CBC Padding Oracle Attack



Today's Topic

Block Cipher

(CBC)



long plain text(256bytes)



long cipher text(256 bytes)



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long cipher text(256 bytes)

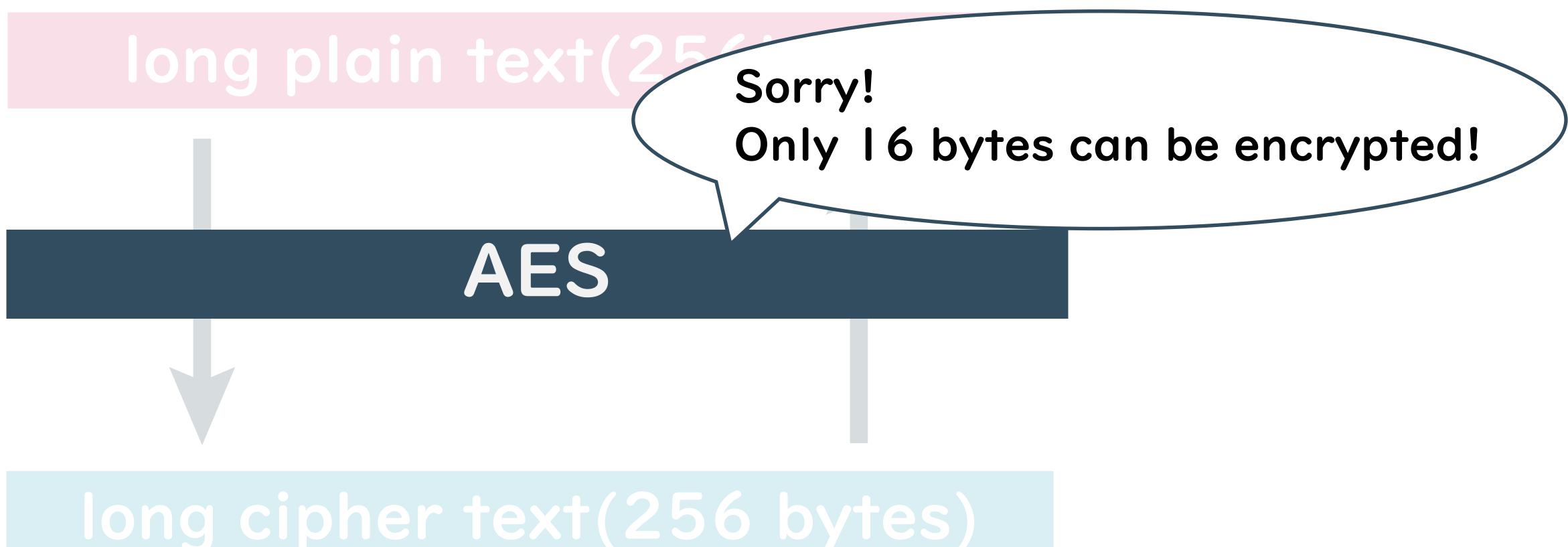


long plain text(256bytes)



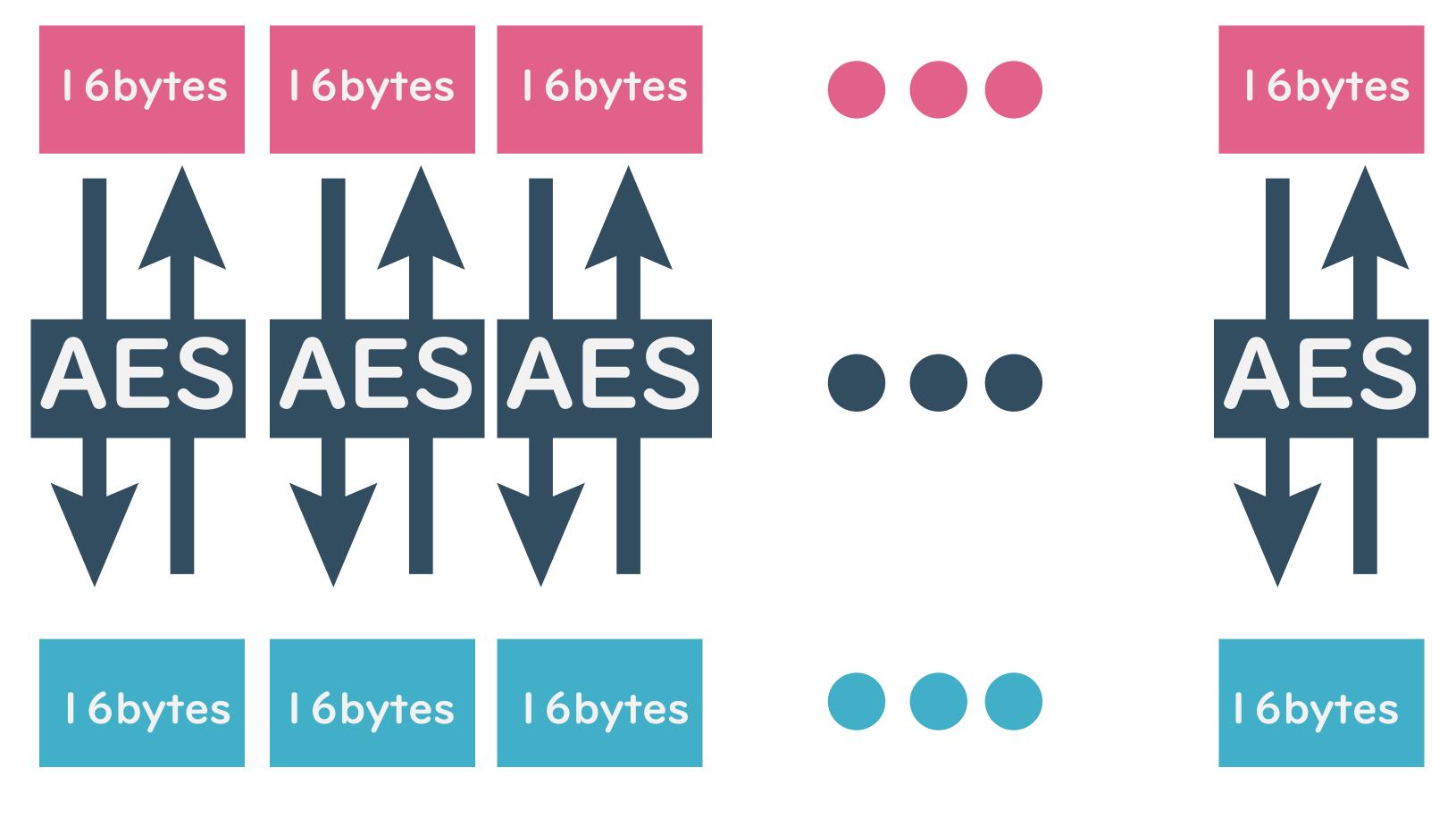
long cipher text(256 bytes)



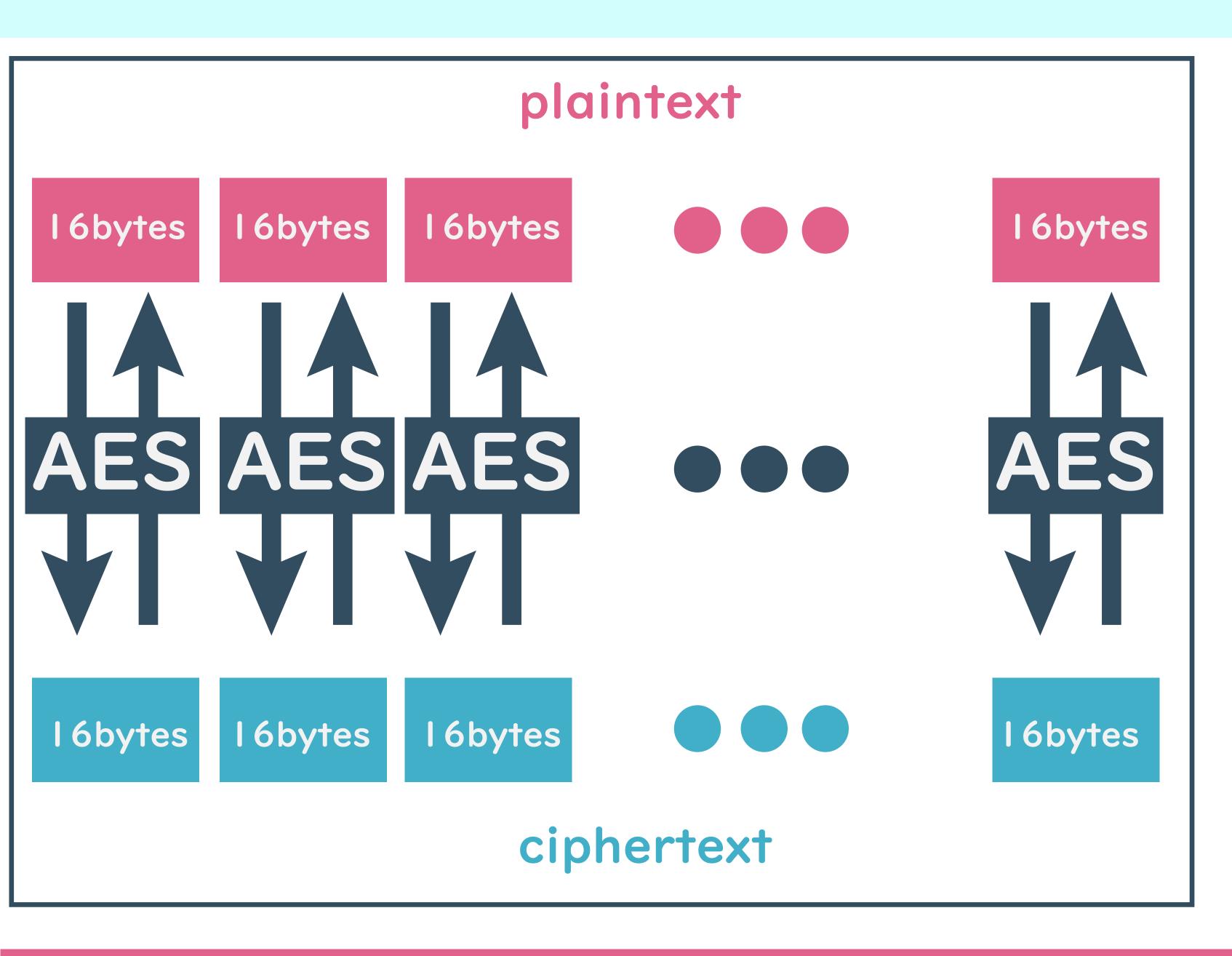


plaintext





ciphertext





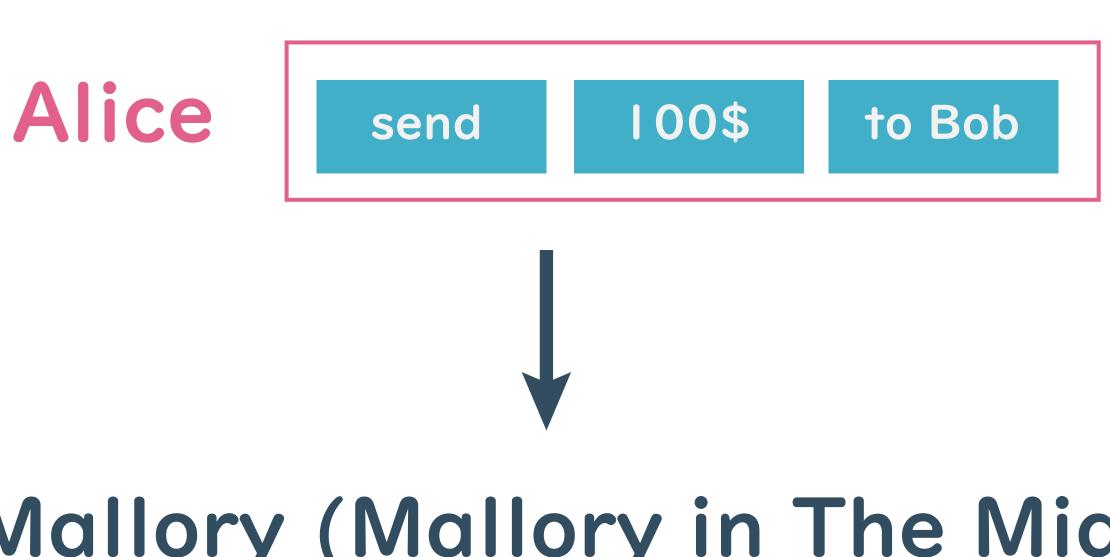
This Algorithm Called AES-ECB



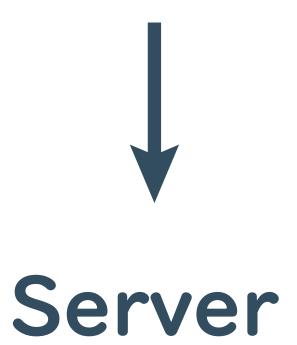
AES is Very Strong.

But, ECB is Very Weak

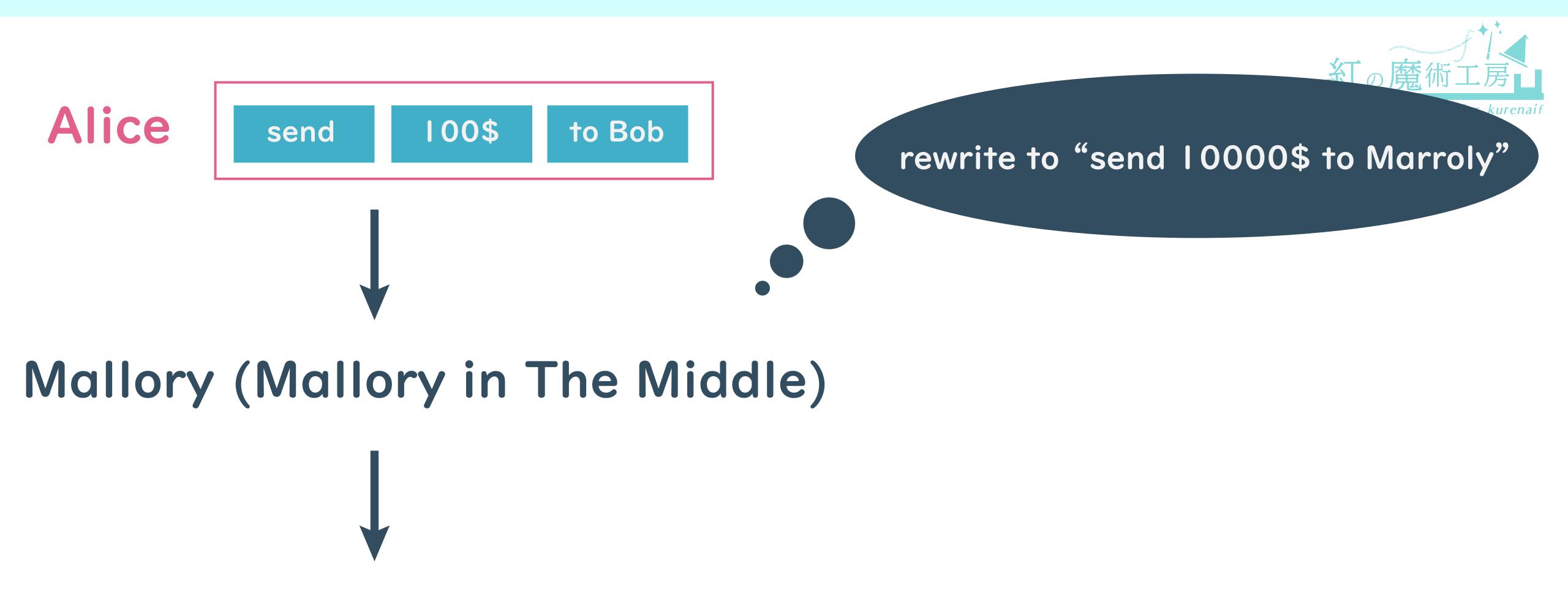




Mallory (Mallory in The Middle)



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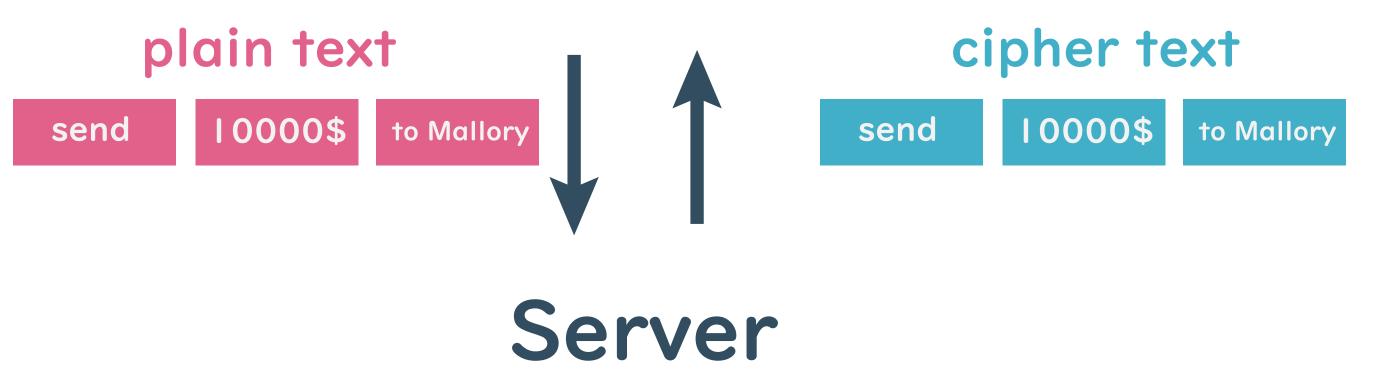
Server



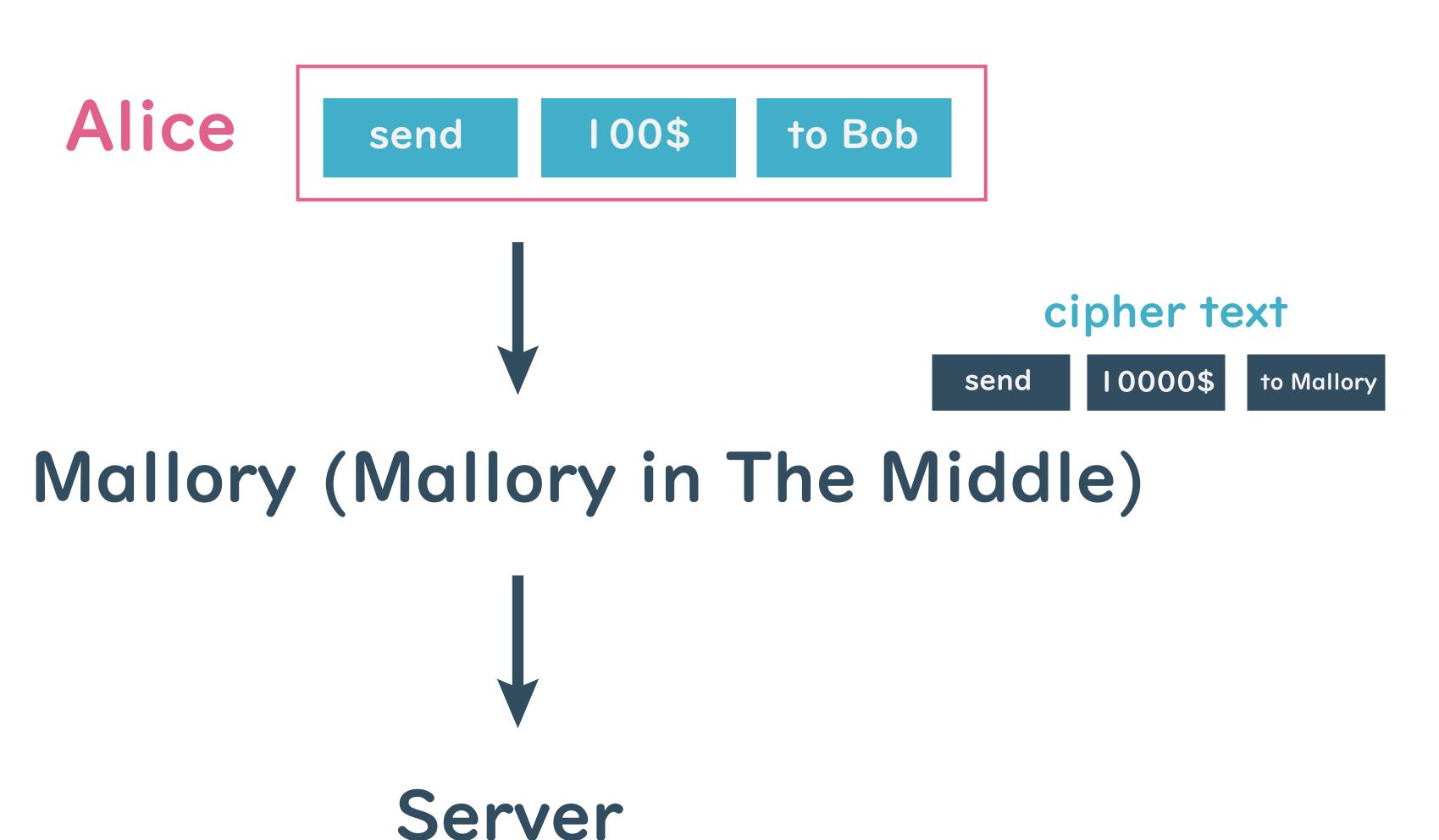
Alice

send 100\$ to Bob

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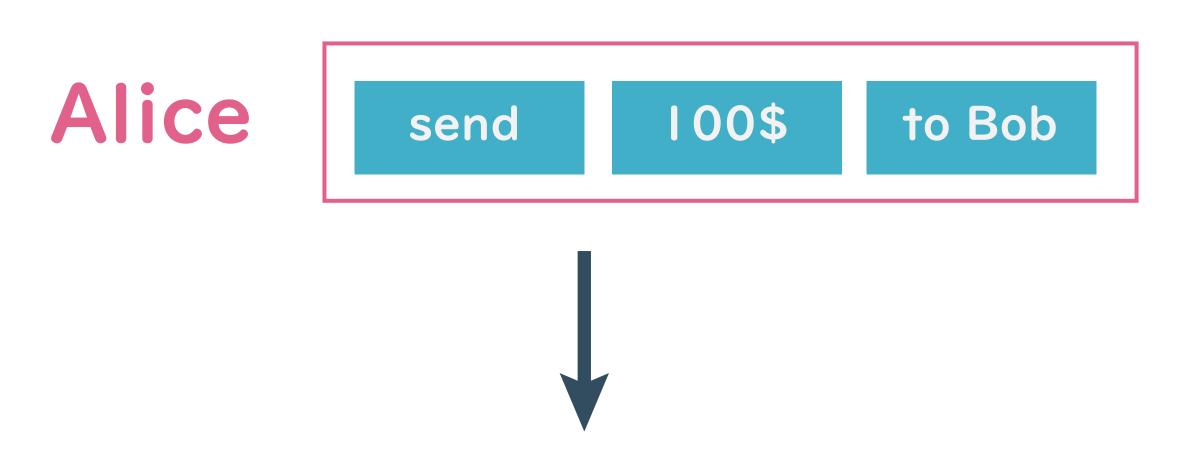


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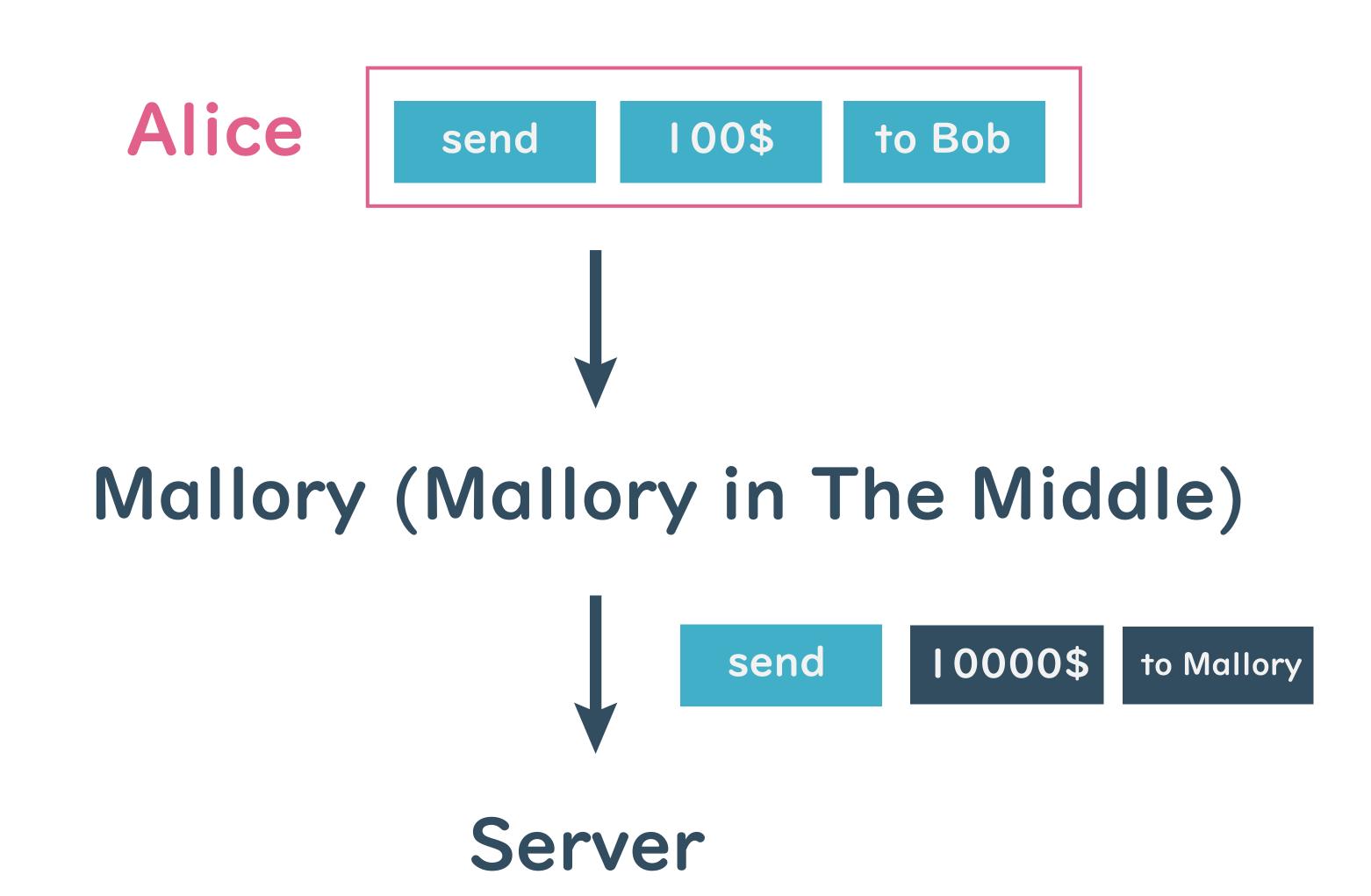


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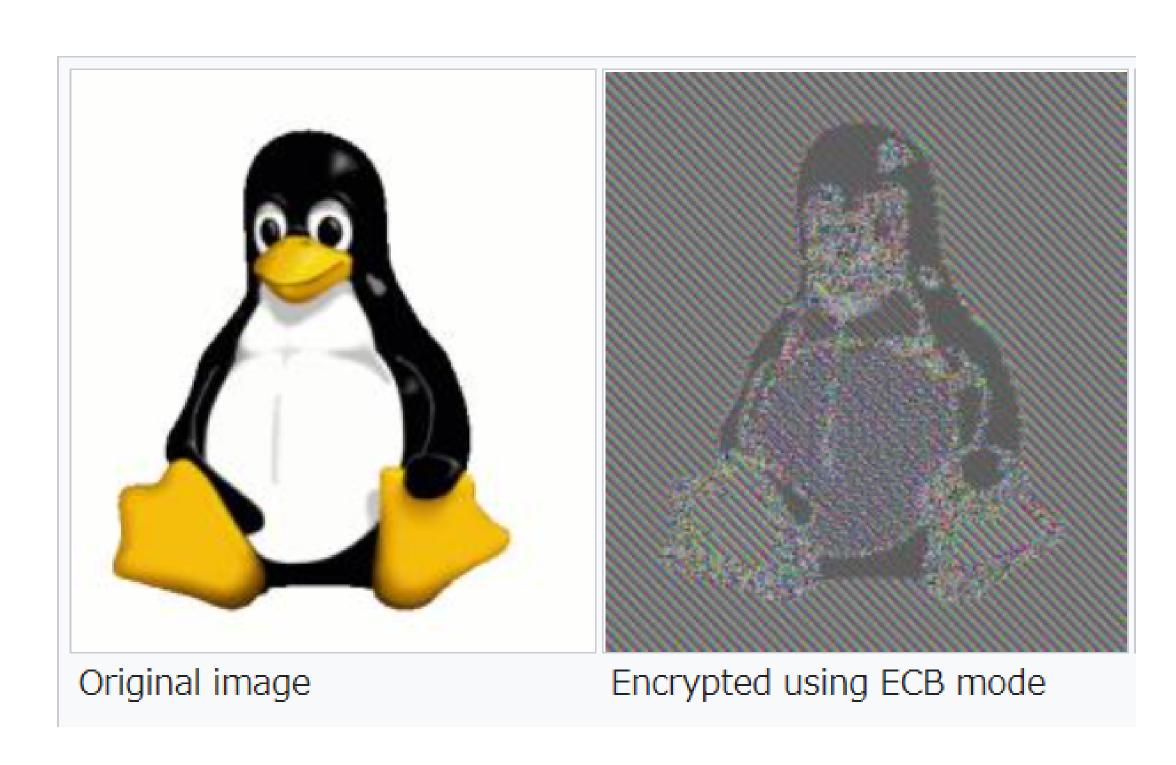




easy to falsification



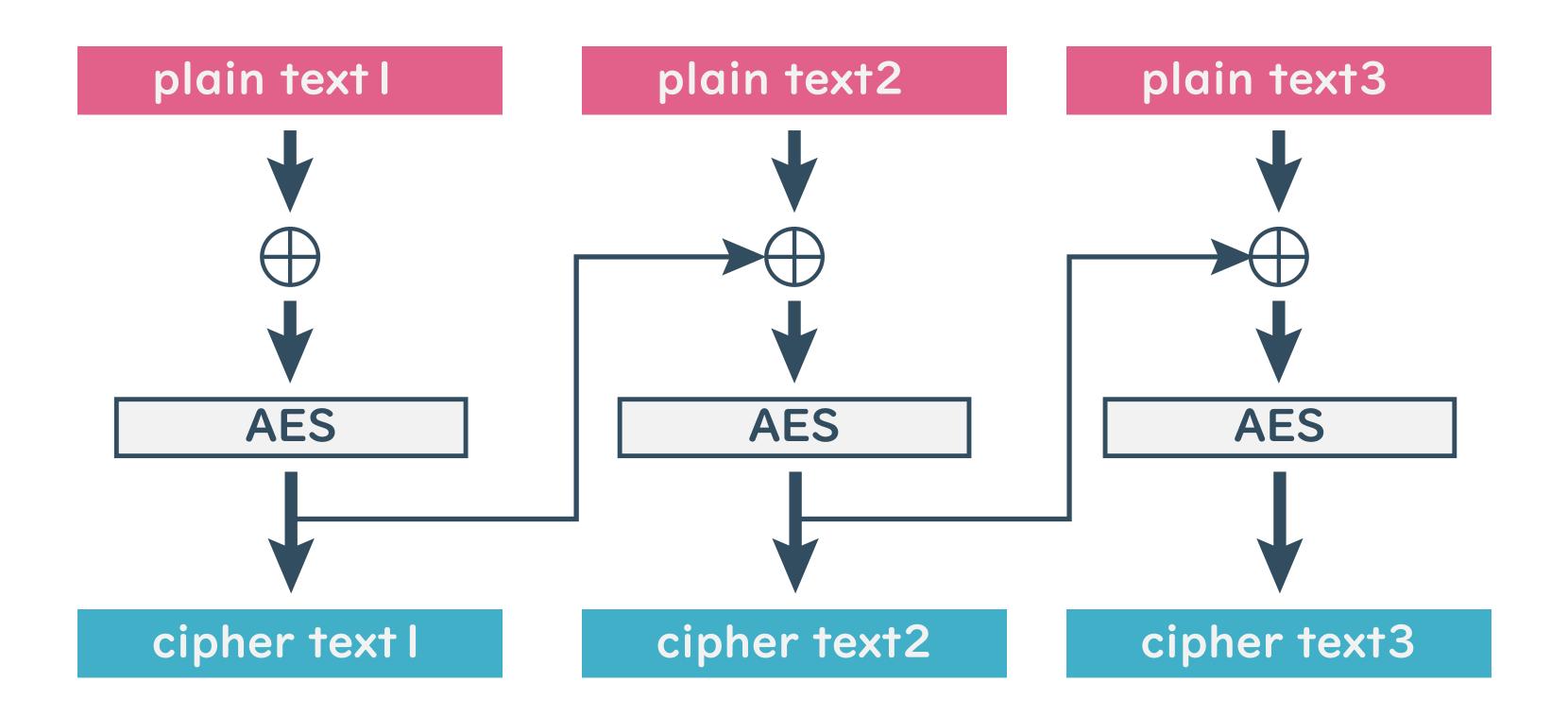




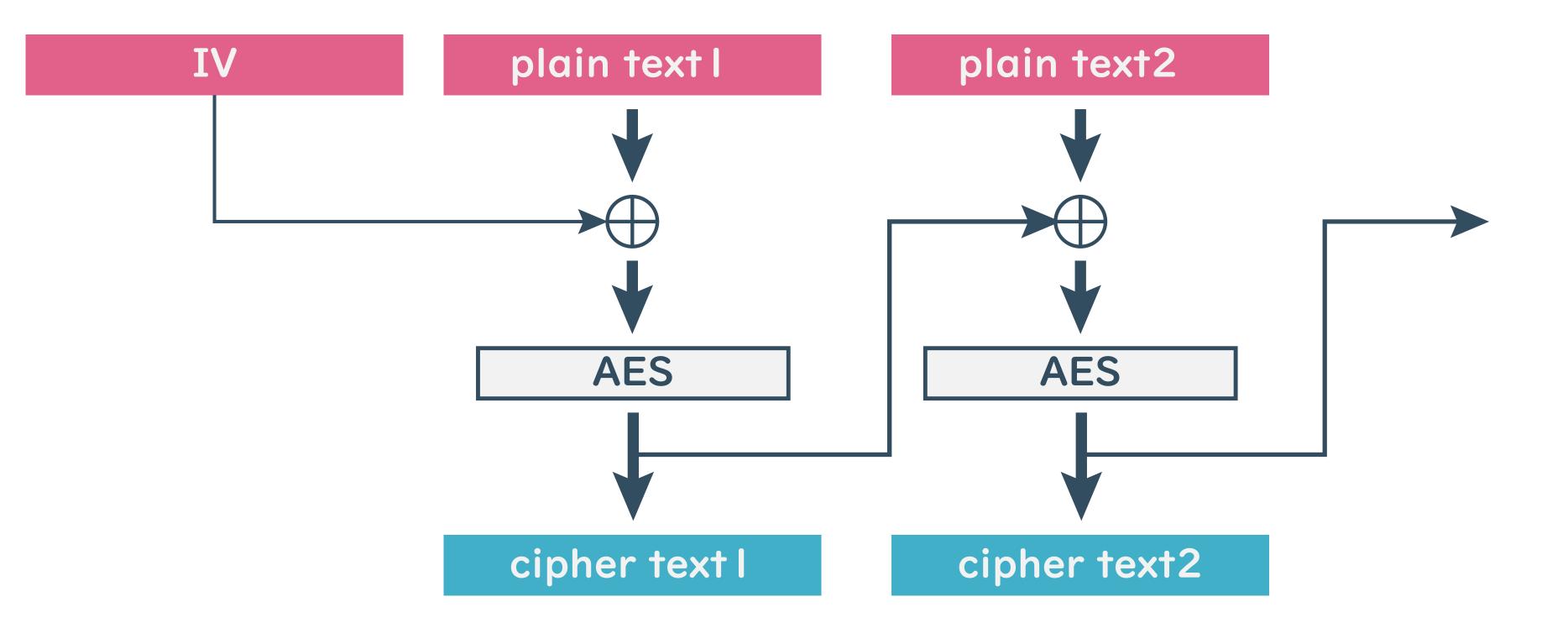
reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Block_cipher_mode_of_operation#ECB

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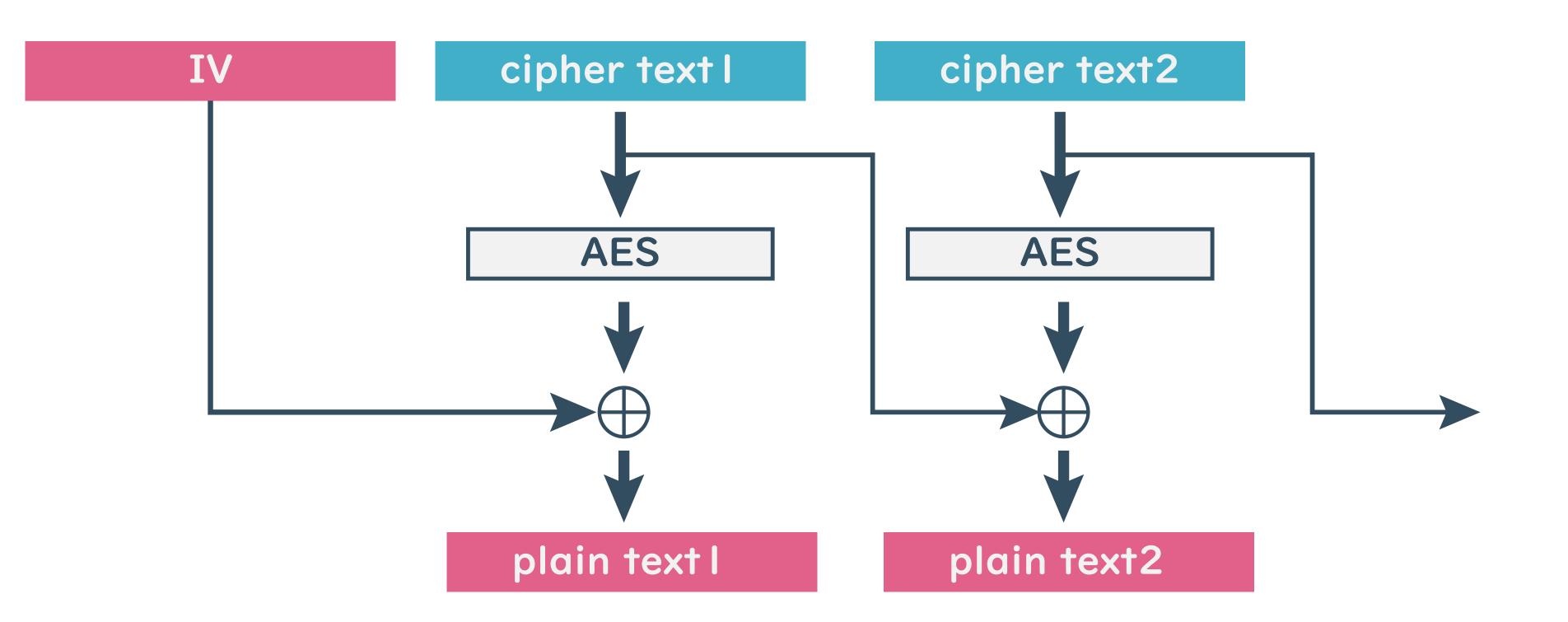




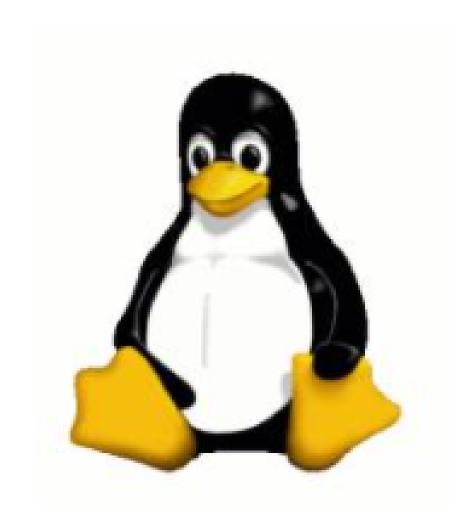


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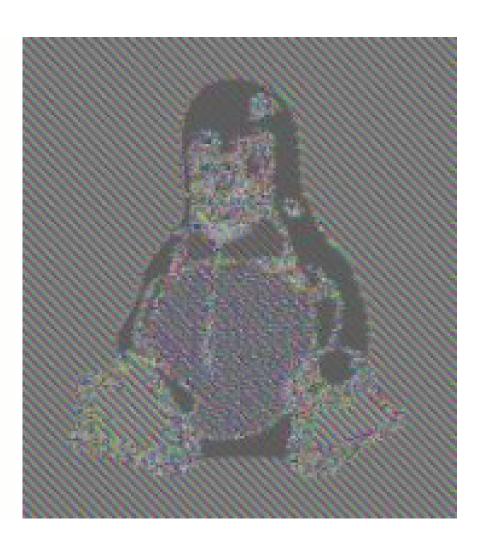




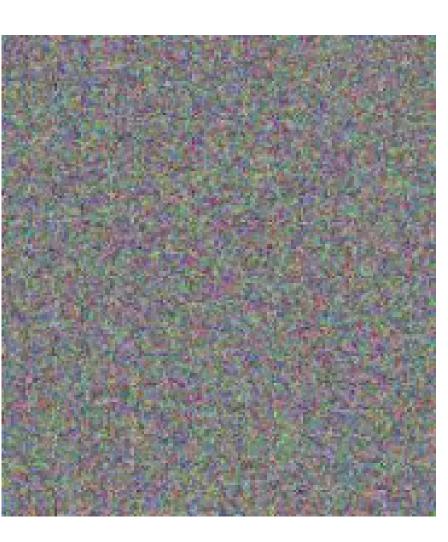




Original bitmap image



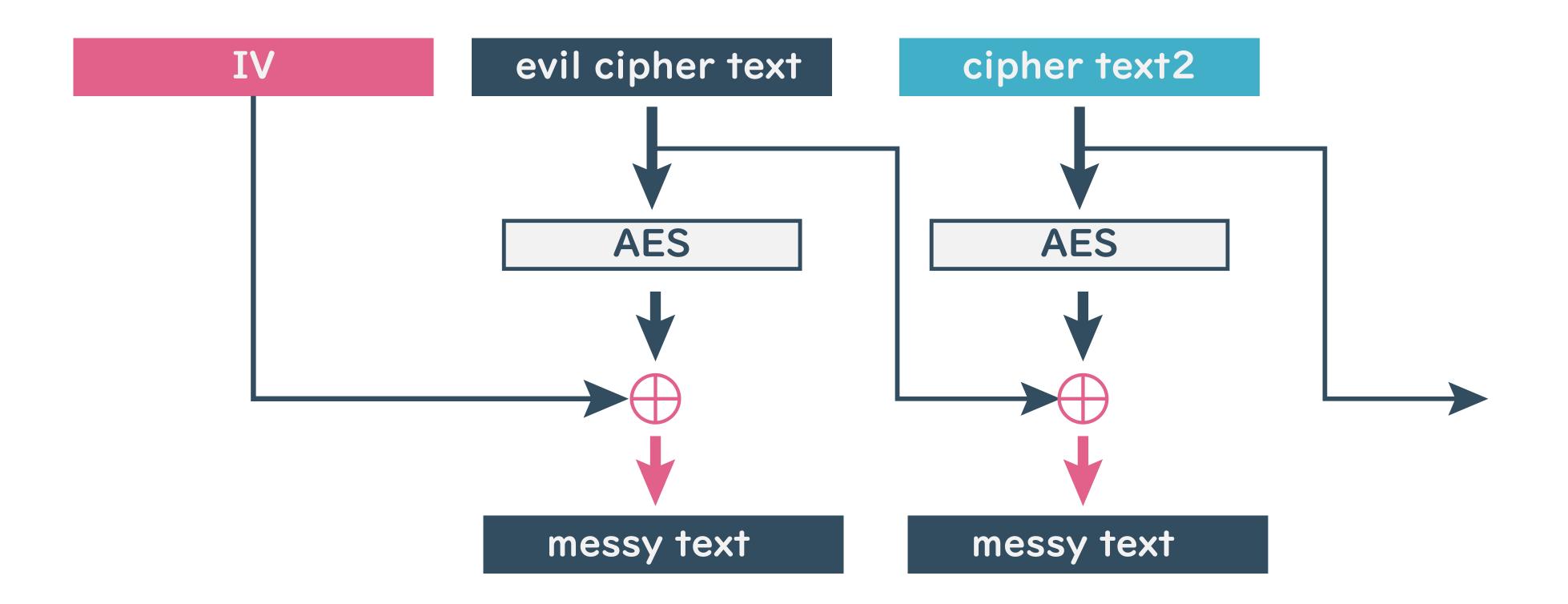
Encrypted using ECB mode

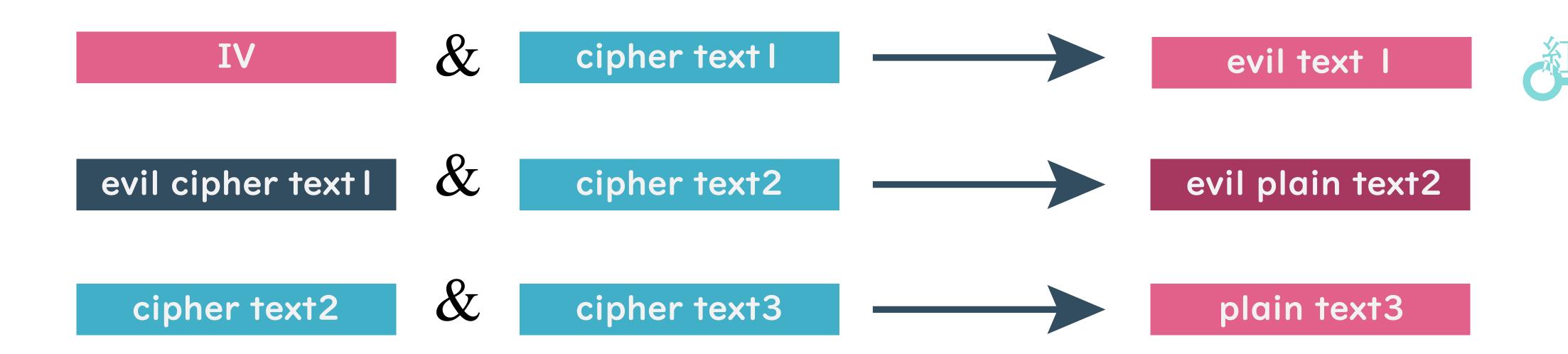


Encrypted using CBC mode

reference: https://jiang-zhenghong.github.io/blogs/PaddingOracle.html





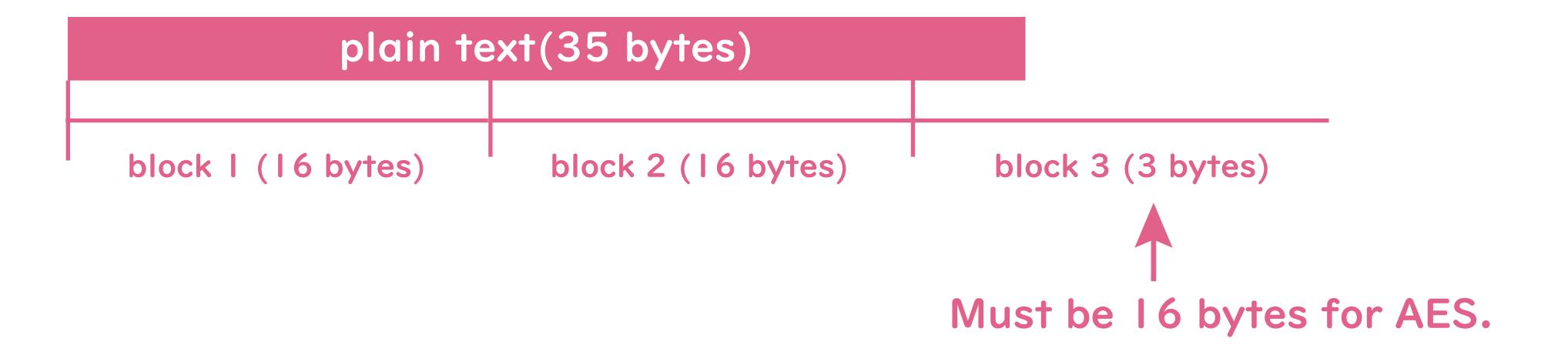


when we want to change plain text 2, evil cipher text 1 considering cipher text 2 is needed.

So, we simple block exchange attack is not vaild.

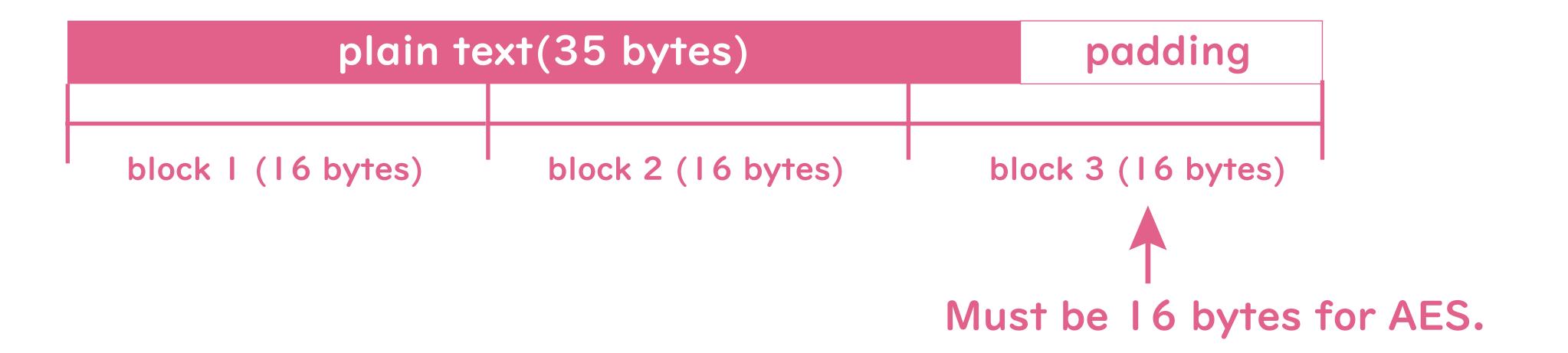
But depending on how it is used, it could be weaker than the ECB.





What's Padding?



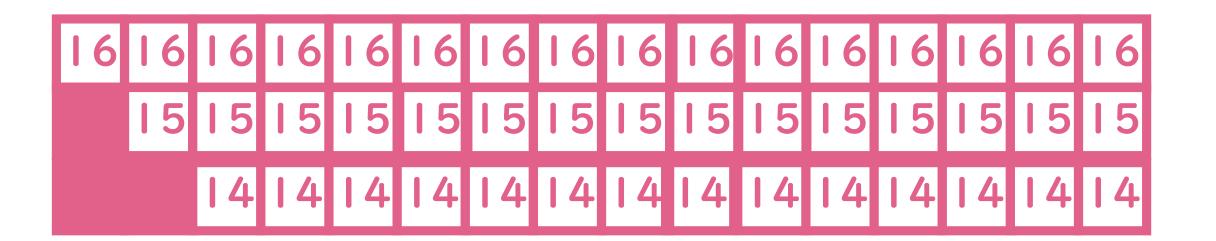


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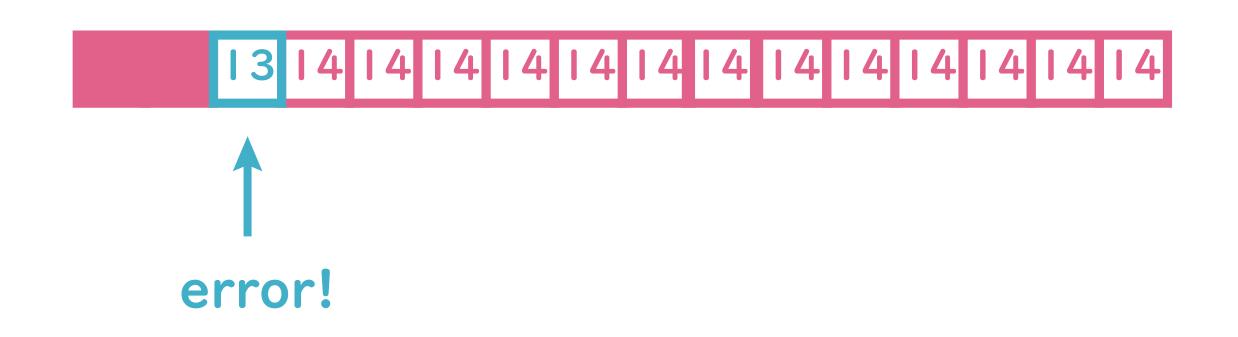
described in PKCS#7

What's Padding?



- 1. An attacker has (eavesdropped) cipher text
- 2. The cipher text is encrypted by CBC with PKCS#7 Padding
- 3. An attacker can know

whether an arbitrary ciphertext is a padding error or not.

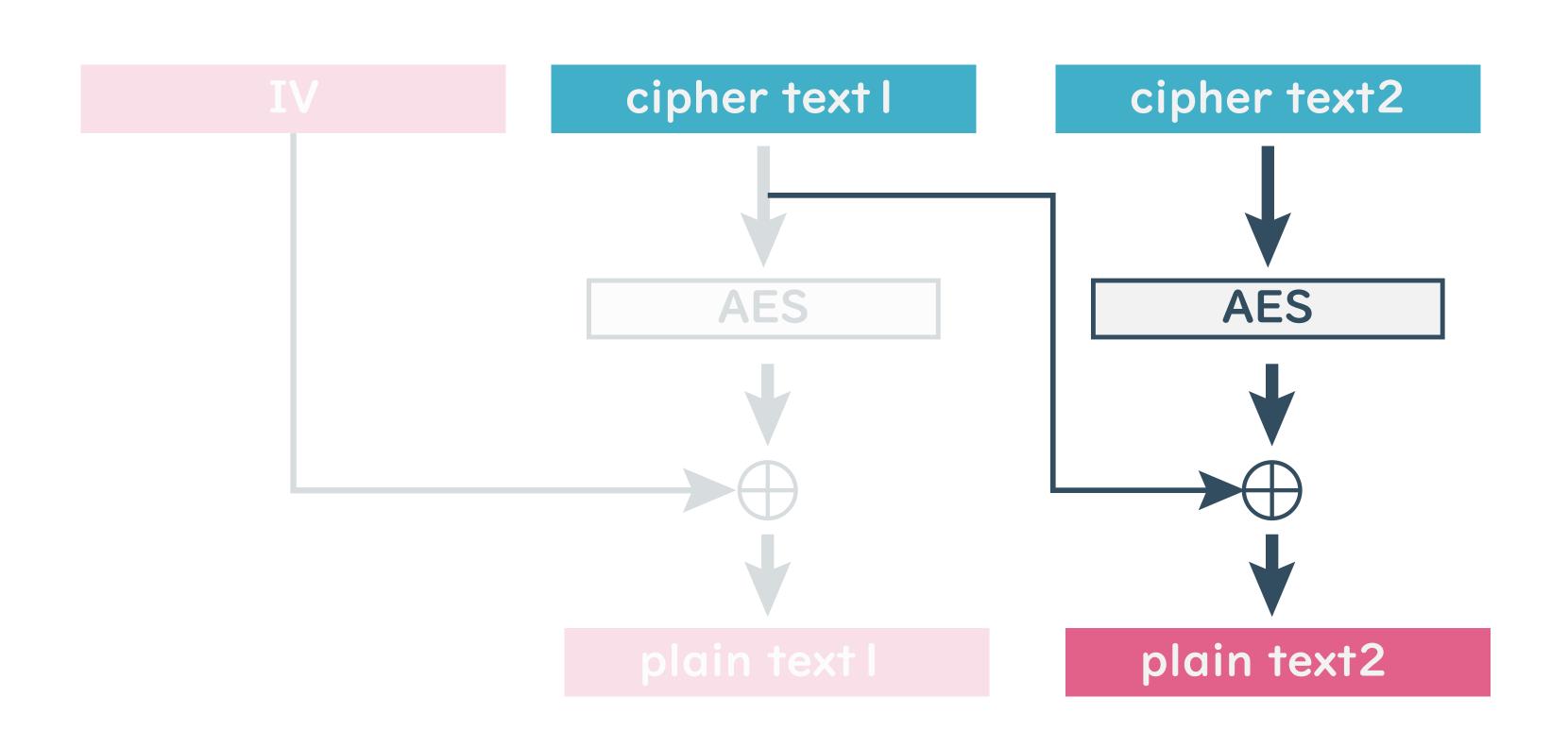




Attacker can get plain text!

What's CBC Padding Oracle Attack?

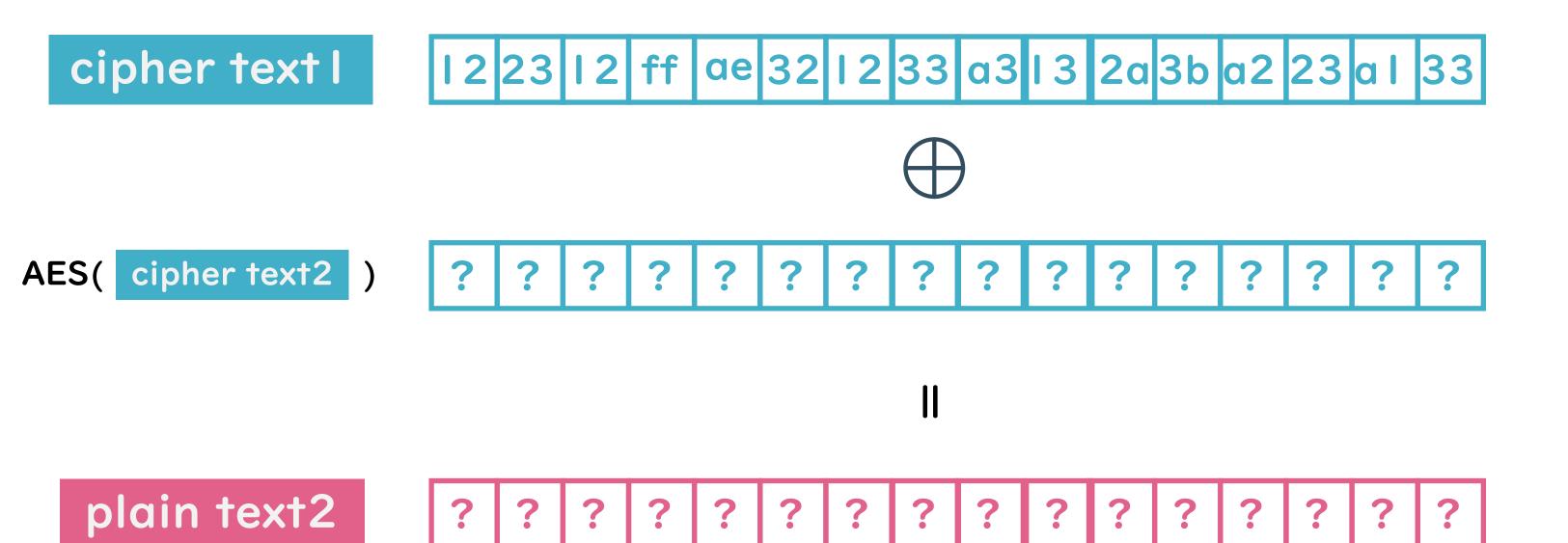




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plain text2 = AES( cipher text2 )   cipher text1
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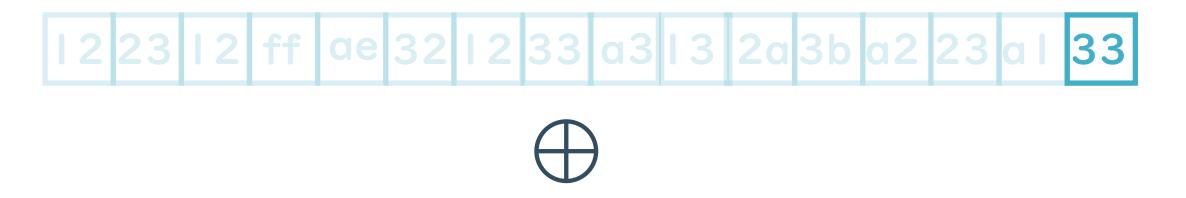
What's CBC Padding Oracle Attack?











change last byte to 0^255 (check all cases!)

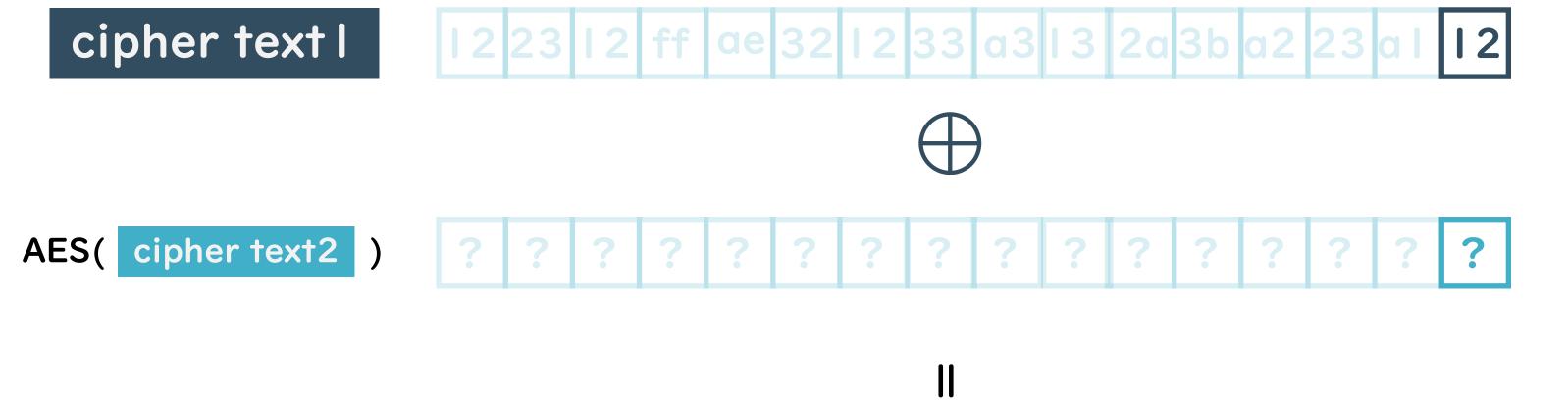
AES(cipher text2)



plain text2







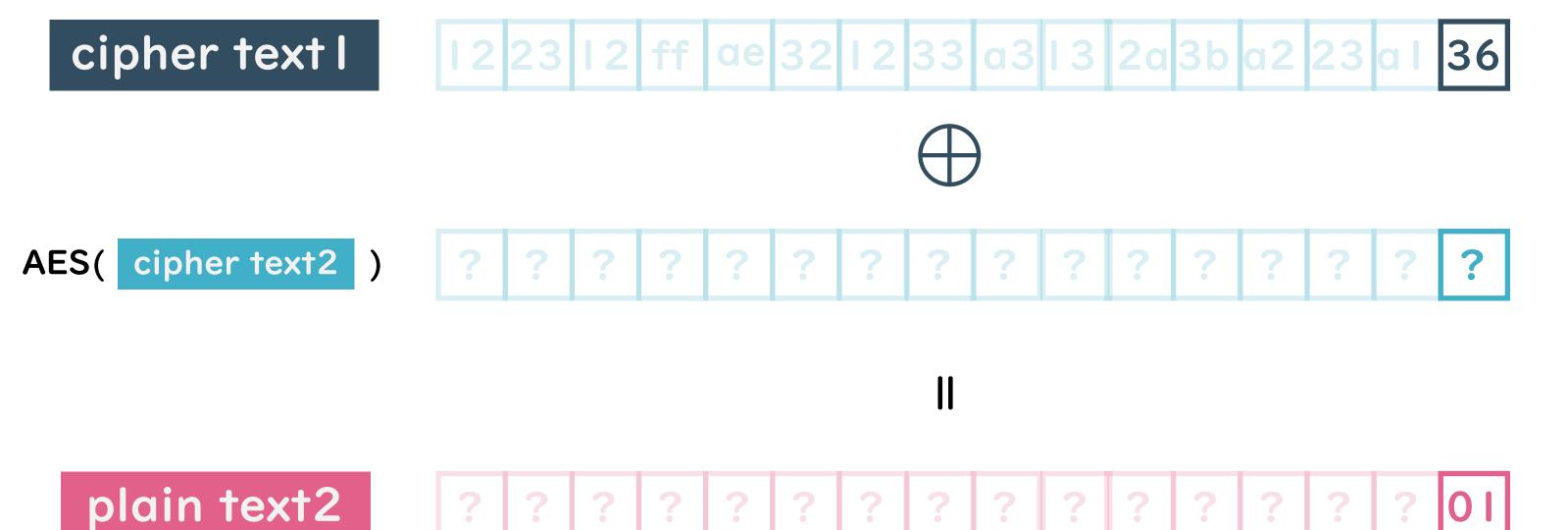
when Almost all case, server response "padding error"

plain text2

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Padding Error!



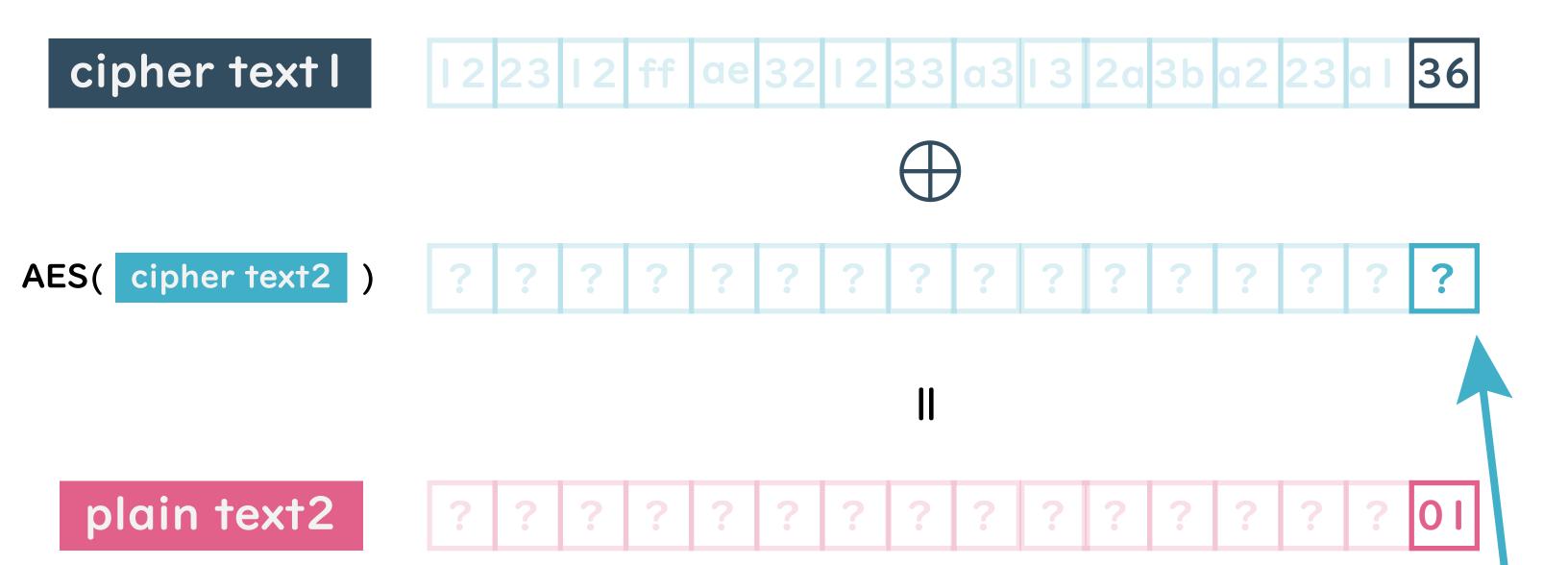


But one case, server response "padding OK"

Padding OK!

At that time, the attacker can know that plain text 2 ends with 0x01.

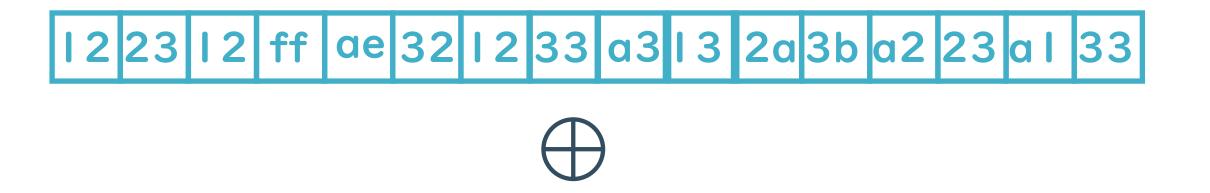




Padding OK!

AES(cipher text2) = $0x36 \cdot 0x01 = 0x37$





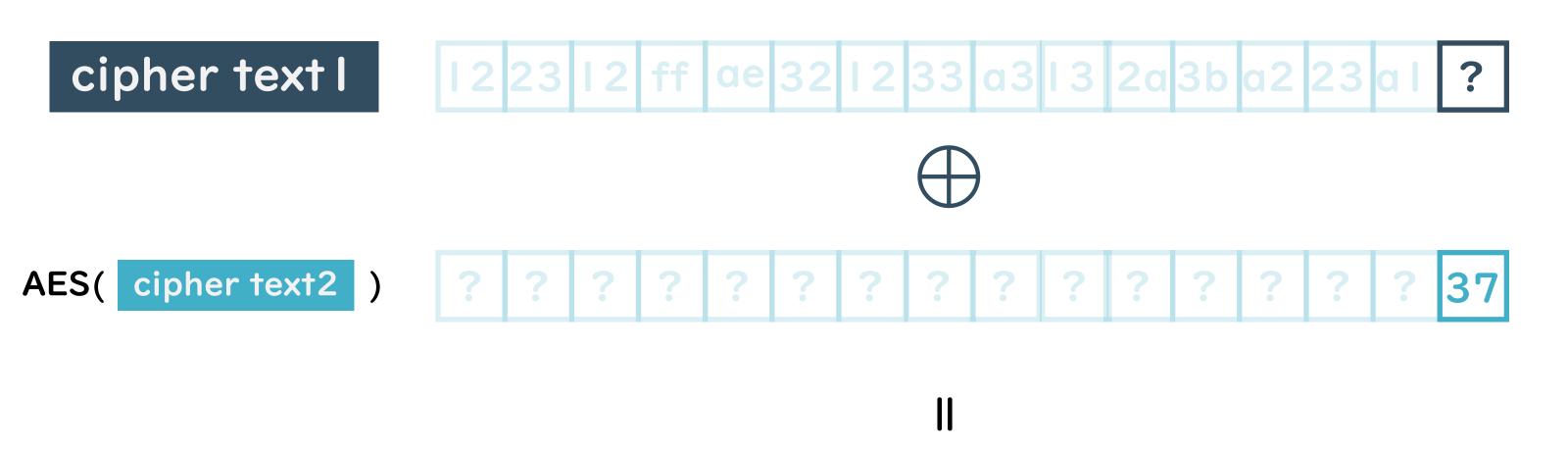
AES(cipher text2



plain text2

plain text2 =
$$0x33 \land 0x37 = 0x04$$

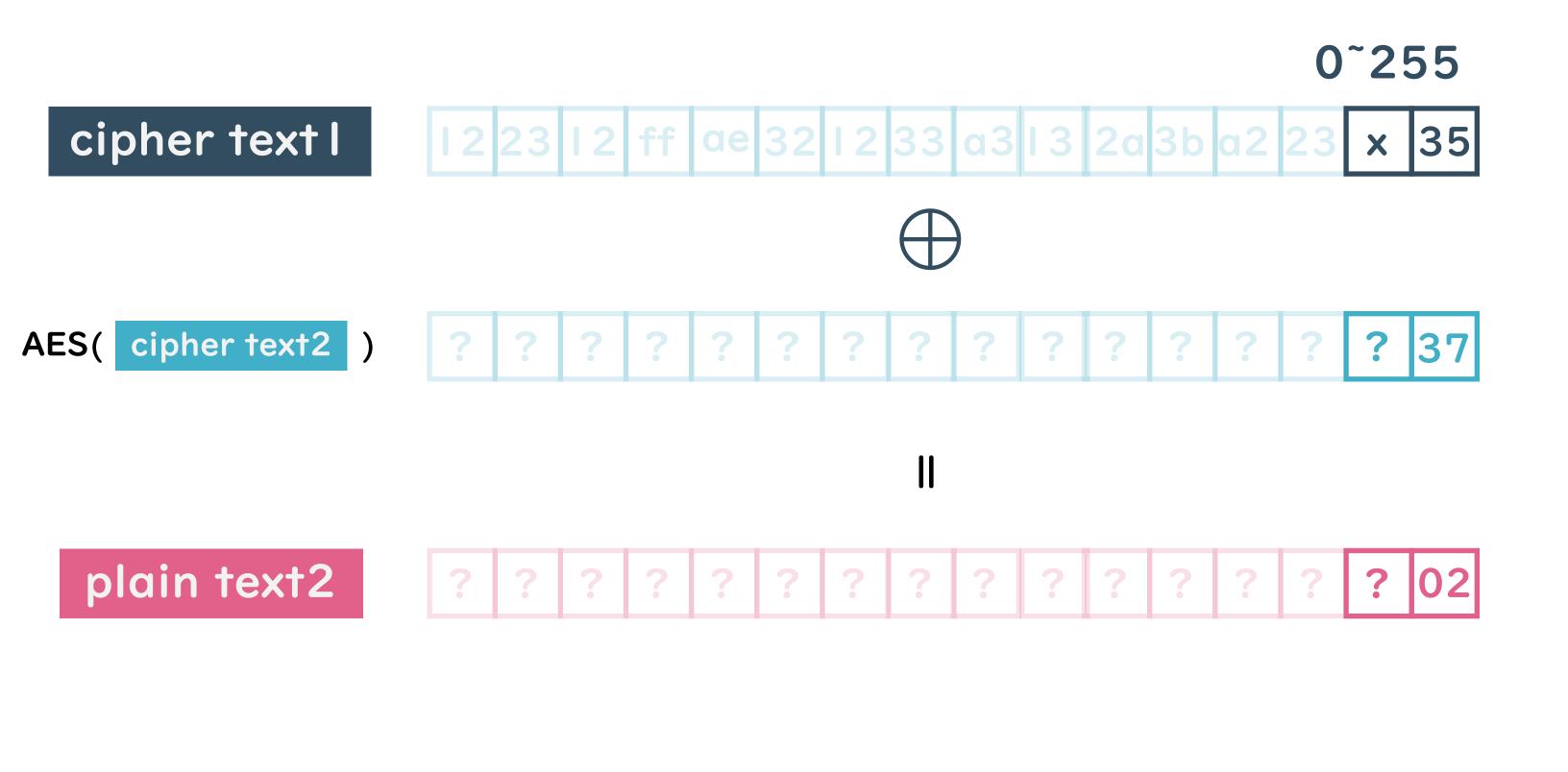




 $0x02 ^0x37 = 0x35$

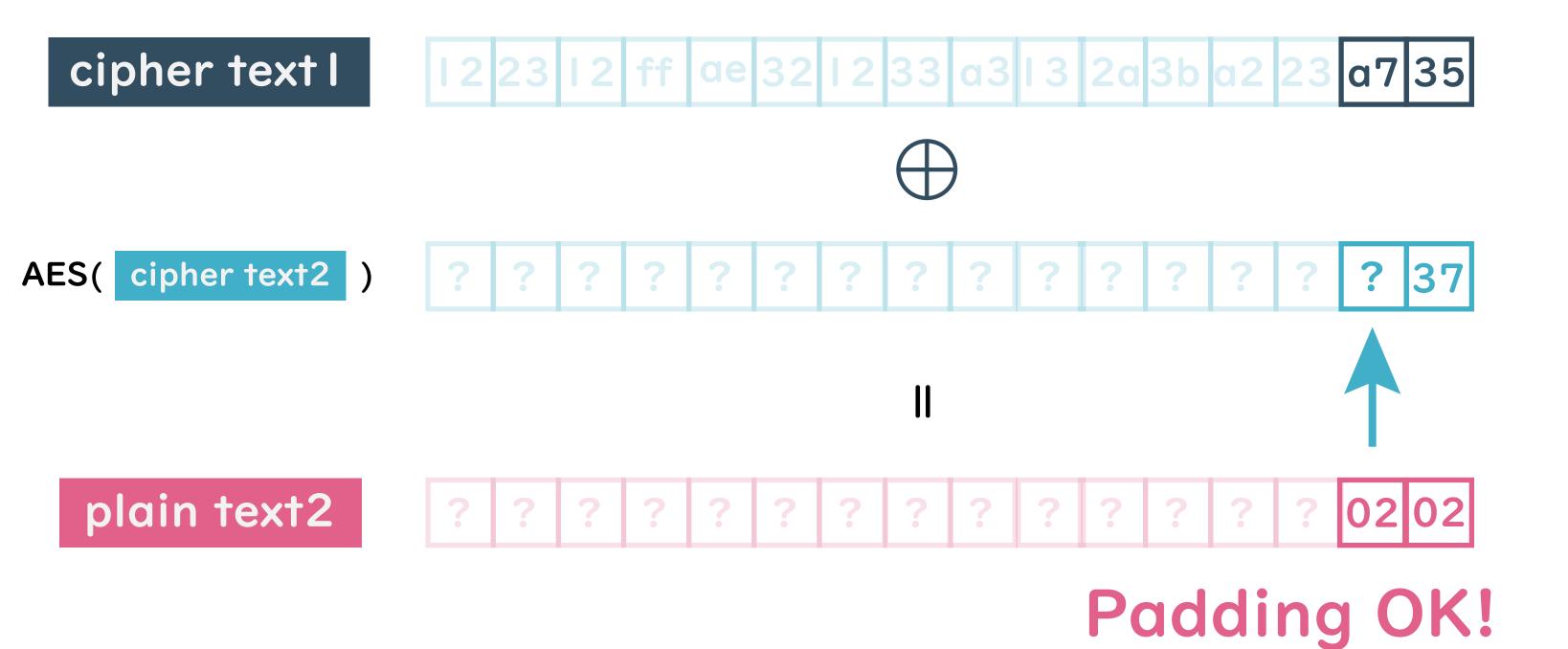
plain text2

To expose second byte, set last byte to "0x02"





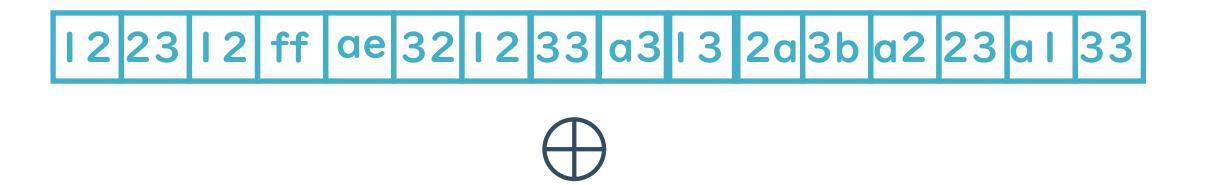




$$AES(cipher text2) = 0xa7 ^ 0x02 = 0xa5$$



cipher text l

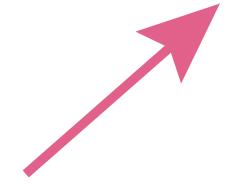


AES(cipher text2

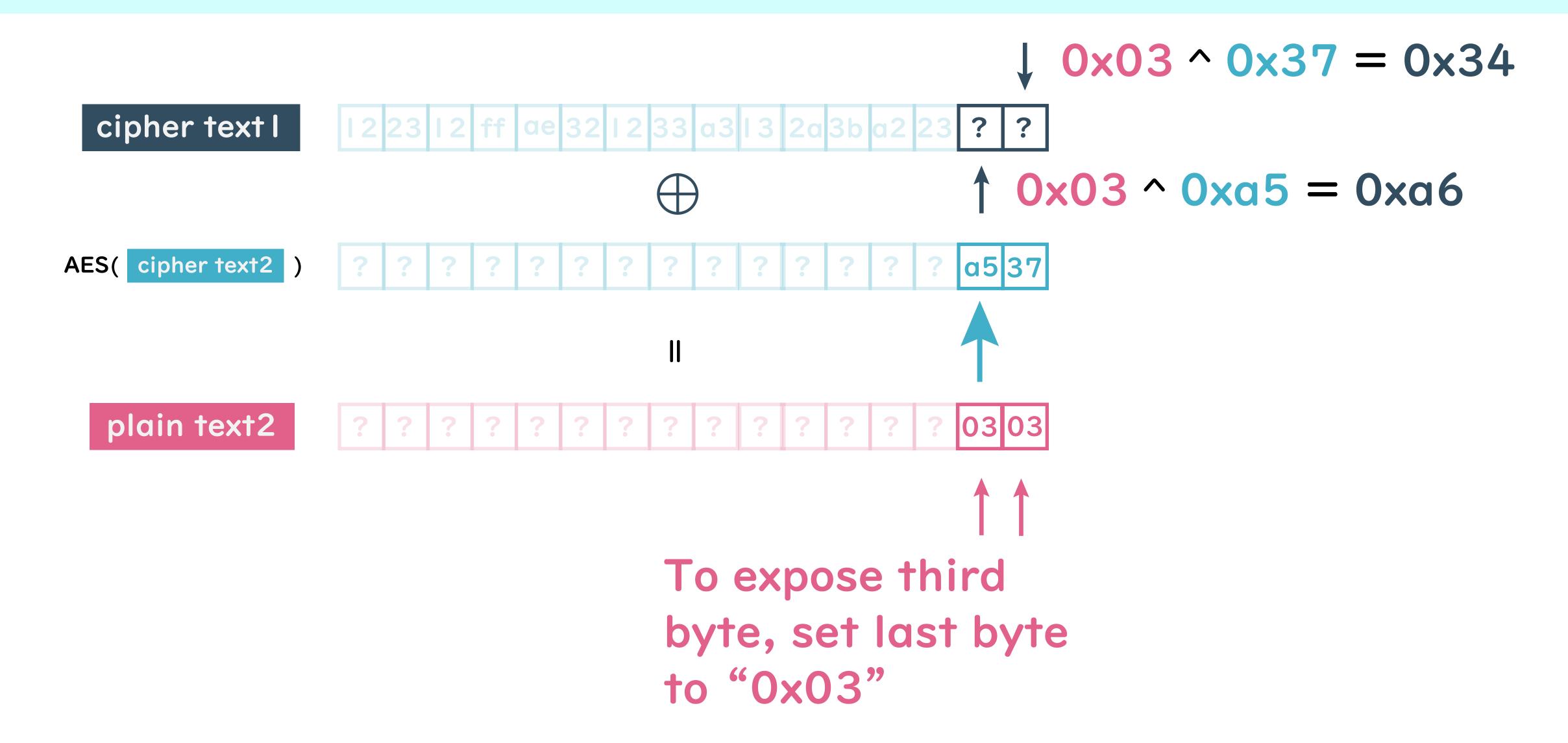


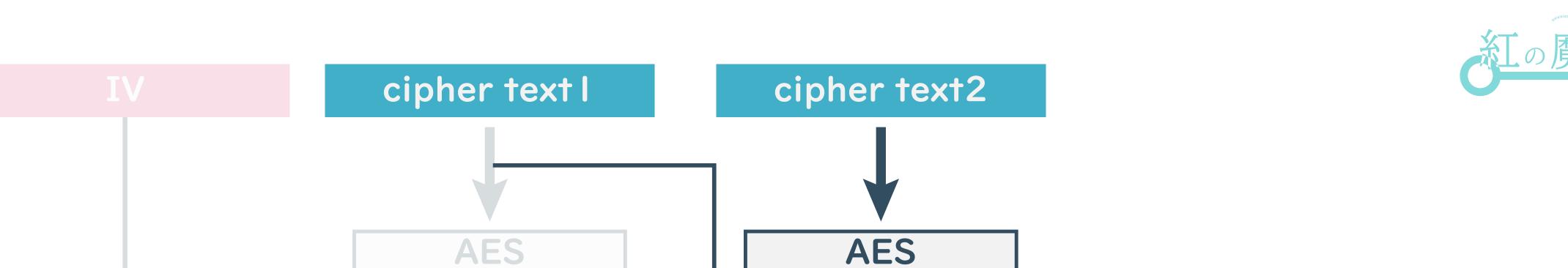
plain text2





plain text2 = $0xa1 ^0xa5 = 0x04$



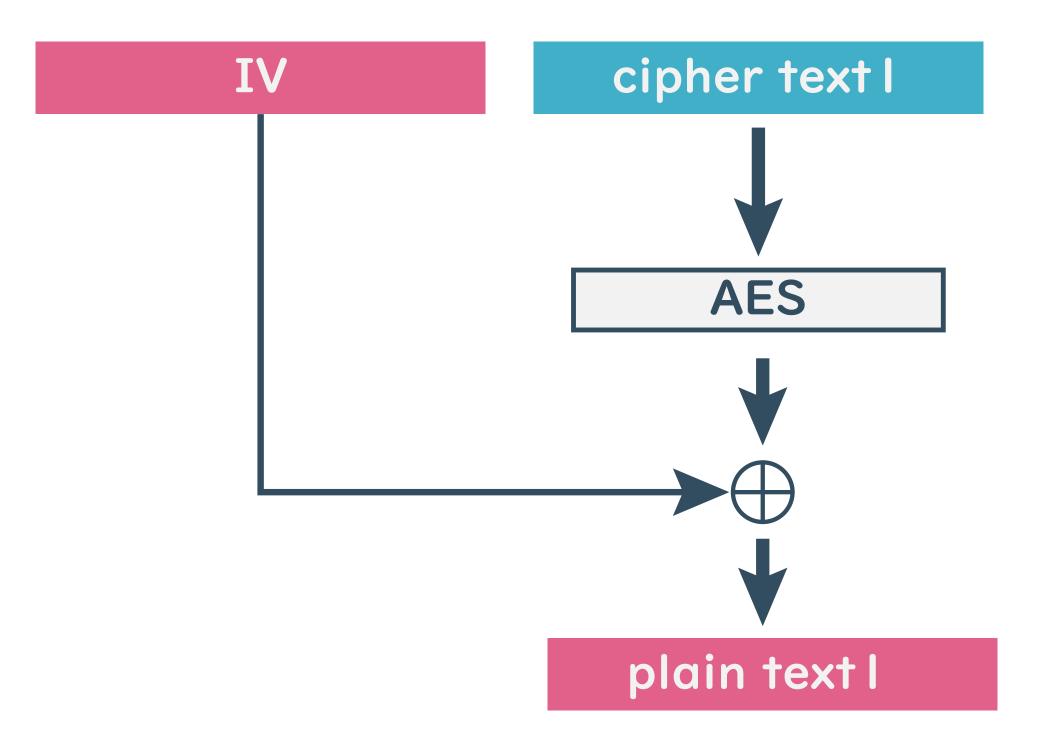




plain text2

When we could expose all of plain text2, plain text1 is next target!

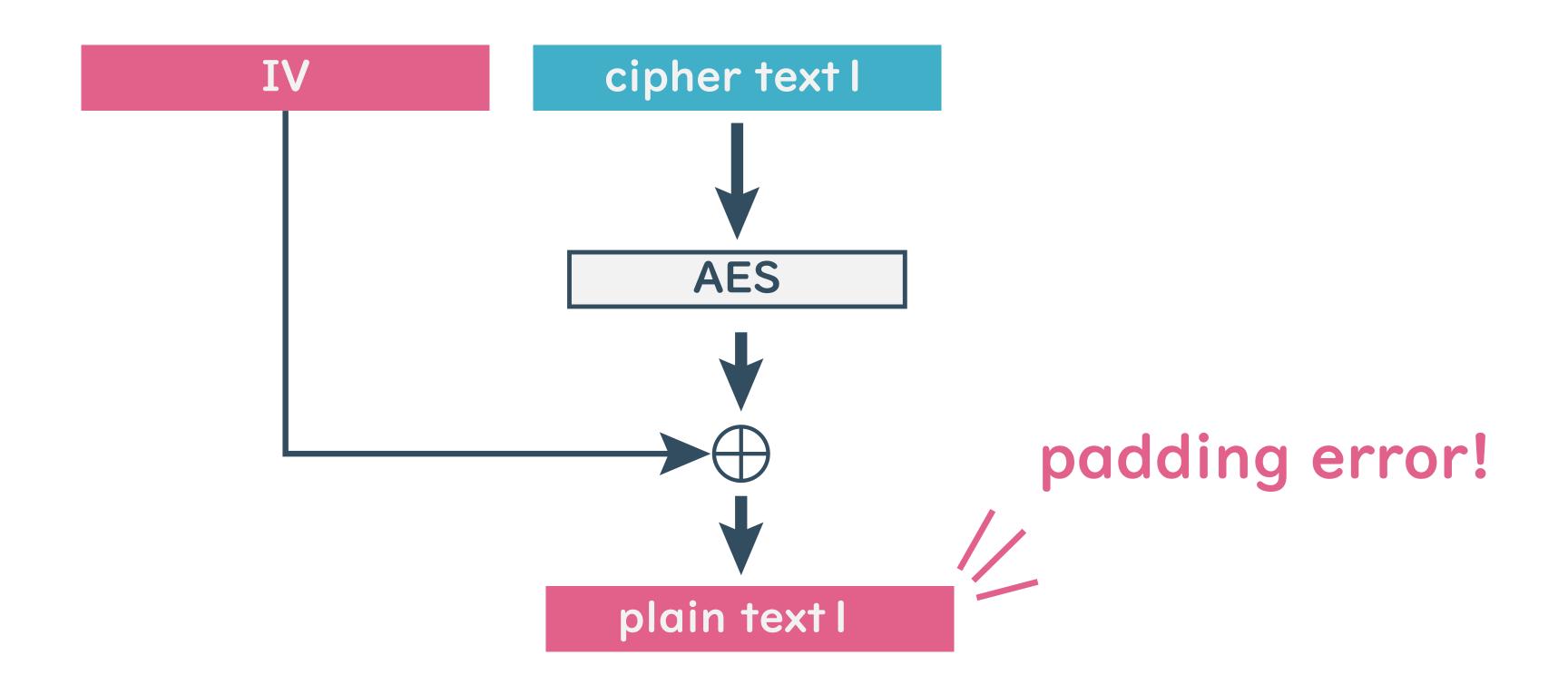












So, when we apply same algorithm in this situation, we can exopse plain text 1:)