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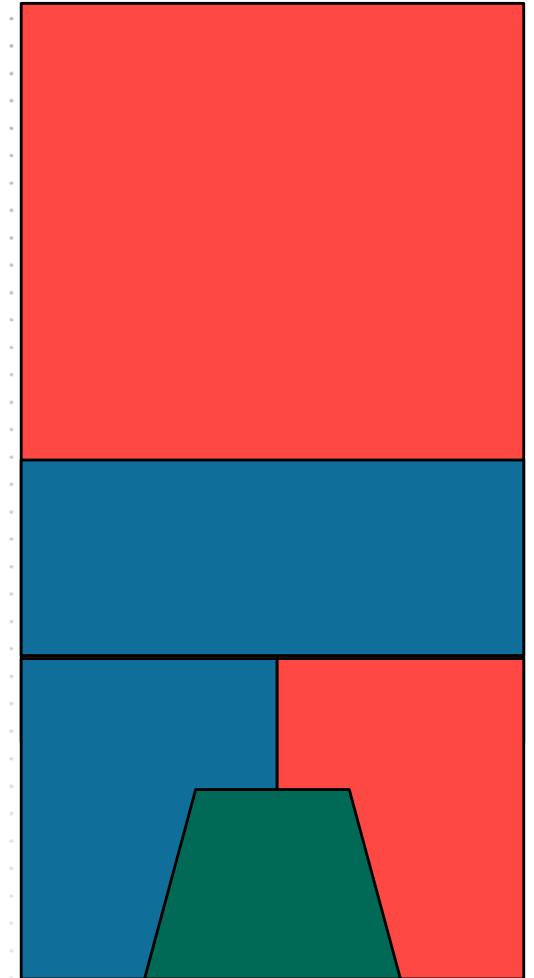
THREAT LED DIGITAL RED TEAMING

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LETS GO EXPLORING!



LEGAL TEXTS & STANDARDS

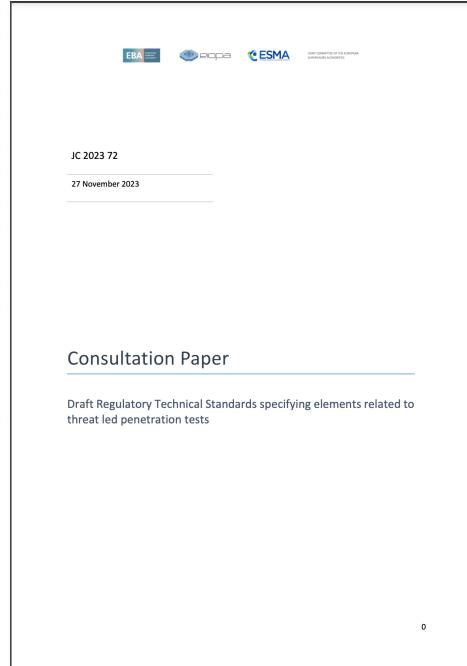
Article 26

Advanced testing of ICT tools, systems and processes based on TLPT

▼ TL;DR

The Digital Operations Resilience Act from the EU states that financial entities, with the exception of microenterprises and those in Article 16(1), are required to complete advanced testing via Threat-Led Penetration Testing (TLPT) at least every three years. The scope of the test must cover critical or important functions of the financial entity and must involve ICT third-party service providers contracted by the financial entity. In cases where ICT third-party service providers are included in the scope, the financial entity must take the necessary measures to ensure their compliance. Furthermore, if testing is expected to have an adverse impact on services or data, the financial entity and ICT third-party service providers can agree to jointly conduct pooled testing with external testers. Risk management controls must be implemented to mitigate risks from data damage and disruption of functions. The financial entity must provide to the authority a summary of results and remediation plans, receive an attestation from the authority, and notify the competent authority of the summary and plans. When contracting testers, the financial entity must use external testers once every three tests. The ESAs will develop joint draft regulatory technical standards to specify further criteria, requirements, standards, and cooperation for the implementation of TLPT.

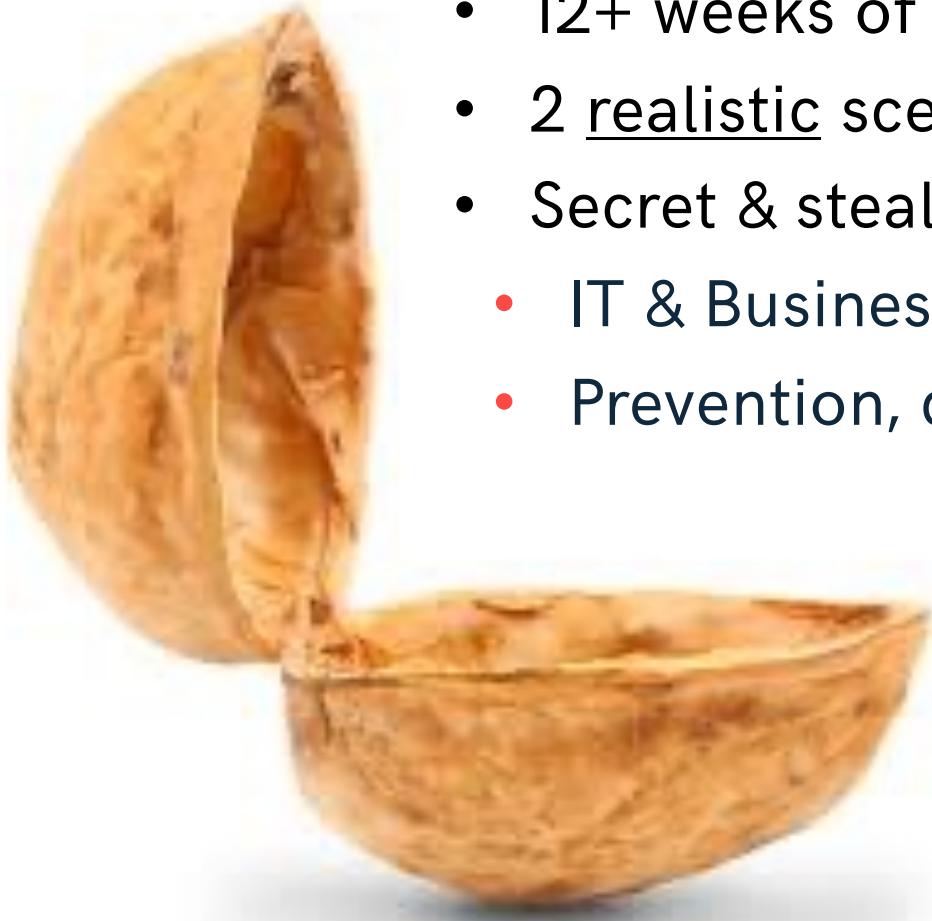
1. Financial entities, other than entities referred to in [Article 16\(1\), first subparagraph](#), and other than microenterprises, which are identified in accordance with [paragraph 8, third subparagraph](#), of this Article, shall carry out at least every 3 years advanced testing by means of TLPT. Based on the risk profile of the financial entity and taking into account operational circumstances, the competent authority may, where necessary, request the financial entity to reduce or increase this frequency.
[exemption](#)
2. Each threat-led penetration test shall cover several or all critical or important functions of a financial entity, and shall be performed on live production systems supporting such functions.



TL;DR
Per jan 2025:
If financial institution
is 'large', then
mandate threat led
pen test

- <https://www.dora-info.eu/dora/article-26/#r11/>
- <https://www.esma.europa.eu/document/consultation-paper-draft-rts-tlpt>

WHAT IS TIBER/DORA TESTING

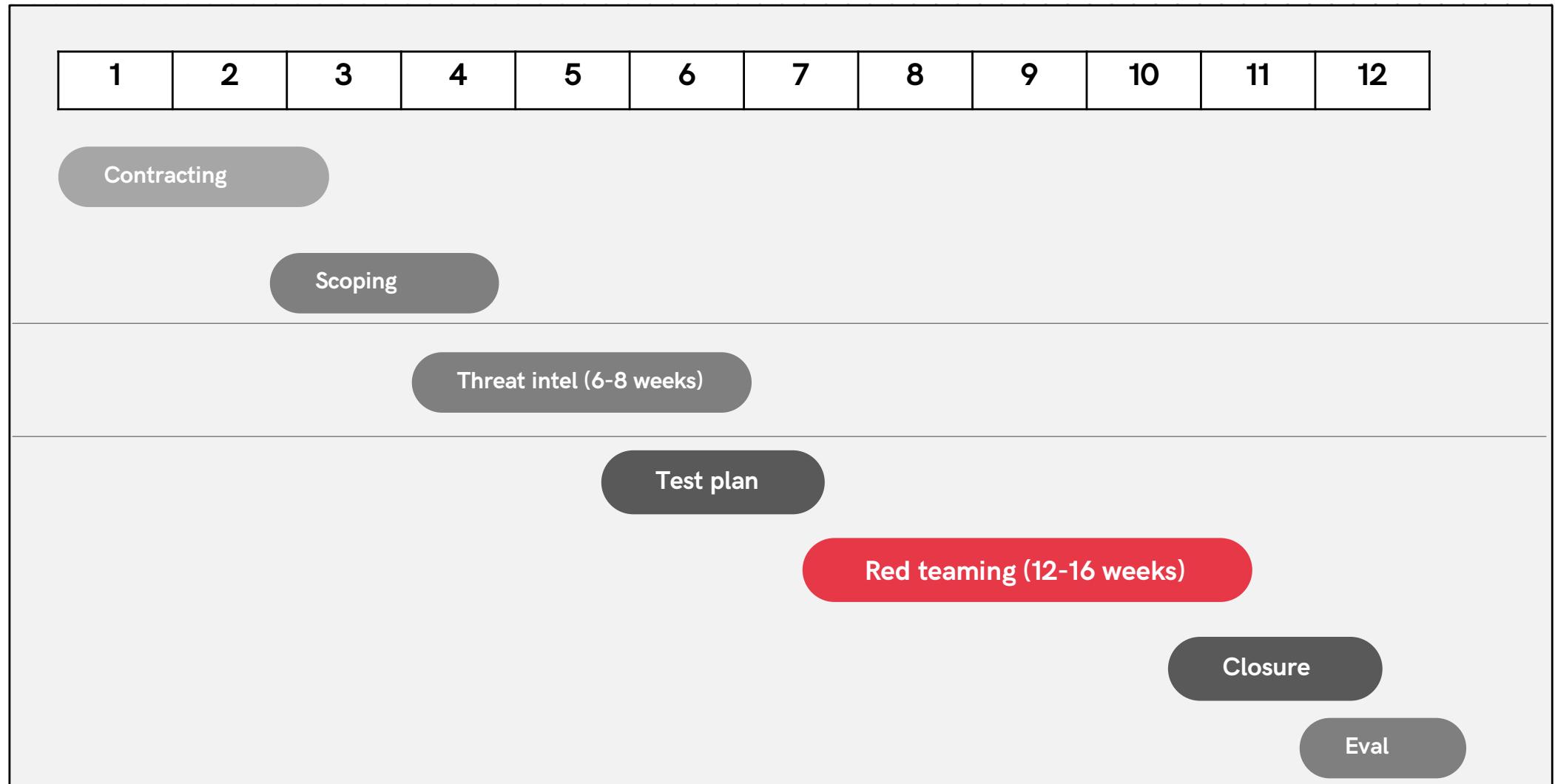


- 12+ weeks of red teaming (not fulltime)
- 2 realistic scenarios - end2end + 1 creative
- Secret & stealth execution
 - IT & Business controls
 - Prevention, detection & response

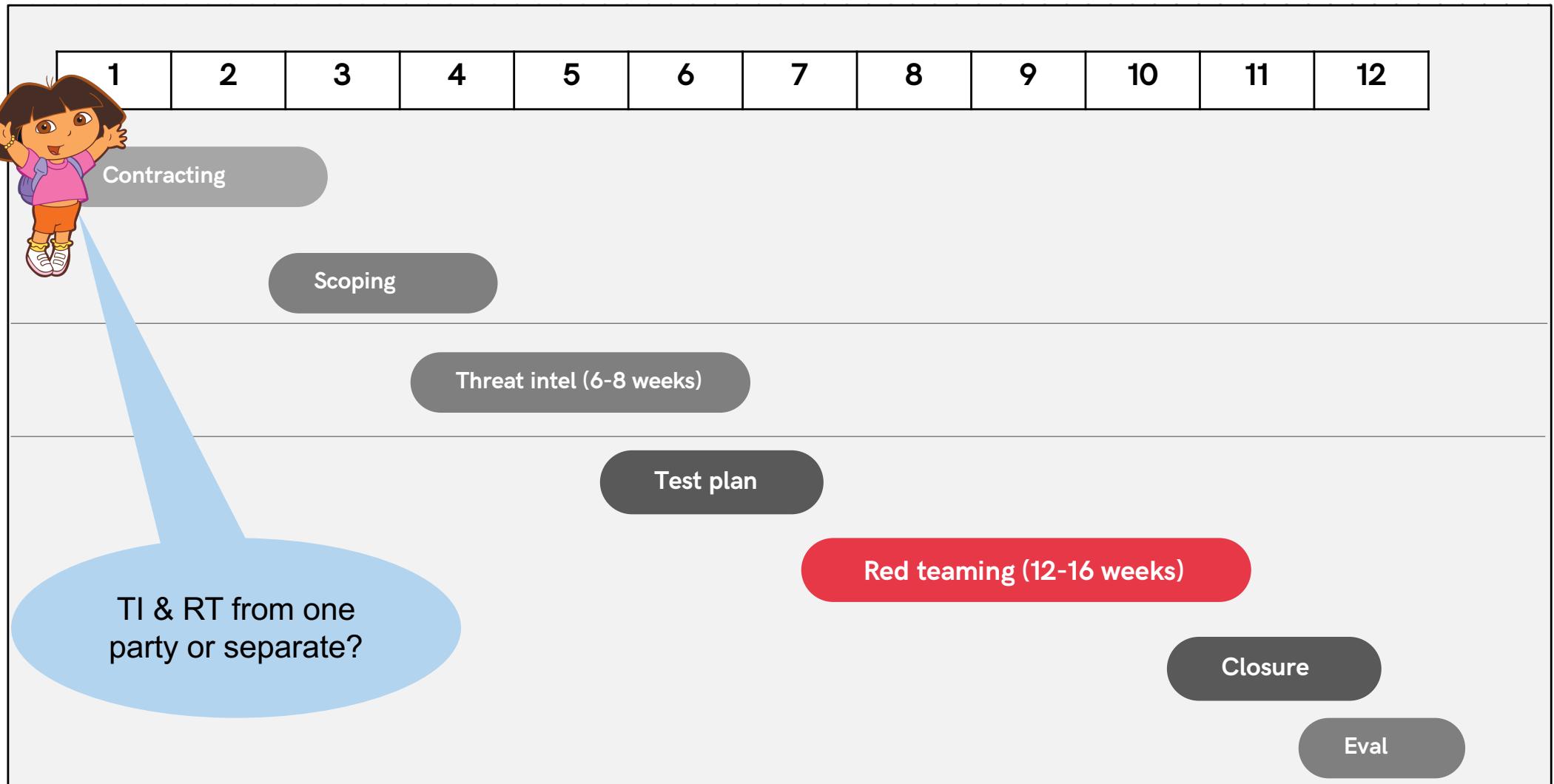
WHO'S WHO



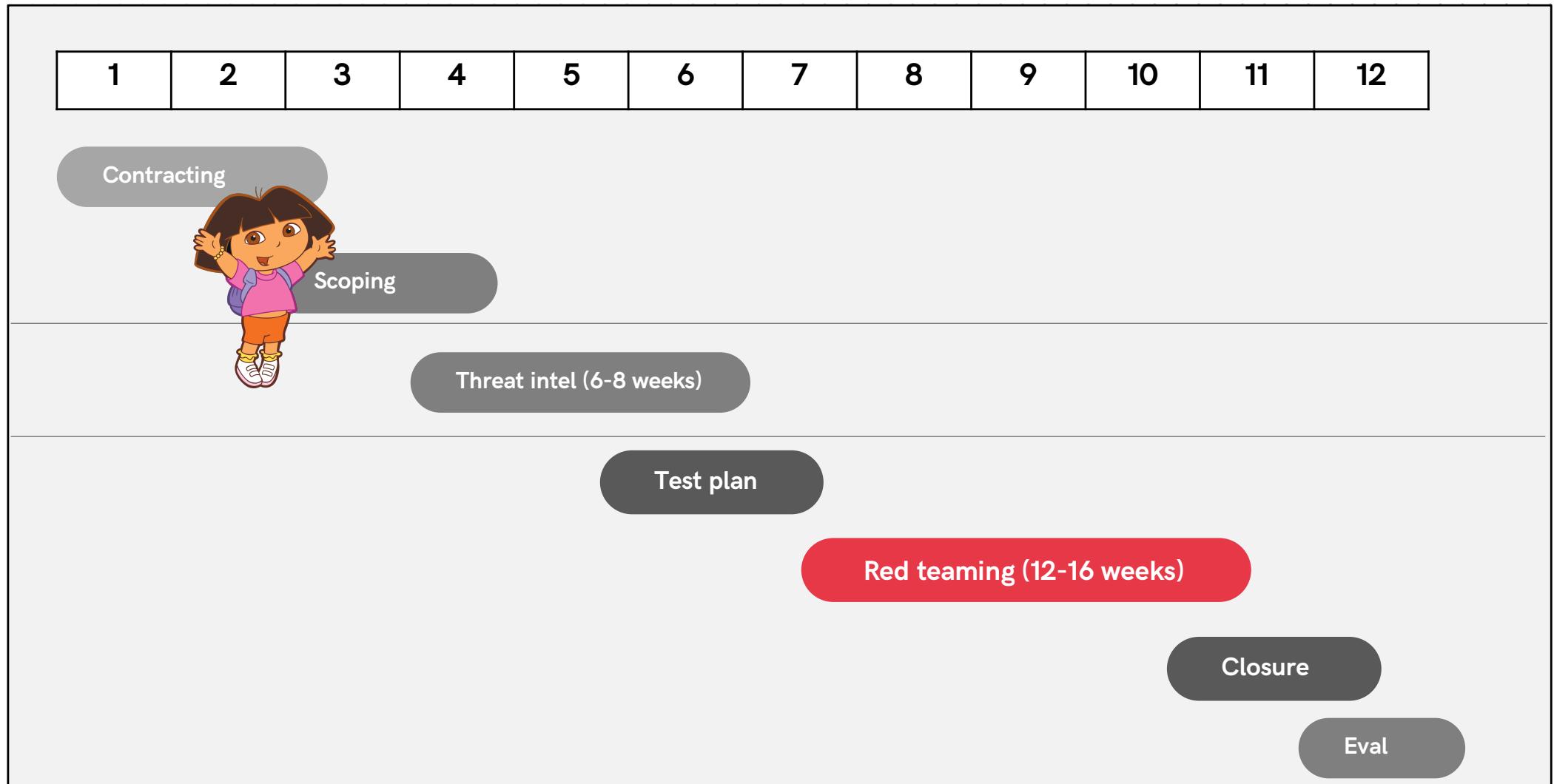
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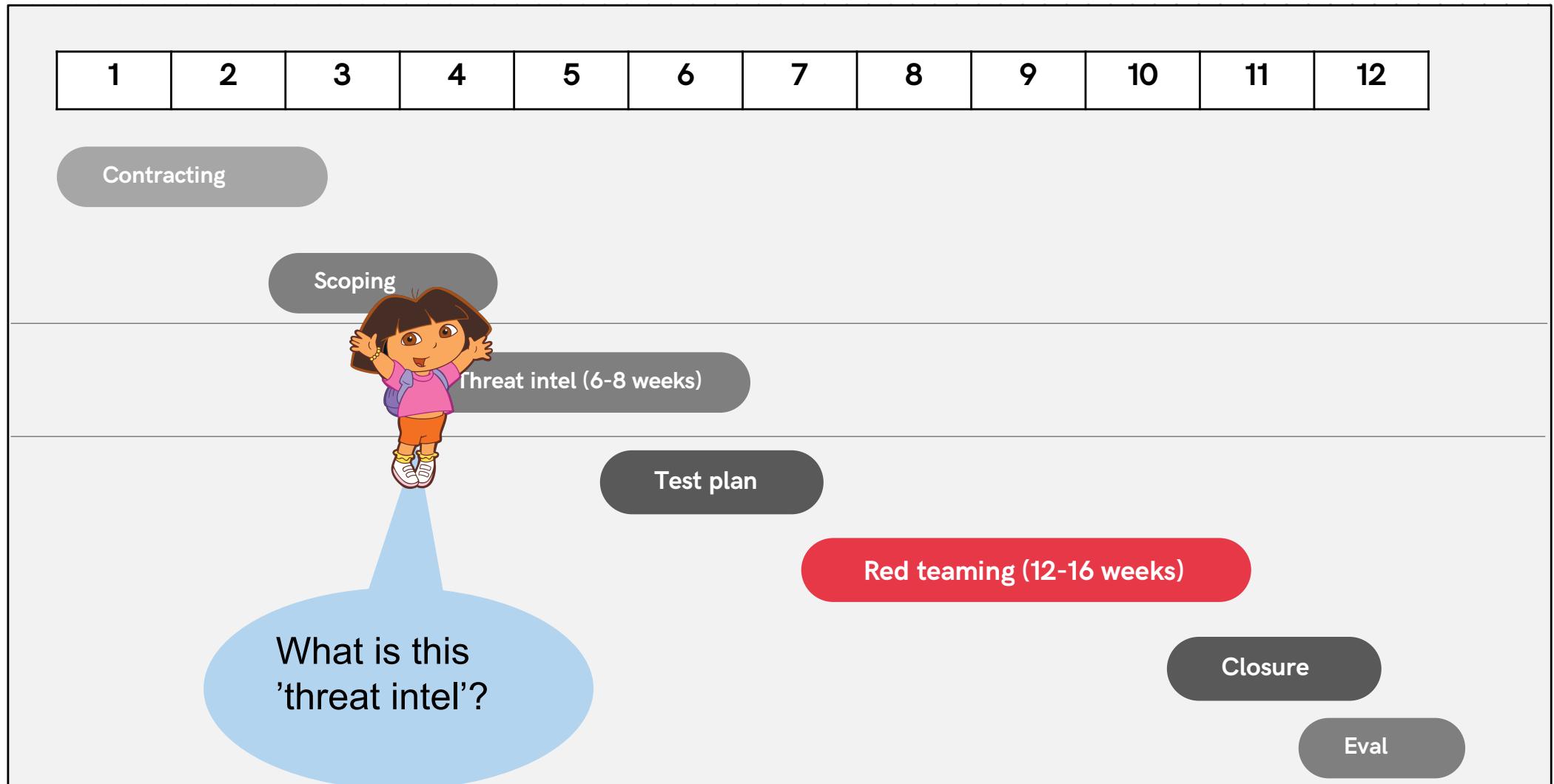
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THREAT INTEL WIZARDRY

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THREAT INTEL

Goal:

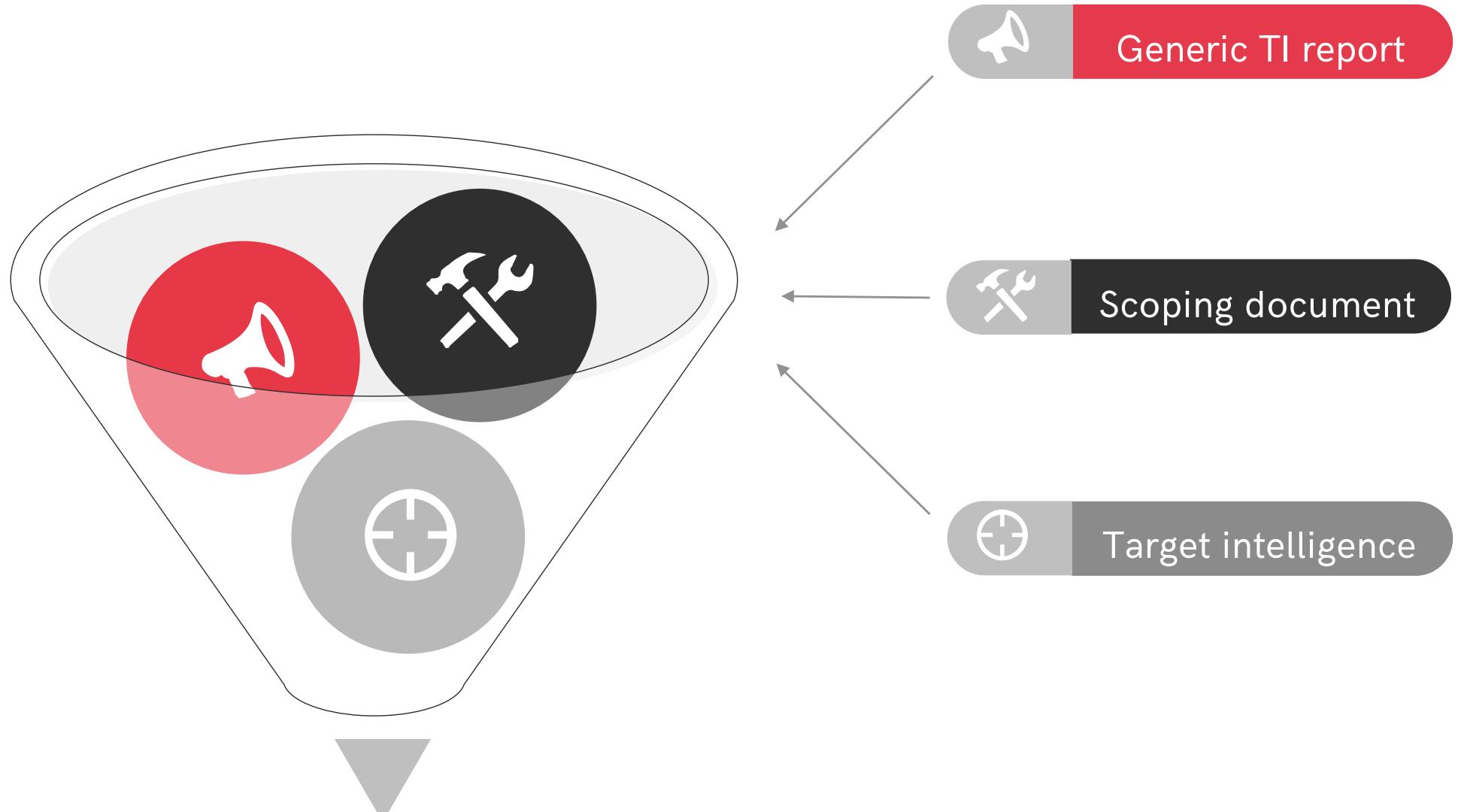
- provide scenarios for the red team to execute
- “passive” OSINT as input for RT

The suffering...

Some vendors

- Are making scenario building overly complex..
- Struggled with it, and centralized it around a list of MD5's...
- Reported an extensive, non-actionable OSINT overview...

TI INPUT FOR SCENARIO SELECTION



2 scenarios based on current threats

OUR TI PROCESS

1
Understanding the business, assets, attacker interests



3
Digital footprint



5
Scenario selection



2
Threat & Motives analysis

4
Actor mapping

TI RESULTS

One scenario is always Ransomware

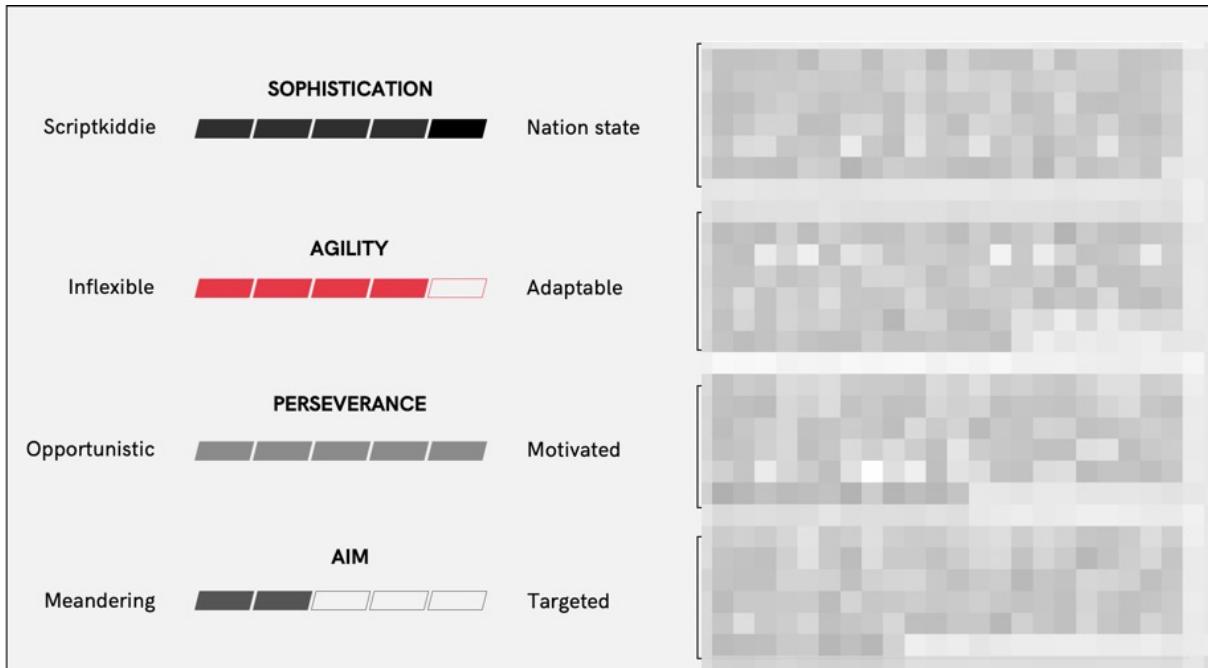
Scenario 2 depends on analysis & context:



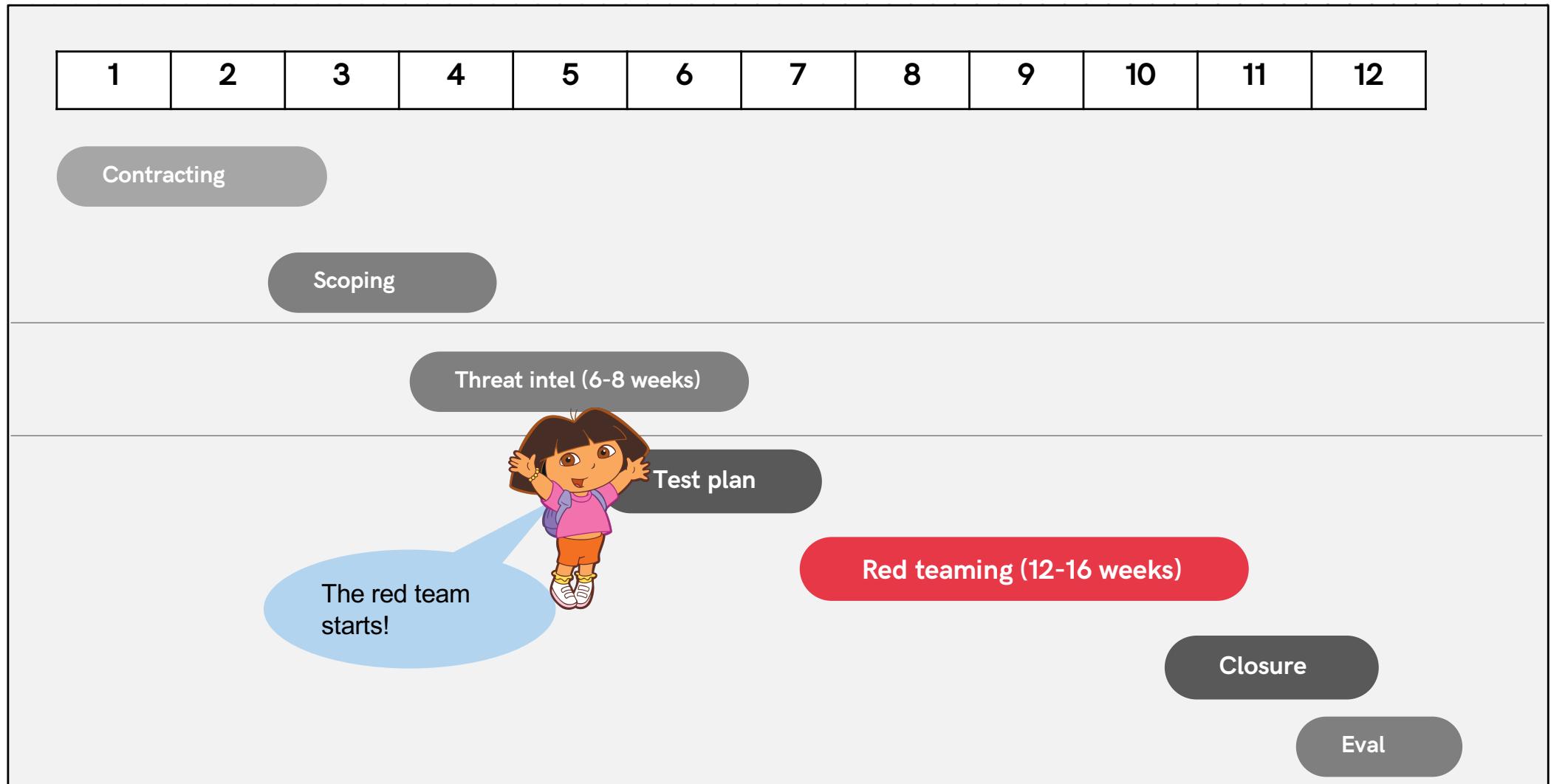
Under the TIBER-BE national implementation, the TI provider is encouraged to include a physical breach scenario.

SCENARIO DESCRIPTION

- Narrative
- In-phase
- Out-phase
- Actor profile



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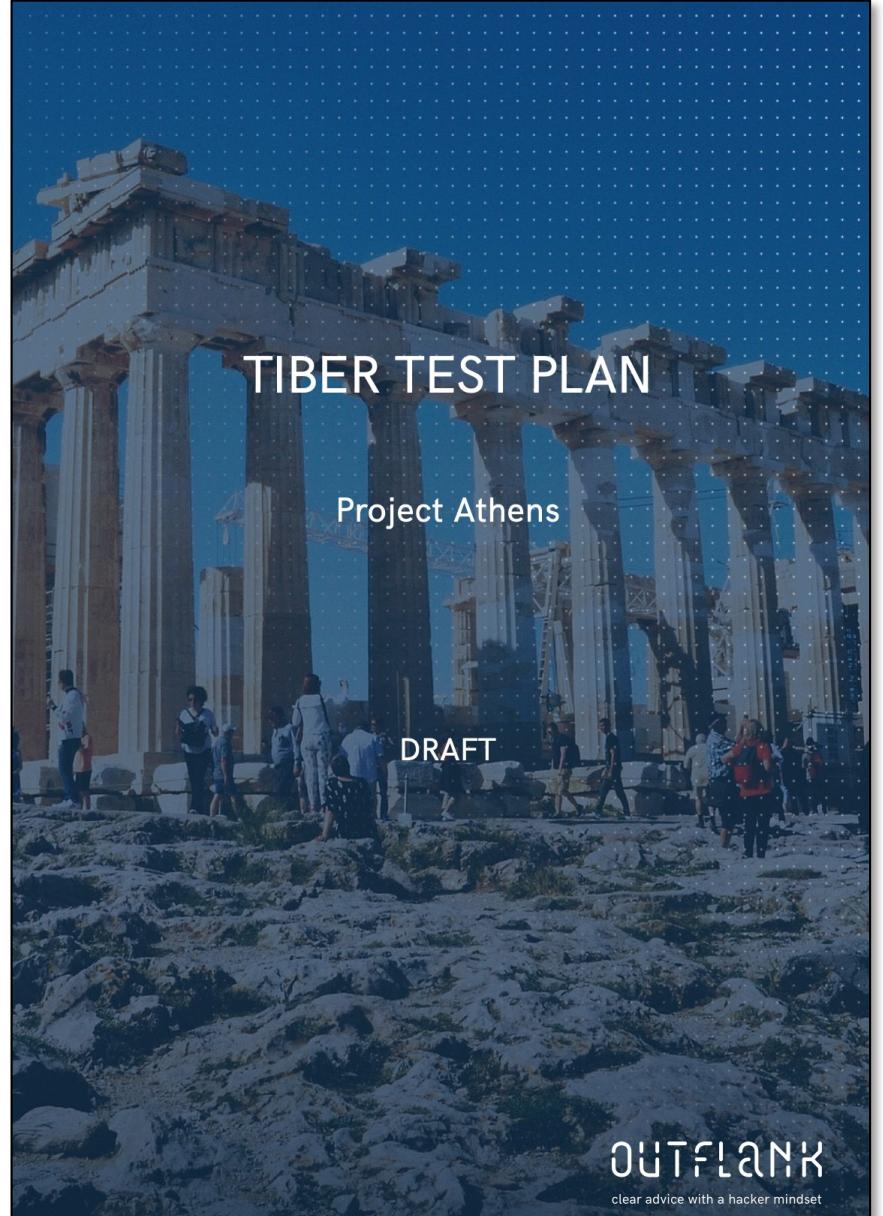
**6 MONTHS INTO
THIS HACKING THINGY...**



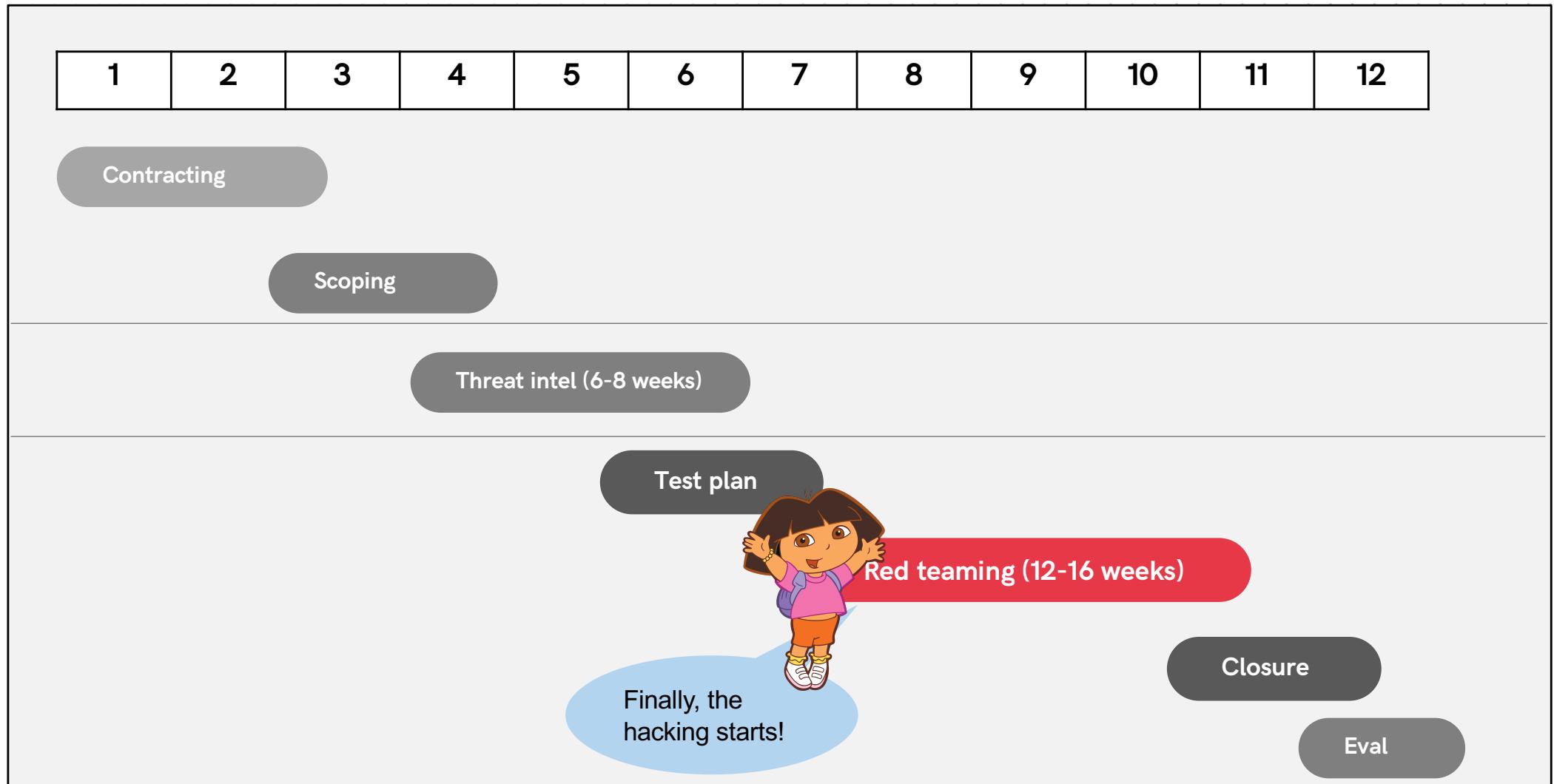
STILL DOING PAPERWORK

TESTPLAN

- Organization
 - Communication processes
- Scenarios, milestones and planning
- Safety, privacy & risks
- Incident lifecycle:
appetite and escalation?



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INFRA & PHISH

Opsec!



More sophisticated than real ransomware



Clickonce
Msc
Cloud attacks
...

AD HOC CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT



- Time consuming
- “Latency”
- QA / opsec checks

```
#include "Klist.h"
#include "beacon.h"

#define MAX_MSG_SIZE 256
#define SEC_SUCCESS(Status) ((Status) >= 0)

INT iGarbage = 1;
LPSTREAM lpStream = (LPSTREAM)1;

HRESULT BeaconPrintToStreamW(_In_z_ LPCWSTR lpwFormat, ...){
    HRESULT hr = S_OK;
    va_list argList;
    WCHAR chBuffer[1024];
    DWORD dwWritten = 0;

    if (lpStream <= (LPSTREAM)1) {
        hr = OLE32$CreateStreamOnHGlobal(NULL, TRUE, &lpStream);
        if (FAILED(hr)) {
            return hr;
        }
    }
}
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CAPABILITIES

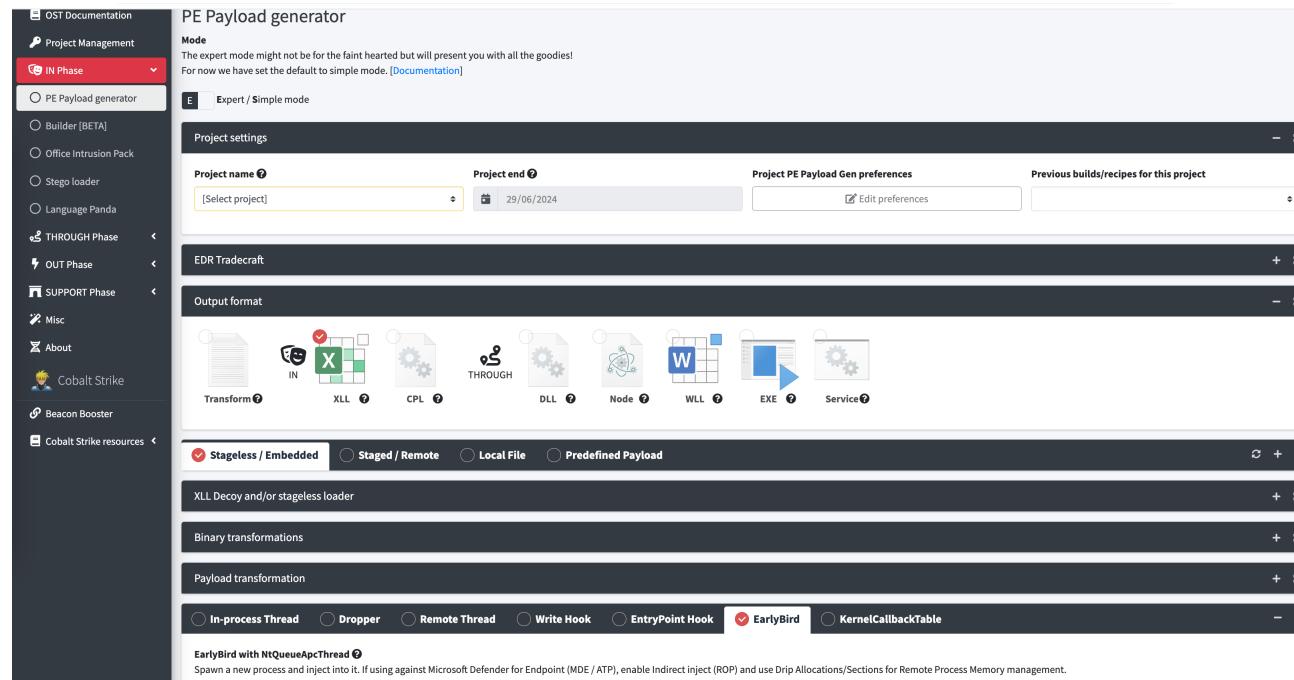
Tools & development

- Evade any EDR/AV product
- ‘Ransomware as a service’
- Mimicking sophisticated actors,
 - Custom tools vs well-known tools
 - BYOVD
 - Credential stealers
 - .net obfuscator
 - Cloud attacks
 - ...



MATURING

- Spending lots more time, maturing tools
- Developing capabilities we initially not really needed/used



How to structure & fund offensive R&D for those tests?

LEG UPS



WEEK 6 - SCENARIO 3/X

Forward looking/creative

Can be stacked on top of 1 or 2

- Other actions on objectives

Not perse TI driven

- Target something 'different'
Business dept/dev env/...
- Non-tech (e.g. deepfakes & CEO fraud)
- Simulate more complex attack paths
(e.g. supply chain towards other orgs)



THIS ONE TIME...

AT BAND CAMP

makea

THE SIMPLE LIFE

One time at Red teaming...

Lesson learned:

"try harder" is not always the solution



THE ONE WITH THE MONEY

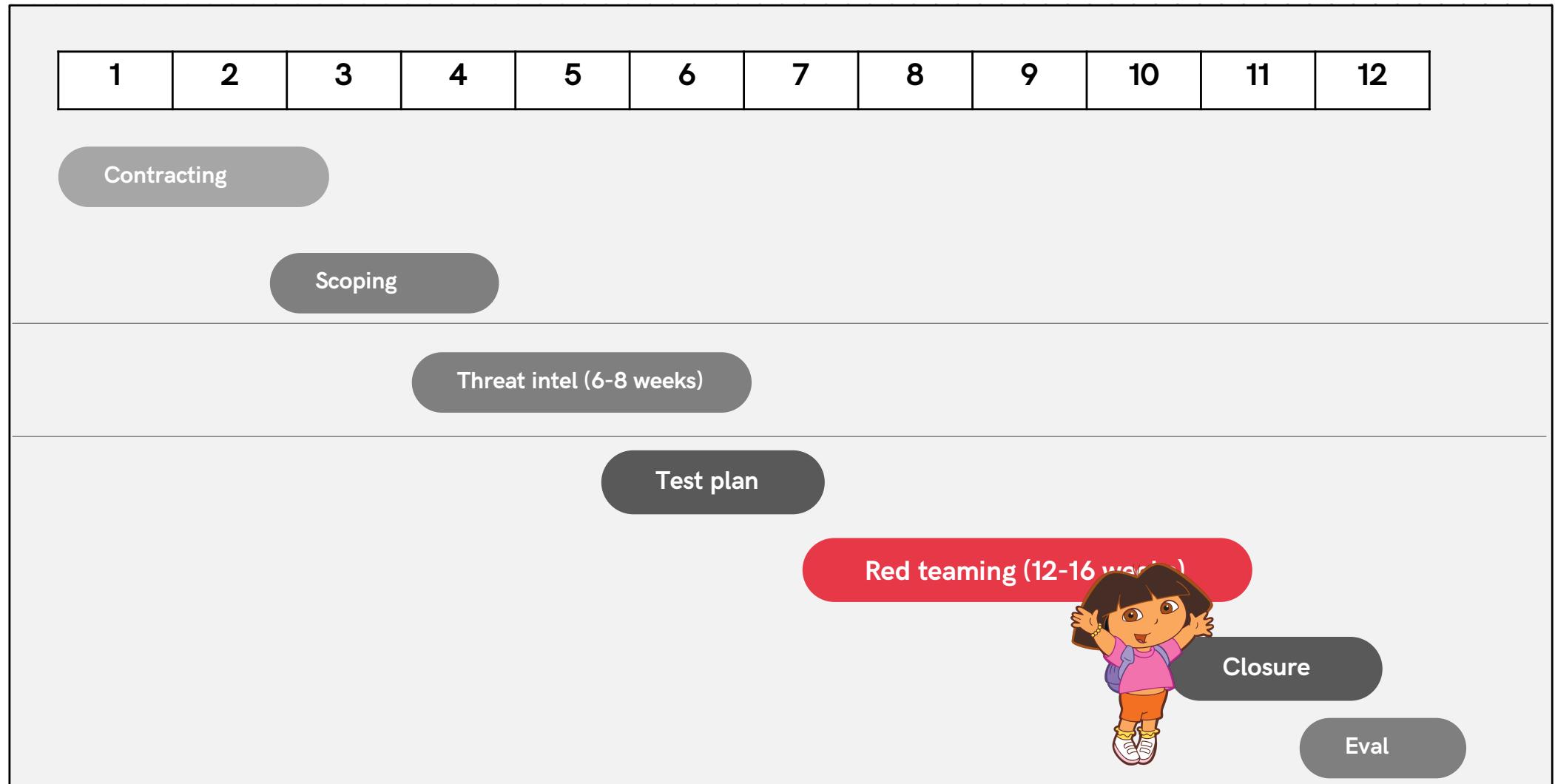
One time at Red teaming

- Got access to core banking systems
- Transferred \$\$
- Days later white team calls....
 - the money was gone, but not received on the target bank account
 - Regular org / blue did not noticed the theft yet



Lesson learned: Risk management

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CLOSURE

Reporting

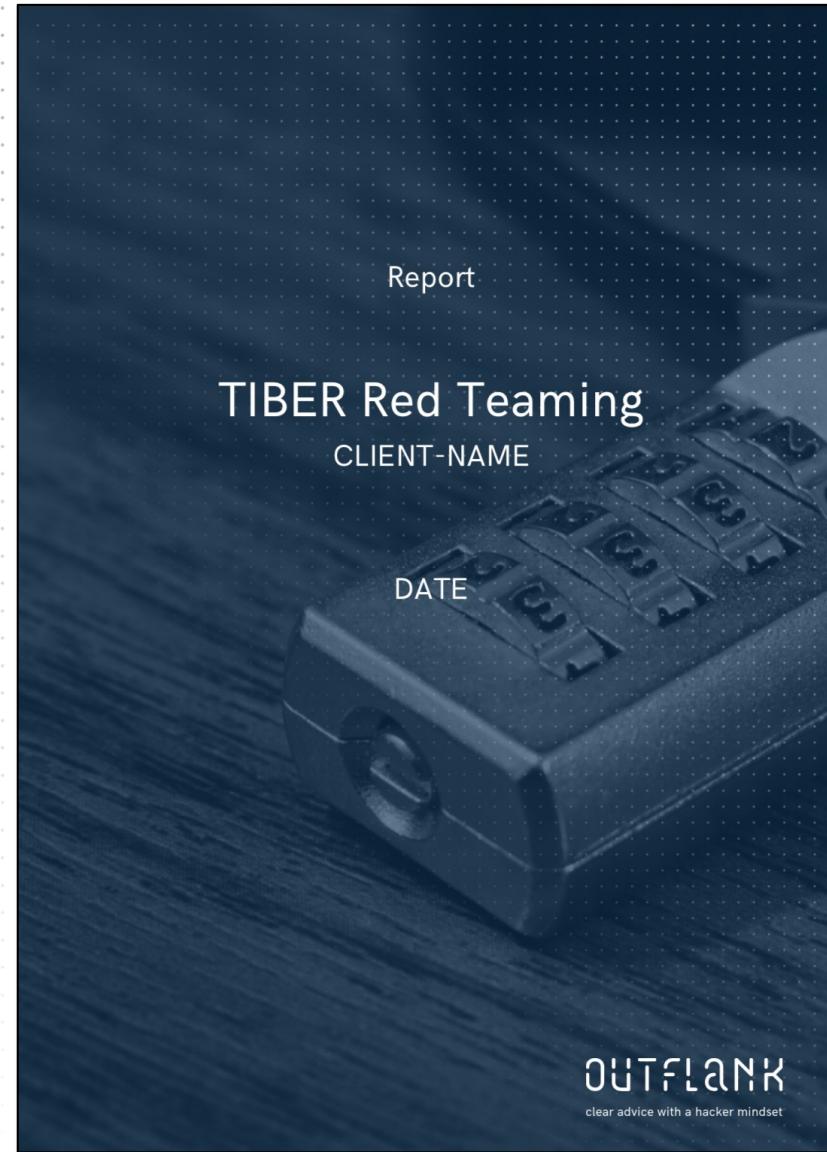


Replay / purple

- Care for Emotions
- Blue team first!

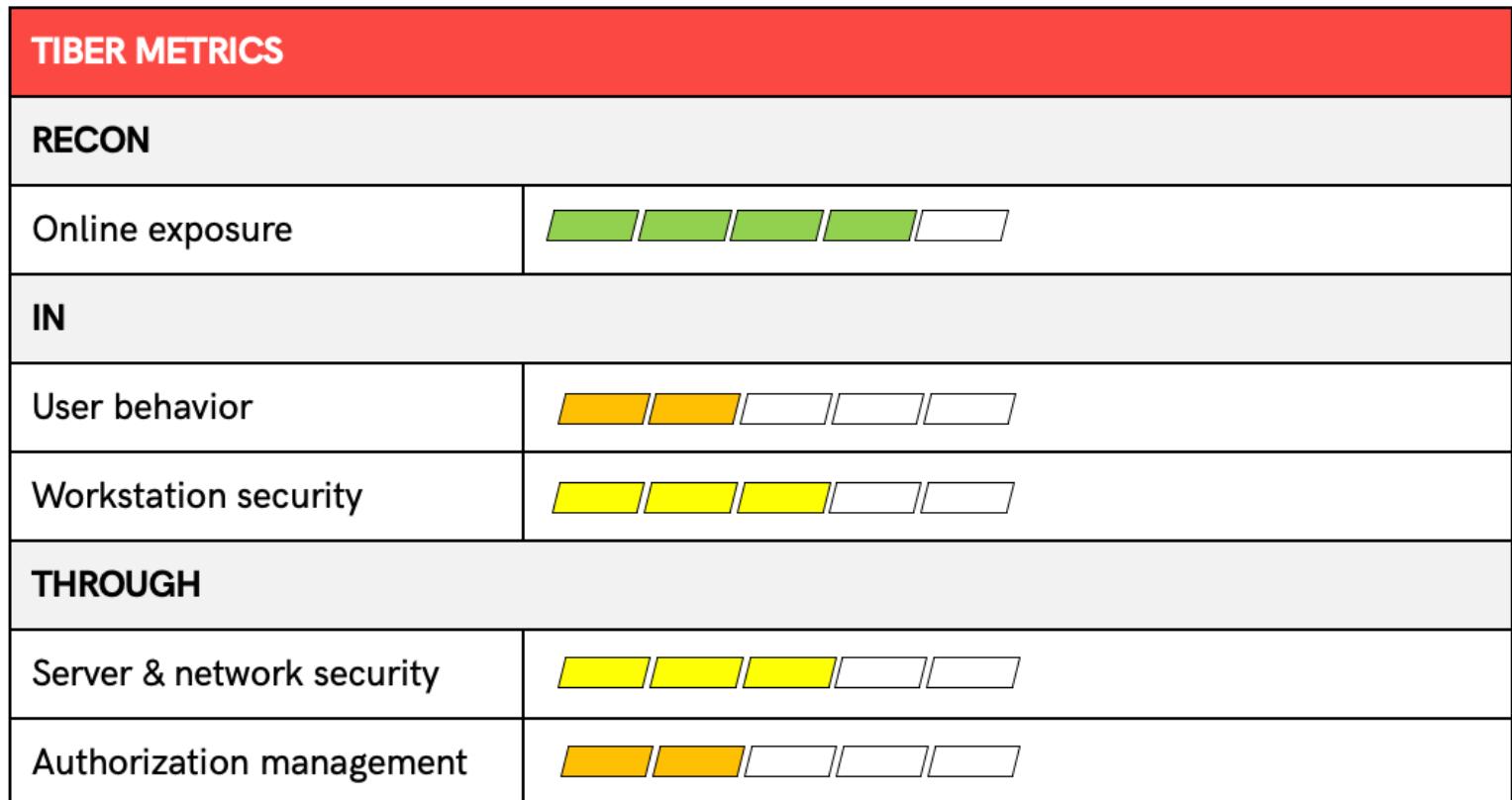
After test completion

- White/blue team: Mitigation plan

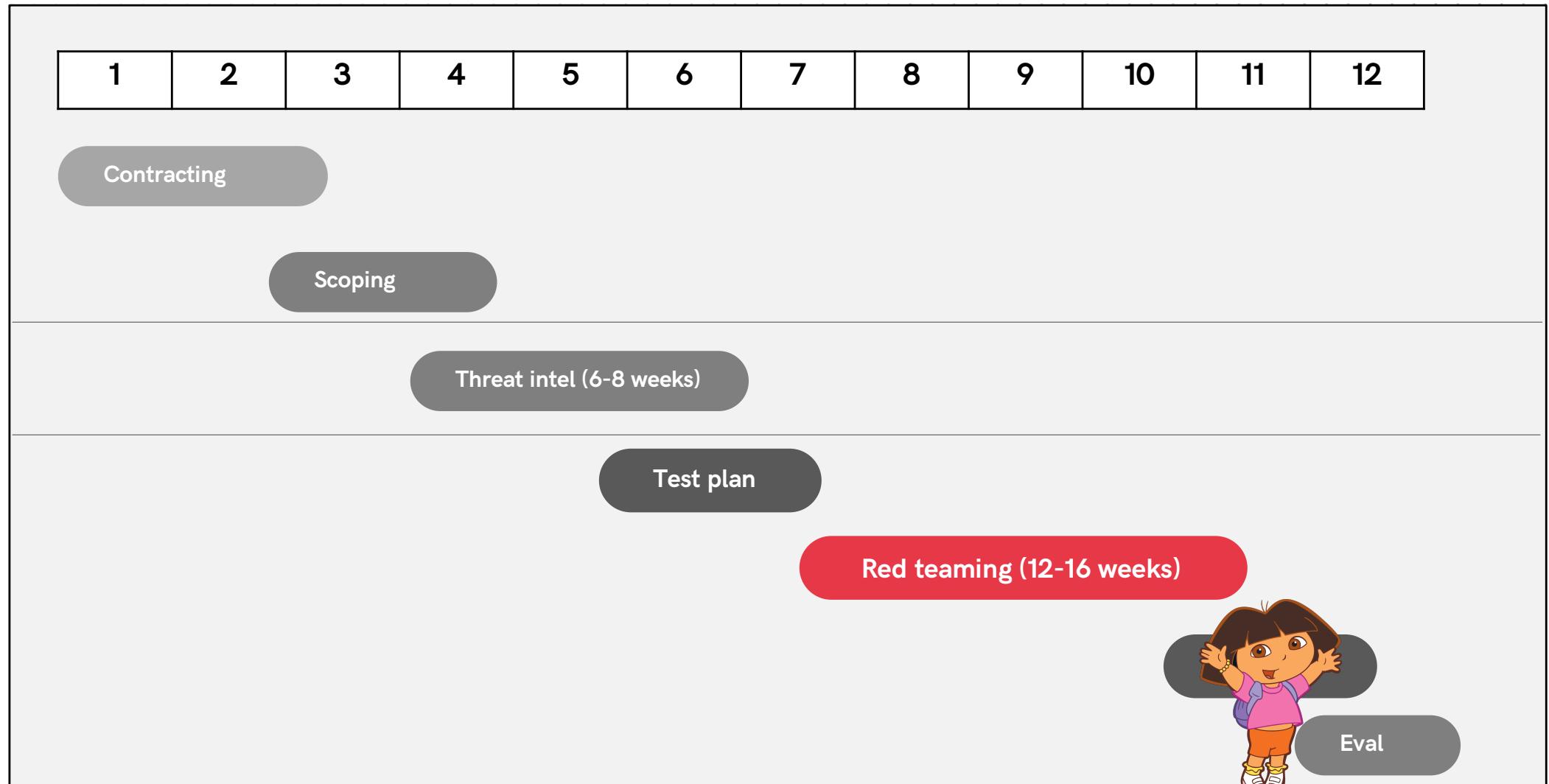


METRICS EXPERIMENTS

	Time to objective	Time to investigation	Time to recovery	Total period of access
Scenario 1	XX days	XX Not detected	X Not recovered	YY+ Days
Scenario 2	XX days	X days	Y Not recovered	ZZ days



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A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over a dark surface. The hand is positioned as if it has just written or is about to write. In the background, there is a faint, scattered pattern of white letters and symbols (such as 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z', '?', '!', '.', ',', '>', '<') that appear to be floating or scattered across the surface.

TOO LONG DIDN'T
LISTEN

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DORA CAN BE FUN!

Organize yourself

- More engagement management, politics and all
- Inhouse TI?
- Proper opsec & evasion challenges
- Professionalize capability development / R&D

The fun

- Higher budget, longer test period,
- Really making business impact, activating detection etc
- Stronger drive for change after test

The market

- Other companies ask 'similar' test; even more fun!





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