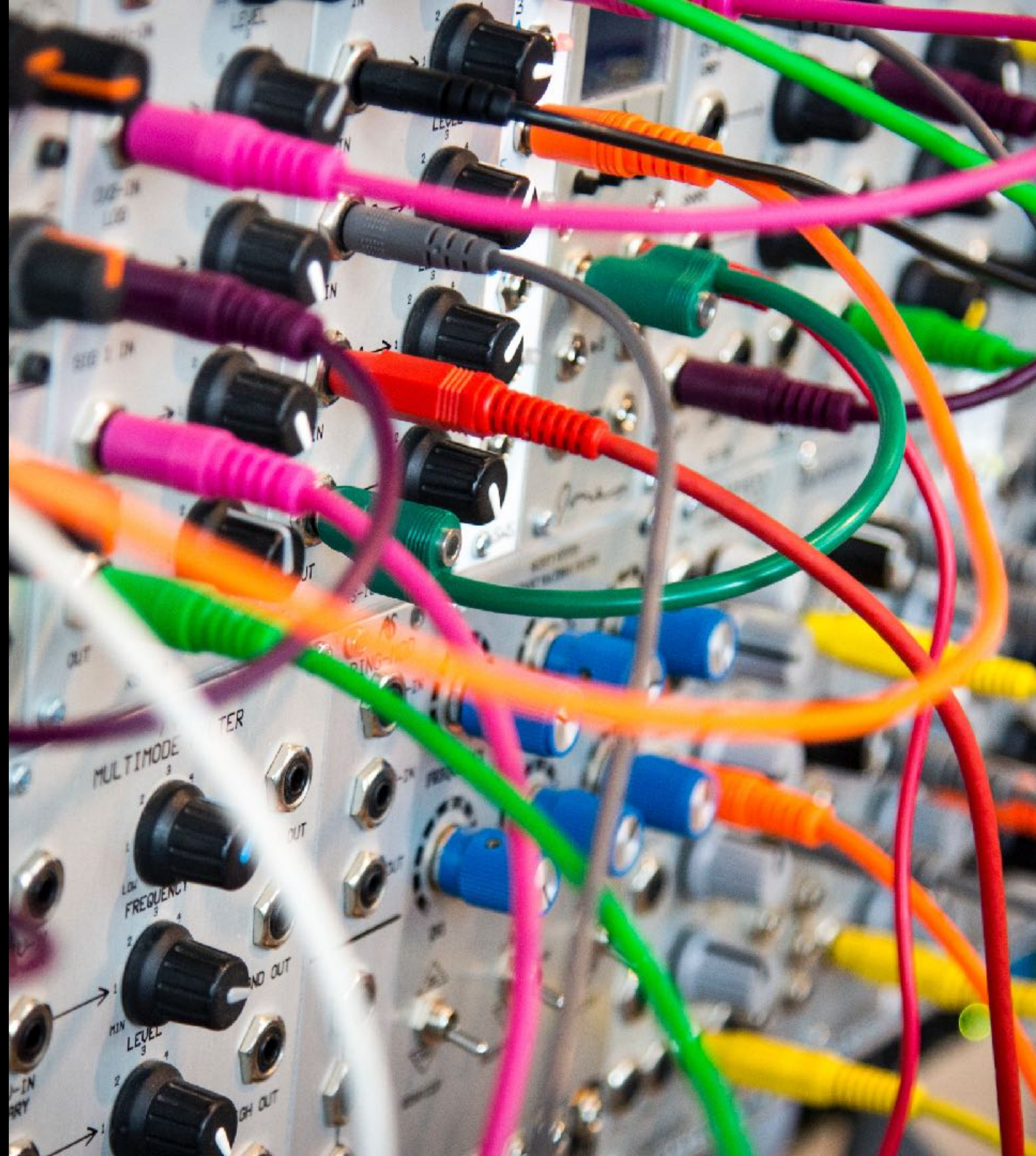


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