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- Formally, for all n.u. PPT \mathcal{A} :

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What if Alice and Bob never met?

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Is it even possible to encrypt one bit? Yes! Public-key Encryption (Later in the course)

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