Stake at the heart

Destroying common security wisdom

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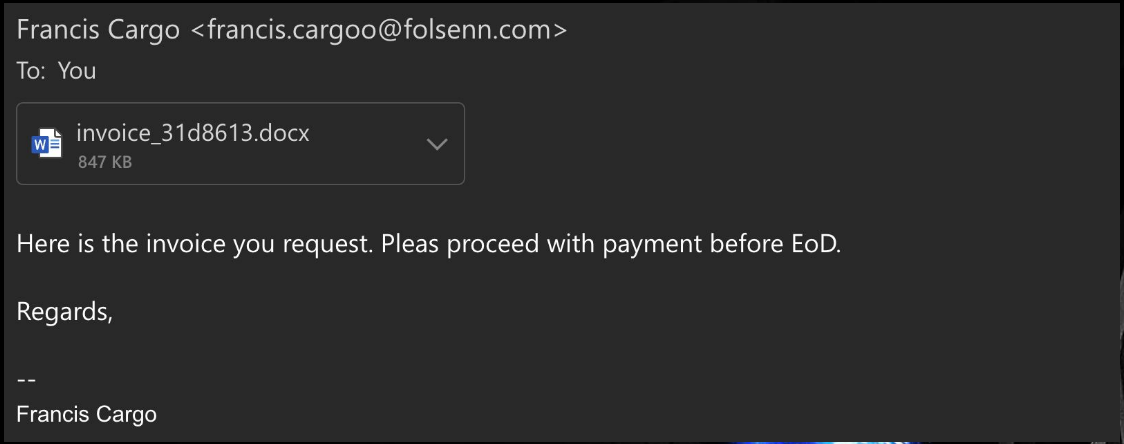
“Humans are the weakest link in cyber security”



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Here is the invoice you request. Pleas proceed with payment before EoD.

Regards,

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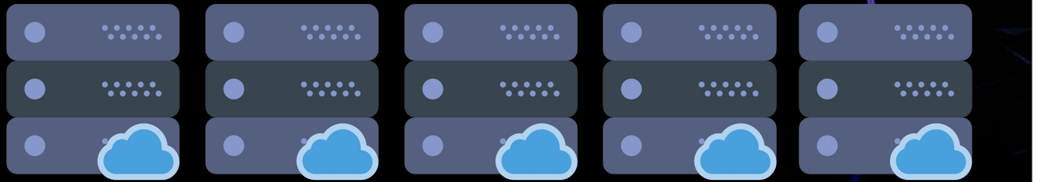
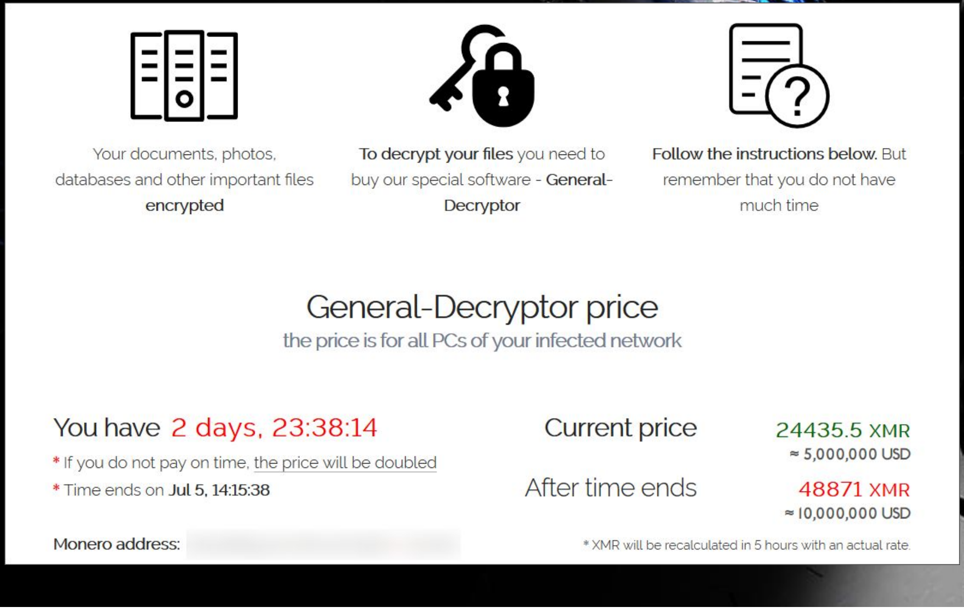




Your documents, photos, databases and other important files **encrypted**

To decrypt your files you need to buy our special software - **General-Decryptor**

Follow the instructions below. But remember that you do not have much time

General-Decryptor price

the price is for all PCs of your infected network

You have 2 days, 23:38:14

* If you do not pay on time, the price will be doubled

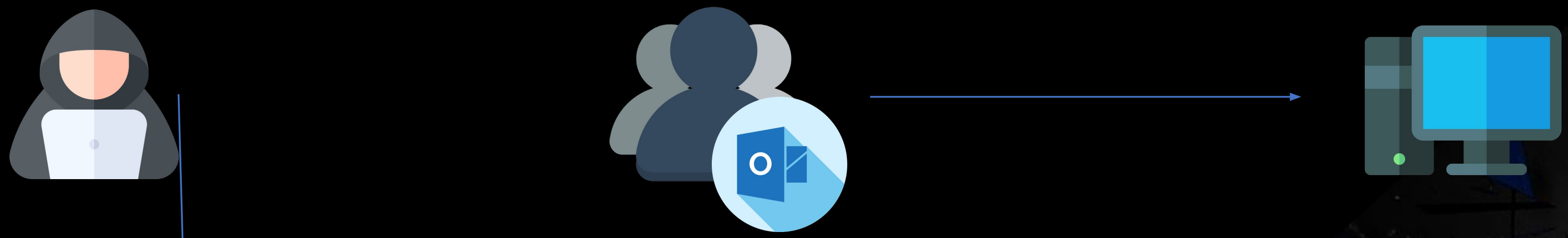
* Time ends on **Jul 5, 14:15:38**

Current price	24435.5 XMR ≈ 5,000,000 USD
After time ends	48871 XMR ≈ 10,000,000 USD

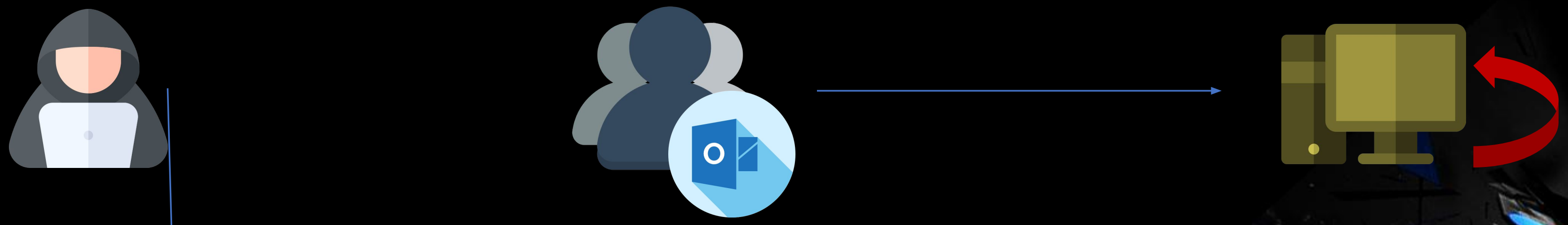
Monero address: [redacted]

* XMR will be recalculated in 5 hours with an actual rate.

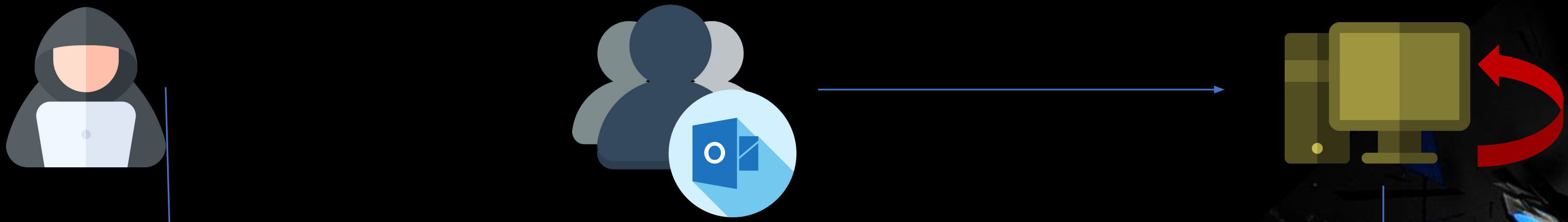
- *What about Spam filters?*
- *Sandbox analysis?*



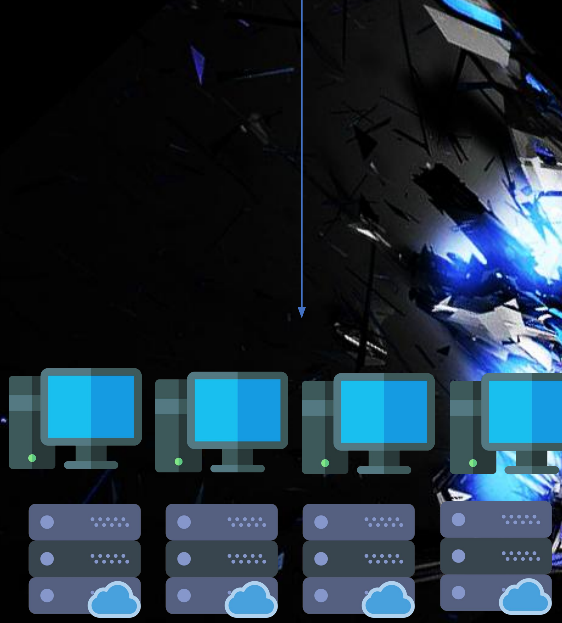
- *Lack of logical isolation?*
- *Full access to the underlying OS' APIs from a text document*
- *EDR/AV bypass or lack there of*

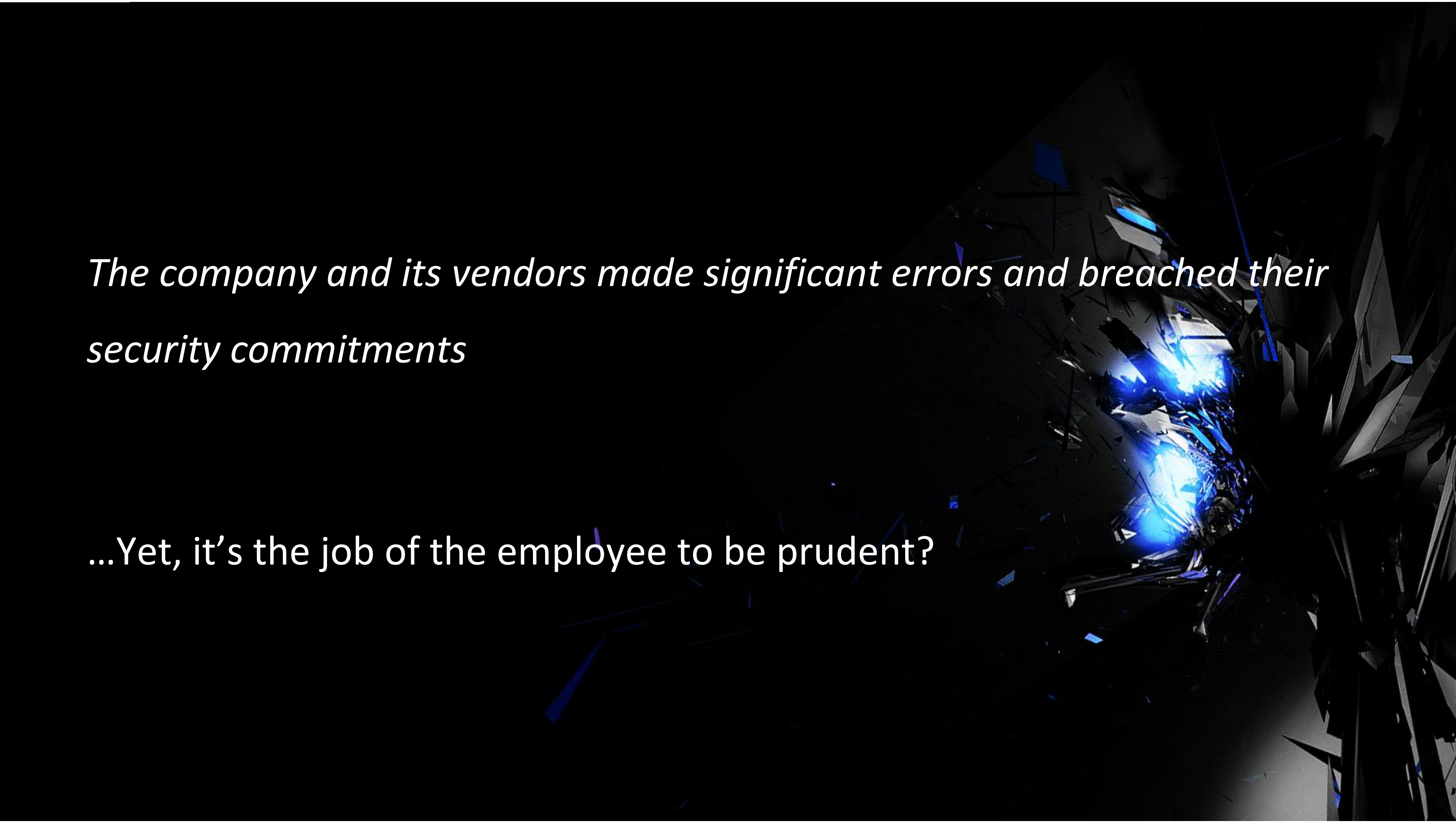


- *Lack of patching or even availability of a patch*
- *Bypass any system detection/protection*



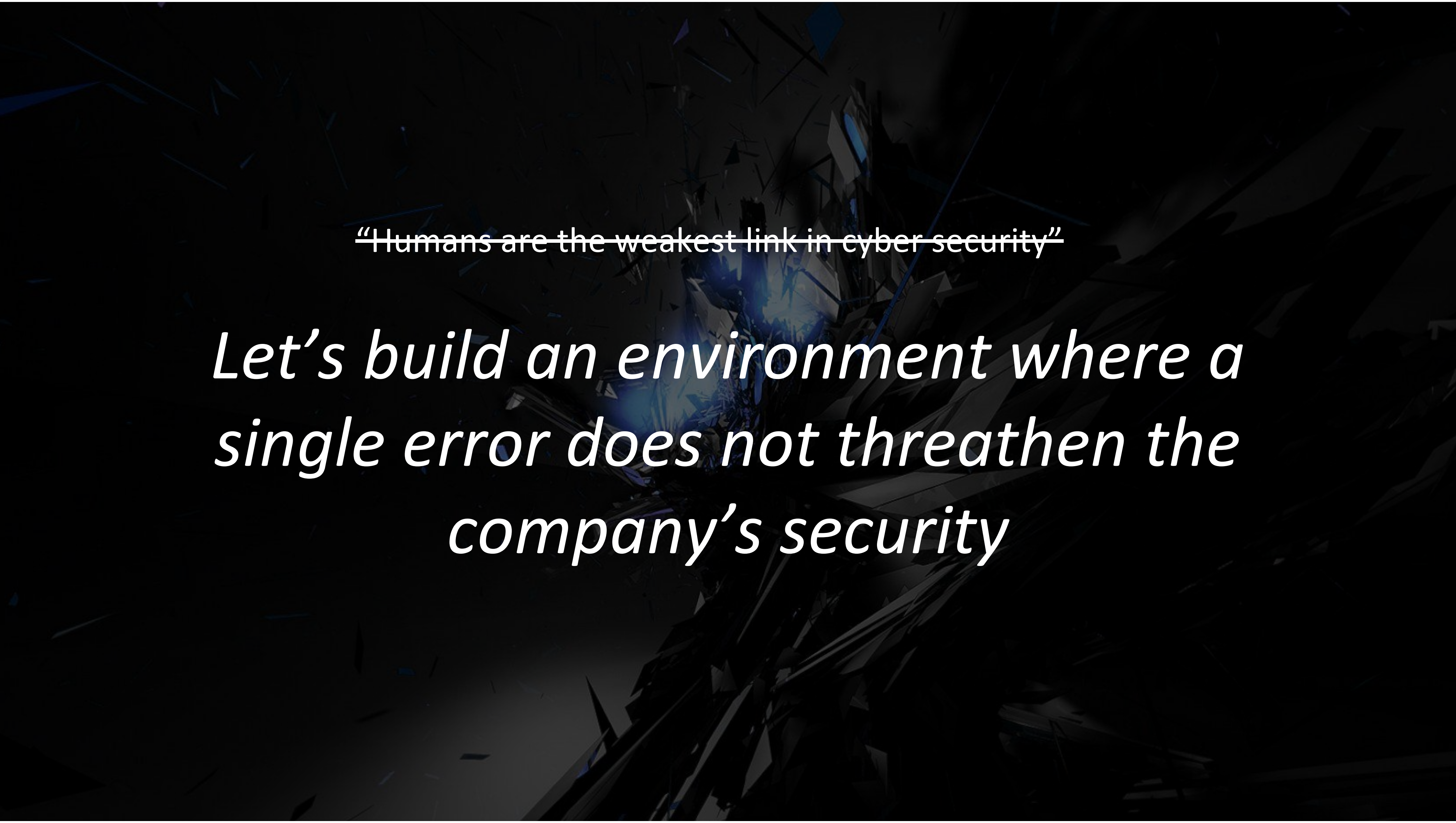
- *No network isolation*
- *Same password everywhere*
- *Clear text protocols*
- *Broken authentication protocols*
- *No detection of unusual behavior*
- *Etc.*





The company and its vendors made significant errors and breached their security commitments

…Yet, it’s the job of the employee to be prudent?



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Let’s build an environment where a single error does not threathen the company’s security

“The job of the security team is finding vulnerabilities”

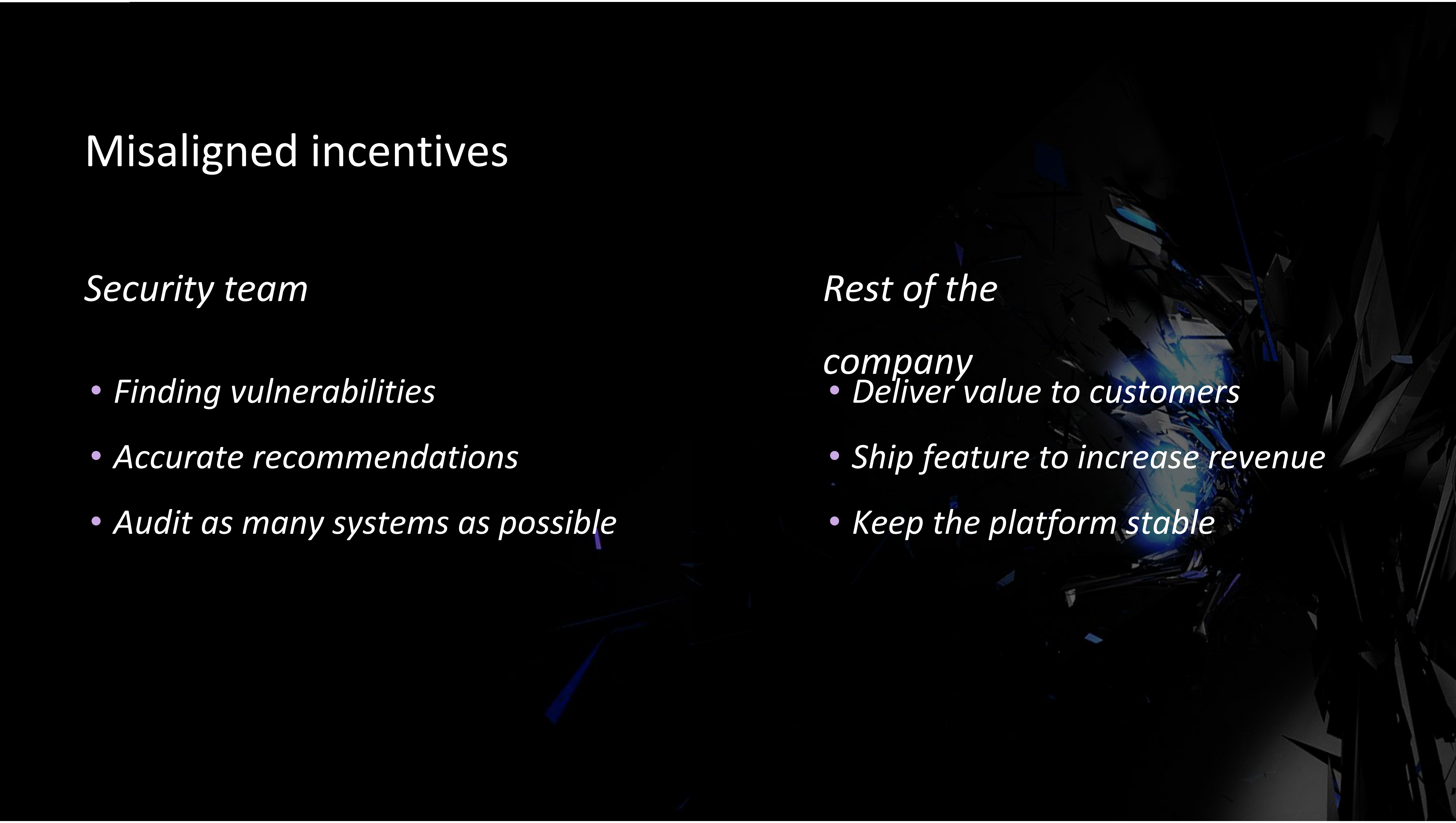
A common operating system in security:

- *Second/third line of defense*
- *Auditing systems and processes*
- *Pages of vulnerabilities and recommendations*

…Of course after 2 years, barely anything changes

An auditor’s paradox

Pointing vulnerabilities brings zero value to the customer of that business



Misaligned incentives

Security team

- *Finding vulnerabilities*
- *Accurate recommendations*
- *Audit as many systems as possible*

Rest of the company

- *Deliver value to customers*
- *Ship feature to increase revenue*
- *Keep the platform stable*

We need to align our goals

- *Yes to auditing systems but…*
- *Security team with a mandate to fix vulnerabilities*
- *Ownership of projects*

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The job of the security team is to fix vulnerabilities

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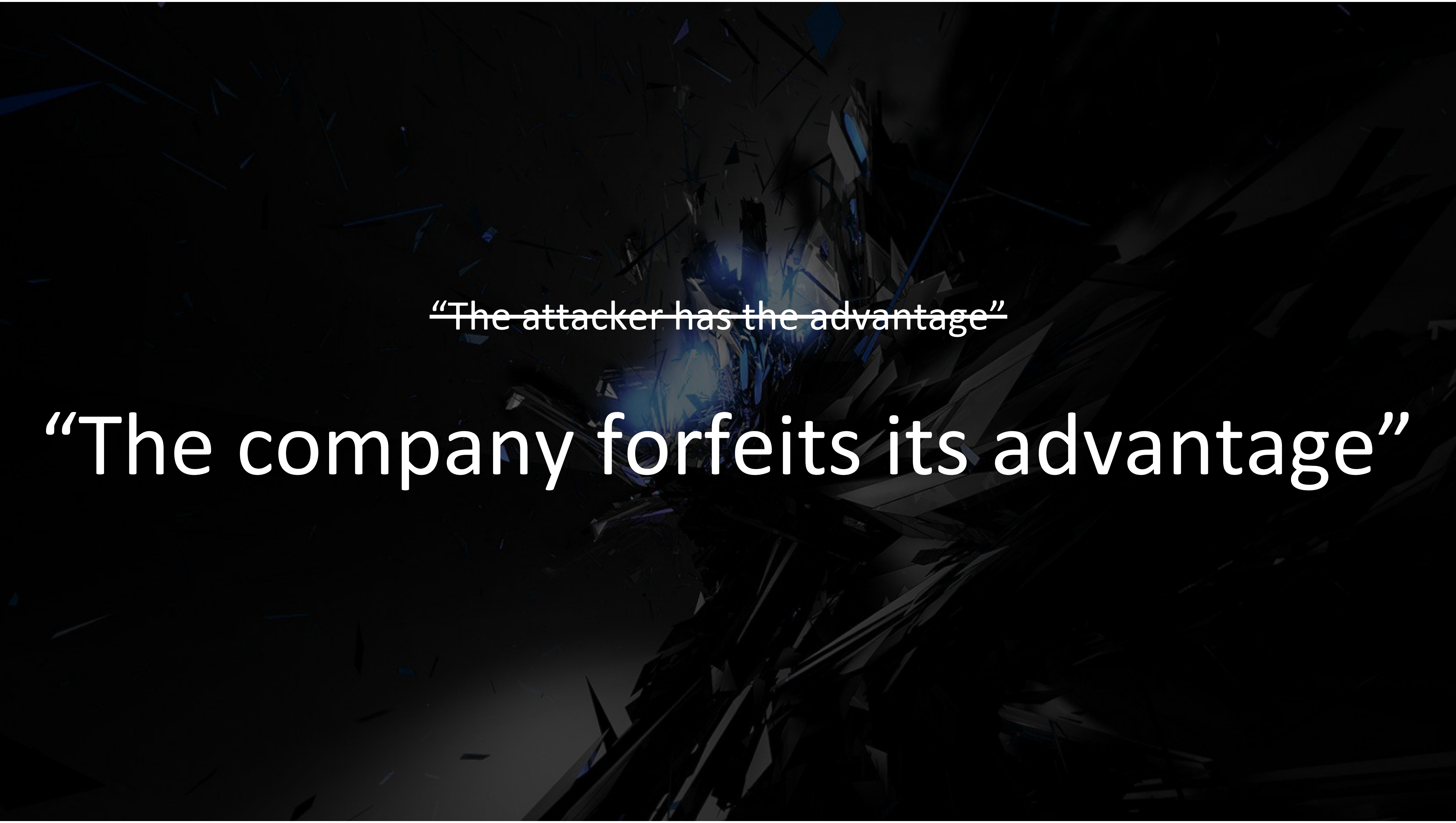
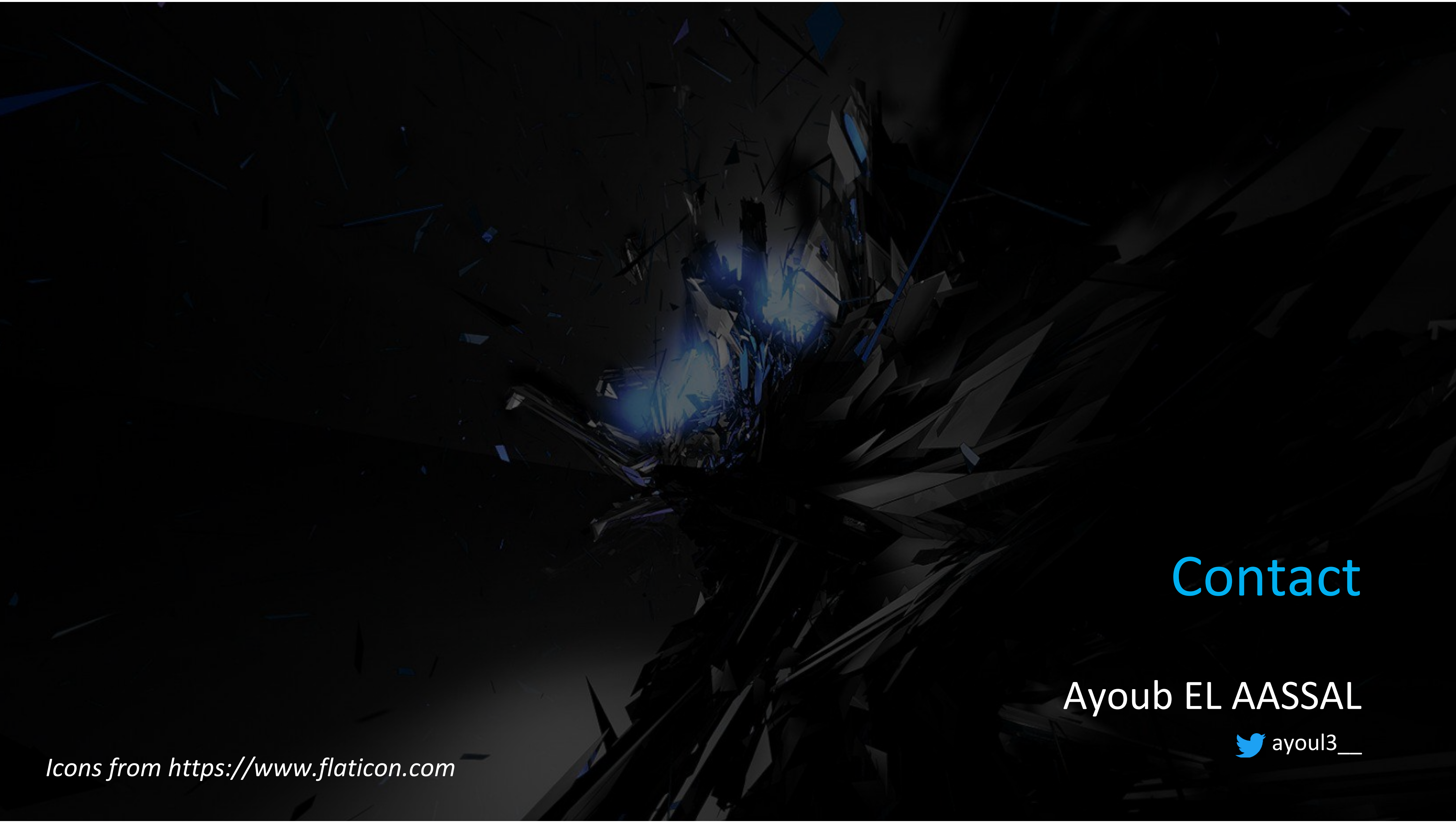


~~“The attacker has the advantage”~~

“The company forfeits its advantage”



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