



# Cloudy Summer

# SIMULATOR

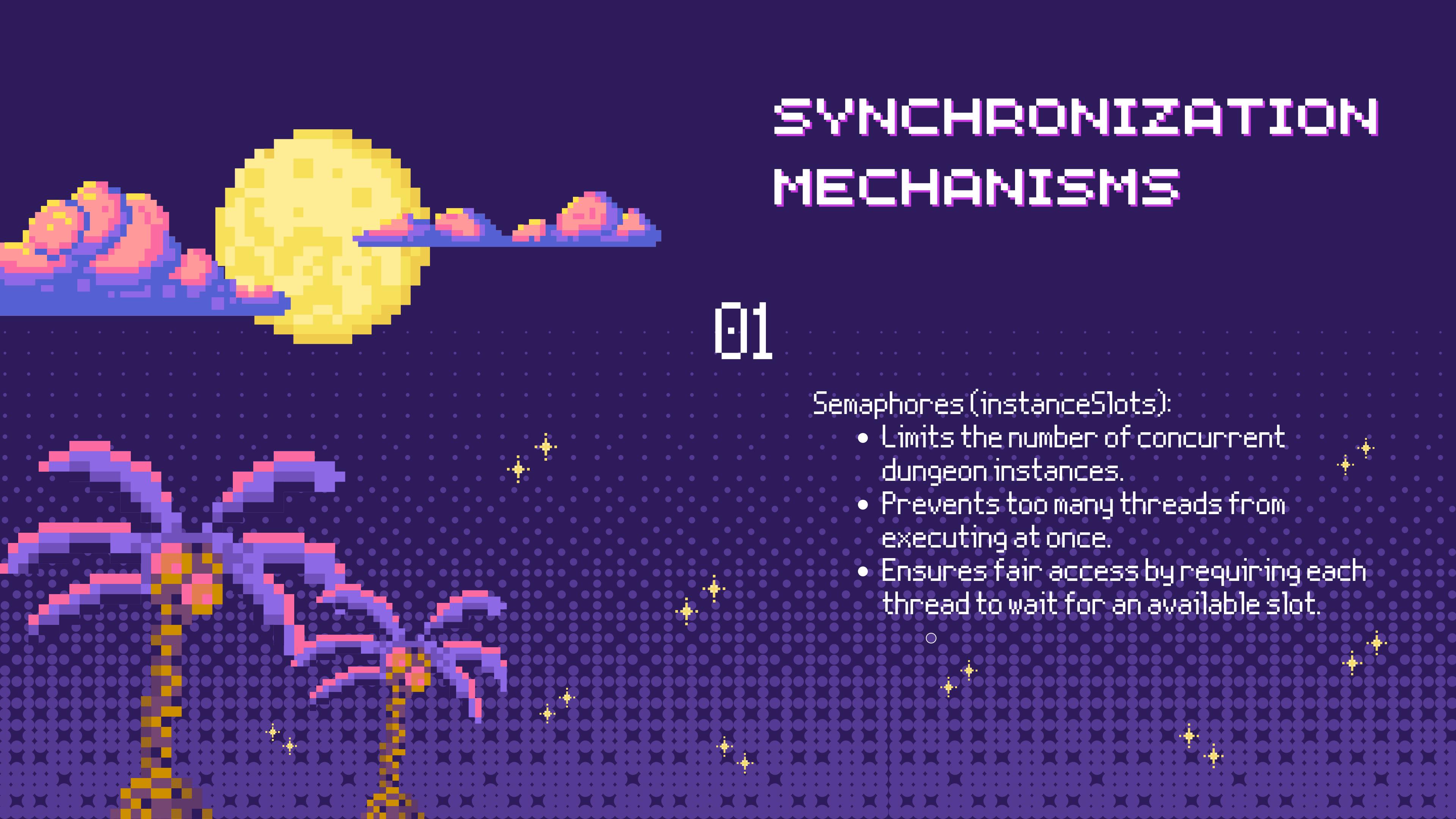
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# DEADLOCK EXPLANATION

- The `instanceSlots` semaphore controls access to dungeon instances. If a thread acquires the semaphore but crashes or gets stuck before releasing it, the system could reach deadlock.
- If synchronized methods are used incorrectly, one thread might hold a lock while waiting for another, which is also holding a lock, leading to a circular wait condition.
- Example:
  - Thread 1 locks `acquireInstance()` while waiting to update `servedParties`.
  - Thread 2 locks `servedParties` while waiting to acquire an instance slot.
  - Both threads are stuck, causing a deadlock.

# STARVATION EXPLANATION

- If there is a continuous influx of new parties and they always get instance slots first, older parties might wait indefinitely.
- If `Thread.sleep()` is used without proper thread prioritization, some parties could take significantly longer, delaying others.
- Example:
  - A thread keeps acquiring instances quickly and frequently, preventing other threads from entering the queue.
  - Players who joined earlier might not get a chance if newly created parties continuously take precedence.
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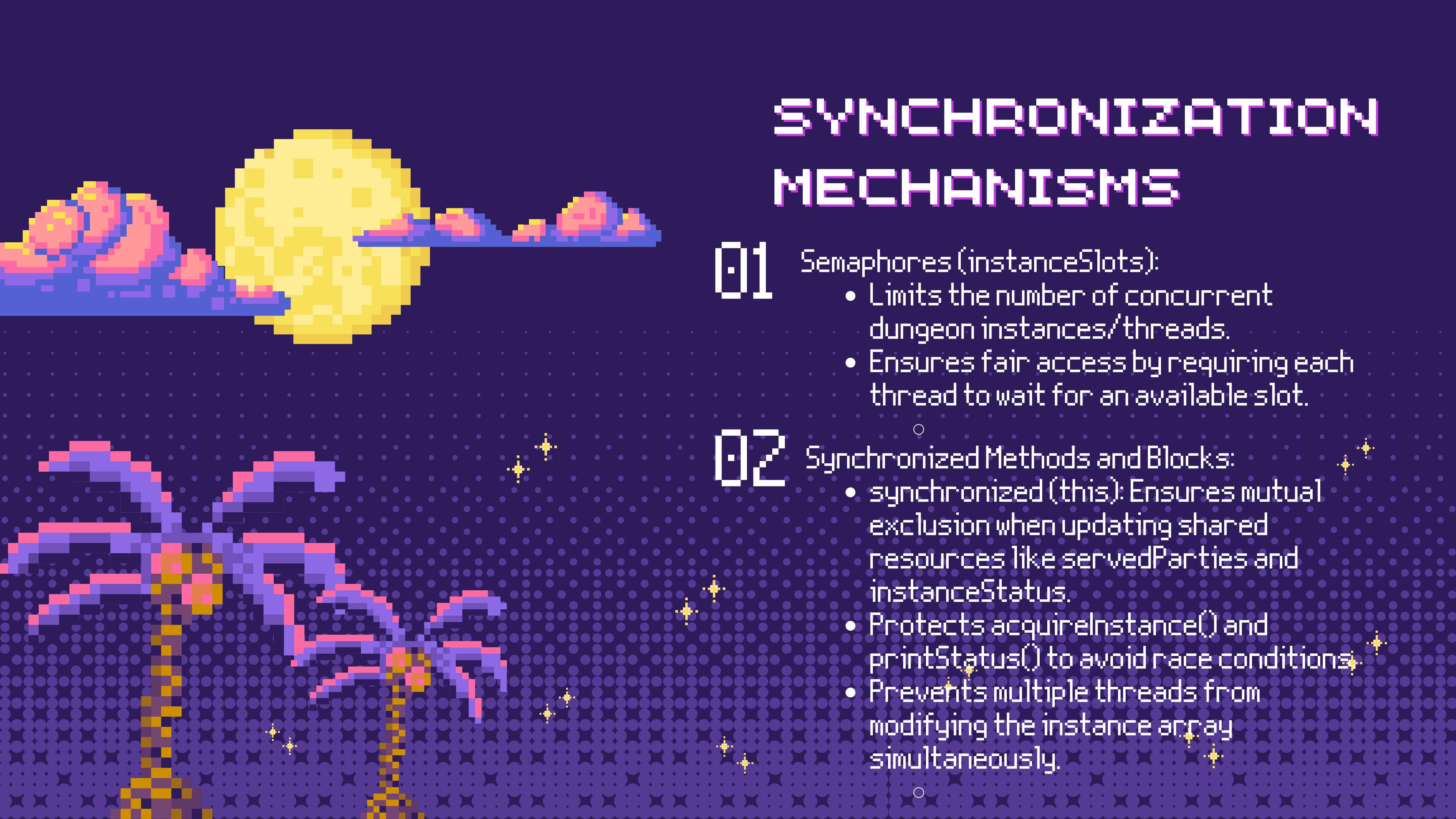


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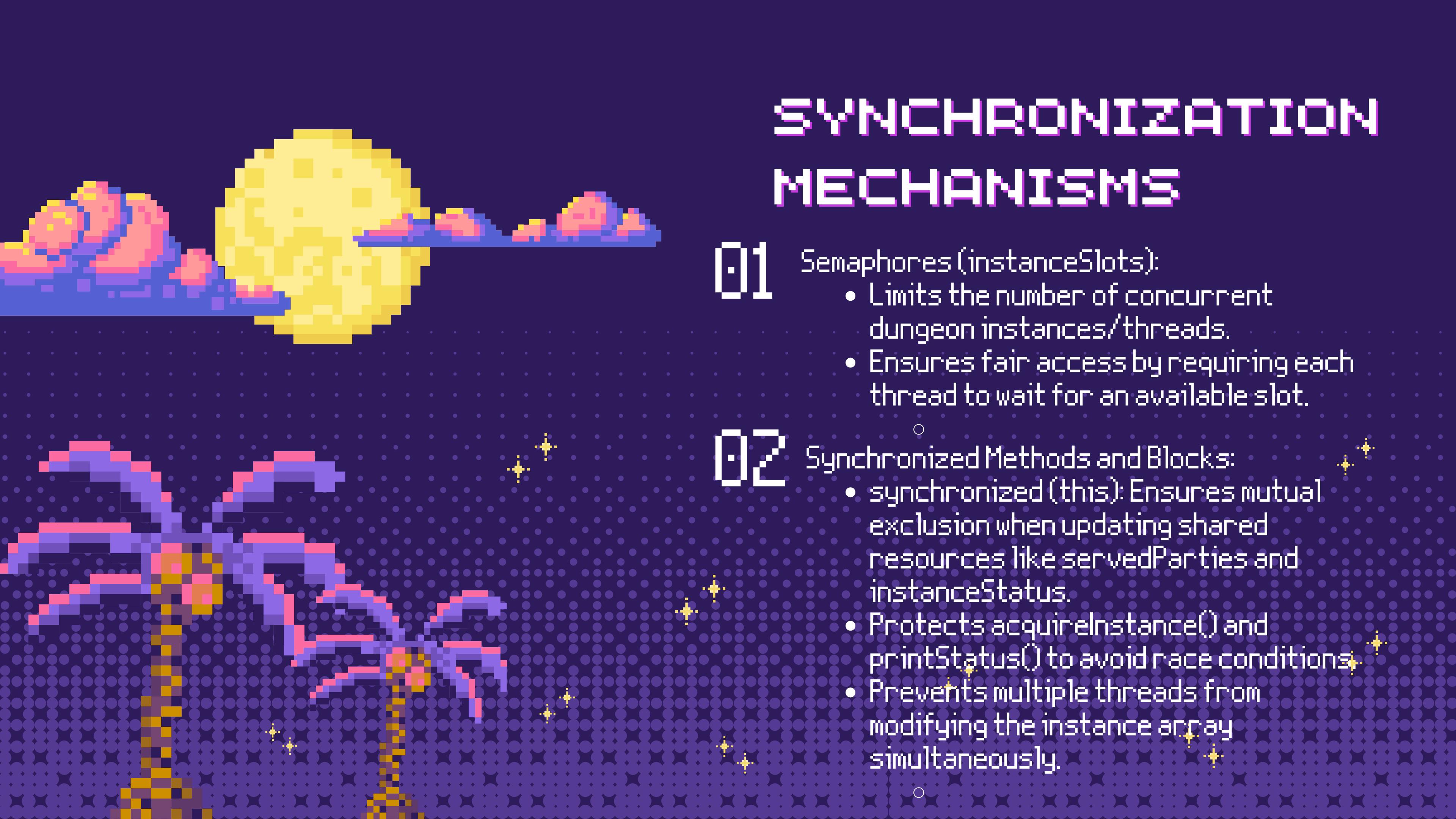
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