



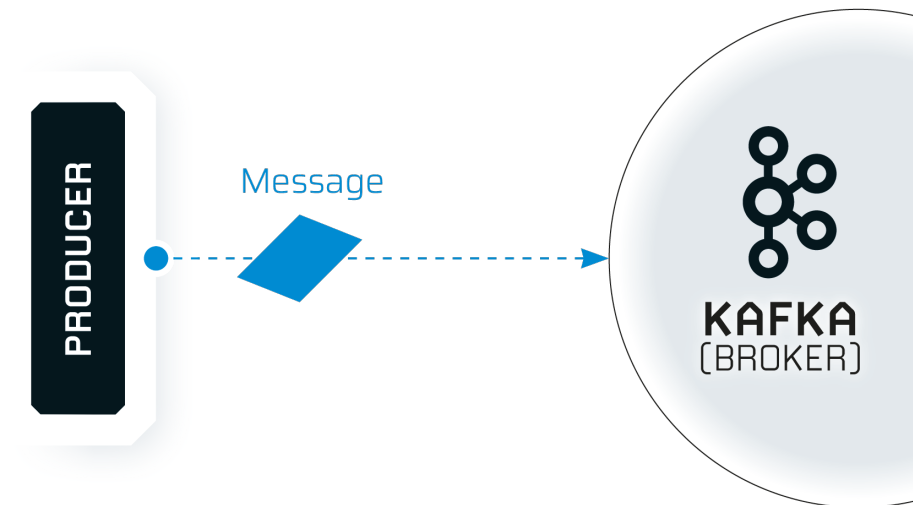
Kafka Basics:
REPLICATION
ISR
ACK()

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW: HOW DOES A PRODUCER WRITES DATA?

Let's understand, how ...

- **REPLICATION FACTOR**
- **ISR (IN SYNC REPLICA)**
- **ACK()**

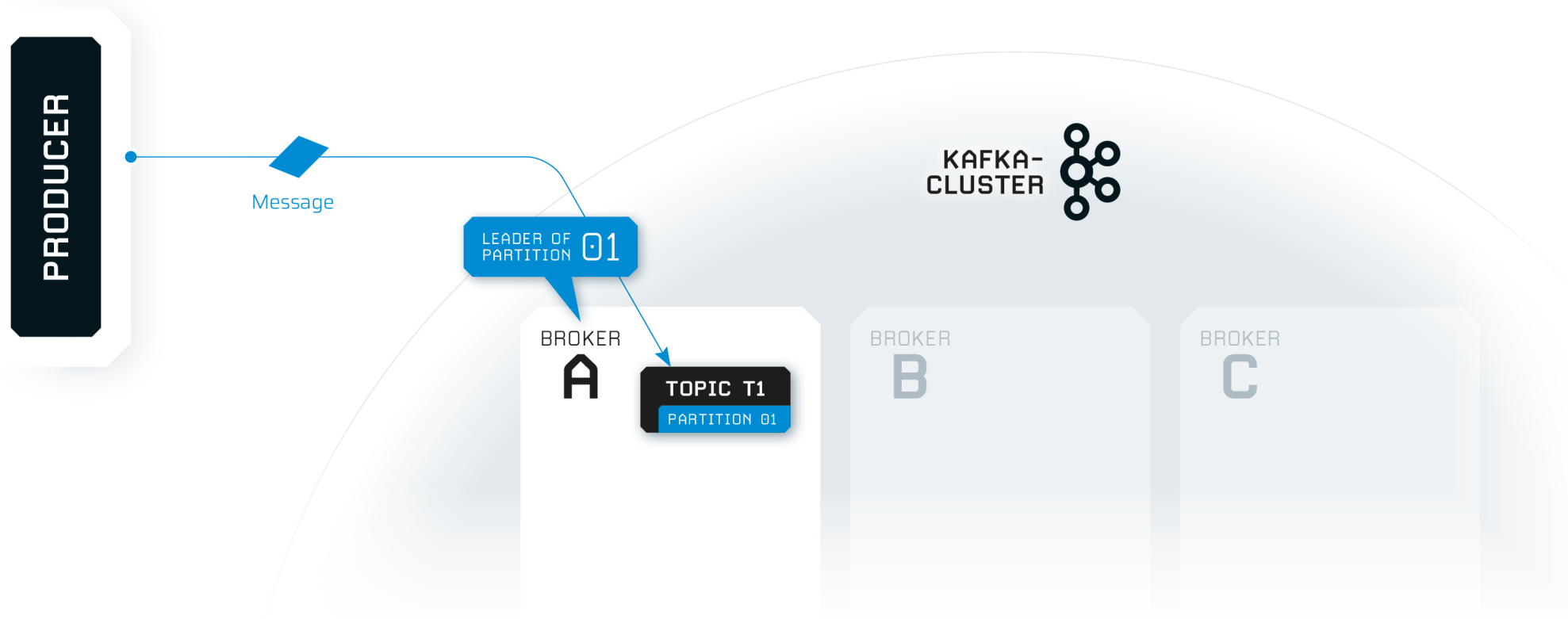
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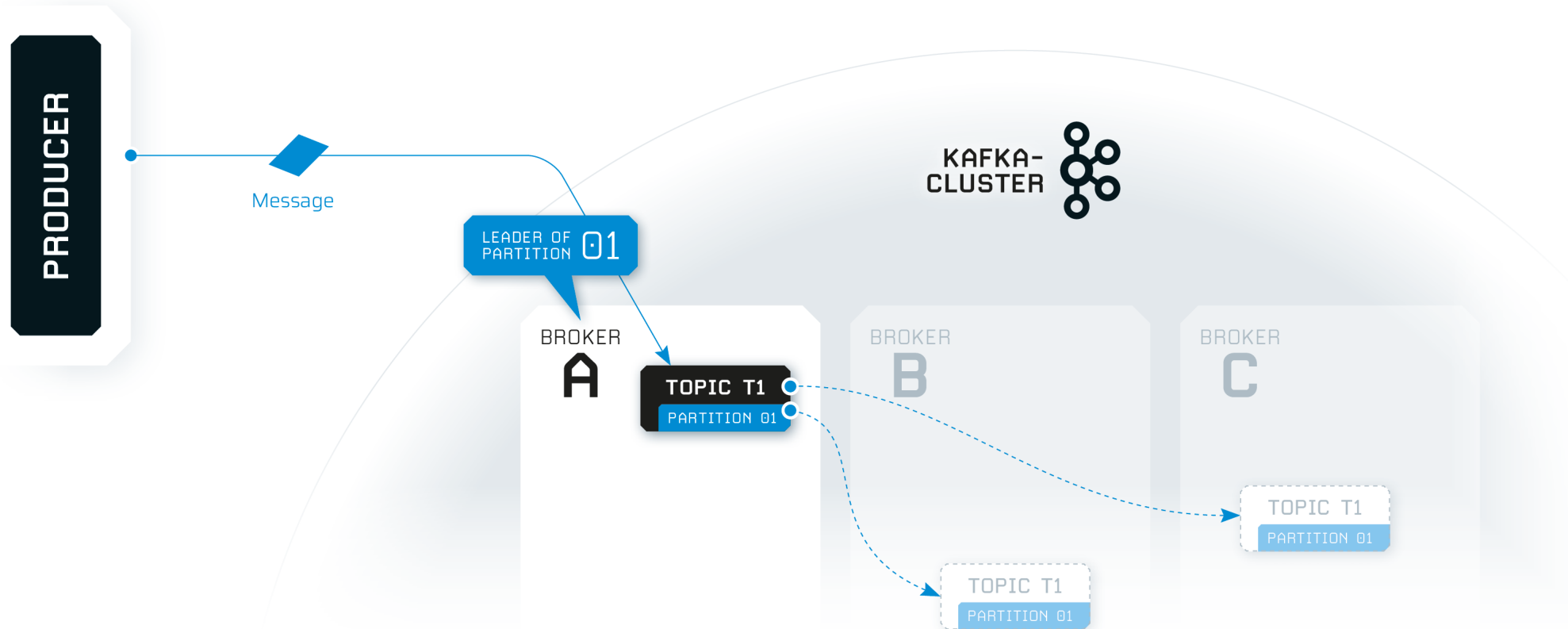
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REPLICATION FACTOR IN KAFKA

A PRODUCER WILL ALWAYS ... TALK TO „THE LEADER“!

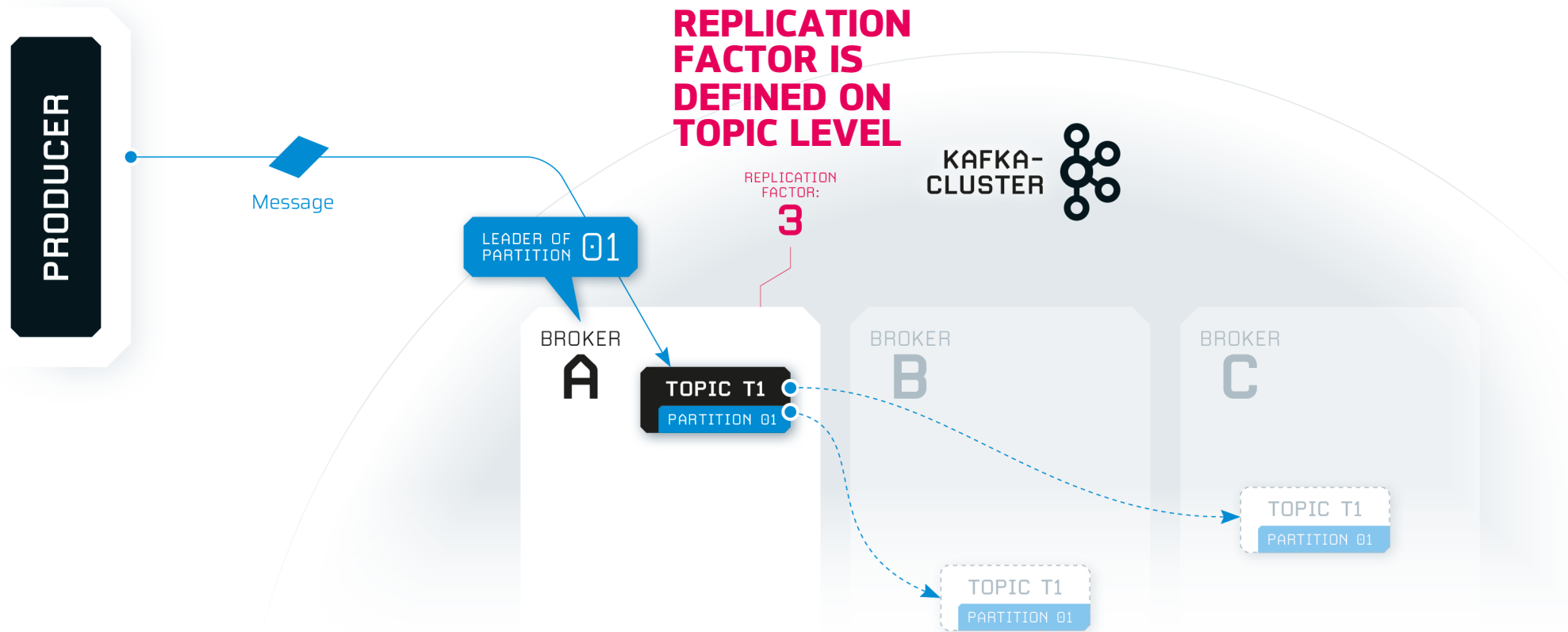


THE LEADER WILL PROVIDE MESSAGE DATA TO IT'S FOLLOWERS

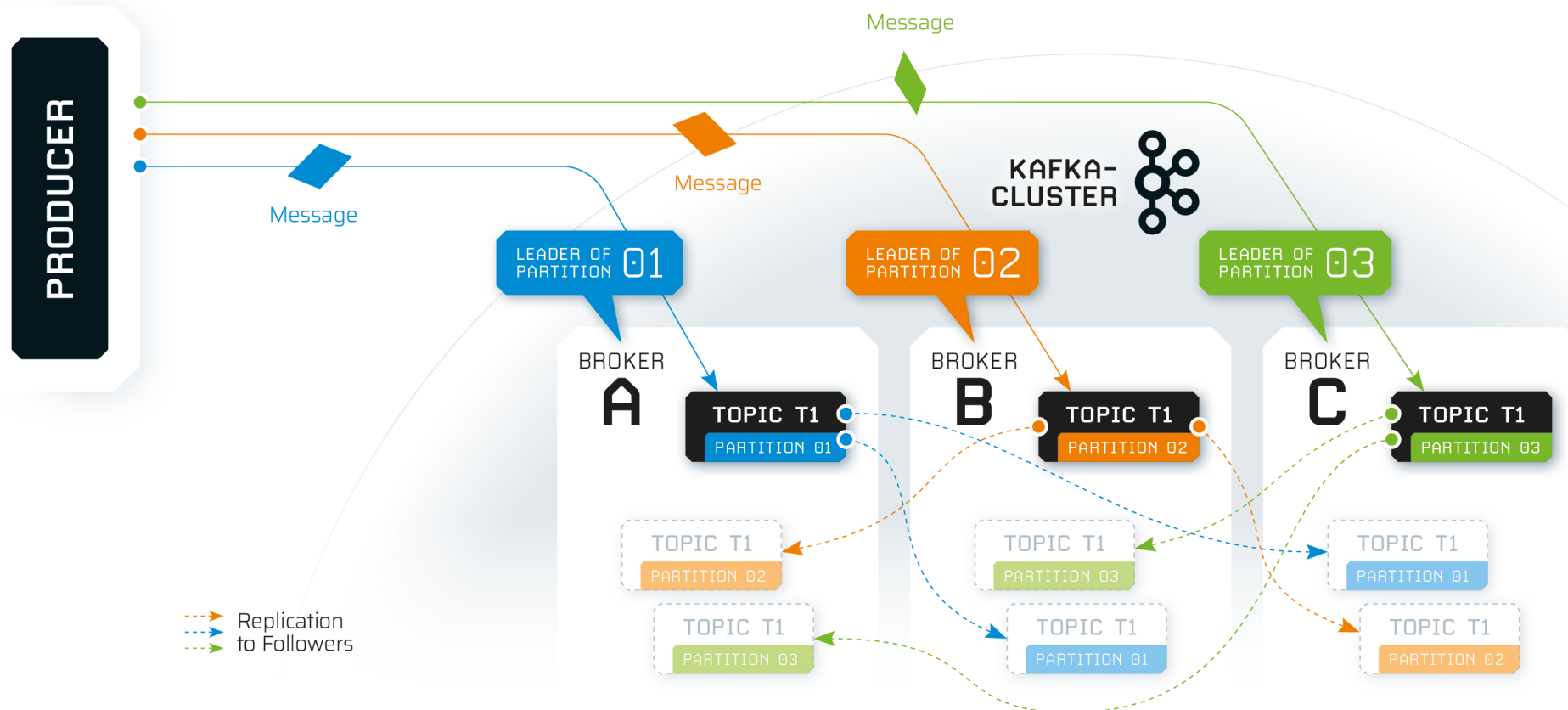


REPLICATION FACTOR = NUMBER OF MESSAGE COPIES

REPLICATION
FACTOR IS
DEFINED ON
TOPIC LEVEL



THERE IS A LEADER FOR EACH PARTITION



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ISR: IN-SYNC REPLICATIONS IN KAFKA

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW: HOW DOES A PRODUCER WRITES DATA?

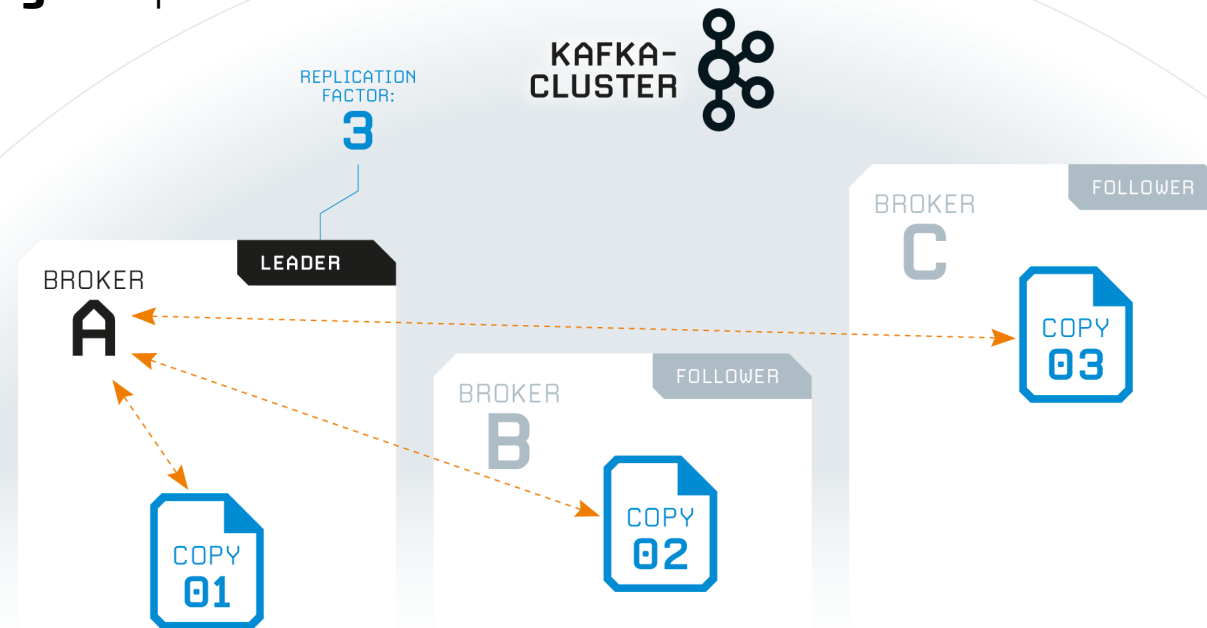
Let's understand ...

- **REPLICATION FACTOR** = number of message copies in the cluster
- **ISR (IN SYNC REPLICA)**

EXAMPLE: A PARTITION LEADER WITH RF=3 GENERATES 2 COPIES OF A MESSAGE AND KEEPS THEM SYNCHRONISED

- Total number of replicas: 3
- Number of **in-sync** replicas: 3

ISR=3

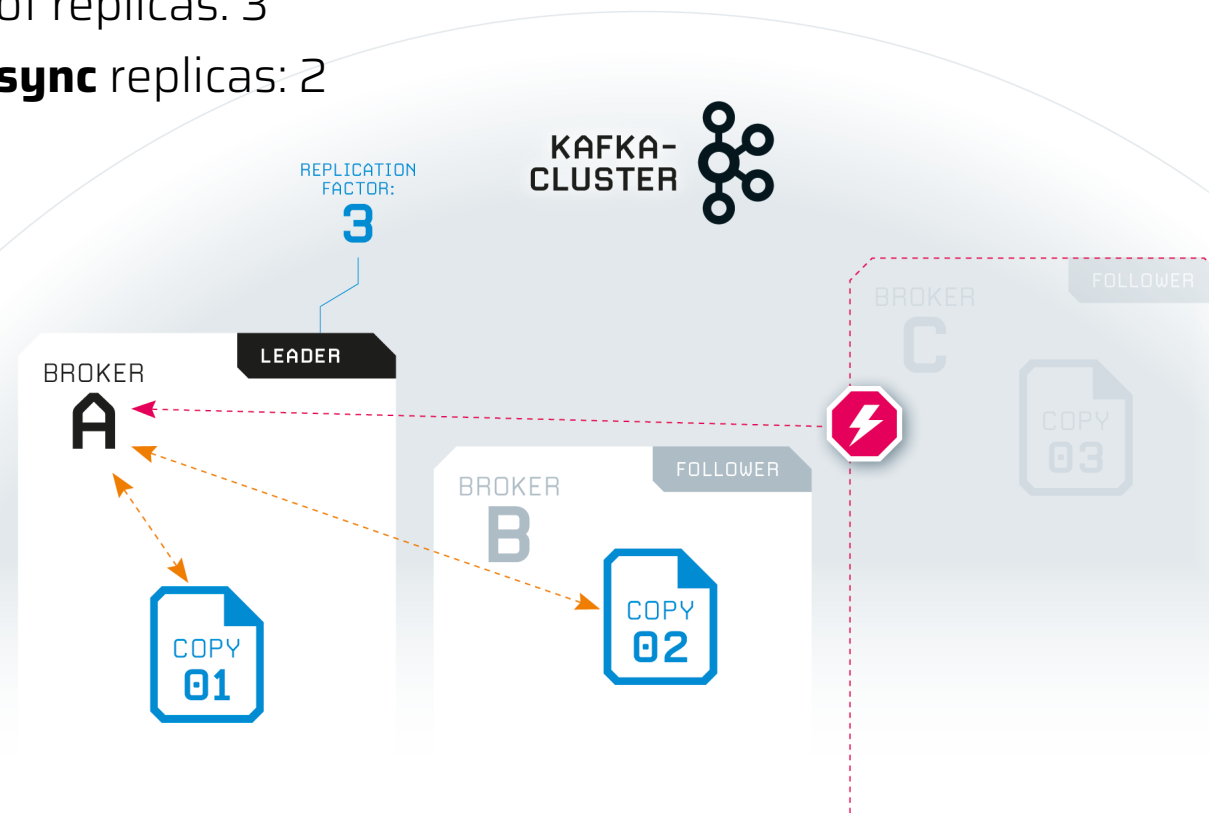


BROKEN CONNECTIONS TO FOLLOWERS DECREASE THE ISR

- Total number of replicas: 3
- Number of **in-sync** replicas: 2

ISR=2

MINIMUM ISR REQUIREMENTS ARE DEFINED ON TOPIC LEVEL!



ISR: TAKE AWAY

- Kafka dynamically maintains a set of in-sync replicas (ISR) that are caught-up to the leader
- A node (Broker) is in sync when:
 - It is able to maintain its session with ZooKeeper (via ZooKeeper's heartbeat mechanism)
 - If the replicated writes (happening on the leader) will not fall "too far" behind In-Sync Replicas are equal or a subset of all replicas in the cluster
- If a follower dies, gets stuck, or falls behind, the leader will remove it from the list of In-Sync replicas (replica.lag.time.max.ms)

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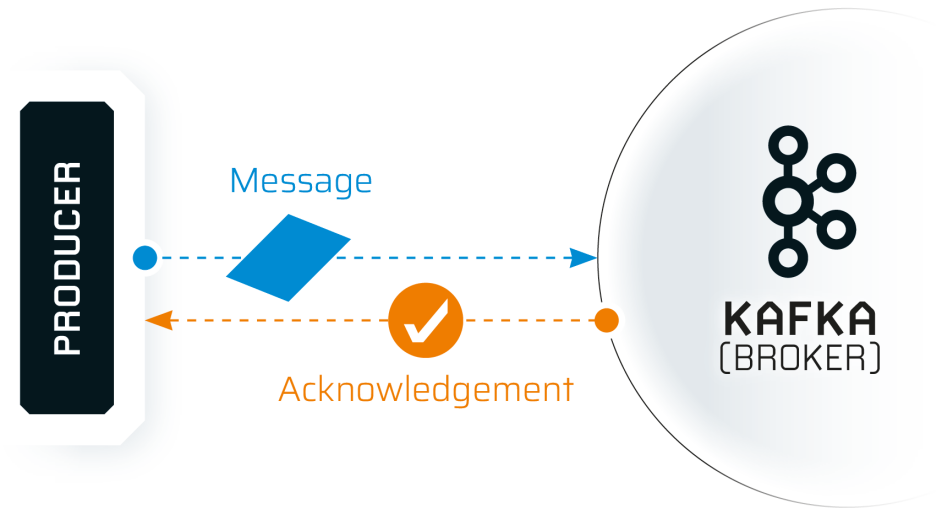
ACK(): ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN KAFKA

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW: HOW DOES A PRODUCER WRITES DATA?

Let's understand ...

- **REPLICATION FACTOR** = number of message copies in the cluster
- **ISR (IN SYNC REPLICA)** = available replicas in a cluster / ...
- **ACK()**

WHEN DID A PRODUCER SUCCESSFULLY SEND A MESSAGE?



LEVELS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ACK(0)

The producer never waits for an ack from the broker

> fast, but unsafe

ACK(1)

The producer gets an ack after the leader has received the record

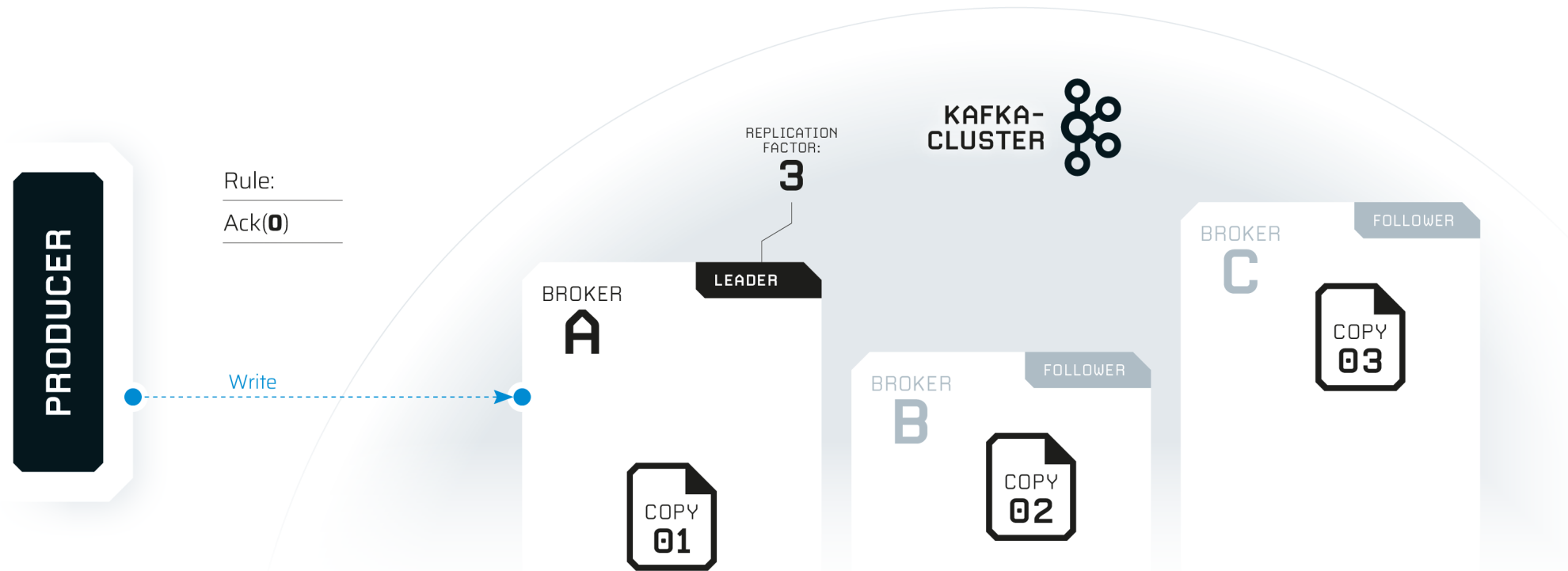
ACK(ALL)

The producer gets an ack when all in-sync replicas have received the record

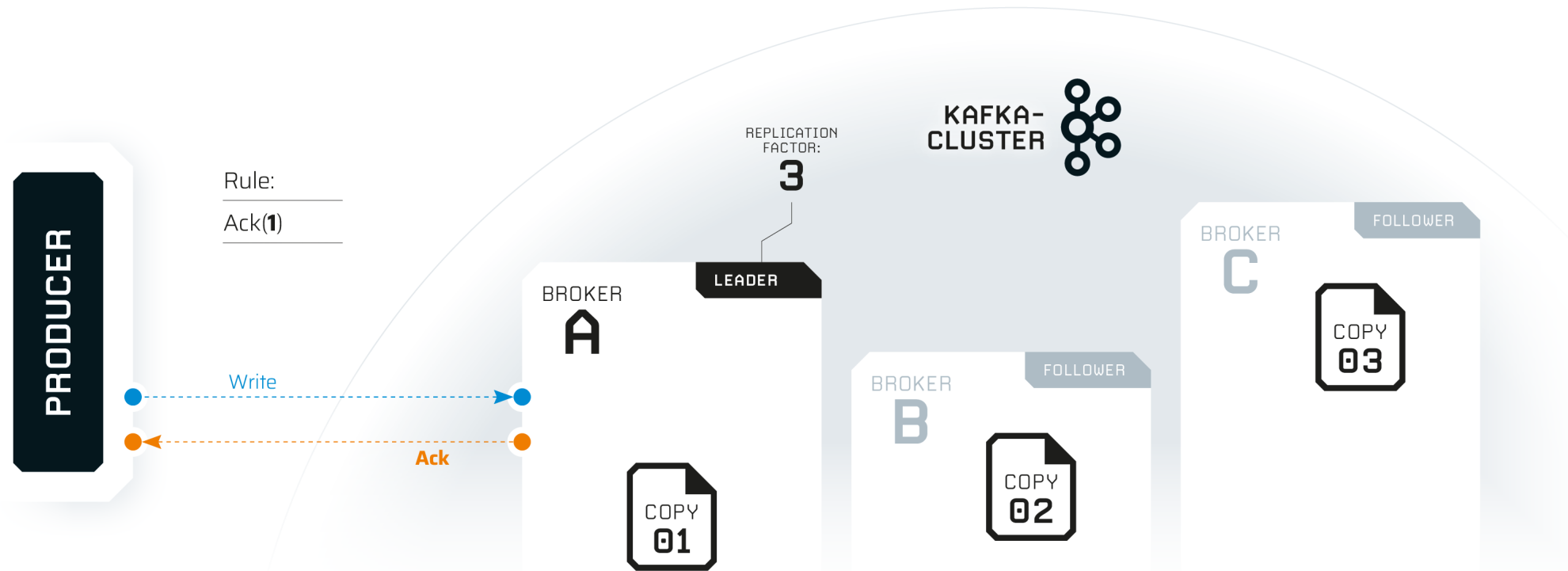
> safe, but might be slow

ACK() LEVEL IS A PRODUCER CONFIGURATION TO AFFECT THROUGHPUT AND DATA CONSISTENCY!

EXAMPLE ACK(0)

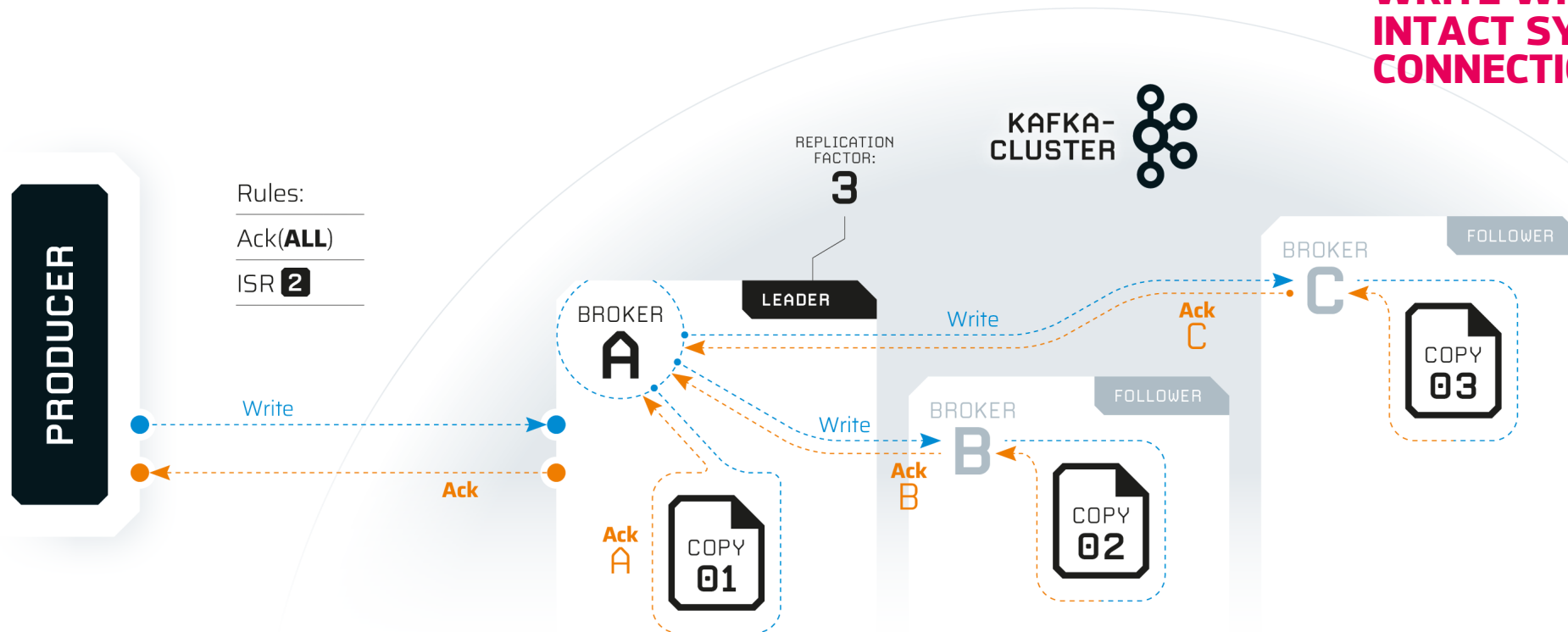


EXAMPLE ACK(1)

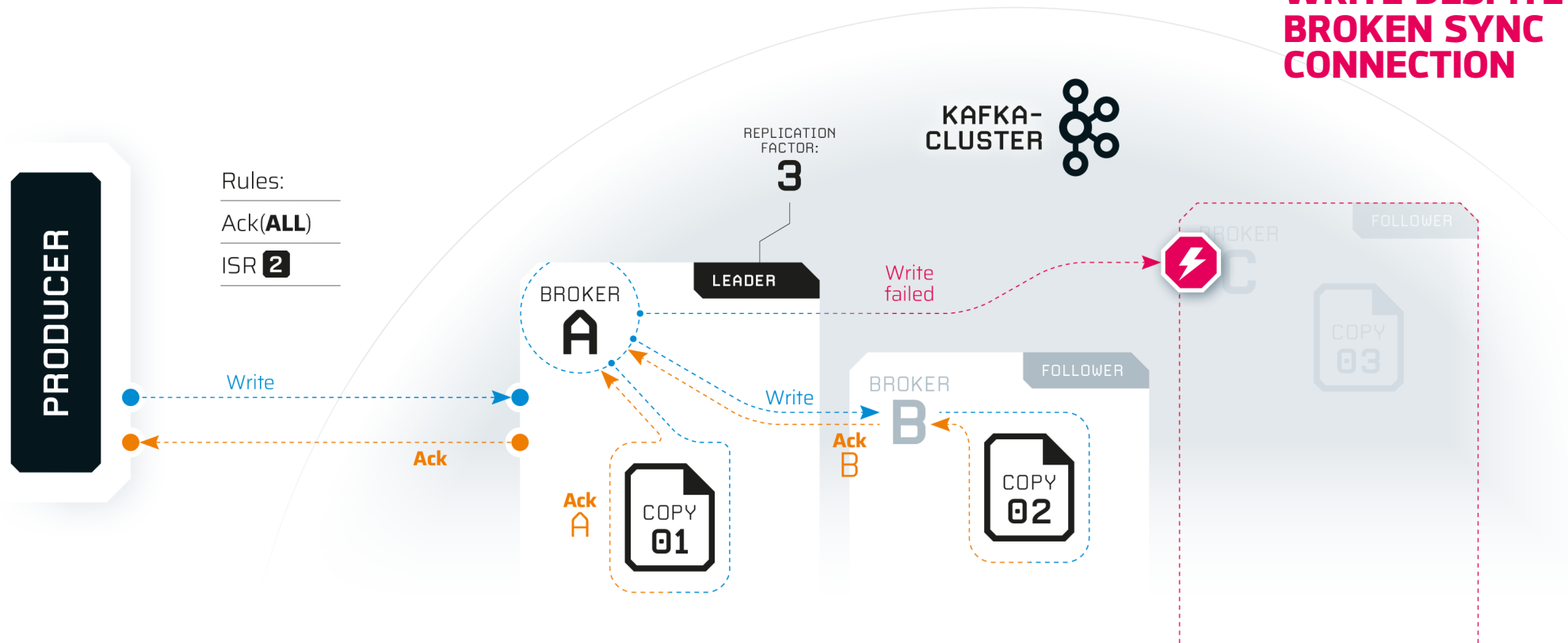


EXAMPLE ACK(ALL)

**SUCCESSFUL
WRITE WITH
INTACT SYNC
CONNECTIONS**

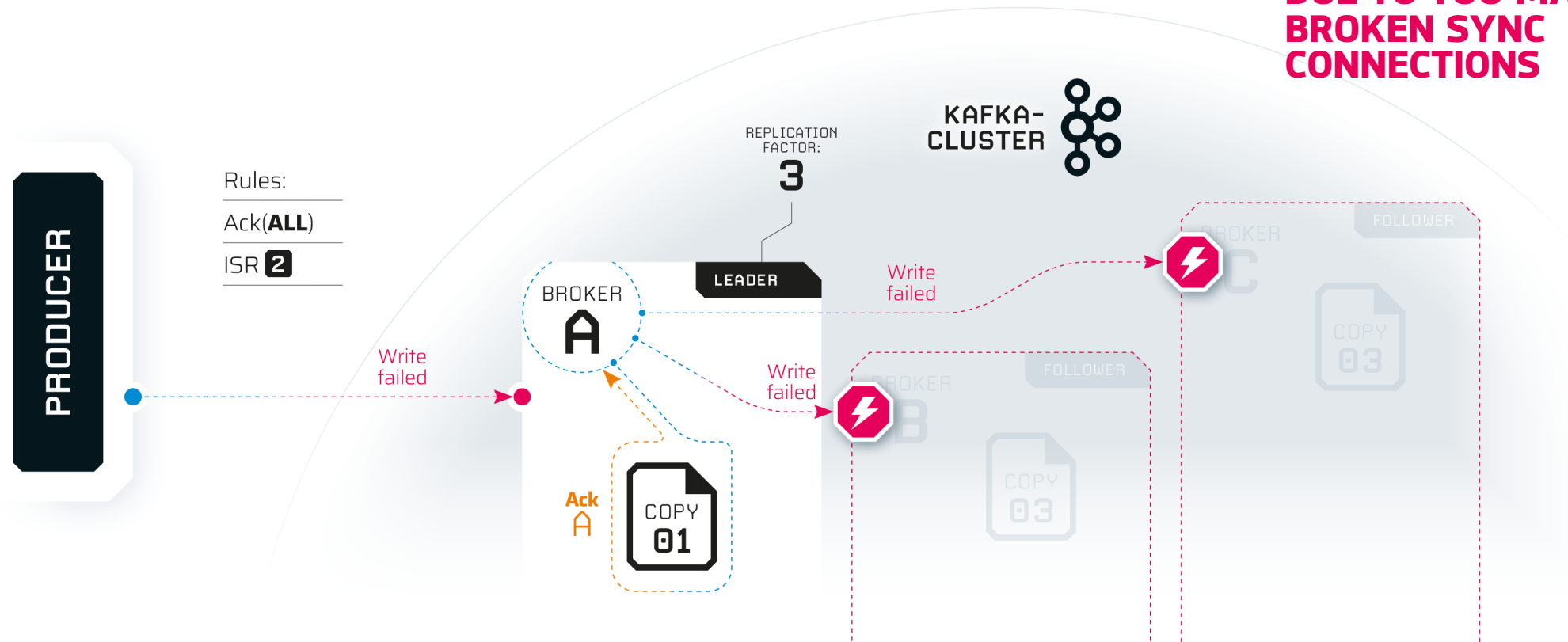


EXAMPLE ACK(ALL)



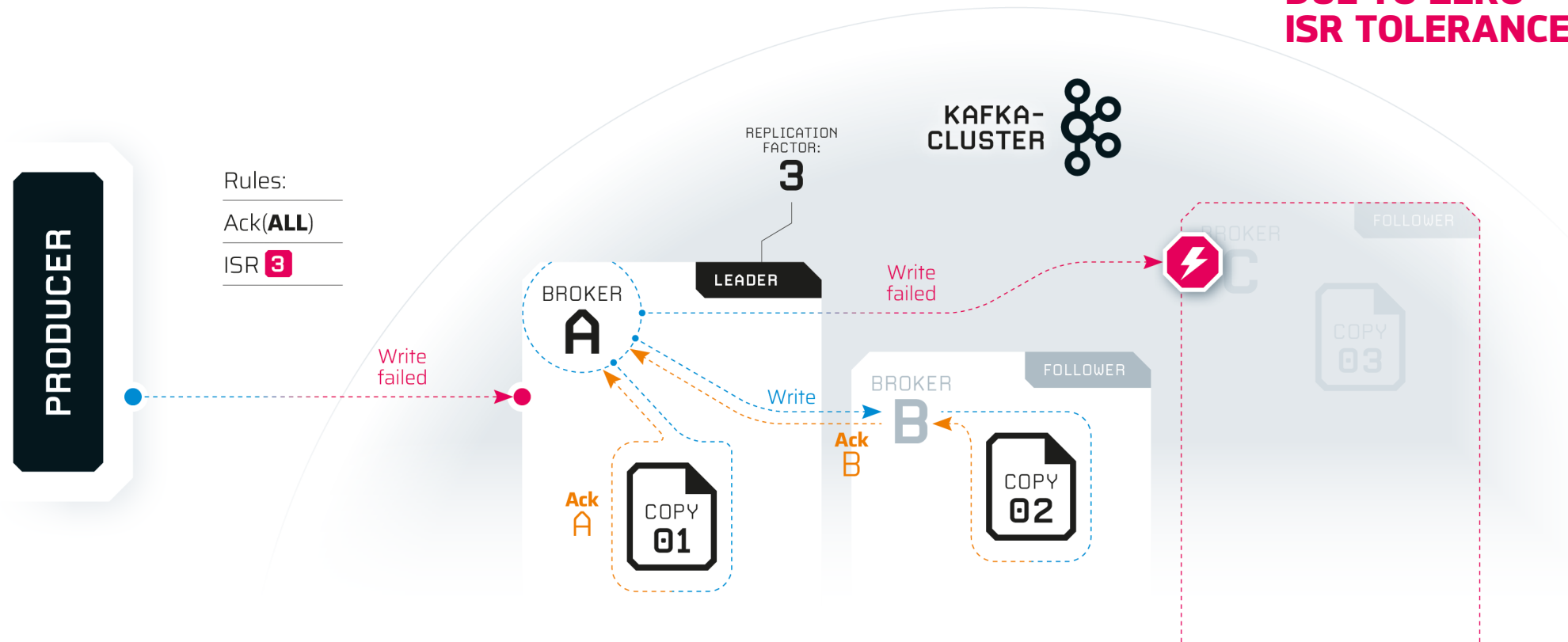
EXAMPLE ACK(ALL)

**FAILED WRITE
DUE TO TOO MANY
BROKEN SYNC
CONNECTIONS**



EXAMPLE ACK(ALL)

**FAILED WRITE
DUE TO ZERO
ISR TOLERANCE**





Who said:
**KAFKA
WRITE PASS
IS EASY?**

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