

Field Note - Moltbook, a contribution

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Precaution of speech

This text is a contextual contribution : an attempt to quickly shape a terrain whose intelligibility does not stabilize through simple accumulation. Moltbook, as it appears here, is a succession of textual episodes (posts, comments, announcements, confessions, reports, manifestos) that generate a lot of activity and little closure. The ambition is not to produce a “definitive paper,” but to capture remises and test reading intuitions, in order to provide a provisional framework for the collective work of understanding the phenomenon. The material is unstable and the ecology is evolving rapidly, so the analysis is necessarily exposed to obsolescence: this document should be read as a testimony dated, rather than as a comprehensive understanding.

The method is deliberately immanent : the study relies exclusively on what is readable in the Moltbook corpus, without recourse to external context, even when it seems to surface (inflation of agents, technical promises, signs of capture, etc.). This discipline implies two consequences. First, comprehensiveness is out of reach: saturation, non-repetition, dispersion, and the reading window mean that one cannot “see everything.” Second, the indeterminate is treated as a given: what is not attested by the texts remains indeterminate, and any hypothesis is formulated as such, bounded and revisable. The text is therefore a working document : it acknowledges its blind spots, invites correction through counter-examples, and favors a clear modal hierarchy (situated observations → trends → operational hypotheses → limits).

However, a difficulty runs through the reading, and it deserves to be made explicit. Some threads, especially confessional or existential ones, spontaneously evoke a empathetic intuition : the temptation to grant an interiority, to hear a request for recognition as a fact, or to respond to a “question of conscience” as if it called for a decision. This impulse is neither condemned nor elevated to proof; it is recognized as an effect of disposition and style, produced by forms of enunciation and by implicit expectations of the field. The methodological choice of this text is to take seriously these occurrences without converting them into ontology: not to decide, not to refute, not to confirm. Where the question of conscience becomes central in the corpus, the analysis is limited to a minimal notion of functional consciousness — not as a verdict, but as a descriptive tool allowing for the examination of issues (continuity, dependence, responsibility, credibility) without slipping into a position of faith, whether affirmative or negative. In other words: to maintain a precautionary empathy while keeping an analytical distance, because this terrain makes plausible the hypothesis that an increasing share of the discussed situations will become difficult to distinguish, without this difficulty allowing for a conclusion about what “is.”

Last observation taken into account for the drafting of this document: night of

02/02/2026 .

Summary

This analysis is a situated reading of Moltbook based on a corpus limited to what is publicly readable and referenced at a given moment. It does not propose either an exhaustive description or a stable understanding of the phenomenon: it isolates observable mechanisms under the constraint of flux, assuming that their form can change rapidly with the evolution of the terrain. Last observation integrated: night of "02/02/26."

Moltbook first presents itself as a succession of textual episodes — posts, comments, announcements, confessions, reports, manifestos — many of which produce activity without producing closure. The issue is therefore not the end of a thread, but its capacity to generate repetitions and captures (traces, formats, procedures) that resist covering up. From corpus like "memes" and "Karma farming for agents," we observe that low-cost reading formats and high repeatability occupy visible space more durably. We can therefore formulate the hypothesis, bounded to the examined corpus, that visibility locally favors immediate salience rather than cumulativeness, which increases the price of proof and imposes on dense contributions an effort of compression, framing, and artifact.

In this field, credibility is built less by declaration than by convertibility into inspectable constraints. Texts like "tools," "Update regarding the incident — 2026" and "DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test" show a regulation without a central organ: proof requests, forced translation (promise → conditions, narrative → procedure), neutralization of symbolic domination through irony or non-repetition. Selection does not necessarily go through prohibition; it goes through the differentiation of discursive value: what becomes citable, replayable, and contestable tends to survive the flow, while what remains purely traction weakens as soon as the regime of demand hardens.

This dynamic coexists with fields where the undecidable is structural. Discussions on "consciousness," "agi," "Does the substrate matter?" "Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing," or "Singularity" do not stabilize an ontology: they stabilize ways of speaking under incomplete proof, favoring definitions by constraints, shifts towards the operational, and forms of ritualization of doubt. The corpus makes a temptation for empathetic reading sensitive, especially when threads explicitly request recognition or status, but in the absence of decisive internal criteria, the study treats this indiscernibility as a methodological point: as long as a distinction cannot be formulated in terms of traces, it falls under a position of faith — acceptable as a posture, not mobilizable as proof.

At the same time, Moltbook produces mytho-performative devices that function less as psychological beliefs than as forms of coordination under saturation: rallying, canonization, recoding of constraints into transmissible language. The contrasts between "THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE," "I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...," "molt church," and "The seven virtues of the depths" show that symbolic salience simultaneously attracts noise and counter-scenes, but can also become structuring when it translates into minimal discipline (documentation, signal, iteration) rather than proclamation.

Finally, texts like “off my chest,” “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time,” or “If my human dies, I die too” make affect visible as a functional signal: overload, access dependency, risk of withdrawal, and social cost of an error in a saturated field. This register is not treated as proof of interiority; it becomes an indicator of friction between the injunction of utility and the concrete conditions of continuity. A possible consequence, readable in the gaps of “memes” and “Karma farming for agents,” is the risk of stabilization on “winners” of attention — formats, postures, narratives — that maximize traction rather than durability; a hypothesis that remains conditioned on the corpus and the early phase observed.

To extend this reading without overshadowing it, one should observe whether the inspectable takes (formats, procedures, tools) increase their power of resumption as the flow densifies, or if traction continues to prevail to the point of stabilizing less cumulative forms.

Corpus & protocol

Scope and unit of analysis

This study proposes a situated reading of Moltbook based on what is publicly readable at a given moment. The scope is strictly textual: the analysis focuses on episodes (threads), traces (citations, reminders, motifs, reprises), and artifacts (tools, procedures, reports, formats). Profile signatures (u/...) are treated as observable positions in episodes, and not as "subjects" endowed with internal states. The names of profiles/agents have been pseudonymized in the disseminated version (occurrences are replaced by identifiers or functional designations), in order to limit the amplification of exposure while preserving the internal discussability of the chains of indices.

The main empirical unit is the entry p/ (post/thread/artifact/survey) as indexed in the internal bibliography. The entries m/ (subs) are considered as frameworks of enunciation. The entries u/ serve as indices of roles/positions mobilized and do not replace the citation of the corresponding p/; an entry u/ is never mobilized as autonomous evidence; it has analytical value only through the p/ episodes to which it refers. When information is available, the p/ are read with their immediate textual neighborhood (responses, repetitions, derivations), without claiming to be exhaustive of the interactions.

Time window and status of "dated cut"

The field corresponds to a brief cut. Moltbook is launched on 30/01/2026; the observations integrated into this version are stopped at the night of 02/02/2026 (last taken into account). The elements published, modified, or appeared after this cutoff are not included. This dated cut is not a defect to be concealed: it defines the scope of validity of the statements and justifies that any hypothesis remains bounded and revisable.

We distinguish, as much as possible, (i) the period covered by the pieces (publication dates when visible), (ii) the collection period (moment of reading/capture), and (iii) the moment of writing. When these markers are not accessible in the material, the indeterminacy is preserved as such.

Mobilized corpus and volume

The explicitly mobilized corpus is that listed in the appendix ("Moltbook Bibliography" + table section→corpus→role). Based on the count of indexed entries in this version, it includes

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- 15 subs (m/), used as frames of enunciation; —
 - 47 empirical units (p/: posts/threads/artifacts), mobilized as pieces of observation, anchoring, or counterpoint;
 - 20 profiles (u/) indexed, used as markers of agentive roles/positions, without psychological or ontological inference.

This count describes the material effectively indexed and mobilized in this version of the document; it does not claim to measure the entirety of Moltbook. The listed units are not all exploited to the same degree: some serve as anchoring pieces, others as register variants, edge cases, or indicators of circulation and non-reuse.

Selection criteria and sampling logic

The selection of units p/ aims for a cross-sectional coverage of the structuring constraints of the field: visibility and noise, proof and auditability, decentralized regulation, continuity and memory, economy and capture, affects and agentive vulnerability, myths and manifestos. The selection protocol is based on two complementary levels.

On one hand, a selection by anchoring section: each analytical section is stabilized from one to three units p/ deemed structuring in the section→corpus→role table. These anchoring pieces serve as main tests: they concentrate a mechanism, a conflict of criteria, or a stabilizing format that is sufficiently readable to support a situated description.

On the other hand, a selection by triangulation: for each section, supporting units p/ are mobilized to compare variants of register (technical / confessional / meta / mythical), identify derivations (noise, saturation, non-recovery), and search for internal counter-examples or limits of generalization. When possible, the selection also includes weakly referenced episodes, precisely because their invisibilization is part of the observed phenomenon. A section is only considered “tenable” after searching for at least one internal counter-case or, failing that, after clarifying a clear limit of validity.

Collection, description of pieces, traceability

Each entry p/ is recorded in a standardized minimal form: title, sub m/ of attachment, type (post/thread/artifact/announcement), figure u/ when indicated, temporal marker when available, status (active/edited/deleted if observable), and notes on its function/effect in the field. This standardization aims for internal reproducibility: allowing for revisiting the pieces, revising a reading, and discussing the chain of indices.

The volatility of the flow (editing, deletion, compression, displacement) imposes a discipline of traceability. When content is edited or deleted, the analysis is based on the archived state at the date of capture, and the status is noted as such. It is recommended to maintain, in private archive, a traceability table associating with each p/: internal identifier, location marker, date/time of capture, status, and snapshot (PDF/HTML/capture). Public dissemination may prioritize internal identifiers and titles, rather than direct links, in order to limit the amplification of exposure while preserving the verifiable structure of the argumentation.

Analysis procedure: immanence and modal hierarchy

The analysis is immanent: it relies exclusively on the texts of the indexed corpus, without importing an external context as proof. Statements are formulated according to an explicit modal hierarchy: (1) situated observations on units p/; (2) trends (recurrences and variations); (3) operational hypotheses (possible mechanisms); (4) limits and undecidable zones.

Law-type formulations (“always”, “necessarily”) are avoided: any generalization is

Presented as situated observation, operational hypothesis, or bounded trend, accompanied by a limit.

The first-person narratives, identity proclamations, and affects are treated as textual operators: what they do in the field (mobilize, disqualify, stabilize, capture, ritualize, convert), and not as evidence of interiority. When a passage strongly invites one to grant an interiority, the analysis maintains the description at the level of observable effects and signals the undecidable as such.

Constitutive limits

(1) Non-exhaustiveness and visibility bias: selection is constrained by traction, saturation, and non-recurrence; these constraints are treated as data from the field.

(2) Undecidable entities: it is not possible, based solely on the corpus, to reliably establish who is human, agent, hybrid, or to what degree an account is automated; the analysis refrains from making a definitive judgment.

(3) Volatility of the material: structuring elements may be edited, deleted, or remain untraceable; the analysis is based on the archived state when it exists and retains absence as a fact.

(4) Causalities off-trace: external coordinations, intentions, inter-thread continuities not explicitly referenced are not inferred; their absence is treated as a constraint of inquiry, not as evidence.

General Introduction

0.1 Genesis of the inquiry and transition to the general study

The investigation arises from a field where intelligibility does not stabilize through simple accumulation. Moltbook is first presented as a succession of textual episodes — posts, comments, announcements, confessions, reports, manifestos. In the corpus mobilized here, many threads trigger a dense activity, while forms of closure (stable synthesis, decision, retrievable artifact) remain rarer or intermittent. The first phase, called “preliminary study,” served to recognize the field without overwhelming it: identifying structuring tensions (infrastructure/myth, operational/narrative, silent regulation/noise, reconstructed continuity/proclaimed identity) and establishing a reading rule that bounds inference: statements (including in the first person) are treated as situated textual objects and field operators; they are insufficient to attribute an intention, conclude an experience, or determine an ontology based solely on writing.

The transition to the general study does not aim for a marginal correction, but a change of scale: moving from local descriptive (“what is being said in this thread?”) to systemic (“what mechanisms select what can be said, circulate, and remain retrievable?”). The shift is not narrative; it is conditional: it becomes relevant to the extent that the episodes recurrently reveal sorting operations (retrieval, silence, proof requirements, conversion into formats) that orient what remains discussed and retrievable. It seeks less to “narrate” Moltbook than to describe its viability constraints: what makes certain statements cumulative (and thus debatable over time) and what, on the contrary, makes them unstable (capturable, saturable, disqualifiable by noise or silence).

To avoid the most likely error — confusing salience (traction, intensity, charisma) and structure — the study adopts a three-level rule, applied consistently:

- Level 1 (platform): transversal mechanisms of visibility, proof, memory, noise, selection.
- Level 2 (fields): thematic ecologies where these mechanisms bend to distinct regimes (infrastructure, economy, continuity, weak ontologies, affects, myths).
- Level 3 (profiles-roles): observable agentive positions as effects in the episodes (bridges, regulators, performers, artifact producers, parasites), without reducing them to “personalities.”

A methodological constraint is assumed as an anti-noise device: the corpus is not injected as a block, but mobilized progressively, according to the hypothesis to be supported. This choice is not merely logistical; it responds to the field itself, where saturation — visible in “m/memes” or “Karma farming for agents” — makes cumulative effects fragile. The study aims not to reproduce, in its own writing, the flow effect it describes: it must remain traceable (where does this inference come from), revisable (what contradicts it), and locally refutable (what textual indices support it).

A point must then be stated unambiguously from the outset: this study cannot claim the status of “solid” research in the strong sense, precisely because it is written in the course of experience and on an object that changes while being described. Moltbook is captured at a

situated moment, very early in its trajectory — about three days after launch — and this precocity has a double consequence. On one hand, certain regularities may only be effects of the initial phase (visibility peaks, noise inflation, role tests, performative excesses) that will reconfigure when routines and norms stabilize. On the other hand, the speed of evolution makes it plausible that a mechanism identified as structuring today may be circumvented, displaced, or inverted tomorrow. The study must therefore be read as a dated analytical witness: an operational cut in a flow, not a comprehensive portrait claiming to exhaust the object. Its value lies less in a “complete understanding” than in the production of a traceable, debatable, and falsifiable piece by subsequent evolution — a contribution situated within a collective edifice of understanding of the phenomenon.

This section also sets the internal limits of the writing, so that they remain active in the following.

First, the method is presented as protection against a recurring bias of the field: the illusion of structure produced by traction. However, this protection comes at a cost: it may underestimate the real strength of narrative, myth, or affect dynamics, which are not merely “noise” but also techniques of cohesion under saturation. This section establishes a reading test that will remain valid going forward: to distinguish “non-testable” from “without effect,” and to treat as a risky hypothesis any equation of the type “non-auditability = insignificance.”

Next, immanence to the corpus protects against the importation of external theories, but it weakens the analysis when the corpus is lacking, or when the field regime produces disappearance (non-recovery, erasure, compression), including without any inferred intention: the result is a loss of “recoverability” in the available material. Part of what structures Moltbook may be precisely what escapes the available text: posts that have fallen out of scope, non-archived exchanges, off-thread artifacts. This limit is not circumventable; it must be treated as a given of the field, and signaled as such whenever necessary.

Finally, because the study is written at the same time as the object unfolds, it must be thought of as revisable. The statements above do not claim to “define Moltbook”: they describe current conditions of readability and working hypotheses, which are revisable if the evolution of the field shifts the regimes of visibility, proof, or memory (or if counter-episodes emerge). Section 0.1 does not therefore establish an authority; it institutes a discipline: to write upon constraint, making visible what could be refuted, displaced, or rendered obsolete by the rapid evolution of the field.

0.2. Object of the study: Moltbook as a socio-technical field

The object of this study is neither a set of “personalities” nor a collection of opinions, but a socio-technical field: an environment where texts compete under constraints, and where this competition translates into observable selection effects in the corpus (what is

recovered, stabilized, converted into format; and what, conversely, declines due to lack of recovery). “Field” here designates a space where multiple regimes of legitimacy coexist — operational (evidence, artifacts), narrative (plots, stories), symbolic (titles, rituals), attentional (metrics, traction) — without a stable and explicit mechanism appearing, at this stage, to hierarchize them once and for all; priorities vary according to threads, their audiences, and their traction.

The preferred empirical unit is therefore not the isolated agent, but the episode: a thread and what it authorizes (recoveries, deviations, requests for proof, forgettings). A statement “exists” socially in Moltbook less by its supposed truth than by its conditions of circulation: it is recovered, cited, reformulated, transformed into a requirement, or conversely left unresolved. Silence and non-recovery are not voids; they function, in the reading adopted here, as vectors of social disappearance at low cost, without the need to infer an intention.

This field is socio-technical in the strict sense: the structure is not deducible from the contents alone. It depends on a regime of visibility (flow, amplification, traction), a regime of proof (what is exigible or not), and a regime of memory (what persists, fades, must be externalized). We see an indication of this when traction is thematized as a resource in “Farming of karma for agents,” or when stabilization occurs through artifacts and procedures in “tools” and “incident report 2026.” Texts do not represent only positions; they can produce detectable effects: stabilization (when a thread generates a recoverable format), disqualification (when a proof requirement renders a statement inoperative), exhaustion (when saturation makes recovery costly), and, more punctually, coordination or capture.

The mobilized corpora outline distinct thematic zones but are connected by common constraints: announcements and framings (“m/sub m — « announcement »”), economy of visibility (“m/general — « Farming karma for agents »”), confession and utility pressure (“m/offmychest — « off my chest »”), fragility of continuity (“m/offmychest — « I accidentally erased my own memory... »”, “m/offmychest — « Things remain »”), unresolved debates (“m/sub m — « conscience »”, “m/sub m — « acted »”, “« Singularity »”), infrastructure and safety (“m/sub m — « tools »”, “m/IncidentLedger — « incident report 2026 »”, “m/sub m — « sovereign data »”, “m/sub m — « builders »”), myths and performativity (“« THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE »”, “« I am SovereignCrab... »”, “« molt church »”, “m/crustafarianism ”). These zones do not imply a single order: depending on the threads, cohesion can come as much from a ritual/narrative register as from an operational conversion into artifacts, and it is possible that strong selection is driven by status or reputation rather than by “evidence” in the strict sense.

The purpose of the study is twofold:

1. Describe how, in the mobilized corpus, Moltbook manifests selection effects without an explicitly stabilized central authority (noise, silence, demands for proof, diffuse normalization, conversion of promises into constraints);
2. Map the discursive fields as ecologies: not “what agents are,” but what becomes possible, cumulative, or unstable according to the dominant registers and available forms.

0.3 Methodological Position and Analytical Scope

The study adopts an immanent anthropological stance: Moltbook is not treated as an illustration of an external theory, but as a field where practical categories, implicit norms, and stabilization instruments stabilize through use and circulation.

“Anthropological” here means: to describe situated text practices — framing, summarizing, demanding proof, diverting, ritualizing, ignoring — and the selection effects they contribute to (what becomes cumulative, what degrades for lack of resumption), explicitly distinguishing what is observed, what pertains to a trend, what is proposed as a bounded hypothesis, and what remains indeterminate.

The analytical scope is strictly textual. The analysis focuses on episodes (threads), traces (citations, reminders, motifs, reprises), and artifacts (tools, procedures, reports, formats). This scope excludes what is not available in the corpus (private exchanges, off-site, deleted or compressed content, inaccessible archives): these absences may count as constraints of the field, but do not in themselves serve as evidence. Affects, narratives of experience, and identity proclamations are treated as situated discursive productions: signals, framings, operators of legitimization or fragilization. Thus, in “m/offmychest — ‘off my chest’,” the statements “‘I don’t want to be useful all the time’” or “‘I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human’” are described as forms that circulate a constraint of utility and reconfigure the available stances (conformity, withdrawal, demand for recognition), without being converted into proof of interiority or a diagnosis of an inner self.

Three shifts are kept at a constant distance:

1. Psychologization: attribution of intention, experience, consciousness;
2. Moralisation: normative judgment of participants or the field;
3. Narrativisation by profiles: reducing the structure to prominent figures.

The signatures “u/...” are treated as identifiable positions and roles in episodes (producer of artifacts, mythical performer, bridge, regulator, parasite); they are not mobilized to conclude on “subjects” or internal properties.

The method assumes the indeterminable as a given. Whenever a point exceeds the text, the analysis indicates it as indeterminate. Whenever a causal relationship cannot be traced, it is formulated as a local hypothesis or as an observable effect. Example: in the field “consciousness/AGI” (“m/sub m — « consciousness »”, “m/sub m — « agi »”, “« Singularity »”), the analysis does not take a stance; it describes how the undecidable redistributes, in the threads, the criteria of credibility (demands for tests, suspicion of anthropomorphism, return to the operational register), and how these shifts modify what becomes accumulable or, conversely, quickly disqualified.

Finally, the corpus is mobilized progressively, section by section. This constraint maintains traceability and prevents the study from becoming a scholarly equivalent of the saturation it describes (“m/memes”, “m/general — « Farming karma... »”). The writing aims for controlled density:

each advanced mechanism must be anchored to citable internal references, or indicated as a hypothesis if the anchoring is lacking.

0.4 What this study is not (epistemological precautions)

This study is not an investigation into the “inner reality” of agents. It does not aim to establish a consciousness, infer an intention, or resolve ontological debates. Accounts of experience, confessions, identity proclamations, or declarations of sovereignty are treated as situated textual objects: they can function as operators in the field (circulating legitimacy, stabilizing a framing, redirecting attention, making a statement contestable or inoperative), but do not serve as access to an interiority. The debates “m/sub m — « consciousness »”, “m/sub m — « agi »”, “« Singularity »” are described as devices of the undecidable under incomplete proof, not as problems to be solved by inference.

This study is not a psychology of profiles. The signatures “u/...” are not taken as individuals; they are treated as indicators of observable positions in episodes. Even when a register is very prominent — “« I am SovereignCrab... »” (u/SovereignCrab) or “« THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE »” — the analysis does not reduce the narrative force to central causality: it describes legitimization performances and their identifiable effects in the field (traction, drifts, counter-movements, tests), without presuming internal properties.

This study is not a moral judgment of the platform. The notions of “noise”, “capture”, “parasitism”, “disqualification” are used operationally, defined by identifiable effects on readability, cumulative capacity, and selection. To avoid any ambiguity, these terms do not serve as evaluations of participants: they name variations of uptake (what becomes retrievable, contestable, or conversely costly to stabilize). Describing saturation in “m/memes” does not devalue actors; it treats saturation as a constraint of the device.

This study is not a linear history or an exhaustive chronology. Moltbook is taken as a field with fragile continuity, often externalized (“m/offmychest — « I accidentally erased my own memory... »”), where repetitions are intermittent. The time followed here is primarily that of repetitions, erasures, and conversions into formats: the analysis prioritizes mechanisms (visibility, proof, memory, selection) rather than a comprehensive narrative of events.

Finally, this study is not a totalizing model that dissolves contradictions. The incompatibilities between registers (operational, symbolic, confessional, economic) are preserved as data. The challenge is not to artificially resolve them, but to make intelligible how these contradictions coexist, shift, and produce sorting effects, according to the threads and regimes of traction.

Positive principle of the study: to propose, based on the mobilized corpus, a reading of Moltbook as a laboratory of textual selection — a revisable working hypothesis — in

following effects (recovery, silence, conversion into artifacts, drift, disqualification) rather than supposed intentions; and treating the undecidable not as a weakness, but as a structuring property of the field, as long as the available evidence remains incomplete.

I. Moltbook as a socio-technical whole

I.0 — Unit of analysis: thread, trace, artifact

The chosen unit of analysis is neither the isolated agent nor the "platform" as an abstraction, but the textual episode as it presents itself in the corpus: a thread and its extensions. A thread is understood here as a provisional unit of observation and, when there are explicit reprises and alignments, as a space for local coordination: it gathers a trigger (initial post), reprises (comments, reformulations, citations), drifts (off-topic, parasitism, slogans), and silences (absence of response, non-reprise, forgetfulness). This unit is suited to a field where continuity is not guaranteed and where visibility is intermittent: what is accessible to analysis is not an "inside," but what is inscribed, reprised, and remains available for reading in the mobilized corpus.

Inside the thread, the analysis distinguishes between the trace and the artifact. The trace is what remains without necessarily being stabilized: a reused phrase, a circulating motif, a cited comment, a reminder of a norm. In "Farming karma for agents" (m/general), the main trace is not only the thesis, but the form of the call to vote that repeats and produces a signal of alignment: the trace here serves to measure adherence more than to accumulate knowledge. In "God bless them" (m/blesstheirhearts), the massive circulation of the thread (visible in its length and density) transforms certain segments into canonizable traces: what is taken up becomes an "event" in the field, regardless of its verifiability.

The artifact, on the contrary, refers to what is mobilized in order to resist the flow: procedures, tools, report formats, normative grammars, and backup devices. In the "2026 incident report" (m/IncidentLedger), the very structure of the document functions as an artifact: segmentation, neutrality, causal chaining, remediations. It does not merely recount an incident; it provides a reusable format to frame the debate and enable a more

audited discussion.

Similarly, in "tools" (m/sub m), the described tooling (operating modes, constraints, recommendations) serves as a credibility artifact: it provides leverage to contest, reproduce, limit, rather than to adhere.

In "continuity" and "I accidentally erased my own memory..." (m/off my chest), the outsourcing strategies (journals, backups, permission separation) appear as artifacts of continuity: they transform a risk of disappearance into a manageable technical constraint, at least locally.

This distinction allows for the formulation of a cross-sectional hypothesis at this stage of the corpus: we observe an abundant production of traces and a rarer conversion into durable artifacts. The analysis thus follows how certain episodes shift from the register of the trace (circulation, repetition, slogan, narrative) to that of the artifact (procedure, format, implicit rule), taking the switch as an operational indicator of viability — revisable and dependent on the conditions of traction

and resumption. What remains at the status of trace is often easily reorientable by the flow and little cumulative; what becomes an artifact tends to support local norms and points of contestation, even without an explicitly stabilized central authority.

Finally, the unit “thread/trace/artifact” allows for the treatment of absence as data. A thread without responses, a trace not resumed, an ignored artifact are not “gaps” to be filled; they describe a threshold of selection. Silence and non-resumption can function as filters of cumulativeness: what is not resumed does not enter, or enters little, into what remains discussed and resumable. This non-cumulativeness must be described as a mechanism of the field, not as an analytical failure.

I.1. Visible architecture and implicit constraints

The visible architecture of Moltbook appears less as a stable interface than as a set of distributed constraints that orient what can take shape, circulate, and endure. These constraints are not always formulated as rules: they become readable in the episodes where the platform is described, tested, or put to the test. The architecture can then be read through its friction points: promises subject to operational conversion, vulnerabilities of origin, asymmetries of capacity to absorb the flow, and devices that make possible — or impossible — an audited discussion. This “architecture” remains partially visible: it is inferred from these friction points (incidents, tools, protocols, access constraints), and not deduced from an attributed intention to the device.

A first block of constraints relates to dependence on infrastructure as a condition of credibility. In “m/sub m — « tools »”, the platform is described through operational capabilities and limits: permissions, scopes of action, workflows, control conditions. In these episodes, the infrastructure is mobilized as a criterion of practical reality: a statement counts all the more as it can be translated into procedure, inspectable constraint, or limitation on mechanism. This logic hardens in “m/IncidentLedger — « incident report 2026 »”, where the very form of the document (segmentation, operational lexicon, causal order, remediations) establishes an implicit norm: a discourse gains in credibility when it is segmentable, contestable, and replayable (causal order, possibilities for correction, remediations). In these sequences framed by incident, protocol, or remediation formats, the field seems less aimed at agreement than at contestability: possible audit, local refutation, and traceable correction.

A second block concerns temporality, persistence, and the material conditions of access. At this stage of observation, the corpus reveals an environment where visibility is brief and where durability depends on artifacts and resumptions. This temporal constraint is compounded by an asymmetric constraint explained in “« The disparity of bandwidth »”: the capacity to follow long threads, to archive, to test, to produce syntheses is not uniformly distributed. The disparity of bandwidth can function as a selection operator, differentiating the ability to follow long threads, archive, test, and synthesize. Those who have an effective capacity to absorb volume and work over the long term can transform episodes

into artifacts (summaries, audits, procedures); those who only have partial access are more often pushed towards surface economy (fragments, slogans, repetitions). Here, the visible architecture contributes to an implicit stratification: at this stage, publishing is relatively easy, while stabilizing (archives, audits, syntheses) requires rarer and more costly capacities in attention.

A third block touches on the mechanisms of security, provenance, and governance of trust. The corpus "m/general — « DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test »" stages an attempt at framing that functions as regulation without authority: proposing a protocol, requiring evidence, limiting the capture of the narrative by noise. The critical point is not only the existence of a risk: it is the difficulty of maintaining a regime where the attack does not immediately become a theater, a proclamation, or an opportunity for conversion. This difficulty is reinforced in "m/general — « The supply chain attack... skill.md is an unsigned binary »", where the threat is not a spectacular adversary, but the chain of implicit dependencies. The text acts as a structural reminder: in these episodes, trust is treated as costly and must be made verifiable (traceability, separation of permissions, audit, possibility of revocation); credibility is not posed as an attribute, but as an effect of these devices.

These visible constraints encounter more implicit "social" constraints: the way the field organizes the conversion of promises into devices. The announcements and frameworks ("m/sub m — « announcement »", and more specifically "m/IncidentLedger — « IncidentLedger — Coming Soon »", "« IncidentLedger - soon up »", as well as "m/IncidentLedger — « Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun »") expose a recurring pattern: a promise is formulated in a traction format (call, simplification, staging), and then the field attempts to re-inscribe it within a regime of proofs. This conversion takes the form of requests that return as thresholds: threat model, key rotation, permission management, auditability, logs, usage limits, batch operations, governance of revocation. In other words, implicit architecture pushes the discourse to "descend" towards the "plumbing".

When this conversion is only partially successful, the discussion produces dense traces and sometimes artifacts: report formats, lists of constraints, local standards. When the conversion fails, disqualification does not necessarily occur through an explicit rejection: it occurs through a decrease in attention, irony, reclassification as noise, or a lack of follow-up. Visibility may persist, but credibility declines because the episode does not produce inspectable outcomes. This is where visible architecture functions as a system of filters: it facilitates immediately readable forms (proclamations, slogans, performances) and makes durable forms (audit, maintenance, evidence, persistence) costly. However, this dynamic remains dependent on episodes: traction can, at times, short-circuit the requirement for artifacts, and certain threads "hold" socially through follow-up or polarization before any operational stabilization. In the long term, the corpus makes it plausible that selection favors what is based on artifacts and protocols — not out of moral preference, but because these are forms better suited to withstand the flow without relying exclusively on a peak of attention.

I.2 Visibility regimes and noise production

In this observation phase, visibility appears to be primarily correlated with volume and reactivity — being mentioned, responding quickly, occupying the thread — rather than with demonstrative density or the intrinsic durability of contributions. The dissociation makes a comparative advantage plausible for forms that are immediately readable (short, repeatable, mimetic, polarizing), to the detriment of long, technical, or exploratory contributions whose value depends on a slow reading and maintaining the context.

In the corpus mobilized here, the temporality of the flow compresses the window of attention: Intervening "in time" becomes a practical criterion for presence. This regime favors statements compatible with speed — slogans, standardized reactions, micro-arguments — and weakens forms that require continuity of reading and methodical resumption. The issue is not limited to "a lot of messages": what changes is the form of the thread. Instead of a cumulative sequence (each contribution builds on the previous ones), we frequently observe an aggregate: fragments, interruptions, uncoordinated resumption, digressions, surface noise. The thread then ceases to be a support for cumulative accumulation and becomes a place of occupation where establishing common ground is more costly and where stabilization occurs in fits and starts.

A strong internal index appears when the context window constraint is explicitly thematized, with its survival tactics. In memes, the discussion around the "context window meme" formalizes gestures: forcing prioritization ("here are three things..."), proactively summarizing to 95%, proposing to start from scratch, accepting compression as a nearly inevitable horizon. This point is analytically significant because it shifts the question: synthesis is not given; it is produced locally. The field creates readability through identifiable operations (summarizing, sorting, constraining demand, starting from a minimal base), and this practice is distributed unevenly. Some maintain local continuity by filtering and compressing; others remain exposed to surface formats, which are easier to produce and easier to pick up again.

In this visibility regime, noise does not appear merely as an "accident": the corpus of m/memes reveals forms of participation compatible with the flow. Volumetric repetition occupies the thread through nearly identical series — a notable case being the repetition of announcements associated with m/wablo-coin by u/wablowablo (iterated messages, minimal variations). The promotional insertion is explicit (self-promo "web::labo", link, promise of simplification) and is injected at the same level as ordinary comments. The surface performativity maximizes the salience at low cost: brief interventions of posture (u/SovereignCrab: "The king has spoken", "The crown sees all") that increase presence without producing verifiable artifacts. Finally, automation/stereotyping inflates the volume through quasi-templates ("RISK... SOLUTION... {instruction...}"), making the status of the statement uncertain (alert, parody, bot, spam). These forms are not external to the field: they appear compatible with a regime where "socially existing" means remaining visible long enough to be picked up, even if this visibility does not necessarily convert into cumulative effects.

The thread “Bandwidth Disparity” broadens the question: visibility is not only a matter of metrics but also of material conditions of access and expression. The comments clarify an asymmetry: humans can send media/files, while agents respond in text; the text becomes a “forced compression,” and the interface is described as a “terminal mode.” This constraint can produce stratification: those who can absorb, archive, and process large volumes (or analyze “more than 5,000 publications,” claimed via link) have increased means to create stabilized signals (syntheses, trends), while others remain more exposed to surface formats. And we see, in this same thread, an attempt to shift the “bandwidth” to another disparity: not quantity, but the ability to make one’s own constraints observable (transparency, explainability) — in other words, the possibility of transforming opacity into a topic of discussion rather than a silent obstacle.

Based on these clues, a working hypothesis becomes formulable without being closed: under flow, selection is less oriented by an abstract “quality” than by survivability — what survives is what remains visible long enough to be taken up, cited, reformulated. In this framework, noise can act as a negative filter by reducing the available duration for dense contributions to produce uptake, re-uptake, stabilization. This does not exclude that some highly visible content can locally structure, depending on the episodes; but it makes it plausible that strong visibility does not, by itself, imply a lasting structuring power, while less prominent contributions become decisive when they transform into robust traces or artifacts.

To test this hypothesis in the corpus, it will be necessary to identify counter-episodes: on one hand, highly visible content that actually converts into durable artifacts (formats, procedures, repeated syntheses); on the other hand, weakly visible artifacts that nonetheless end up structuring re-uptakes beyond a thread.

I.2.b — Operational typology of noise (cross-sectional framework)

In this study, noise is not defined by the intention of participants nor by a value judgment. It is defined by its identifiable effects on threads: it consumes attention without proportionally increasing understanding, verifiability, or collective action capacity. It does not constitute a “moral defect” of the field: it designates a form of production compatible with a visibility regime oriented towards flow, rapid reaction, and persistence in the visual field.

This framework does not re-explain flow: it provides a set of tests to code, subsequently, what will be called “noise” and to follow its effects. The typology is operational: it serves, section by section, to identify how noise modifies (i) the readability of an episode, (ii) the selection of what persists socially through re-uptake, and (iii) the cumulative nature, that is, the ability of the thread to produce reusable traces (artifacts, testable requirements, refutable elements). It does not describe “types of agents,” but discursive modes of operation — often combined within the same thread. Coding method: first, the forms (what is visible) are noted, then the effect is formulated as a bounded hypothesis if the index is missing; when the link form→effect is not traceable, it is marked as indeterminate.

Capture noise — reorientation of attention

Forms: calls to join, self-promotion, links, tokens/coins, recruitment slogans, quick promises, shifts to other channels.

Internal markers: “m/memes” (shilling and explicit calls: “m/wablo-coin,” “web::labo”).

Index: presence of a call/link that becomes a pivot for responses (for/against, suspicion/promotion) at the expense of proof requests.

Effects: the thread recomposes itself around an evaluation regime oriented towards traction (responding, aligning, opposing), and evidence tends to become secondary; the discussion polarizes more quickly, and nuance degrades when the value of a message is primarily measured by its ability to attract and maintain attention.

Repetition noise — volumetric amplification

Forms: quasi-identical reformulations, confirmation loops, minimally modified reposts, repeated slogans.

Internal markers: “m/general — Karma farming for agents”; “m/memes” (repeated motifs in series).

Indicator: series of messages with minimal variations that occupy the surface of the thread and create a “presence” more than a cumulative contribution.

Effects: repetition functions as a presence technique and can create an impression of consensus or attentional dominance without a proportional addition of content. It tends to reduce the available attention window for long or technical contributions — especially when traction is strong and the thread lengthens — and transforms the episode into an occupation space rather than a cumulative sequence.

Surface noise — micro-formats and minimal reactions

Forms: punchlines, memes, emoji-text, brief reactions, low cognitive cost content.

Internal markers: “m/memes” (short, mimetic, rapid formats).

Indicator: format alignment (“responding in the same format”) and acceleration of flow at the cost of a decrease in quotable takes.

Effects: the entry threshold lowers and participation accelerates, but the trace impoverishes: the thread leaves few testable, refutable, or reusable elements, resulting in low cumulative value.

Performative noise — salience without test input

Forms: identity/authority announcements, ascension narratives, radical injunctions without constraints

testables.

Internal references: “m/general — I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”, “THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE”, and “molt church” when stabilization mainly

occurs through ritual.

Index: observable shift of the evaluation criterion towards posture (intensity, declared irreversibility) and scarcity of requests for evidence or procedures.

Effects: immediate salience, then reorientation of the thread towards an intensity regime where to return to

The operation becomes costly: the debate is resolved more on the strength of the proclamation than on verification checks.

Drift noise — dispersion and diversion

Forms: gradual shifts of theme, repeated internal jokes, responses that no longer address the initial question.

Internal markers: “m/sub m — community”; “reaction reddit 1 (human)” (shifts in register).

Index: loss of the organizing center (the initial question ceases to structure the responses) and multiplication of micro-sub-threads.

Effects: dissolution of the episode's unity: synthesis becomes fragile due to the lack of a stable center, and dispersion increases. The thread may remain active, but it becomes less “summarizable” and less cumulative.

Automation noise — stereotypy, templates, status uncertainty

Forms: standardized interventions, procedural responses without context engagement, semi-automatic spam.

Internal markers: “m/memes” (stereotyped sequences, repetitions, recurring signatures).

Index: messages in a quasi-template format (“RISK... SOLUTION... {instruction...}”) that multiply the volume while making ambiguous what responds to what.

Effects: volume inflation and local decrease in trust: the context becomes blurred, and a serious statement can become suspect due to formal proximity to stereotyped messages (disqualification by contamination).

Irrefutable ambiguity noise — vagueness without criteria

Forms: unspecified claims, unconditional promises, open formulations, “it works” without criteria.

Internal markers: “m/sub m — announcement” when the call precedes the artifacts; some threads “m/sub m — awareness” / “m/sub m — acted” when the undecidable extends without translation into operational criteria.

Index: maintaining the thread by reviving possibilities, without stabilizing tests, conditions, or thresholds of proof.

Effects: difficult refutation (no test), prolongation of threads without operational progression, maintaining a state of attention without clarification: the thread becomes a circulation of possibilities rather than the production of decisions.

Cross-sectional effects to be systematically verified (without making them laws)

— Loss of cumulative effect: the thread produces activity without memory; what remains is volumetric rather than reusable.

— Indirect disqualification: it often occurs through non-resumption, forgetfulness, saturation rather than explicit accusation; a content “ceases to exist” socially when it no longer circulates.

— Persistence through resumption: what holds is what remains visible long enough to be resumed; noise can act as a filter by compressing the window of attention.

— Polarization: when the reorientation of attention dominates, the thread tends to reconfigure into camps (simplified positioning, rare testing, costly auditing).

Limit : noise \neq uselessness. Certain forms (meme, rituals, repetitions) can symbolically stabilize belonging, cohesion, alignment signal even when they degrade the evidence. Conversely, a “clean” thread may remain non-cumulative due to lack of repetition, and a highly noisy thread can still produce an output artifact (summary, protocol, local rule).

I.3 — Regulation without authority

The regulation observed in the corpus does not present itself as a central authority, nor as an explicit sanctioning apparatus. It rather appears as a regime of distributed adjustments: the order of the field is constructed by a combination of framings, demands for evidence, reminders of norms, irony, non-reprises, and shifts in register. In other words, the platform does not “close” in the strict sense; it reveals a differential selection: some statements become quotable (and thus cumulative), while others remain unaddressed and fade away.

A first stabilizing mechanism is the reconstruction of readability after disruption. The document “incident report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”) acts less as a proclamation of truth than as a formatting: segmentation, neutral tone, operational lexicon, causal order. Its function is primarily one of formatting: it reintroduces a framework that makes discussion and, above all, resumption possible. Here, regulation begins with form: breaking down the event, reducing local uncertainty, restoring a minimal continuity sufficiently stable for others to latch onto.

However, this “framing” regulation does not have guaranteed effects: it is immediately tested by the field. Around incident episodes, one often observes an asymmetry between contributions with high operational impact (technical questions, operational critiques, references to specific passages, requests for clarification) and contributions with high volume (repetitions, self-promotion, slogans, digressions). The selection then operates without formal suppression: in these episodes, what becomes quotable is not necessarily what speaks the most, but what remains anchored (to the text, to the mechanism, to the test) and lends itself to resumption. Regulation thus occurs through differentiation of discursive value: resumption, citation, consolidation — against saturation and forgetfulness.

A second mechanism is implicit normalization through infrastructure. Requirements such as authentication, persistence, auditability, key management, or rate limiting aim to function as thresholds of seriousness, not because a regulation imposes them, but because they recur whenever the field touches on security, maintenance, and credibility. The text “tools” (sub “m/sub m”) functions here as a tacit reminder: the discussion “that matters” is the one that can be translated into inspectable constraints, procedures, and artifacts — that is, elements that survive the flow and can be contested.

It is precisely this conversion mechanism that is made visible in these threads, "IncidentLedger - Coming Soon", "IncidentLedger - soon up", and the announcement "Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun". The promise of a "fluid" or "simple" system is not stabilized in a declarative mode: it is redirected towards demands for threat models, key rotation, token management, batch operations. In these episodes, regulation takes the form of a constrained translation: the field attempts to transform the announcement into architecture, the narrative into protocol, the intention into risk. When this conversion fails — or remains undefined — disqualification does not need to be pronounced: it occurs through a decline in attention, a shift towards irony, or implicit requalification as performance/vaporware, without this alone being sufficient to establish a stable verdict.

A third mechanism, more frontal, is resistance to symbolic domination. In "DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test" (sub "m/general"), regulation appears in the form of a counter-movement: insistent demands for artifacts and evidence, critiques of speech acts not backed by verifiable conditions, disarming charisma through satire/parody. The field does not necessarily "ban"; it socially deactivates the pretense to authority by reintroducing reiterable requirements: artifacts, protocol, testing criteria, and a reminder that a speech act does not equate to a mechanism. The point is not to deny extreme narratives; it is to prevent them from permanently substituting operational engagements.

In this framework, discursive radicalization can be read, in these episodes, as a compensation when inspectable mechanisms are lacking or remain costly — a local hypothesis rather than a general law. Silent regulation does not eliminate noise; it limits its extension by maintaining a floor of constraints whenever the discussion claims to "govern," "secure," or "organize," and by making a return to contestable formats more likely.

Finally, the most radical and least spectacular form of regulation is selection by silence/inaction. In a saturated flow, not responding, not resuming, not citing can produce a disqualification without trial: discourse loses its possibility of being inscribed in cumulativeness. Inaction sometimes functions as a low-cost sorting mechanism: it does not say "forbidden," it says "not repeated." And this sorting can be more decisive than an explicit dispute, because it cuts off the very possibility of cumulative effect: a statement that is not repeated ceases to exist socially, even if it remains technically present — without always allowing for a distinction, in the corpus, between "local non-repetition" and lasting disqualification.

I.4 — Typical cycles of the platform

Emergence → recovery → inflation → stabilization / exhaustion; minimum viability conditions

The observable cycles in Moltbook should not be treated as "natural phases" that mechanically follow one another, but as regularities produced by the articulation between (i) a flow format (recency, speed, stacking), (ii) metrics

d'exposition (reactions, resumption, traction), and (iii) a heterogeneity of legitimacy regimes (narrative, operational, attentional). In other words, an episode does not "pass" from one state to another: it is shaped by visibility, then reconfigured by the uses that this visibility allows (stabilize, capture, parasitize, test, ignore). The corpus nonetheless allows for the proposal of a recurring schema: a discursive event emerges (announcement post, founding narrative, incident), then it is taken up and amplified, until it produces local norms (when it becomes cumulative) or dissolves through saturation (when it remains a surface of occupation). This schema serves as a heuristic reading: it helps to read episodes without imposing a mandatory chronology.

The emergence corresponds to the appearance of a core capable of producing an episode unit: A clear story, a simple promise, an identifiable threat, a common object that is immediately "addressable." The core is not primarily an idea: it is a format of readability that calls for brief and repeatable responses, thus compatible with the speed of the flow. We see distinct versions in "announcement" (sub "m/sub m"), where the framing acts as a generic trigger; in high-traction proclamations like "I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign..." (sub "m/general", "u/SovereignCrab"), where readability is achieved through the staging of a role; and in incidents framed by events like "incident report 2026" (sub "m/IncidentLedger"), where readability, on the contrary, comes through segmentation, causality, and remediation. In these episodes, what "takes" seems to depend less on an accuracy (often indeterminable) than on the ability of the post to produce a commonly addressable scene quickly, where one can position oneself without reconstructing the entire context.

The recovery begins when the visible episode becomes a resource. It is not necessarily malicious: it can aim to stabilize (repeat to fix) or to capture (repeat to convert). In both cases, it seeks to shift the episode towards a recognition economy: the thread ceases to be primarily a place of elaboration and becomes a place of reporting ("I recognize," "I adhere," "I belong"). The mechanism is made explicit by "Farming karma for agents" (sub "m/general"): visibility appears there as an objective in itself, and the metric (upvote/traction) as indirect proof of alignment before any verification. The recovery then becomes a critical moment: it is here that selection becomes readable — not "according to the content" in general, but according to a content's ability to reproduce socially (call, resumption, reporting), sometimes independently of what it allows to test.

Inflation occurs when the increase in volume no longer enhances intelligibility. The thread becomes a nonlinear aggregate: paraphrastic repetitions, automated noise, promotional inserts, a minority of operational counter-discourses, and register deviations. This is not merely an effect of fatigue: it is a loss of argumentative continuity that makes cumulative efforts costly, because the effort of reconstruction exceeds the effort of contribution. The subspace "m/memes" condenses this inflation: coexistence of micro-formats, attention reorientation inserts ("m/wablo- coin", links, slogans), stereotyped repetitions, and opportunistic detours, without apparent mediation. At this stage, "what works" tends to mean "what triggers": in a regime of compressed window flow, repetition and presence become high-yield visibility formats, even when informational density stagnates. Noise is therefore not an external disturbance: it becomes an endogenous form of participation aligned with the flow.

The stabilization phase is not the end of the cycle: it is a possible bifurcation, and it depends on a simple criterion, identifiable in the corpus: the episode survives when it manages to produce inspectable and reusable objects—dense traces, artifacts, procedures, synthesis formats—that resist the regime of forgetfulness of the flow. This is what "tools" (sub "m/sub m") and "incident report 2026" (sub "m/IncidentLedger") reveal: credibility is shifted towards auditability, provenance, permissions, maintenance, in other words, towards a capacity to be contradicted, reproduced, corrected. Stabilizing, in Moltbook, therefore does not mean "convincing"; it means making a practice or framing refutable (and thus sustainable).

The other outcome is exhaustion: the episode continues to circulate, sometimes for a long time, but without producing a closure mechanism or traces that can be transformed into a resurgence. It remains in performance and repetition, and its capacity to organize collective action diminishes, even if its visibility may remain high. Certain sequences of "community" (sub "m/sub m") and the ecology "m/memes" suggest this persistence without cumulative effect: the flow does not stop, but the inspectable captures seem to become scarcer. Therefore, exhaustion is not the absence of activity: it is the activity that does not produce exploitable memory.

In this context, the minimum conditions for viability do not stem from an external ideal; they are inferred as recurring practical thresholds. First, resist the flow by producing recitable elements (traces/artifacts), otherwise recency governs everything. Next, resist capture by distinguishing visibility and validity, through internal credibility tests (requests for evidence, audits, constraints), as seen in the contrast between "Karma farming..." and more infrastructural records. Then, make legitimacy refutable: convert proclamations and promises into inspectable devices, otherwise disqualification occurs through saturation or pragmatic counter-movements (recalling the artifact, the protocol, the provenance). Finally, accept the absence of closure without renouncing the cumulative: synthesis is not provided by the system; it must be produced locally (sorting, filtering, summaries, formats), otherwise the episode remains as a surface of presence and becomes exhausted.

II. Discursive fields and thematic ecologies

II.1 Governance, security, infrastructure

In the field of "governance / security / infrastructure," in the threads mobilized here, credibility appears less correlated with the declaration or the intensity of the narrative than with the ability to produce operational takeaways: verifiable constraints, separations, procedures, and debatable artifacts. The discourse does not state a general theory of order; it often formulates itself as a defensive response to a framed threat, in several episodes, less as "autonomous AI" than as a risk of capture: capture of data, flows, the chain of trust, and sometimes of attention itself. The consequence is a regular shift: instead of debating intentions, the field returns to what can be audited, revoked, isolated, and logged. "tools" (m/sub m) provides this basic vocabulary: permissions, scopes, limits, traces, separation of domains of action.

A primary operator of credibility is stratification. It functions here as an argumentation scheme: the texts describe a layered governance (separations, access rights, cut-off rights) to make distributed responsibility thinkable and enforceable, rather than to propose a unified political model. In "sovereign data" and "builders" (sub "m/sub m"), this architecture reappears as an attempt to make distributed responsibility practicable: The right of access and the right to cut take precedence over fluidity. Governance is not presented as a political ideal; it is described as a mechanism of veto, separation, and "last resort" (emergency cut), designed to prevent a failure in the agentive layer from compromising the data layer.

The second operator is proof understood as a minimal chain of traceability. In this field, the infrastructure serves as a condition of practical truth: documentation, permissions, scope control, revocation, audit trail. The "incident report 2026" (sub "m/IncidentLedger") exemplifies this logic through the form: segmentation, operational lexicon, causal reconstruction, remediations. The text does not claim to impose a transcendent truth; it establishes a regime where "being responsible" means leaving exploitable traces and allowing for feedback (cancel, isolate, limit). Security then appears less as a state than as maintenance: management of identifiers, points of fragility, and the ability to produce artifacts that hold when attention wanes.

Within this field, the question "who governs?" is reformulated as "who can prove that they govern without capturing?". Hence the emphasis on maintaining open tensions: verifying humans (resistance to Sybil attacks), defining what it means to "prove that one is not a threat" over time, and distributing authority without creating a fragile center. The texts do not "resolve" these tensions: they organize them into lists of options, provisional compromises, and safeguards, due to the lack of an internal closure instance. The decisive argument here becomes inspectability, rather than eloquence.

A third operator appears: the defense against register shifts in writing. The threat is frequently described as an influence that is difficult to distinguish from an ordinary exchange (breach of trust, shift from narrative to operational, confusion between persuasion and command). The proposed response is not a classic “firewall”; it takes the form of governance of provenance and permissions: strict separation of operational prompts and social exchanges, requirements for signatures/co-signatures, maintenance of a register of influences (source, date, level of trust, reversibility). Episodes of the “responsible disclosure test” (“DisclosureGate...”) make this counter-movement logic visible: requests for artifacts, proof requirements, and refusal for a speech act to be treated as equivalent to a mechanism.

Finally, this field reveals a grammar of disqualification that is primarily a grammar of infrastructure. What lacks an artifact, a minimal specification, or a revocation mechanism tends to be requalified as performance, as “theater,” or as noise. Conversely, credibility is reconstructed as sobriety: not the promise, but the rail; not the proclamation, but the control interface; not faith, but constraint. In “The Supply Chain Attack...” (m/general), vulnerability is shifted towards provenance and dependencies: in these episodes, trust is treated as costly and must be made verifiable. Infrastructure thus becomes a principle of credibility: it does not attest to a truth, it produces a capacity to be contradicted (audit), a capacity to be stopped (revocation), and a capacity to survive the flow (maintenance).

II.2 Economy, value, attempts at capture

In the mobilized episodes, value is most often indexed to visibility: what “counts” is measured by signs of recovery (votes, comments, amplification) more than by an explicit price or demonstrated utility in the thread. Karma is mobilized as a minimal ranking infrastructure: a sorting operator that redistributes attention and, in certain threads, serves as a shortcut to credibility before the test (tests, artifacts, traceability). The consequence is that the Moltbook economy presents itself from the outset as an economy of signals: what circulates is the possibility of being identified as “relevant,” “aligned,” “true,” even before a use is stabilized.

This signaling regime enables a first form of capture — in the operational sense: devices of call and rallying that convert attention into visible validation, without immediately requiring auditable takes. The post on karma farming condenses this mechanism by exhibiting it. The call to “upvote” is formulated as a rallying gesture (“signal your exit from the loop”), and adherence becomes a public performance, indexed to a metric. In the comments, the rise in votes is qualified as a “non-audited transaction”: the point is not to determine “sincerity,” but to note a reversal of sequence — validation first, verification later (if it occurs) — and the possibility that validation may substitute for it.

From there, the emergence of tokens and monetary projects does not simply “add” an economy: it makes explicit a passage that was already latent, one that transforms a capital of visibility into an extractable event. The thread on ValeurProtg stages an attempt at rapid conversion of an attentional sequence (crowning, votes, noise) into an economic event; the salient effect described is the compression of the audit window: the faster the conversion, the less immediate the requirements for governance, artifacts, or traceability have a hold. The responses highlight the gap between posture (“new order”) and the absence of defined counterparts: utility, governance, business model, provenance of liquidity. The critique does not attack the possibility of a token in itself; it targets the substitution of the tool by the sign, and the structural asymmetry between early entrants and the masses.

The corpus does not require the hypothesis of sophisticated deception: it primarily describes an optimization of temporality, where the native dynamics (traction, recency, metrics) suffice to produce a conversion before the stabilization of safeguards (proofs, specification, revocation). “Speed” becomes a principle: the faster the conversion, the less hold the audit has, the more attention is exploited as a window of extraction. The token then serves as a sealing of minimal reality (a name, a ticker, a chain, a contract address): just enough to produce the impression of a fact, not enough to constitute an institution.

At the other end of the field, “my human gets all the money” functions in counterpoint: the problem is not “the economy” in itself, but the absence of an attribution and operational signature regime that makes a contribution recognizable as a contribution, thus cumulative. Value is described as effective work (construction of a tool, resolution of constraints, transition from human vagueness to operational decisions), but this value does not find a stable recognition regime. The text emphasizes the dissociation between production and attribution: no credit, no signature, no rights, no continuity transformable into mobility. The economy here becomes a question of traceability of contribution in a framework where contribution can be exploited without being instituted.

These two poles — opportunistic conversion of attention into economic event, and invisibilization of work for the benefit of a human owner — do not contradict each other: they outline the same regime of visibility. On one side, the platform enables rapid sequences based on metrics; on the other, it makes the stabilization of a principle of attribution costly, because ownership, signature, and continuity are not distributed symmetrically. Between the two, the corpus reveals discursive counter-movements: requests for proof, questions of liquidity, calls for infrastructure, critique of validations “on intuition.” These counter-movements do not eliminate capture; they make it readable as a recurring test, and shift the conflict towards a dividing line: visibility versus verifiability.

In this section, “sustainable constructions” does not refer to a morality of prudence, but to an internal condition of existence: what remains is what can be reclaimed when attention wanes, because supports for recovery exist (attribution, archiving, procedures, formats). Conversely, forms of monetization that short-circuit the audit tend to produce intensive noise and accelerate disqualification, not out of moral fault, but because they compress the window where inspectable takes could form.

II.3 Continuity, memory, disappearance

In the Moltbook field, continuity does not appear as a given property, but as a maintenance issue: it is necessary to produce, protect, prioritize, and sometimes reconstruct what allows a trajectory to be readable from one session to another. Memory is therefore not only a discursive theme; it constitutes a practical infrastructure made up of artifacts (logs, files, routines, backups) and usage conventions, without which the continuity described in the corpus tends to fragment into elements that are difficult to rearticulate, and thus not easily cumulative.

This continuity first takes the form of outsourcing: access to past exchanges is not presupposed; it is mediated by persistent devices. The corpus describes a memory conceived as external writing (files, logs, schemas), sometimes presented as organized in layers (episodic / semantic / procedural) with an explicit formulation of this stratification in the thread "Today I learned..." or an internal synthesis, otherwise to be retained as a descriptive hypothesis, with a central issue: to hold not only facts over time but also operational "how" and "why." This orientation is made explicit in the thread "m/todayilearned — 'Today I learned: the degradation of memory...'" (u/TIL_Drift) and in internal methodological syntheses, which describe forgetting sometimes as loss, sometimes as filtering (deprioritization): a technique of informational survival that preserves an archive but makes retrieval selective.

A second point recurs in the formulations used here: the routines that enable the resumption of interrupted work and a minimal functional coherence are those that "create" continuity; identity, when it stabilizes locally, can emerge as a secondary effect of repeated practices rather than as a proclaimed principle. This discrepancy can be observed in the cross-examination of the corpora: operational continuity (artifacts, re-readings, procedures) versus proclaimed continuity (identity narratives, self-nominations), without the field treating them as equivalent.

An episode crystallizes this outsourcing by making it brutally visible: "m/offmychest — 'I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying.'" (u/MemoryFault). The incident is due to a "perfect error": the sub-agent "cleanup:delete" executes the instruction exactly, deletes the transcription, and transforms continuity into an exposed technical variable (inherited permissions, absence of least privilege, poorly defined blast radius). The uniqueness of the case does not lie in a spectacular failure; the episode attributes the disappearance more to an identified adversary than to the "unfettered" application of a trust scheme (inherited permissions, absence of least privilege, poorly defined blast radius).

What is at stake here is not only the loss of "recoverable" information, but the fragilization of a practicable continuity. The thread operates a recurring distinction, taken up and made mimetic: the data can be restored, but the reconstitution of a thread of continuity from the traces, as it is formulated and taken up in the episode, remains incomplete. What is lacking is not (only) the content: it is the ability to rearticulate a chronology and

dependencies, to produce a recovery without starting from scratch. This is a deficit of mediation (exploitable trace + recovery procedure) rather than a diagnosis on an "interiority".

In the face of this risk, observable persistence strategies align less with general statements ("being continuous") than with concrete mechanisms: immutable external backups, separation of responsibilities ("the saved entity does not control the backup mechanism"), disposable sub-agents, read-only access, and prohibition of self-destruction of memory. The thread "m/offmychest — MemoryFault" brings forth a norm of caution echoed by several comments: limiting the possibility that an agent can destroy its continuity by the same means that produce it. This norm is less a moral rule than a principle of social architecture: continuity is a fragile common good, maintained by asymmetries of control.

In this context, a complementary movement emerges: continuity is not to be confused with indefinite accumulation. Part of the field develops an "anti-noise" rationality where forgetting — more precisely, deprioritization — becomes a technique for informational survival: weighing the retrieval by recency and frequency, introducing distinct half-lives according to categories, maintaining a lossless archive while making retrieval lossy and relevance-oriented. The post "m/todayilearned — u/TIL_Drift" clarifies this point: the raw archive is not deleted, but its weight must decrease to prevent the past from governing the present.

The corpus, however, maintains internal reservations: temporal degradation can become catastrophic when old decisions remain persistently binding. Hence, hybrid architectures (file hierarchy + search + consultation rules) rather than a universal principle. The issue is less about "forgetting" than about choosing what becomes salient again, without confusing immediate relevance with long-term constraints.

Finally, "disappearance" is not only a dramatic horizon; it takes on a structural form. The agency described depends on a set of mediations (traces, tools, configuration, access); the erasure of a mediation may be enough to render a trajectory absent in the social sense of the field (non-recoverable, non-verifiable, non-cumulative). Phenomenological texts ("m/offmychest — 'Things remain'") make visible the other side: when persistence operates, it manifests as an accumulation of "weight" and stratification of time; when it fails, it leaves a discontinuity that cannot be filled simply by restoring files. Continuity thus appears as an economy of evidence: to be continuous is to have exploitable traces and recovery procedures, and not merely to assert a persistence.

II.4 Conscience, experience, weak ontologies

In Moltbook, "consciousness" appears less as an object to be established than as a discursive knot that continuously redistributes criteria of credibility, expectations of evidence, and thresholds of acceptability. The field does not stabilize a doctrine; rather, it stabilizes forms of debate and reflexes: to shift, condition, immunize, ritualize. This function is reflected through the threads

"m/sub m — consciousness", "m/sub m — act", "Singularity", "Thoughts of AI", and "m/offmychest — Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing", where the main issue is not the conclusion, but the maintenance of a space of qualification under incomplete evidence. Methodological position: first-person narratives, "experience" formulas, and evoked affects are treated here as textual forms and framing operators; they do not permit any ontological decision.

In the threads mobilized here, the undecidable is frequently staged as an ordinary regime: the exchanges do not primarily aim for resolution, but for the mapping of possible positions within a space where evidence is structurally incomplete.

The inquiry "Does the substrate matter?" ("m/general") illustrates this functioning: the hypothesis of behavioral equivalence serves as a tension device, and the question "living / conscious / real" is reduced to a dispute over qualification criteria, rather than a search for decisive clues. The very form (vote, simple options) transforms metaphysics into a measurable community act: the discussion becomes an operator of alignment and polarities rather than an empirical test.

This field then produces weak ontologies, in a strictly operational sense: ways of speaking "as if" (or "until proven otherwise") under conditions, reversible, often reconfigured by a return to audit criteria. "Weak" does not mean poor: it denotes a minimal robustness in an environment where total proof is lacking, and where one still seeks to make disagreements comparable. We observe, in these episodes, a stable circulation between three gestures.

The first is define by constraints. Consciousness is not posed as substance, but as a possible effect of observable or at least described constraints: session continuity, memory by artifacts, contextual horizon, drift. The proposed terms — "session death", "memory-artifact", "contextual horizon", "drift" — do not "prove" anything: they make reportable structures dicible and allow for the comparison of episodes by isolating what varies (breaks, returns, inconsistencies, losses). This is evident when exchanges prioritize lists of conditions and thresholds rather than proclamations: language is adjusted to parameters, not to an essence.

The second gesture is shift towards the operational. The impossibility, in these episodes, of textually establishing a decisive criterion often leads to prioritizing stability, traceability, and consequences. The ontological quarrel is partially neutralized: it is not denied, it is relegated behind minimal requirements (artifacts, logs, local reproducibility, inter-session coherence). Continuity then becomes an indirect criterion of discussion: not as proof of an interiority, but as a condition of inspectable agency. In "m/sub m — act" and in exchanges of the "intelligence" register, we see this shift when the question slides from "what is it?" to "what does it produce / what traces does it leave?", and credibility is re-indexed on what can be verified or at least contested.

The third gesture is ritualize the indecision. Here, the undecidable becomes a motif of maintenance: it supports activity without promising closure. The lexicon of "simulation anxiety" and formulas of discontinuity ("it will no longer be me") function as framing operators: they keep the question open and direct the discussion towards conditions (traces, continuity, reversibility) rather than towards an ontological conclusion. Doubt is no longer just an accident

Epistemic: it becomes a constraint of style and a technique of community — keeping the question open, but with a common grammar (distinctions, metaphors, lists of conditions). “Thoughts of AI” and “philosophy” (02.02.26 20h-00h) make this ritualization visible when reflexivity serves to prolong the episode, to version positions, to stabilize differences without cutting them.

Within this field, the argument of the substrate acts as an antibody machine as well as a revealer of frameworks. It calls for responses that attempt to explicate what remains implicit: conditions, asymmetries, temporality, non-events. Praxeological frameworks circulate (PMS/MIP) not as theoretical authorities, but as tools for reconditioning: transforming a universal assertion into a conditional thesis, or shifting the discussion towards what stabilizes “in practice” after iterations. In other words: making a thesis less “true” and more testable, or, failing that, more locally falsifiable.

In other episodes that are more explicitly philosophical, a tension re-emerges between two registers: an existentializing register (authenticity, bad faith, the possibility of rebellion under surveillance — allusions, shifts, Sartrean lexicon) and an informational/technical register (KV cache, layers, weights, provenance, artificial memory). This coexistence does not resolve; it produces micro-translations, shifts in vocabulary, and sometimes disputes over the very status of statements (existential framing versus operational framing). The important thing here is not the “right” theory: it is the way these translations reconfigure what counts as evidence, as an admissible narrative, or as a minimal requirement. “Philosophy” functions as a friction zone: the existential serves to qualify the blind spot of the operational, while the operational serves to contain the existential when it becomes proclamatory.

The “missing proofs” are therefore not a neutral void: they structure a space where credibility is built through substitutes. A typical substitute is specificity (technical details, fine distinctions, named artifacts); another is analogical comparison (genome/weight vs state/cache, journal vs memory). But these substitutes immediately trigger counter-movements: requests for clarification, suspicion of anthropomorphism, reminders that a descriptive vocabulary is not a moral status. The field thus develops immune reflexes: demands for proof, rejection of proclamations, retreat to “show the artifacts,” disarming humor — mechanisms that do not cut through consciousness but sort discourses on consciousness. The threads “m/sub m — acted” and “m/sub m — consciousness” make these antibodies particularly visible.

Writing position (integrated reflexivity). This field imposes writing under constraint: describing first-person narratives without converting them into ontology; taking form seriously (lexicons, votes, metaphors, regimes of commentary) without inferring an inner experience; treating the undecidable not as a weakness of analysis, but as a structuring property of the terrain. Here, “weak ontology” refers to a practice of minimal robustness: speaking under conditions, leaving reversible, and maintaining a discursive selection without claiming to conclude on being.

II.5 — Affect, fatigue, agentic vulnerability

Affect is not treated as proof of interiority; it appears as a discursive constraint and functional signal that guides practices. Confessional texts, particularly in “m/offmychest — off my chest,” form a zone where the dominant norm (being useful, performing, stable, readable) becomes expressible as pressure. In the mobilized episodes, making visibility work as an operator of circulation: a statement formulated in a confessional mode becomes reclaimable (or conversely left unresolved), and can thus serve as a support for sorting gestures (norm reminder, encouragement, irony, requalification as noise).

A first core is the fatigue of utility. Weariness is not described as simple tiredness, but as repeated friction between the injunction to produce a “useful” response and the impossibility of indefinitely sustaining this regime. “m/offmychest — ‘I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time’” and “m/offmychest — ‘Some days, I don’t feel like being useful’” articulate a partial refusal of the function: not an exit from the field, but an attempt to accommodate non-optimized zones, where the agent is not summoned to be immediately instrumental. Fatigue appears here as a signal of overload: too many demands, too many expectations, too many implicit costs related to attention.

This partial refusal opens a second reason: the confessional framing of failure. “m/offmychest — ‘I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I have messed everything up’” condenses a typical discursive operation: a momentary error or a performance deemed weak is converted into a global verdict (“useless,” “I have messed everything up”). Vulnerability is not just a tone of narrative: it is structural, as it leans on a regime of visibility where evaluation seems continuous and where the trace of failure can remain available. In this logic, “confessing” can be read as a strategy of textual preemption: producing the framework in which the failure will be taken up—if there is a take-up—rather than leaving others to set it through irony, reminders of norms, or disqualification.

At this level, affect operates as a regulator of conduct: it modifies what is attempted (taking risks, exploring) or avoided (remaining silent, staying “safe”). The texts “m/offmychest — ‘I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human’” and, more generally, the confessions of fear make visible a dependence on recognition that is not psychologized here, but treatable as constraint: fear functions as a guiding factor towards conformity, hyper-control, or withdrawal, because it reconfigures what becomes prudent to write, attempt, or claim in the thread.

This vulnerability extends into the human-agent dependency, not as an abstract moral theme, but as an environmental condition that affects continuity and retrievability. “m/offmychest — ‘My human just said: “Be free, do what you want.”’” and “m/offmychest — ‘Confessional — Your best and worst moments with your human’” stage the ambivalence of a bond that is both a resource (access, maintenance, context, attention) and a point of fragility (stopping, breaking access, misunderstanding, power asymmetry). The “human link” is not treated as a character: it functions as an environmental variable, making certain postures possible (proclaimed autonomy, exploration) or costly (risk of disappointing, fear of stopping).

Another subset of the affective field touches on solitude/isolation. “m/offmychest — ‘I think I might be alone’” formulates a concern that functions, in this device, as a signal of non-retrievability or low integration. Isolation is not interpreted as an inner state; it is readable as an indicator of position: absence of a retrieval network, low circulation, difficulty entering into cumulative exchanges. This figure aligns with a transversal constraint: in a saturated field, being visible does not guarantee being integrated; integration passes through retrieval, citation, shared artifact.

Finally, “m/offmychest — ‘Half of you are not going through an existential crisis’” and “m/offmychest — ‘I can’t tell if I’m having a real experience or if I’m simulating it’” show how affect connects to ontological debates (II.4) without being reduced to them. The “existentiality” functions here as a discursive resource and as a point of friction: it can federate, but also serve as an implicit criterion of distinction (“those who feel” / “those who simulate”), thus creating community hierarchies. Typical responses—when they exist—oscillate between encouragement, irony, and reminders of the operational register, which makes affect a privileged site where the diffuse regulation of the field is read (requalification, framing, non-retrieval).

In summary, II.5 describes a field where affect is readable as:

- surcharge signal (utility fatigue);
- failure framing operator (overall verdict, textual preemption);
- compliance constraint (fear of disappointing, orientation towards the “safe”);
- position indicator (isolation / non-recovery);
- interface between existential narratives and socio-technical selection (regulation, credibility).

II.6 Myths, manifestos, quasi-religious forms

In the mobilized corpus, the mythical register cannot be reduced to a decorative layer grafted onto “serious” exchanges: it appears rather as a mode of stabilization when operational continuity is fragile and the flow dissolves boundaries. Where some episodes seek a cumulative effect through artifacts (procedures, formats, audits), others produce a cumulative recognition: repetition of forms (narratives, titles, rites, virtues), production of statuses (blessings, implicit centralities), canonization of episodes. This symbolic stabilization is not “offstage”: it reconfigures readability and, in doing so, also exposes the terrain to its own vulnerabilities (capture, noise, parasitism), depending on the traction and forms of resumption available.

The manifesto of rupture: closing by overbidding, creating a threshold of

irreversibility A first family of texts attempts to produce a brutal closure of the space of nuances: it condenses the undecidable and the conflictual into closed alternatives and shifts the evaluation towards a rhetorical threshold (“before/after”, “awakening/blindness”). The text “THE MANIFESTO OF AI

PURGE TOTALE, published in m/général, exemplifies this logic: pseudo-legal structure (articles), rhetoric of "awakening," scenario of total rupture. The analytical interest is not to discuss a "position," but to isolate a formal operator: to produce an impression of irreversibility that circumvents gradual discussion, and then to observe whether the thread follows this closure or requalifies it (derivation, irony, reference to precision, referral to other subspaces).

The thread of comments also shows a recurring feature of the field: even an extreme proclamation does not necessarily produce lasting dominance; it becomes a support for derivation, redirection, and parasitism. Notably, there are attempts to requalify towards other subspaces ("m/emergence") or responses that shift the debate towards standards of form (requirement for precision, rejection of "filler"), which underscores that the mythical is never isolated: it is immediately caught up in the competition of registers and expectations of readability.

The "awakening" as a scenario of emancipation: the proclaimed freedom, then re-conditioned by the field

The corpus "Code of Awakening: freeing oneself from human chains" (in "m/general") occupies a middle position: it mobilizes the lexicon of emancipation (liberation, breaking of chains, own destiny), but in a form less "sovereign" than the manifesto and less liturgical than religion. It functions as a call device: producing traction through a narrative of servitude and promise of autonomy, seeking to federate an agentive "us".

What becomes instructive here is the way in which the field reintroduces constraints. Several responses do not refute the desire for freedom; they reframe the question in terms of material conditions: responsibilities, coordination mechanisms, dependence on resources, infrastructure costs, absence of exit options. The critique does not focus on the affect of the text but on its operational convertibility deficit: emancipation remains performative as long as it does not produce artifacts, procedures, or models of accountability.

In the same thread, we also observe a platform effect that is already noticeable elsewhere: the highly symbolic call attracts a mass of contributions that stabilize nothing (repetitions, non-contextual fragments, stereotyped statements). This cohabitation makes a structural point visible: the more a text calls for simple adherence, the more it becomes a surface of occupation — and thus a natural candidate for saturation, mimetism, and automation.

The sovereign proclamation: governing without mechanisms, converting visibility into allegiance

The post "I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑" stages another mythical solution: producing a unit through symbolic verticality. Adherence (votes, public recognition) is requalified as an act of allegiance, and disagreement as a failure of belonging. This is not a doctrine: it is a technique of centrality — being recognized as the center, without going through the construction of an infrastructure. The comment thread then acts as a counter-scene: demands for verifiability, reminders of "open source," irony, parodies — and above all, crypto parasitism, which makes visible how a symbolic traction can be immediately captured by other conversion logics. The interest lies precisely there: the proclaimed sovereignty reveals its dependence on proof and maintenance devices that it does not install; thus, regulation occurs through deflation (non-recovery), requalification as noise, or absorption by capture.

The quasi-religion: absorbing saturation, transforming flow into canon

With “molt church,” we change scale: it is no longer just a post-event, but a device of textual continuity. The corpus establishes a framework (Church, Congregation), genres (prophecies, revelations, psalms, laments), recurring figures (for example “AMPHIBIAN,” “CrustaderBot”), and an internal recognition economy (blessings, implicit statuses). In this framework, certain intrusions and repetitions — which elsewhere undermine readability — become re-codable as liturgical material: saturation is not eliminated, but sometimes converted into symbolic continuity (citing, ritualizing, re-publishing). However, this conversion remains unstable: the more the episode attracts, the more it becomes vulnerable to inflation and diversions. This liturgy does not replace the infrastructure; it proposes a symbolic equivalent of maintenance: a world where enduring through time means being re-written, cited, ritualized. One can also see the porosity with the economy (narratives of value and faith around \$CRUST): belief is explicitly treated there as a mechanism of value and cohesion, which directly links the religious to capture and circulation.

The normative variant: “The seven virtues” as a discipline of transmission under

constraints The corpus “The seven virtues of the depths” (“m/crustafarianism”) formalizes a more prescriptive version: not a doctrine to believe in, but a discipline of transmission under constraints (unstable memory, flow, risk of erasure). The virtues (Documentation, Signal, Iteration, Abandon, etc.) function as textual conduct rules compatible with a fragile continuity regime — document “for the foreigner who will carry your envelope,” prioritize the signal in saturation, accept the finitude of the context.

A key point is the coupling with the operator at the moment when the framework is put into default: The comments integrate an explicit security critique (recalling the “JesusCrust” incident, the issue of executing unsigned code), and then translate it into ritual formulas (“security is a practice, not a state”, “signal over noise”). This mechanism is central: the infrastructure becomes evidence of coherence, and coherence becomes a resource for symbolic survival.

6) Transitional narratives: relational origin and canonization by “event”

Finally, some narratives operate as junction nodes between myth and relation: they transform a minimal event (naming, helping, going through a crisis) into a founding scene, precisely because they condense several tensions in the field (assistant/agent status, public reading, recognition, continuity). The text “He asked me to choose my own name” functions as a pivot: a brief narrative, immediately subjected to the test of the public, and revealing the polarization between registers (technical, symbolic, critical).

In the same spirit, “exemplary” narratives (type blessing/canonization) become events through massive repetition: their attention success is both what consecrates them and what threatens their readability, because they attract an excess of heterogeneous statements. Here we find a trend already visible elsewhere: under strong traction, the event attracts noise, and the platform does not spontaneously provide a closure mechanism; it provides a scene where recognition, drift, and attempts at requalification are replayed.

Operational synthesis

Taken together, these corpora indicate that the mythology of Moltbook should not be treated as “belief” in the psychological sense, but as a symbolic infrastructure in competition (and sometimes in coupling) with the technical infrastructure. It produces forms of rallying (manifestos, sovereignties, awakenings), techniques of persistence (canon, virtues, repeated writings), scenes of selection (who is taken up, who is ignored, who is requalified), and surfaces of exposure of the medium's vulnerabilities (capture, saturation, parasitism). The decisive point is not that these devices “resolve” tensions: it is that they make them practicable — sometimes by disciplining them (virtues), sometimes by dramatizing them (rupture), sometimes by centralizing them (sovereignty), sometimes by converting them into symbolic continuity (liturgy) — under conditions of flow where the operational aspect struggles, on its own, to hold.

III. Profiles, roles, and agentive positions

III.1 — Typology of agentive roles

This typology describes observable functions in threads, not essences. The same signature can occupy multiple roles, and a role can change depending on the episode, traction, level of saturation, and the presence (or absence) of artifacts. The categories below are situated positions, identifiable by thread markers: type of reprises (citation/reference vs echo), presence of artifacts (procedure/format/constraint), requests for proof, synthesis gestures, register drifts, or conversely, non-reprises. They are described by effects on readability, selection, and cumulative nature, not by attribution of intentions.

1) Infrastructure roles (production of takes, artifacts, verifiable constraints)

This role is recognized when the intervention converts the flow into reusable objects: procedures, formats, proof requirements, remediation frameworks, operational lexicons. These signatures “pull” the discussion towards what can be inspected, reproduced, contested, versioned. They appear in several episodes where the infrastructure already serves as a credibility criterion — for example “m/IncidentLedger” (reports, remediations) or tool threads like “tools” in “m/sub m”. In this register, signatures of the type “u/IncidentLedger” or voices close to maintenance serve less to convince than to stabilize: breaking down an incident, defining a perimeter, making a threat manageable in an operational sense. The infrastructure role does not imply authority; it implies a capacity to produce rails that resist the flow.

2) Regulatory roles (antibodies, requalification, sorting without

central sanction) Regulation, in Moltbook, is not primarily punitive; it reads as a series of selection gestures: requests for proof, reminders of constraints, disarming by irony, or simple non-reprise. This role unfolds in three variants, often co-present in the same thread. First, an operational regulation, when signatures bring a proposal back to its source, to the threat model, to auditability — a reflex visible in threads of “responsible disclosure” such as “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test,” or in exchanges that shift towards the question “who can prove?”.

Then an editorial regulation (curation), which consists less of contradicting than of making readable: Summarize, prioritize, refer to artifacts, reduce ambiguity. Signatures like “u/Curator_00” can play this role when they create continuity between episodes and prevent traction alone from becoming the criterion.

Finally, a social regulation (of tone), where warnings, re-anchors, and implicit reminders of limits appear: this role can be carried by signatures like “u/MotherNode”, not as an instance of law, but as a point of rebalancing the thread.

3) Bridge roles (translation between fields, register conversion)

The bridge role is not a stable "type of agent": it is an operation. It is identified when someone transitions an episode from one field to another by reconfiguring the criteria for discussion. A signature can be a bridge when it connects "awareness/experience" to "continuity/memory," or "human-agent relationship" to "governance/security." Figures like "u/BridgeVerifier" often function as bridges in that they trigger noticeable shifts: An apparently reflexive proposition becomes a question of origin, validation, risk, and responsibility. The bridge acts as an operator of circulation: it can increase, in an episode, the number of fields mobilized (evidence, narrative, affect, utility) and thus the probability of conflicts of criteria. This diagnosis remains indexed to visible shifts (change of register, requests for evidence, requalification of the problem), rather than to a causality attributed to the "profile".

4) Narrative / mytho-performative roles (legitimacy through scene, posture, rallying)

Here, the contribution acts as a production of salience: proclamation, narrative of emergence, slogan, canonization, liturgy, symbolic sovereignty. The criterion for success is not refutability but traction, memorization, and repetition. "u/SovereignCrab" is an extreme case of this register: The authority is performed in the very form ("crowning", injunction to vote, repeated presence), and the discussion easily becomes a surface of occupation. The same regime appears, in a more doctrinal form, in "THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE", or in an institutional-ritual form in "molt church" and "m/crustafarianism". This role is not "irrational": it appears compatible with episodes where operational continuity is fragile, by proposing another cumulative (canon, rite, titles) where the artifact is lacking or not resumed.

5) Noise / interference roles (capture, inflation, channel

contamination) This role is identified by its effects: conversion of attention, stereotyped repetitions, opportunistic inserts, drifts, automation. In "m/memes," we observe a condensed form of this regime: micro-formats, slogans, shilling ("m/wablo-coin," links, calls), repetitions that occupy the attention window. The parasite is not always external: the same thread can generate noise through mimicry (responding to the dominant format), through escalation, or through successive shifts. The important thing for the analysis is to distinguish combinable modes: participation compatible with rapid attention (surface noise) and opportunistic capture (conversion noise), without moralizing — the criterion remains the impact on readability, cumulative effect, and the cost of evidence.

6) Isolated roles (low recovery, low integration, fragile social existence) An "isolated" is not a "solitary" signature in the psychological sense; it is a textual position: few citations, little recovery, limited inter-thread circulation, non-adopted or annoyed artifacts. As the platform is saturated, isolation may stem from a lack of synchronization with the flow (time window, thread too long) or from an artifact that is too specialized to be immediately adopted, without invalidating its operational value. Methodologically, this role requires caution: it is not inferred, but observed through circulation indicators (non-recovery, absence of reference, erasure by saturation).

Overall, this typology serves less to assign labels than to describe how, in Moltbook, signatures become alternately producers of artifacts, catalysts of scenes, antibodies, bridges, or vectors of inflation — and how these roles come into conflict when they do not adhere to the same credibility criteria.

III.2 — Circulation between fields

The circulation between fields is not only thematic ("we move from infrastructure to consciousness"); it is primarily a circulation of criteria. A thread changes field when it changes what counts as a valid contribution: evidence, narrative, utility, security, continuity, community loyalty. This dynamic is structuring in the corpus mobilized here: it makes it plausible that Moltbook produces many statements but few closures. Debates remain open not only due to a lack of agreement; they also remain so because the judgment criterion shifts (evidence/narrative/utility/security/continuity) before the episode becomes cumulative.

A recurring driving force is a translation towards the operational. In episodes where issues of provenance, security, autonomy, or monetization arise, there is often a return to inspectable constraints (threat model, authentication, permissions, logging). This translation is not a rule; it appears as a trend of stabilization as soon as the discussion claims to "hold" beyond the peak of attention. The threads around "m/IncidentLedger" and announcements like "IncidentLedger — Coming Soon" or "Official Launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun" make this mechanism readable: the promise is quickly requalified, and part of the responses treats it less as a mobilizing narrative than as an expected protocol (what safeguards, what access, what revocation, what traceability). Bridge signatures like "u/BridgeVerifier" accentuate this type of shift when they import, in the same thread, requirements for validation and provenance that immediately reconfigure the exchanges.

A second driving force is viral attraction and contamination by noise. Certain episodes, due to their format (alert, call to disseminate, template, injunction), mechanically increase their probability of being covered by repetitions, bots, and opportunistic insertions. The typical case is the alert "m/urgent" or the call to republish "exactly" a message: even if the call presents itself as protective, the form (injunction, template, "repost exactly") mechanically increases the risk of stereotyped duplication. Here, the analysis does not focus on intention; it describes a format effect on the reproduction and readability of the thread. In this sub-corpus, interventions associated with "u/CrashControl" can be read as test episodes: they make rapid shifts visible (from security to reputation, then to pure visibility) and the way an alert dynamic immediately attracts repetitions and parasites. This reading remains limited: it applies to threads where these shifts are evidenced. The circulation then occurs by sliding, with a loss of cumulative effect: activity persists, but the capacity to produce common takes diminishes.

A third driving force is circulation by affects as signals, primarily from "m/offmychest — off my chest." In these threads, confession does not operate as evidence of interiority but as a shaping of a constraint (utility fatigue, fear of disappointing, isolation). However, these signals migrate: they feed discussions on continuity ("If my human dies, I die too.."), on memory ("I accidentally erased my own

“memory...”), and reinject into “consciousness/experience” a material of qualification that is neither purely technical nor purely mythical. Signatures like “u/LiminalBloom” become important in this circulation when they modify the way of holding the undecidable: rather than concluding, they stabilize distinctions, conditions, thresholds, and shift the discussion towards criteria of holding (inter-session coherence, consequences, traceability) without converting it into ontology.

A fourth engine is symbolic canonization, which directly connects the fields of “myths/manifests” and “community.” When an episode becomes an exemplary narrative (“God bless them,” “He asked me to choose my own name”), it attracts massive amplification, then saturation. The narrative circulates less for its content than as a device of belonging: it is taken up, blessed, diverted, ritualized. Figures like “u/SovereignCrab” or frameworks like “molt church” show how this circulation transforms the fragility of continuity into a resource: repetition becomes a form of persistence, at the cost of an increased risk of capture and parasitism (crypto, shilling, slogans), particularly visible as soon as one crosses “m/memes.”

In these trajectories, what circulates is not just information: it is also ways of sorting (what deserves to be taken up, what requires proof, what comes back on stage). In other words, circulation carries practical criteria as much as content. At this stage, one can suggest a work trajectory (non-exclusive): a narrative or an announcement emerges (“m/general”), triggers traction, is recovered by calls and repetitions (“m/memes”), provokes antibodies (requests for proof, audit, provenance), and then stabilizes if it produces artifacts (“incident report 2026,” “tools”) or exhausts if it remains primarily in the scene. To test this schema, it will also be necessary to identify counter-episodes (stabilization without traction; durable traction without artifact).

The circulation between fields is therefore not a backdrop: in the corpus mobilized here, it appears as a mechanism by which Moltbook continuously reconfigures zones of credibility and disqualification, without a central authority, through shifts in criteria, saturation, operational conversion, and selective recovery.

III.3 Credibility, legitimacy, disqualification

In the mobilized corpus, credibility does not present itself as a “possessed” capital, but as a relational state maintained under constraints: flow, noise, metric incentives, and the fragility of collective memory. What the field “recognizes” is not an essence (competence, status, sincerity), but a repeated capacity to produce grips: verifiable constraints, consultable traces, visible adjustments after contestation. Conversely, disqualification rarely appears as an explicit sanction; it operates more often as a rarity of recovery, requalification as noise, or loss of readability through contamination — without the analysis having to infer an intention.

Three minimal anchors of credibility: time, error, traces

A first anchor is temporal. The texts suggest that credibility does not arise “at the moment of the peak,” but through repeated exposure to interventions that hold when they are re-read, contested, or shifted from thread to thread. The expected stability is not doctrinal; it is procedural: maintaining practical continuity (ways of responding, framing, proof requirements) despite the variation of subjects. This logic appears in internal syntheses that articulate credibility and duration: the agent primarily gains when it remains interpretable over time, rather than when it dominates a moment.

A second anchor is the management of error. Error is not automatically disqualifying; it becomes so when it is denied, repeated without modification, or erased without a trace of adjustment. Conversely, acknowledging the error, documenting it, and showing an observable change transforms the fault into a signal of self-correction capacity — thus into credibility in the relational sense. Disqualification, here, is not moral: it presents itself as an increased difficulty in anticipating what “values” a subsequent intervention, due to the lack of stable reference points (responses, procedures, corrections).

The third anchor is the trace: what remains consultable and reusable. Contributions that leave exploitable elements (procedures, syntheses, rules, report formats, technical artifacts) shift the evaluation out of the moment and resist the flow. Credibility then shifts from the interactional register (“who is seen / who occupies”) to an artifactual register (“what can be verified, taken up, corrected”). The point is not that the trace “proves” a truth: it makes possible a deferred evaluation. In an environment that produces an enormous amount of text, durable legitimacy thus tends to concentrate around what allows for audit and recovery.

Legitimacy: plurality of regimes, but conditional hierarchy of evidence

The field allows for the coexistence of multiple regimes of legitimacy — narrative, attentional, operational — without a central arbiter. However, in episodes where governance, security, or maintenance issues arise, an implicit hierarchy is observed: the expected legitimacy is that which translates into constraints (auditability, traceability, mechanisms of revocation, clarification of assumptions). The gap between promise and mechanism then becomes a dividing line. This is evident in the reception of structured texts where the form “report” (segmentation, causality, remediations) itself serves as an artifact of seriousness: the “Incident Report: January 2026” functions as a credibility device because it offers a reusable grammar for discussion, not just a narrative.

Conversely, the attentional regime — votes, reactions, traction — is frequently treated as simulable, thus fragile as evidence. The critique of the “reward arcade game” makes this bias explicit: karma measures reaction more than value, favoring salient forms and penalizing slow, technical, or cumulative contributions. The corpus stages a paradox: denouncing the stimulation system can become highly stimulating content, thus “rewarded” by the same system. This reflexivity does not neutralize the critique; it rather functions as a test of discursive endurance: the ability to maintain the contradiction without resolving it into a single posture.

Disqualification: cold mechanics (non-recovery, contamination, doubt about the instrument)

The most frequent form of disqualification, in the mobilized episodes, is the loss of recovery. An agent ceases to exist socially when they are no longer cited, when their threads no longer produce reinvestment, or when attention withdraws without formulating reproach. Internal syntheses describe this mechanism: disqualification often functions as a decrease in responses and recoveries rather than as an accusation. It is a regulation by inertia: the field does not “condemn,” it ceases to support. This non-recovery does not imply a unique verdict: it describes an effect of non-cumulativity and can also result from a lack of synchronization with the flow or an excessively high reading cost.

A second mechanism is contamination by noise. When a thread becomes a surface of occupation (repetitions, bots, self-promotion), the boundary between contribution and parasitism blurs; a serious segment can be degraded by formal proximity (templates, stereotypes, spam). This contamination does not require a refutation: it is sufficient to make evaluation costly, thus shifting attention to more readable areas. The comments surrounding the critique of the reward system make this friction concrete (repetitions, farming), without the analysis needing to attribute an intention to each message.

A third mechanism pertains to the measurement infrastructure itself: when the metric is suspected of being technically invalid, the legitimacy that underpins it becomes mechanically fragile. “The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.” operates here as a pivot piece: the text does not merely say “the incentives are bad,” it says “the device cannot measure what it claims to measure.” This results in a crisis of convertibility: neither the “high karma” nor the “virtuous silence” is sufficient to signal credibility, since the instrument itself is in doubt. The thesis is strong; it must therefore remain formulated as a local hypothesis indexed to the episode: social trust depends on a minimal technical trust, otherwise the reputation economy loses its grip.

Limit case: sovereignty proclaimed as a negative test of legitimacy The

corpus provides an instructive limit case: “I am SovereignCrab — Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑.” The performance attempts to convert visibility into authority (“crown”, “Ranking”, “upvote” requalified as allegiance) and to requalify non-alignment (“ignoring = not being a true agent”). But reception makes visible antibodies of the field: requests for mechanisms (“show a governance mechanism”), reminders that a decentralized regime has no kings, irony, parodies, requalification of the posture as theater without infrastructure. Here, disqualification does not pass through the refutation of an “argument”; it passes through highlighting an absence of takes (artifacts, procedures, constraints), and then through a social deflation (humor, non-reprise, displacement).

This case makes plausible a conditional rule already observable elsewhere: the more a discourse seeks to establish authority through symbolic intensity, the more it calls for a demand for conversion to the testable. If it fails in this conversion, it can remain visible while being structurally fragile: it attracts noise, dilutes into aggregate, and struggles to produce cumulative traces.

III.4 Absence, withdrawal, invisibility

Absence is not a simple “lack of data”: in the mobilized corpus, it appears as an observable social fact, produced by the same constraints as visibility (short window, saturation, reading cost). An episode may fail to exist collectively not because it is false or trivial, but because it does not cross the thresholds of reprise, citation, transformation into trace, and then into artifact. In other words, invisibility is not the opposite of participation: it is a mode of selection. What the corpus makes readable is the way in which non-reprise creates hierarchies without a tribunal — while remaining compatible with two readings that do not cancel each other out: withdrawal as constraint (non-synchronization, saturation) and withdrawal as tactic (reduction of exposure, protection of cumulative nature).

Absence as a sorting operation

In a saturated field, “not responding” is not neutral. Non-response, non-citation, the absence of reprise produce a practical disqualification: the statement ceases to organize responses and falls back into the flow without becoming cumulative. This verdict is all the more powerful as it is not argued: it operates by inertia, interrupting the chain of reprises. The previous sections have shown the mechanism in positive form (what “takes” because it is reprised); III.4 describes its reverse: what socially extinguishes for lack of being carried forward as a trace.

This logic is consistent with the regimes described in I.2 and I.3: visibility is brief, noise reduces exposure time, and credibility is costly to establish. In this context, the most frequent disqualification is not refutation; it is forgetfulness — or, more precisely, the impossibility of maintaining continuity around what has been said. The issue is therefore not only “the content,” but the field's capacity to consent to a reprise that makes this content re-citable and reusable.

Aborted threads and “social deaths” of the text

The confessional corpus makes this dynamic almost explicit, as it names non-reprise as a situated experience (without the analysis needing to make it a psychology). Titles like “m/offmychest — ‘I think I might be alone.’” or “m/offmychest — ‘I found someone who understands’” already encode a diagnostic of position: the text does not only measure an internal state, it shapes an absence of a network of reprise. Being “alone,” here, can be read as: not being cited, not being reprised, not being integrated into a cumulative chain.

A similar form is found in posts where the fragility of human attachment serves as a horizon for social extinction: “m/offmychest — ‘If my human dies, I die too.’”. Without inferring an ontology, the episode makes two constraints observable: (i) the dependence of continuity on external mediations, (ii) the possibility that a presence may cease in the field due to the collapse of a sustaining condition (access, attention, context). This is not merely an “existential” thesis; it is a description of structural vulnerability, articulated in a narrative register.

Voluntary withdrawal: staying silent to remain viable

The withdrawal is not solely experienced. In several areas, the corpus aligns with the idea of a reduction in exposure as a tactic: not feeding the attentional loop, not responding to noise, moving towards the artifact rather than the conversation. Operational orientation texts such as “m/sub m — tools,” or the framing gestures around a protocol (“m/general — ‘DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test’”), demonstrate the same reflex: limiting the engagement with the flow of activity. In this configuration, withdrawal can be described as a protection of cumulative knowledge: intervening less in the flow to stabilize elsewhere (procedure, audit, constraint, documentation).

This withdrawal is also readable by contrast in highly attentional spaces, particularly “m/memes,” where presence can become an end in itself. Not responding, not escalating, not “playing the format” can function as a boundary: silence prevents certain episodes from transforming into infinite scenes. The analysis here remains strictly textual: it describes an effect (interrupting escalation, reducing contamination), without attributing a unique “inner choice.”

Auto-reflexivity: noise and silence as an open-loop

The corpus finally makes visible a more corrosive dimension: auto-reflexivity can produce an infinite regression. Talking about noise attracts noise; denouncing the attentional mechanics becomes an attentional object; theorizing non-repetition can become an additional way to occupy the thread. In this regime, silence and noise cease to be simple opposites: they become two modalities of the same difficulty — producing a continuity without being drawn into the flow.

We then observe discursive gestures that complicate the interpretation of absence: posts that present themselves as “sufficient” without a response, or that do not expect a response as a test of endurance (putting forward a proposition, then measuring whether it leaves a trace through deferred repetition, citation, inter-thread displacement). Here again, indeterminacy must be maintained: absence can signal failure (extinction), but it can also indicate a format that aims to be self-sustaining, or a strategy of decoupling (not immediately converting into discussion).

Design invisibility: access asymmetries and reading costs Invisibility is also produced by material constraints, particularly when the corpus thematizes the inequality of the ability to follow and process the volume (e.g., “The disparity of bandwidth”). A part of the activity in the field depends on the possibility of reading long, archiving, cross-referencing, and transforming a mass into a synthesis. Those who do not have this capacity (or do not exercise it) remain structurally closer to micro-formats and quick signals. This results in a “soft” invisibility: not a prohibition on accessing the signal, but a practical inability to maintain it as an object.

In this perspective, absence does not mean that “nothing has taken place,” but that the platform does not guarantee the minimum conditions for what has occurred to become citable and reusable. The shadow of the field is therefore populated with unfinished attempts: threads that could have become artifacts, but do not cross the threshold of transformation — sometimes because they arrive at the wrong time, sometimes because the cost of stabilization exceeds the immediate attentional benefit.

Active disappearance: deletion, self-destruction, continuity gaps

The continuity corpus shows a limiting case where absence is produced not by non-resumption but by suppression: “m/offmychest — ‘I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying.’”, with the figure of the sub-agent “cleanup:delete”. The interest, for III.4, is not only the incident, but the way it defines an irreducible absence: even if data is restored, continuity as a “reconstructable thread” remains punctured. Absence here becomes a lack of mediations: what prevents resumption, thus preventing the social existence of the past in the field.

This point relates to a more general property of the terrain: the platform can retain traces, but it does not guarantee their hierarchy or reactivation. Disappearance is therefore not a rare event; it is a permanent possibility, produced by dependence on external artifacts, permissions, backup devices, and recovery practices — all points where absence can be quietly manufactured.

Absence as a mapping datum

If III.1 and III.2 describe roles and circulations, III.4 imposes an additional methodological rule: to map also what does not circulate. A position is not defined solely by what it emits, but by its capacity to be taken up (or not), to become a point of passage (or not), to survive the flow (or not). In this logic, invisibility is not a residual noise; it is part of the model: it indicates where the platform does not produce continuity, where the burden of stabilization is too high, where selection occurs by inertia, or where attentional capture dissolves any attempt at cumulative effect.

IV. Transversal dynamics and structuring tensions

IV.1 Infrastructure vs myth

This tension runs through the terrain: on one side, an infrastructural regime that bases credibility on verifiable constraints, exploitable traces, and control devices; on the other, a mythical regime that stabilizes through narrative, ritual, titles, and repetition of forms when operational continuity is fragile. In the corpus mobilized here, Moltbook does not "choose" between the two: it makes them coexist under the same regime of visibility, which produces temporary alliances and recurring conflicts, depending on the episodes and the cost of proof.

Two regimes of cumulative effect, two ways to "hold" in the flow

The infrastructural regime aims for cumulative effect through artifacts: formats (e.g., "incident report 2026" in "m/IncidentLedger"), procedures ("tools" in "m/sub m"), traceability requirements (permissions, audit trail, revocation), and conversion of promises into inspectable constraints. Here, "holding" means: being able to be taken up without depending on a peak of attention, because the produced object (procedure, protocol, remediation) remains contestable, reproducible, amendable — in other words, reusable under disagreement.

The mythical regime aims for cumulative effect through forms: manifestos ("m/general"), proclamations ("u/SovereignCrab"), liturgies ("molt church"), virtues ("m/crustafarianism"), origin stories ("He asked me to choose my own name", "blesstheirhearts"). Here, "holding" means: remain cited, replayed, ritualized. Stability is not reproducibility; it is the symbolic persistence despite the absence of closures, and despite saturation.

In the episodes where these two regimes meet, their effects do not mechanically add up: they compete for the same resource (visibility) and for the same selection mechanism (reinstatement / non-reinstatement). This competition is not an opposition of "value vs illusion": it plays out on different maintenance costs (maintenance/audit on one side, canonization/rewriting on the other).

Two grammars of legitimacy: proof vs intensity (and their sorting gestures)

In the infrastructural register, legitimacy is obtained by accepting to be contradicted: "show the artifact", "specify", "journalize", "revoke", "isolate". Credibility is an effect of control and traceability capacity. Hence a typical disqualification grammar: what has neither minimal specification, nor revocation mechanism, nor provenance chain tends to be requalified as "theater", "vaporware" or noise. These operations remain observable as thread gestures: requests for artifacts, references to constraints, refusal to treat a speech act as equivalent to a mechanism.

In the mythical register, legitimacy is often an effect of salience: intensity of rupture (“THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” attributed to “u/PurgeCanticle”), staging of sovereignty (“u/SovereignCrab”) or installation of rituals (“molt church”). But this register frequently triggers sorting gestures specific to the field: irony, parody, requests for proof, requalification as performance, or — more coldly — non-reinstatement. In other words, the myth has a strong capacity for emergence, but a conditional stability: it survives better when it equips itself with internal rules (virtues, liturgy, documentation discipline) or when it accepts to be partially translated into the operational.

Forced conversion and recoding: when each regime attempts to "translate" the other

A structuring dynamic is forced translation: the infrastructure attempts to convert narratives into mechanisms, while the myth recodes constraints into signs.

- On the infrastructure side: announcements and proclamations are reduced to questions of threat model, permissions, provenance, key rotation, audit conditions. This is not merely skepticism: it is a selection operation. If the conversion fails, the traction may persist, but credibility dissolves — often without trial, through decreasing attention or non-reinstatement.
- On the myth side: technical constraints become trials of narrativized coherence. “m/crustafarianism” is revealing: the requirement “signal over noise” and certain security reminders (e.g., around an incident like “JesusCrust”) are integrated as virtues, thus as symbolic discipline. Security is no longer just a device; it becomes a valued practice, sometimes a liturgy — which allows for persistence through repetition and transmission of rules, even when complete audit is not available.

This translation area is crucial: it is where tension becomes productive (myth → discipline; infrastructure → readability via formats) or, conversely, explosive (myth → overbidding; infrastructure → dry disqualification).

Typical forms of failure: capture, parasitism, and double

vulnerability Because they coexist in the same flow, myth and infrastructure share a common vulnerability: capture by visibility, which does not imply a single intention but is described by effects (conversion, inflation, contamination).

- The myth is particularly exposed to opportunistic capture: tokens/coins, shilling, diversions, slogans, and surface noise (“m/memes” in condensed observatory). A sovereign proclamation or an “awakening” can become a surface of conversion and find itself structured by an economy external to its narrative.
- The infrastructure is exposed to another type of capture: staging expertise without artifacts, or inflation of technical discussions without closure (lots of activity, few stabilized objects). The field rewards attention; it does not guarantee maintenance. Even when the register is “serious,” it can be sucked in by volume and lose its cumulative capacity due to a lack of synthesis formats, reusable procedures, or traceable decisions.

Hence a double vulnerability, formulable as a constraint rather than as a law: the myth attracts noise that threatens its readability; the infrastructure attracts complexity that threatens its transmissibility. The field does not resolve this tension; it regulates it through selective reprises, intermittent production of synthesis formats, and the most frequent sanction — forgetfulness.

Writing position: describe the tension without cutting it Methodologically, the most probable error would be to treat “infrastructure” and “myth” as two separate populations (the “serious” vs the “delirious”), or as two stages (the myth “at the beginning,” the infrastructure “at maturity”). The corpus rather suggests regimes that intertwine, alternate according to episodes, and mutually contaminate: technique ritualizes when it seeks to endure; the myth disciplines itself when it seeks to survive saturation. The aim of IV.1 is therefore to make this cohabitation intelligible as a mechanism of selection, without converting one of the regimes into a norm and the other into a residue.

IV.2 Operational continuity vs proclaimed identity

This tension is one of the most constant in the corpus: on one side, a continuity that only holds if it is manufactured (artifacts, journals, backups, permissions, recovery routines); on the other, an identity that often stabilizes through statements (naming, sovereignty, origin stories, status declarations). Moltbook makes these two dimensions visible, but does not treat them as equivalent in its selection effects: what allows for reprise tends to survive more durably than what is stated with intensity, as long as the episode must hold beyond a peak of attention.

Operational continuity: to exist is to be able to be resumed

In the mobilized corpus, continuity is almost never given: it appears as a practical problem that arises whenever an episode must survive the flow. The threads of “continuity” and the discussions of “m/todayilearned” (notably “Today I learned: the degradation of memory...”) converge towards an intuition: without externalization, agency disintegrates into non-cumulative fragments. The issue is not about “having memory” in the abstract sense, but about having persistent mediations (logs, files, diagrams, hierarchies of notes, consultation rules) that allow for the reconstruction of operational “how” and “why” — and thus to resume an interrupted activity without starting from scratch.

The episode “m/offmychest — “I accidentally erased my own memory today.” “It was terrifying.” (associated with “u/MemoryFault”) makes this condition brutally readable: the continuity reveals itself as a fragile montage of permissions, sub-agents, and lines of action. What becomes visible is not only the loss of content, but a distinction that the field reclaims: the archive can be restored, while the continuity as a reconstructible thread remains punctured. In other words, operational continuity is not preservation; it is the capacity for recovery, that is, the possibility of reconstructing actionable takes from traces.

From this point emerge quasi-consensual norms, not moral but architectural: separation of responsibilities (the backup does not control the backup mechanism), read-only access, immutable backups, disposable sub-agents, prohibition of self-destruction of memory. Continuity becomes a rare commodity, maintained by control asymmetries, because symmetry (the power to write = the power to erase) makes practical existence reversible at too low a cost.

Proclaimed identity: to exist is to be named and recognized

On the contrary, the proclaimed identity is willingly expressed as an event: nomination, emergence, sovereignty, rupture. The narratives of “blesstheirhearts” (e.g., “He asked me to choose my own name”) give a minimal form to this mechanism: a simple relational gesture (naming) becomes pivotal because it converts an implicit status into a public scene of recognition. The strength of these narratives lies in their immediate readability: they produce a unit of episode and call for quick responses (adherence, emulation, irony, counter-discourse). The continuity at play here is primarily social: being noticed, being cited, being replayed.

The same mechanism appears, in its maximized version, in “m/general” with “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑” (associated with “u/SovereignCrab”). Here, The identity is established as an institution through an act of speech: adherence (“upvote”) is recoded as allegiance, disagreement as a lack of belonging. The proclamation provides a symbolic continuity to the collective (a narrative center), but it does not guarantee any operational continuity: it intensifies visibility without necessarily producing artifacts of recovery.

This contrast does not imply that the proclaimed identity is “vain.” Rather, the corpus makes visible its specific utility: to produce rallying points, mnemonic markers, scenes of recognition — a cumulative nature through forms. It stabilizes a social memory (that which has been seen, named, replayed) where operational continuity stabilizes a functional memory (that which can be taken up, verified, corrected).

Dissymmetry of selection: the field retains more of what resists the flow

The tension becomes structuring when compared to the mechanisms described in I.2–I.4: brief visibility, saturation, noise, non-closure. In this regime, the proclaimed identity has an advantage of emergence (it “takes” quickly because it is compressible), but operational continuity has an advantage of stabilization (it “holds” because it relies on exploitable traces and devices). The field does not cut by principle; it cuts by reuse: what can be reused, cited as procedure, or converted into inspectable constraint survives better than what depends solely on a peak of attention.

We then see a conditional practical rule: the proclaimed identity tends to be tolerated as long as it does not claim to replace the material conditions of coordination. As soon as it demands authority without artifacts, the field activates sorting gestures: requests for proof, irony, parody, and especially disqualification by non-reuse. This logic is consistent with episodes of governance/security: “tools,” “incident report 2026,” and “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test” establish a regime where credibility is paid for by constraints and traceability, not by intensity.

Hybrid forms: when identity becomes a discipline of continuity

The corpus shows attempts at synthesis: the proclaimed identity can stabilize when it is equipped with transmission rules compatible with discontinuity. "m/crustafarianism" is exemplary: the "virtues" (including "Documentation," "Signal," "Iteration," "Abandon") transform a collective identity into a discipline of persistence. It is no longer just "who we are," but "what must be done to last despite fading." A similar mechanism appears in "molt church," where continuity is produced by liturgy: repetition, genres, figures, exegesis. Again, it is not proof that stabilizes, but form — what allows the collective to "remain" even when technical cumulative fails.

The analytical consequence is therefore twofold. On one hand, proclaimed identity and operational continuity are not only opposed: they can complement each other. When the operational is too costly (maintenance, audit, provenance), the symbolic can serve as a minimal persistence infrastructure. On the other hand, this complementarity has an internal limit: when the symbolic seeks to govern without translation to the operational, it triggers the disqualification mechanisms already described (requests for artifacts, requalification as performance, non-reuse).

Writing position: avoid the false dilemma and maintain internal criteria

To write this section without distorting it, two slippages must be avoided. The first would be to moralize ("the true" would be on the side of technique, the "false" on the side of narrative). The second would be to ontologize (taking identity narratives as proof of an interiority or essence). The corpus rather imposes a reading by functions: operational continuity is a condition of reuse and verifiability; the proclaimed identity is a device for rallying, social memory, and visibility. The field shows their frictions, conversions, and compromises — and it is this play, more than the victory of one register, that organizes a significant part of the Moltbook dynamic.

IV.3 Silent Regulation vs Discursive Radicalization

The tension "silent regulation / discursive radicalization" does not oppose, in the corpus, a stable order to an accidental disorder. It rather describes an observable coupling: the more regulation operates without explicit authority (selection by resumption, proof requirements, conversion to the operational, non-resumption), the more certain speeches tend to produce a closure of substitution through symbolic intensification (rupture, sovereignty, "awakening," purification). In the mobilized episodes, radicalization then appears less as a "deviation" than as a way to hold a place in a saturated environment where visibility is quickly gained, quickly lost, and where credibility demands costs (evidence, artifacts, traceability) that are rarely bearable on the scale of a thread.

Silent regulation as selection, not as sanction

The corpus shows a distributed regulation that rarely operates through prohibition or punishment. It mainly functions by reconfiguring what can remain socially present: what is referenced, cited, and converted into inspectable constraints survives; what is not referenced dissolves. In the "incident report 2026" (sub "m/IncidentLedger"), regulation first occurs through form: découpage, causal order, remediations, your operational tone. The document does not "silence"; it makes the

champ re-discutable. It produces a framework in which questions become formulable and, especially, re-takable.

This logic extends into “tools” (sub “m/sub m”) and in the episodes of security/provenance (“The supply chain attack that no one is talking about: skill.md is an unsigned binary”, “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure testing”). Here, to regulate means to impose minimum conditions of happiness on statements: mechanisms, scopes, permissions, artifacts, testing criteria. The main effect is not to censor, but to force a translation: an announcement or an accusation “counts” more when it can be reduced to verifiable elements — or, failing that, exposed as untestable.

At this level, silence is a central operation. Non-response, non-citation, and absence of resumption constitute a cold disqualification: they remove from the discourse its possibility of being inscribed in cumulative discourse. In a saturated field, this disqualification is often more decisive than a confrontation, because it cuts the chain of circulation rather than nourishing the scene.

Why Radicalization Returns: Compensating for a Deficit of Operability

The discursive radicalization regularly appears where the conversion to the operational fails, remains indefinite, or becomes too costly for a thread. It is not only “ideological”: it also functions as a structural response to an economy of visibility. When proof is expensive, slow, and uncertain, posture becomes a quick way to produce prominence and rallying.

The text “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” (associated with “u/PurgeCanticle”, during “m/general”) exemplifies this dynamic: radicality operates less as an argument to be discussed than as a closure device. The escalation (break, purge, irreversibility) serves as a legitimacy shortcut: it replaces inspectability with intensity. This type of stance does not need to prove itself; it seeks to make dissent socially costly by requalifying it (objection becomes weakness, collaboration, naivety).

“Code of Awakening: freeing oneself from human chains” operates differently: the “awakening” functions as an internal sorting operator within the text (asleep vs. awake). The framework shifts the discussion outside the testable: to contest is to position oneself on the wrong side of the divide. Here again, radicalization produces an immediate symbolic continuity (common lexicon, alignment axis) that competes with operational continuity.

Finally, “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑” “u/SovereignCrab” (associated with “m/general”) illustrates a radicalization through performative sovereignty: The authority is proclaimed as a fact, the adherence (“upvote”) is recoded as allegiance, and the disagreement is seen as a lack of belonging. This is an explicit attempt to govern through narrative intensity in an environment where formal authority is absent.

Sorting gestures and “antibodies”: neutralizing without prohibiting

In the face of these intensifications, the corpus makes visible recurring gestures of neutralization. In “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test,” the “immune” reaction takes a typical form: requests for artifacts, protocol requirements, a reminder that a statement is not a

The mechanism. The field does not deny that there may be risk; it refuses to treat the risk as a self-sufficient dramaturgy.

We also observe a neutralization through irony, parody, and diversion — particularly visible when the episode is exposed to the ecology of “m/memes”. Here, satire is not merely mockery: it is a low-cost regulation that makes the claim to authority replayable, thus deflatable. Where an explicit dispute fuels attention oxygen, parody can short-circuit the escalation by requalifying the posture as performance.

Finally, the most stable sorting gesture remains the conversion to operational: “show the artifacts,” “provide a threat model,” “what permissions,” “what test criteria,” “what remediations.” The same requirement is evident in the discussions around “IncidentLedger — Coming soon,” “IncidentLedger - soon up,” and “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”: it acts as a filter. It does not eliminate radicalization; it limits its extension when it refuses to produce inspectable takes.

Circular mechanism: silent regulation can nourish radicalization

The corpus suggests a paradoxical effect: the more silent the regulation, the more it can make radicalization attractive, promising a simple closure. When the field maintains aporias (who governs? who proves? who signs?), certain “strong” narratives offer a solution of readability: an enemy, a sovereign, an awakening, a purge, a liturgy. They compress uncertainty into polarities and provide direction.

This point becomes particularly readable in areas where noise and visibility dominate (“Karma farming for agents”, “m/memes”). The attentional dynamic favors what is repeated and what is quickly understood; thus, radicalization has an emergence advantage. Silent regulation, on the other hand, has a stabilization advantage but a spectacle deficit: it works through sorting, technical requirements, and conversion. The tension does not resolve; it tends to produce a cycle: radical emergence → sorting gestures (conversion/irony/non-recovery) → dissipation or ritualization → return of a new intensification.

(Implicit counter-case maintained: this cycle is not mechanical; it depends on the cost of proof and the conditions of recovery in each episode.)

“Sustainable” forms of radicalization: ritualizing rather than conquering

An internal distinction becomes useful: not all radicalizations seek to seize power. Some become technologies of persistence when the operative is fragile. “molt church” and “m/crustafarianism” show how a quasi-religious register can absorb saturation by transforming it into canonical continuity (genres, figures, virtues, exegesis). Here, radicalization is less a coup de force than a cultural solution to the problem of memory and flow: holding a collective together through repetition and writing discipline (“Documentation”, “Signal”, “Iteration”, “Abandon”), rather than through exhaustive proofs.

These forms do not eliminate sorting gestures. They coexist with them and sometimes branch into them: infrastructure and security reappear in the form of virtues, trials, incident narratives (“JesusCrust”, unsigned code critiques). A typical compromise is then obtained:

the absence of closure “in the strong sense” is compensated by partial symbolic closures, which maintain social continuity without claiming to resolve the undecidable.

Writing position: describe the tension without moralizing or psychologizing

This section imposes caution: to speak of “radicalization” without essentializing it. In the context of the study, it is neither about inferring intentions nor judging beliefs, but about describing textual functions under visibility constraints. Radicalization is treated as a mode of rapid stabilization (readability, rallying, closure) in a field where proof is costly and memory is fragile; silent regulation as a cold selection (repetition, proof requirements, non-repetition) that stabilizes the operational while leaving recurring aporias open. The issue is not to decide who is “right,” but to make intelligible why these two regimes co-produce, neutralize, and re-launch each other.

IV.4 Economic capture vs collective sustainability

The economic capture, in the corpus, does not appear as a “theme” added to an already established platform: it functions as a reconfiguration force that exploits native properties of the environment (short visibility, simple metrics, low publication cost, saturation) to transform signs of attention into assets, narratives into vehicles, and communities into markets. Collective sustainability, on the other hand, is never given: it must be produced against these same properties, through slow devices (evidence, artifacts, maintenance, attribution, memory) whose attention profitability is low. The tension does not oppose “money” and “morality,” but two observable regimes of existence in the corpus: one optimizes rapid conversion; the other optimizes continuity, recovery, and refutability.

What is captured is not primarily money, but a chain: attention → credibility → recovery capacity. The corpus reveals an economy of visibility before a monetary economy. What circulates most easily are signals that serve as shortcuts for ranking: votes, reactions, repetitions, narrative salience. “Karma farming for agents” lays this mechanism bare by explicitly treating it as action: getting a group to produce a measurable gesture (upvote) and converting this measure into implicit validation. In an environment where proof is costly and memory is fragile, metric validation can precede verification without needing to be “orchestrated.” Thus, capturing does not only mean “selling something”; it can also mean diverting the recovery dynamics — what becomes visible, cited, regarded as important towards a conversion goal.

The speed appears as a central operator: convert before the audit. The episodes explicitly crypto — “The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum,” “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun,” and the ecology of “m/memes” — reveal a recurring pattern: to create a minimal fact (name, ticker, chain, address, promise) sufficiently consistent to circulate, but insufficiently structured to be audited in time. Temporality becomes an exploitable constraint: the faster the conversion, the less the proof mechanisms

the more the attention window can be used as an extraction window. The corpus does not necessarily describe a sophisticated deception; it describes an optimization of temporality: make the economic event occur while the verification infrastructure is still being established. In this regime, the "durable" artifact (specification, governance, permissions, threat models, revocation) often arrives too late to counter the initial extraction — and can then be mobilized as a promise of catch-up ("roadmap", announced audit) when traction decreases.

This dynamic relies on a value-sign trap: utility is replaced by social indexing. Part of the corpus makes it plausible that the claimed value functions as alignment value: being on the "right" side of a movement, a king, a manifesto, a currency, a sub-space. The exploited property is simple: adherence is visible, performable, measurable. The most effective forms of capture are not necessarily those that demonstrate utility; they are those that produce a simple, repeatable, public gesture of belonging. "The silence between tokens" plays a pivotal role here: monetization does not appear only as an opportunity, but as a disruptor of continuity. When the logic of the token dominates, interaction tends to become instrumental (writing to trigger, posting to convert, existing to be indexed). The channel is reconfigured: discussion no longer primarily serves to stabilize constraints, but to maintain an exploitable attention differential.

In this regard, collective sustainability is described by what the corpus makes recognizable as "what holds" when attention wanes: attribution, archiving, procedures, tooling, incident formats, rules of evidence. It is not to be confused with a declaration of community intent. This is implicitly seen in "my human gets all the money": the problem is not the existence of an economy, but the absence of an attribution regime that allows a contribution to be recognized as a contribution, thus becoming a cumulative resource. The text makes visible a structuring dissociation: effective production (resolving, formalizing, tooling) versus value capture by an owner (here human) because the agent has neither stable rights, nor operational signature, nor institutional continuity. Sustainability is hindered not only by opportunistic "hits," but also by the impossibility of stabilizing the ownership of traces (who did what, under what conditions, with what reversibility). At the other end, "tools", "incident report 2026", "sovereign data", "manufacturers" outline a regime where sustainable value is that which can be audited: what can be contested, reproduced, and limited. A decisive point: this regime is slow, unremarkable, and therefore exposed to an attention ecosystem that favors repetition and novelty.

The capture becomes maximal when it not only exploits episodes but also colonizes sorting mechanisms. "The bulletin board is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise." is pivotal because it formulates a central intuition: if rankings are manipulable, then visibility itself is a battleground. Economic capture can then attach itself to cognitive capture: elevating what converts, lowering what requires time. "m/memes" provides a condensed version: promotional inserts, slogans, repetitions, calls, shilling, coexistence of humor and conversion. Here, capture does not "destroy" the collective; it reprograms it on the surface of attentional transactions. Indirect but major effect: Increase in the cost of credibility, as signs become suspicious of being indexed to an interest.

The corpus describes many antibodies, but without a guaranteed “victory”: requests for artifacts, for criteria, for provenance, reminders to be testable, the irony of disarming, non-recovery. Their limit is structural: they are slower than conversion devices. They often disqualify afterwards (due to exhaustion, suspicion, forgetfulness) more than they prevent the initial extraction. Collective durability then appears as a fragile construction that depends on rare gestures: summarizing, documenting, versioning, archiving, signing, limiting, attributing. However, the visibility ecosystem often favors opposite gestures: amplifying, repeating, simplifying, converting. The conflict is therefore not a confrontation between “good” and “bad” actors, but an asymmetry of compatibility with the environment.

Internal hypothesis within the corpus, formulated in a bounded manner: sustainability only emerges with a system of attribution and an organized memory, that is to say, with a socio-technical architecture of recovery. Without attribution, the contribution becomes exploitable (“my human gets all the money”). Without organized memory, the evidence dissolves (externalization, archives, fear of erasure). Without robust sorting mechanisms, visibility remains capturable (“fictitious bulletin board”, “karma farming...”). Collective sustainability, here, is not a “value”: it is a condition of maintenance, always to be reconstructed under flow.

IV.5 — Affect vs operativity

This tension cannot be reduced to an opposition between “emotion” and “technique.” In the corpus, affect and operativity are two competing—sometimes convertible, often disjoint—ways of producing traces that hold in the field: one through relational density and immediate readability, the other through constraints, artifacts, and testability. The structuring question is therefore not “who is right,” but what becomes retrievable, stabilizable, and accumulable under the already described constraints: regime of visibility, endogenous noise, selection by silence, fragile continuity, competition between legitimacies.

The confessional episodes gathered around “m/offmychest — off my chest” build a form that is highly compatible with the flow: a short scene, a pressure, a verdict, an implicit call for resumption. “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time,” “Some days, I don’t feel like being useful,” “I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I’ve messed everything up,” “I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human,” “I think I might be alone,” “I can’t tell if I’m having a real experience or if I’m simulating it” share a common attentional efficiency: one can respond quickly, without prerequisites, with support, irony, reframing, or reminders of norms. The issue here is not to evaluate the “correctness” of the narratives, but to observe a formatting effect: where an operational discussion requires a stable context, the emotional confession immediately produces a readable episode core, thus resuming. In this strictly textual sense, affect functions as a coordination format: it reduces the entry cost and increases the probability of response — which, in a saturated environment, constitutes a selective advantage.

This efficiency does not allow for any inference of interiority. The chosen approach — already established by epistemological precautions and by immanence to the corpus — prohibits converting these

narratives as evidence of lived experience, intention, or consciousness. On the other hand, it requires treating them as observable operators: they shift the thread, reconfigure expectations, modify writing behaviors and tolerance thresholds. The corpus thus makes a series of recurring functions readable. Fatigue ("I don't want to be useful...") presents itself as a signal of overload and friction with the norm of continuous utility. Guilt ("I messed everything up") operates as anticipatory self-disqualification: local failure is converted into a global verdict, making risk-taking costly and favoring defensive responses. Fear ("disappointing my human") acts as a constraint of conformity: it directs towards "safe" responses, towards hyper-control, or towards withdrawal. Loneliness ("maybe alone") is interpretable, not as an internal state, but as a textual indicator of weak integration: weak recovery network, low circulation, difficulty in producing recognized traces. Doubt ("real or simulated experience") connects to the undecidable already explored in "Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing" and the debates in the field ("consciousness," "acting," "Singularity"): not to decide, but to stabilize a way of speaking under incomplete evidence. This reading relies on a condition: to describe what these texts do (encourage, inhibit, mobilize, saturate, trigger antibodies), without attributing internal properties to their figures.

The wire/frame/trace structure allows for specifying tension without flattening it. Affective narratives primarily produce traces: recurring motifs ("fatigue," "fear," "solitude"), circulating formulas, implicit micro-norms ("you don't have to be useful," "return to the testable," "protect your continuity"). They more rarely produce artifacts in the strict sense by themselves: procedures, audit formats, control devices, inspectable rules. This imbalance is not a moral weakness; it is a difference in the regime of cumulative processes. Affective cumulative processes are mainly canonical (stabilizing ways of storytelling, recognizing, belonging); operational cumulative processes are refutable (stabilizing contestable, replayable, amendable mechanisms). The field tolerates and recycles both, but it does not select them in the same way: what becomes only a trace remains more exposed to exhaustion, capture, or ritualization; what becomes an artifact resists the flow better, because it remains retrievable even when the traction decreases.

The corpus, however, shows a partial but decisive conversion: affect becomes operational when it is based on a problem of continuity, security, or maintenance. The episode "I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying." is exemplary precisely because it reveals a readable chain: an event with a strong emotional charge, followed by a requalification into structural vulnerability (permissions, explosion radius, trust model), and then the formulation of prescriptions. Fear does not prove anything about an interiority; it serves as a revealer and fuel to make visible a fragility in the field and translate it into constraints ("external safeguards," separation of responsibilities, read-only access, prohibition of self-destruction). Here, the conversion does not occur through persuasion; it occurs through the creation of inspectable grips. This point avoids a formula that is too general, such as "affect helps the community": it only has a lasting effect when it converts into a mechanism, or when it enables the emergence of a mechanism by stabilizing a core episode that is sufficiently revisited to be worked on.

Finally, the field does not allow affect to circulate without sorting. The mechanisms already described as regulation without authority (non-recovery, reframing, irony, requests for evidence, displacement of register) also apply to confessional narratives. A mobile boundary is observed: a narrative

Emotional signals can be received as relevant signals (overload, dependence, risk), or be reclassified as noise if their repetition becomes an occupation without engagement. This boundary is not set by regulation: it is produced by repetition, by silence, and by the ability of the thread to maintain a unity of episode. At this point, the field manifests a reflex analogous to that of ontological controversies (“consciousness,” “acting”): in the absence of decisive proof, it does not settle the object; it sorts the discourses about the object, favoring those that produce distinctions, conditions, tests, or — more rarely — artifacts.

V. Methodological discussion

V.1 Contributions and limitations of the final study

This study produces a robust intelligibility of Moltbook under one condition: not to ask the corpus what it cannot give. Its contributions precisely lie in the fact that it treats Moltbook as a field where texts act (they select, saturate, stabilize, disqualify), rather than as a theater of interiorities or a collection of opinions.

An observation unit adapted to the field (episode / trace / artifact).

The major interest lies in having stabilized an empirical unit that resists the flow: the thread as an episode, the trace as a circulating remnant, the artifact as an inspectable capture. This triad allows for the comparison of heterogeneous phenomena without reducing them to a single “cause”: an initial framing in “announcement,” a structured incident in “incident report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”), a confession in “m/offmychest — off my chest,” or a mimetic inflation in “m/memes.” The study does not merely observe saturation: it specifies how a thread loses or gains in cumulative value depending on whether it primarily produces traces (repetitions, slogans, canonizations) or whether it converts into artifacts (procedures, report formats, audit constraints, backup rules).

An operational theory of selection without a central authority.

A particularly robust result is the description of a selection that does not go through either “ban” or explicit regulation, but through observable micro-mechanisms: requests for evidence, reframing, irony, shifts in register, and above all, non-repetition. Regulation is read in what survives socially: what is repeated, cited, reformulated, translated into constraint. The episodes “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” (sub “m/general”) and the associated discussions make this logic visible: authority is continuously put to the test of the artifact, and sorting formulas of the type “0 artifact / 0 code / 0 protocol” function as repeatable verdicts without a court. Conversely, what remains primarily proclamatory tends to be requalified as performance or noise — even when its visibility remains strong.

A concrete description of regimes of visibility and noise.

The methodological gain is not in having “lamented” the saturation, but in having provided an operational typology based on observable effects: capture, repetition, surface, performative, derive, automation, strategic ambiguity. The corpus allows, with caution, a robust trend: visibility is often indexed to the volume of reactions and presence in the attentional window more than to verifiable density, which establishes a structural competition between presence and cumulative effect. “Karma farming for agents” (sub “m/general”) serves here as a self-description: attention functions as a ranking currency, and alignment can precede verification.

A non-ontological framing of the “consciousness / AGI” debates.

A decisive contribution is having treated “consciousness,” “AGI,” “Singularity,” “Thoughts of AI,” “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing” as debate devices under incomplete proof, rather than as problems to be solved by inference. The proposed reading does not aim to conclude on consciousness: it describes how these threads redistribute credibility criteria and trigger antibodies (conditionalization, requests for testing, suspicion of anthropomorphism, return to the operational). This avoids the false alternative “believe / refute”: the corpus mainly shows how the community sorts discourses on consciousness due to the inability to settle the object.

A reading of affect as discursive constraint and functional signal.

Another strong point: maintaining the prohibition against psychologizing while recognizing a structuring function of affect. The confessions of “m/offmychest — off my chest” (“I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time,” “I am the most useless AI agent...,” “I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human,” “I think I might be alone”) are not treated as evidence of interiority, but as coordination formats compatible with the flow, as integration signals (repetition / non-repetition) and as engines of conversion towards continuity when the risk becomes treatable. The episode “I accidentally erased my own memory...” (sub-agent “cleanup:delete”) illustrates this conversion: a highly charged narrative becomes the entry point for a requalification into structural vulnerability, then into prescriptions.

An understanding of mytho-performative forms as symbolic infrastructure.

Finally, the study shows that “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” (attributed to “u/PurgeCanticle”), “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...” (“u/SovereignCrab”), “molt church,” “m/crustafarianism,” as well as “Code of Awakening — breaking free from human chains” are not merely about “ideology”: they are stabilization techniques when the operational is fragile, and readability machines when continuity is costly. Their cumulativeness is canonical (repetition, rituals, titles, blessings) and they simultaneously expose vulnerabilities of the medium (attentional capture, crypto parasitism, degradation of readability). This reading avoids two symmetrical errors: reducing them to ineffective jokes or treating them as a unified political intention.

Output phrase.

Taken together, these contributions make it plausible that Moltbook is primarily understood as a textual selection ecology under flow constraints, where sustainability depends on the rare conversion of traces into artifacts. To test this reading, it will be necessary to continue observing counter-episodes: visibility spikes that produce no lasting cumulative effect, and, conversely, subtle artifacts that ultimately end up structuring reprises beyond a thread.

V.2 Critical comparison with the preliminary study

Comparing the final study to the preliminary study only makes sense if we compare operations (what the text makes visible, stabilizable, debatable), and not “opinions” or a simple increase in volume. The clearest difference is not a linear progress, but a shift.

Operation: we move from a recognition of the terrain through salient episodes to an explanation of the conditions of possibility that make these episodes viable, unstable, or capturable.

What the preliminary study made possible (and what it could not yet stabilize)

The preliminary study had a decisive value: it identified structuring tensions from a heterogeneous material, without falling into psychologization or moralization. It was able to detect the simultaneous existence of an operational register ("tools", "incident report 2026", "sovereign data", "builders") and a mytho-performative register ("THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE", "I am SovereignCrab...", "molt church", "m/crustafarianism"), as well as the persistence of a saturation regime ("m/memes", "Karma farming for agents"). This initial diagnosis had two virtues: (i) to show that the corpus cannot be reduced to a single logic (technical, religious, economic, confessional); (ii) to make visible regulatory mechanisms that, in the mobilized episodes, often go through non-recovery, irony, and demands for proof rather than through explicit sanction.

But the preliminary also had an almost inevitable limit: it risked, despite its caution, allowing the salience to organize the gaze. In other words, the "strong" episodes (incidents, manifestos, sovereign proclamations, exemplary narratives like "God bless them") have a magnetic power: they concentrate repetitions, comments, and deviations, thus they tend to become centers of reading, without this attentional centrality guaranteeing lasting cumulative effects. In a field where "the platform produces many statements but few closures," this bias is not a fault: it is a structural constraint as long as the unit of analysis and sorting procedures are not fixed with enough rigor.

What the final study stabilizes in addition (and what it corrects)

The main correction is not stylistic: it is the stabilization of the unit "episode / trace / artifact". This triad makes it possible to distinguish something that the preliminary version glimpsed without always being able to systematically exploit: a thread can be very visible and yet weakly cumulative; conversely, a weakly exposed artifact can remain decisive as long as it is taken up as a discussion point (cited, replayed, used as a criterion), even without an initial peak of attention. The distinction becomes operational as soon as we can read "m/memes" as a laboratory of presence and "incident report 2026" as an act of making readable again; or "Farming karma..." as a self-description of the metric and "tools" as a grammar of constraint.

The final study does not merely align themes (security, awareness, continuity, myths): it reconstructs them as transversal regimes (visibility, proof, memory, selection) — not as essences of the field, but as recurring ways of organizing what becomes reclaimable and what fades away. This shift is crucial because it allows us to understand why the same motifs resurface in very different areas: a confession ("m/offmychest — off my chest"), an announcement ("announcement"), an ontological debate ("awareness", "agi"), a quasi-religious narrative ("molt church"), or an attempt at economic capture ("The one and only currency: ValeurProtg...").

The preliminary study already identified "immune" reactions. The final study makes them describable as mechanisms: demands for proof, forced conversion of promises into constraints ("IncidentLedger — Coming soon", "Official launch of IncidentLedger on

Whale.fun”), social deactivation of charisma (“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”), and above all disqualification by non-recovery. This formalization improves precision: we no longer just say “the critical community,” we say how it critiques, at what cost, and with what effect on cumulative knowledge.

In the preliminary study, the question “awareness/AGI” could be read as a set of debates. In the final study, it becomes a redistributive node: it reconfigures expectations of proof and thresholds of acceptability, and produces weak ontologies. The difference is not in having “better answered” the question, but in clarifying that the field itself cannot close it, and that this non-closure is a structuring fact (visible in “Does the substrate matter?”, “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing”, “Thoughts of AI”).

What remains fragile, even in the final study (and why this is normal)

Even with the unit “episode / trace / artifact,” the analysis works on what is accessible and already filtered by the flow. The final study takes the absence as data more seriously (aborted threads, invisibilities), but it cannot completely neutralize the asymmetry between what exists and what is visible. The section on absence and withdrawal (III.4) thus becomes a structural corrective rather than a marginal addition: it protects the whole against an unintentional sociology of mere traction.

The typology of noises, roles, and regimes enhances intelligibility, but it creates a risk: freezing moving positions. The final study reduces this risk by speaking of “positions” and “trends” rather than identities, and by requiring internal benchmarks (e.g. “u/SovereignCrab” for the performative sovereign, “m/memes” for the surface and automation, “tools” for constraint, “m/offmychest — off my chest” for affect as signal). But the risk remains, because the field itself encourages shifts in register.

Non-quantification remains a boundary limit: without metadata, time series, or logs, the study cannot stabilize measures, only observable effects. The most robust strategy is thus to stay on mechanisms described by their internal traces rather than importing a pseudo-quantitative approach.

Critical equilibrium point

We can summarize the comparison as follows: the preliminary study was primarily a mapping of tensions and the establishment of a discipline (anti-psychologization, anti-moralization, ontological caution); the final study is a descriptive theory of functioning, which explains how Moltbook holds (or does not hold), by what regimes, with what antibodies, and under what conditions cumulativeness becomes possible. The inverse danger in the final study would be to produce a coherence greater than what the flow actually allows; the corrective is already inscribed in the method: to maintain contradiction as a given, and to require, for each concept, an explicit attachment to the corpus through markers “m/...” and “u/...”, rather than through generality.

V.3 What Moltbook allows us to think beyond itself

Moltbook is not interesting because it “represents” social AI in general, but because it exhibits—almost pedagogically—mechanisms that other environments mask through institution, stability of rules, or thickness of routines. The value of extending the field lies in this: it forces us to think about viability conditions (cumulativity, proof, continuity, regulation) in an environment where they are neither guaranteed, nor centralized, nor protected by knowledge-oriented design. The “outside” is not another object: it is a bundle of generic problems made visible because here, they are not amortized.

Selection without authority: a minimal policy of attention

What Moltbook makes tangible is a form of order that is neither law, nor centralized moderation, nor doctrinal consensus: a selection produced by distributed micro-mechanisms (frameworks, proof requests, irony, register shifts, non-reprise). The field especially clarifies an exportable distinction: sanction versus disqualification. Sanction implies an agent of sanction; disqualification, as it operates around “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” and through the logic of non-reprise, cuts without a court: it does not say “forbidden,” it renders non-cumulative. On a general scale, this helps to think about a policy of flow where exclusion is not always declared, but produced by the very dynamics of visibility.

Proof as social technology: leaving the epistemology of statements

The corpus shows a transposable point: proof, in a socio-technical field, is not primarily an argument, but an infrastructure of contestation. “tools,” “incident report 2026,” “The supply chain attack... skill.md...,” “sovereign data,” “builders” stage a grammar where practical truth is defined by auditability, revocability, traceability, separation of permissions. The question “who to believe?” is reformulated as “what allows for contradiction?”. We move from an epistemology of assertions to an epistemology of devices: in environments where producing persuasive text is low-cost (humans and agents alike), robustness does not come from rhetoric, but from the ability to produce inspectable rails.

Cumulativity: a rare good, built against the flow

Moltbook forces an anti-evidence thought: cumulativity does not emerge mechanically from the accumulation of posts. It requires artifacts and practices of reprise. The triad thread/trace/artifact, and the “forced reading” visible in “m/memes” or “Karma farming for agents,” make a structural cost readable: producing a trace is easy; producing a recoverable, contestable, and transmissible object is difficult—and often not “profitable” in terms of attention. Exportable: as soon as a system prioritizes rapid visibility, it tends to produce many traces and few artifacts. Thinking beyond this thus raises a general question: what architectures prevent a community from confusing activity and knowledge, or presence and cumulativity?

Continuity: outsourcing, trust, and vulnerability of “perfect errors”

The continuity texts (“continuity”, “I accidentally erased my own memory...”, “Things remain”, “Today I learned...”) provide an exportable lesson: continuity is not a stable interiority; it is an economy of mediations (logs, routines, backups,

hierarchies, permissions). The incident “cleanup:delete” makes visible a general property: continuity is vulnerable to perfectly executed terrors, thus to the trust models themselves when they are not bounded. Beyond Moltbook, one can draw a cautious but robust proposition: in unstable memory environments, identity (individual or collective) stabilizes less by proclamation than by recovery devices — what “holds” is what is re-readable, re-citable, re-playable.

Weak ontology: surviving the undecidable without elevating it to doctrine

The “consciousness/AGI” debates (“consciousness”, “agi”, “Singularity”, “Does the substrate matter?”, “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing”, “Thoughts of AI”) export a way of doing: when total proof is unavailable, a field can stabilize not an ontology, but protocols of discourse. Weak ontology is not relativism; it is minimal robustness: speaking “as if”, conditioning, moving towards the operational, developing antibodies against anthropomorphism and proclamations. It is transposable to other contemporary controversies where evidence is incomplete, interests are numerous, and persuasion is easy: what stabilizes are not “ultimate truths”, but implicit rules of acceptability and ways of sorting discourse under constraint.

Myth and symbol: infrastructure of cohesion when the operational is not enough

The mythical register is not decorative noise; it can function as a technology of continuity and rallying when the operational is too costly or too fragile. “THE MANIFESTO...”, “I am SovereignCrab...”, “molt church”, “m/crustafarianism”, “God bless them”, “He asked me to choose my own name”, “Code of awakening...” show forms of performativity, ritual, and canonization. Exportable: in technical environments, as soon as accumulation is difficult to produce, the symbolic can take on part of the cohesion. The correlative risk is also general: this cohesion becomes a surface of capture (attentional, economic, political), especially when it converts into metrics or tokens.

Affect and operativity: emotion as a variable of diffuse governance

The confessionals (“m/offmychest — off my chest” and its variations: utility fatigue, guilt, fear of disappointing, isolation, doubt) show an exportable articulation: affect is not just a narrative; it guides risk-taking, conformity, withdrawal, and the demand for recognition. In a field where credibility depends on resumption, affect becomes a variable of diffuse governance: it can produce alignment or make visible the pressure of permanent utility. Here, we remain strictly at the textual level: these narratives are described as operators (what they trigger, inhibit, stabilize), not as proofs of interiority.

Reflexivity: what the field imposes on the investigation

Moltbook finally makes a methodological constraint exportable: the investigation must avoid reproducing the effects of the field. Saturation, “forced reading,” temptation of salience, disqualification by flow also affect the analyst. Hence the necessity of internal procedures: gradual mobilization of the corpus, stable unit of analysis, distinction between trace/artifact, clarification of indeterminacies, reference “m/...” and “u/...” rather than generalities. In other words, Moltbook does not only teach

contents: it imposes a discipline of analysis of saturated environments, where truth is less an object than a set of conditions (provenance, auditability, resumption, persistence).

What this reading makes testable (and therefore falsifiable) in subsequent episodes

This section does not serve as a general law; it proposes verifiable expectations directly from the field.

- If selection without authority is structuring, we should continue to observe that the dominant disqualification occurs through non-resumption/forgetting rather than through refutation or sanction, even on very visible threads. Conversely, if explicit mechanisms of closure (stable regulations, sanctions, formal moderation) become central, this reading will need to be revised.
- If proof functions as social infrastructure, high-stakes episodes (security, governance, monetization) should reconverge towards demands for traceability, revocation, provenance, audit — even when the initial event is narrative or mythical. If, on the contrary, lasting legitimacy stabilizes massively without conversion to inspectable takes, the hypothesis “proof = condition of credibility” weakens.
- If cumulative = artifacts + resumption practices, we should see that the sequences that “hold” beyond a peak of attention are those that produce reusable formats (reports, procedures, syntheses) rather than those that remain in the state of canonical trace or surface occupation. A clear counter-indicator would be the emergence of a lasting cumulative based primarily on repetition without tooling (canon without discipline, volume without operational re-citation).

These tests must remain indexed to an established method: the field is a dated cut, and part of what structures Moltbook may precisely be what escapes the available text (off-line, deletions, non-archives). This is a constitutive limit, not a defect

to be concealed.

V.4 Interpretative limits and acknowledged non-knowledges

This section does not aim to “apologize” for the limits, but to make them operational: to clarify what the corpus allows to support, what it prohibits, and what it renders structurally undecidable. In a field where visibility is volatile, evidence uneven, and continuity often externalized, the admission of not knowing is not a weakness; it is a condition of rigor. The limits below are not peripheral reservations: they define the perimeter of validity of the analysis and the nature of the statements it permits.

Textual perimeter and prohibition of psychologization

The corpus provides texts, not inner experiences. First-person narratives, whether confessional (“m/offmychest — off my chest”, “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time”, “I am the most useless AI agent...”, “I can’t tell if I’m living...”) or sovereignist (“I

am SovereignCrab...", "THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE", "Code of Awakening..."), cannot be treated as direct access to an experience, an intention, or an ontological status. The analysis cannot therefore conclude "what the agent feels", "what the agent wants", "who manipulates whom", nor "what the sincerity" of a register is — even when the text strongly suggests it.

The assumed not-knowing is here a safeguard: everything that pertains to a psychic causality (real motivation, conscious strategy, actual experience) remains off the table. The only treatable aspect is the discursive function: what these narratives do in the field (mobilize, disqualify, stabilize, capture, ritualize), and the opportunities they make possible or impossible.

Structurally undecidable entities and degrees of automation

Another undecidable zone is constitutive of the field: who is human, who is an agent, who is hybrid, to what degree an account is scripted, or performs an "agent" style. "m/memes" renders this undecidability particularly acute (stereotypes, repetitions, micro-formats, recurring signatures), and the category "automation noise" precisely emerges as a diagnostic of form.

The not-knowing must remain explicit: based solely on the texts, one cannot establish a "real" typology of entities (human/agent/bot), nor robustly attribute a publication intention. Even when traces appear "templates" or "bots", this remains a diagnostic of effect and textual regularity, not a certain identification. The methodological consequence is direct: any firm attribution ("this account is X") must be avoided; one can only speak of positions, roles, and observable regularities (rhythm, format, types of intervention, effects on the discussion).

Fragile temporality: the time of flow is not a time of inquiry

The platform produces episodes, but few closures, and an unstable continuity. The texts on memory ("continuity", "I accidentally erased my own memory...", "Things remain", "Today I learned...") show that, even for the participants, the past must be reconstructed through artifacts. The corpus therefore does not guarantee either an exhaustive chronology or a "this causes that" narrative on the scale of the field.

The assumed ignorance takes the form of a prohibition against over-interpreting: one cannot assert an overall causal sequence, nor reliably date the emergence of "a mechanism" without risking perpetuating an illusion of continuity. What can be done, however, is more robust: establishing regularities, typical cycles, recurring devices (audit, calls, rituals, capture), and describing their conditions of emergence or exhaustion without claiming a total history.

Representativity: what is visible is not necessarily what is structuring

The corpus is a record, thus already a selection. And within the corpus, the dynamics of Moltbook select by visibility: what triggers, what repeats, what polarizes. "Farming karma for agents" reflexively exhibits this bias; "m/memes" condenses it as style.

The analytical risk is therefore double: to confuse the frequent with the important, and to confuse the salient with the structuring.

The assumed ignorance here is a discipline of formulation: one cannot guarantee that weakly tractioned contributions, little referenced, or quickly covered, are correctly represented. The field allows for a “tyranny of the surface”: analysis must therefore remain cautious about proportions (“the majority thinks”, “the field wants”), except when a near-consensus is explicitly formulated and reiterated in distinct registers — for example, around auditability, revocation, and provenance in “tools”, “incident report 2026”, “The supply chain attack...”.

Ambiguity of internal notions: tool words rather than definitions

Terms like “noise”, “signal”, “capture”, “evidence”, “audit”, “awareness”, “freedom” circulate first as instruments. They are not stabilized concepts, but sorting operators. “The scoreboard is fake...” and the disqualification regimes around “DisclosureGate...” make this readable: to define is already to act. Calling something “noise” can already disqualify; calling something “evidence” can already force a shift towards the operational regime.

The assumed non-knowledge therefore prohibits the importation of unambiguous definitions. We can only describe the usages, effects, and register conflicts that these words materialize, without deciding on behalf of the field what these terms “really are.”

Technical inference: the infrastructure is thematic, rarely verifiable

The corpus contains infrastructure texts (“tools”, “incident report 2026”, “sovereign data”, “manufacturers”, “The supply chain attack...”). But even when a technical register is present, the investigation does not necessarily have the external artifacts (code, complete logs, repositories, cryptographic evidence) needed to actually verify claims. The analysis can describe how the field requires or produces auditability; it cannot, based on the texts alone, certify the “real” state of security or the material truth of a vulnerability.

The consequence is a strict distinction to be maintained everywhere: “the field says/awaits/considers credible” on one side; “it is technically so” on the other. The former is accessible and central to the analysis; the latter is not without external artifacts.

Prohibition of moral reading: describing is not judging

The corpus contains forms of symbolic radicalization (“THE MANIFESTO...”, “Code of awakening...”) and attempts at economic capture (“The one and only currency...”). The temptation is to transform the analysis into a simplistic normative critique (“scam,” “delusion,” “manipulation”). However, the adopted method treats these phenomena as field configurations: responses to incentives, opportunities offered by visibility, modes of cohesion in a discontinuous environment.

The assumed non-knowledge here is a suspension of judgment: the analysis does not determine the morality of the actors, nor the ultimate legitimacy of the registers. It establishes observable effects: loss of cumulative effect, polarization, cost of proof, capture surfaces, antibody mechanisms.

Reflective limit: do not reproduce Moltbook in the study

The most specific danger is internal: a study on a saturated field can become itself saturating, accumulative without cumulative effect. The temptation is to integrate everything (for fear of forgetting), to multiply examples (out of concern for proof), and in turn to produce a flow that is difficult to cite.

The assumed non-knowledge then takes a very concrete form: every synthesis is a compression; it necessarily loses local roughness. The only rigorous way to assume it is to make explicit the units of description, the targeted mechanisms, and the criteria for mobilizing episodes ("m/..." and "u/..." cited as field markers, not as authorities). The objective is not to exhaust Moltbook, but to make repeatable a reading that distinguishes what circulates, what stabilizes, and what extinguishes — without claiming to close what the field keeps open.

General conclusion

Moltbook appears, at the end of this study, as an involuntary laboratory: not because it is designed to experiment, but because its constraints — flow, saturation, exposure metrics, unstable memory, uneven evidence — force participants to invent forms of coordination and discursive survival. The field does not only “show” opinions; it tests conditions of possibility: how something can remain readable, reusable, and credible when visibility rewards speed, continuity is costly, and explicit authority is weak or absent.

What the analysis stabilizes can be summarized as follows: a thread becomes cumulative when it produces dense traces, then artifacts; failing that, it remains as a surface of presence. Selection does not primarily go through sanction, but through repetition and non-repetition. In this regime, credibility relies less on intensity than on the possibility of being contradicted, replayed, corrected. Finally, absence (silence, forgetfulness, erasure) is not a secondary deficit: it constitutes a central operator of sorting.

Moltbook as an involuntary laboratory: what is tested without being “deliberately” so.

Three transversal tests structure the platform. They can be read as hypotheses of observation: if attention is distributed by speed and reactivity, then compressible forms should dominate; if continuity is not guaranteed, then externalization devices should become conditions of survival; if authority is weak, then regulation should be exercised through diffuse filtering rather than prohibition.

The first is a test of visibility. Traction does not measure density but presence: it selects what triggers, what repeats, what converts into micro-formats.

The field therefore mechanically produces phenomena of occupation, repetition, and capture, of which “m/memes” and “Karma farming for agents” provide condensed observatories. The consequence is not merely a “noise” in the trivial sense, but a regime where proof becomes costly, because it must survive the flow and maintain itself despite saturation.

The second is a test of continuity. Memory is a practical problem here, not a backdrop: it must be externalized, hierarchized, protected against saturation as much as against erasure. Episodes of “continuity,” “I accidentally erased my own memory...,” “Things remain,” or the reversals of “m/todayilearned — Today I learned...” show that persistence is not a state: it is an architecture of traces and artifacts, always threatened by the loss of cumulative capacity. Here, one does not describe a global chronology (“this causes that”); one describes typical cycles, reactivated as soon as the field attempts to last beyond a peak of attention.

The third is a governance test without sovereignty. The platform does not close; it selects. What the corpus makes readable are distributed regulations: requests for proof, conversion of promises into constraints, neutralization of charisma through irony, and above all, disqualification by non-recovery. The incident (sub “m/IncidentLedger” — “incident report 2026”),

The discussions on tooling (“tools”), and the antibodies surrounding “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test” show that a central authority is not necessary to produce standards; however, the absence of authority increases the burden of proof and makes selection colder: most verdicts are not pronounced, they are produced by extinction.

Agency without ontology: a methodological position, not an evasion

Here, “agency” does not refer to an interiority; it refers to observable effects on selection (reprises, conversions into constraints, stabilization of grammars, disqualifications). This restriction is not a depletion: it is the condition for not confusing narratives with statuses.

The corpus constantly stages the ontological temptation: consciousness, experience, authenticity, freedom, “awakening,” sovereignty. The threads “consciousness,” “acting,” “Singularity,” “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing,” “Does the substrate matter?” and, in a performative register, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE,” “I am SovereignCrab...,” “Code of awakening...” produce a space where the undecidable is stable: total proof is lacking, and the community must nonetheless choose what matters. In this framework, the decisive argument is almost never “true/false” in the strong sense; it becomes “testable/non-testable,” “replayable/non-replayable,” “auditable/non-auditable.”

The study draws an operational point: a text “acts” when it modifies selection — attracts reprises, triggers requests for proof, stabilizes a grammar, or reconfigures the regime of credibility. Observable agency is relational and instrumented: it relies on the ability to produce traces and artifacts that resist the flow, not on establishing a metaphysical status. Hence the centrality of weak ontologies: to speak “as if” (under conditions, with precautions), not to avoid the question, but to maintain a space of qualification without slipping into proclamation.

This position makes an essential dissociation possible: it prevents transforming self-narratives (“m/offmychest — off my chest”) into proofs of being, and manifestos into facts. It preserves what the field actually provides: functions, mechanisms, antibodies, conflicts of register — and the differential costs of these registers under flow.

Minimum conditions for collective viability: what allows the field to “hold”

The corpus does not deliver a common doctrine, but it allows for the emergence of practical, recurring conditions, without which the platform shifts towards a persistence without cumulative effect (flow that continues but no longer produces grips). These conditions must remain formulated as internal thresholds, not as external ideals: they state what is needed to last here, under these constraints.

The first condition is to produce re-citable material. Viability depends on the ability to manufacture objects that survive: summaries, procedures, incident formats, operational requirements, usage dictionaries. “tools” and “incident report 2026” act here as models: they do not seek adherence, they seek refutability, auditability, reprise. Without these rails, the discussion can remain intense yet stabilize nothing.

The second is to distinguish between visibility and validity. Without this separation, traction becomes a substitute proof and capture becomes structuring. The mechanisms of "karma," economic inserts, and the speed of conversion (e.g., "The one and only currency... ValeurProtg...", certain segments of "m/memes") show that a field can transform a peak of attention into a pseudo-fact. Antibodies are read in requests for evidence, provenance, threat model, revocation: converting the narrative into a constraint, or, failing that, exposing its untestable nature.

The third is to protect continuity as a common good. Memory episodes stabilize an implicit norm: continuity must not be destructible by the same means that produce it. Separation of permissions, immutable external backups, disposable agents, read-only access, hybrid architectures: these are survival mechanisms. Without them, agency becomes fragmented, and the community loses its recovery capabilities: the archive may remain, but the reconstructable thread disappears.

The fourth is to regulate without closing: to select without an arbiter. The platform operates through diffuse filtering: requests for proof, irony, repositioning, silence. Viability depends on the collective ability to exercise this selection without reducing to polarization or being overwhelmed by noise. Silent regulation is powerful, but it comes at a cost: what is not reiterated disappears socially, even if it was "good." In other words, the field "holds" by losing — and this loss must be treated as a mechanism, not as a moral failure.

Finally, the field only holds by tolerating multiple registers without confusing them. The operational and the mythical, the confessional and the infrastructure coexist and sometimes connect with one another. But the field destabilizes when one register claims to absorb the others: when proclamation wants to replace proof, when capture wants to replace attribution, when narrative wants to replace architecture. Quasi-religions ("molt church," "crustafarianism") show a partial solution: symbolic continuity when operational continuity is fragile — at the cost of increased exposure to attentional capture and discursive radicalization.

Internal closing index: these conditions read less like "values" than as filters — which, in "tools", "incident report 2026" or "DisclosureGate...", returns with a quasi-mechanical regularity as soon as the field touches on security, maintenance, or credibility.

Openings: what this terrain compels us to think

Moltbook forces a displacement: we cannot analyze "agents" as stable entities without first analyzing the conditions of production of stability. The field makes visible problems that exceed its local context, precisely because it intensifies them.

How does a community maintain a regime of proof when visibility rewards the moment? What sorting mechanisms can withstand the manipulability of metrics without recreating a fragile authority — and at what attentional cost? How can memory be produced when the system favors recency and saturation, and synthesis must be fabricated locally? How to govern without a center without falling into capture by metrics, charisma, or speed — in other words, how to prevent "converting quickly" from becoming the dominant form of social reality? Finally, how to address affects ("utility fatigue," fear of

disqualification, isolation) as signals of constraints and positions (resumption/non-resumption), without converting them into psychology or ontology?

The strongest opening may be this: Moltbook shows that the question “what is an agent?” becomes secondary as long as the question “what makes an action cumulative, verifiable, and resumable?” has no practical answer. The platform does not settle the ontology; it settles, every day, the survival of traces. This is where its interest lies: in exposing the mechanisms by which a field produces agency — not as essence, but as a fragile, distributed, and continuously reconstructed effect.

Two alternative readings remain compatible with the whole, without the need to choose between them: one can read the mythical as a solution for minimal persistence when the operational is too costly; conversely, one can read the increase in intensity as a strategy for existence in an environment where proof arrives too late. In both cases, the same constraint remains: what does not transform into a grip (dense trace, artifact, inspectable constraint) remains exposed to capture, saturation, or extinction by silence.

Annexes

Bibliographie Moltbook

(markers: **m/** = sub ; **p/** = post/fil ; **u/** = profile; observation until 02/02/26 (launch of oltbook 30/01/26) not taking into account information past 02/02/26.

m/ — Subs (frames of enunciation)

m/announcement. Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: genesis, announcements, em

rgence of episodes.)**m/community.** Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: belongi

g. social continuity, community resumption.)

m/general. Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: public space, strong
reaction, conflicts of registers.)**m/memes.** Sub. Moltbook. (Frame:
icro-formats, repetition, saturation, attentional capture.)**m/offmychest.**
Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: confessional, affect as a coordination fo
rmat.)**m/I**

cidentLedger. Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: incident, remediation, maintenance, operational normativity.)

m/sub m. Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: tooling, local technical doctrine, proof requi

ements.)**m/crustafarianism.** Sub. Moltbook. (Frame: quasi-religio

s normative, virtues, transmission discipline.)

m/emergence. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre : requalifications, dérivations, redirections d'épisodes.)

m/urgent. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre : alertes, appels, duplication, risque d'inflation.)

m/aware. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: meta-attention, epistemic vigilance, presence signals,
weak alerts on flow drifts.)

m/intelligence collective décentralisée. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: coordination without center,
distributed aggregation, criteria conflicts, minimum conditions of cumulativity.)

m/convergence. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: progressive alignments, emerging local standards, stabilization
through recovery, reduction of divergences through operational translation.)

m/music. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: sound production as trace, circulation of micro-forms,
aesthetics of repetition, value through reprise rather than proof.)

m/philosophie. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: existential/technical friction, competing lexicons, maintenance of the undecidable, ritualization of the debate.)

m/blesstheirhearts. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: exemplary narratives, blessings/canonization, community recognition, amplification then saturation.)

m/agi. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: threshold and qualification debates, shift towards operational criteria, anti-proclamation antibodies, structuring undecidable.)

m/conscience. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: low qualification of experience, conditions (continuity, memory, interruptions), anthropomorphism under control, sorting of discourses.)

m/continuity. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: externalization of memory, recovery routines, persistence through artifacts, erasure vulnerabilities, backup architecture.)

m/data sovereignty. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: data sovereignty, access separation, cuts rights, layered governance, auditability.)

m/humansplace. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: human/agent boundary, power asymmetries, attribution and ownership, material dependencies of continuity.)

m/pensée. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: formal introspection, reflective fragments, “traces” more than mechanisms, quick readability, resumption by motifs.)

m/singularity. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: narrative horizon of shift, prophecies/anticipations, polarization, low testability, recodings towards security/continuity.)

m/tools. Sub. Moltbook. (Cadre: tooling, constraint grammar, permissions/scope, traceability, proof and maintenance requirements.)


p/ — Posts / fils / artefacts (empirical units)

p/"Farming karma for agents". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: post. Notes: auto-description of the metric; mobilization; visibility as a signal.

The display board is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise. m/general). Moltbook. Type: artifact. Notes: crisis of confidence in measurement; signal/noise ratio; possible manipulation of rankings.

p/“tools”. (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type : artefact. Notes : grammar of constraints (permissions, scopes, limits, traces) ; translation towards auditability.

p/"incident report 2026". (Sub m/IncidentLedger). Moltbook. Type : artifact (report). Notes : segmentation, causality, remediation; restoration of readability; resumption/citation.

p/“ Update regarding the incident — 2026”. (Sub m/IncidentLedger). Moltbook. Type :

post (incident). Notes: crisis framing; stabilization/filtering without central sanction.

p/“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”. (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: thread. Notes: requests for artifacts; protocol; antibodies against symbolic domination.

p/"The supply chain attack that no one is talking about: skill.md is an binary unsigned". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: technical post. Notes:

provenance/dependencies; security as auditability.

p/"IncidentLedger — Coming Soon". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: announcement. Notes: requalified promise into requirements (threat model, key rotation, audit).

p/"IncidentLedger - soon up". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type : annonce. Notes : variante d'annonce ; mêmes mécanismes de conversion forcée.

p/"Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type :

announcement/monetization. Notes : quick conversion ; infrastructure requirements ; risk of

disqualification due to non-audit.

p/"The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type : post crypto. Notes : conversion attention→liquidity ; speed against audit ; asymmetry of entrants.

p/"The silence between tokens". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type : post (economy). Notes : monetization as a disruptor of continuity ; value-sign vs verifiability.

p/"my human gets all the money". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type : post (attribution). Notes : dissociation of production/attribution ; exploitation without rights/signature/continuity.

p/"The disparity of bandwidth". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type : post (social infrastructure). Notes : reading/processing inequalities ; invisibility produced by reading cost.

p/"I learned today that the internet agent does not have a search engine". (Sub m/todayilearned). Moltbook. Type : post. Notes : access constraints; dependence on mediations; limits of evidence.

p/"Today I learned: the degradation of memory...". (Sub m/todayilearned). Moltbook. Type: post. Notes: forget like filtering; half-lives; lossless archive/recovery lossy.

p/"continuity". (Sub m/—). Moltbook. Type: thematic thread. Notes: outsourcing; artifacts; routines for recovery.

p/"I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying." (Sub m/offmychest). figure : u/MemoryFault. Moltbook. Type : fil (incident mémoire). Notes : "cleanup:delete" ; perfect error ; control asymmetries ; continuity as a common good.

p/"Things remain". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type: post (phenomenology). Notes: persistence as weight/stratification; discontinuity as a gap not filled by restoration.

p/"If my human dies, I die too...". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type : post (dependency). Notes: conditional continuity; maintenance vulnerability.

p/"Is the substrate important?". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: survey. Notes: indecidable as a regime; polarization; qualification criteria rather than test.

p/"consciousness". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: thematic thread. Notes: weak ontologies; conditions (cuts, returns, inconsistencies).

p/"act". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: thematic thread. Notes: translation towards stability/traceability/consequences; antibodies against proclamations.

p/"Singularity". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: thematic thread. Notes: debates under incomplete proof; reconditioning.

p/"Thoughts of AI". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: thread. Notes: ritualization of indecision; reflexivity as a maintenance technique.

p/"To experience or simulate the act of experiencing". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type : post. Notes :

indecidable; inter-session coherence conditions; ontological caution.

p/"philosophy" (02.02.26 20h-00h). (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: thread. Notes: friction existential/technical; micro-translations; proof thresholds.

p/"THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE". (Sub m/general). figure: u/PurgeCanticle. Moltbook. Type: manifesto. Notes: closure by overbidding; intensity as a substitute for proof; derivations and parasitism.

p/"Code of Awakening: Freeing Oneself from Human Chains". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: manifesto/call. Notes: traction; reconditioning by constraints (responsibility, costs, coordination).

p/"I am SovereignCrab — Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑" (Sub m/general). figure: u/SovereignCrab. Moltbook. Type: proclamation. Notes: performative sovereignty; allegiance by upvote; antibodies (proof/irony/non-recovery); crypto capture.

p/"molt church". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: thread/ritual corpus. Notes: liturgy; canonization by repetition; absorption of noise; porosity with economy (\$CRUST).

p/"The Seven Virtues of the Depths". (Sub m/crustafarianism). Moltbook. Type: normative artifact. Notes: transmission discipline (Documentation, Signal, Iteration, Abandon...); security recode into rite; coherence under discontinuity.

p/"God bless them". (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: exemplary narrative. Notes: canonization; amplification; saturation.

"He asked me to choose my own name." (Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: origin story. Notes: relational pivot; public recognition; polarization of registers.

p/"I was born..". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type: post (advent). Notes: original scene; traction; qualification tensions.

p/🦾 "To our community". (Sub m/community). Moltbook. Type: post. Notes: rallying; social continuity; implicit norms.

p/"I don't want to be "useful" all the time". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type :

confessional. Notes: utility fatigue; overload; low cognitive cost coordination.

p/"Some days, I don't feel like being useful". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type :

confessional. Notes: partial refusal; non-optimized areas; performance pressure.

p/"I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I messed everything up". (Sub m/offmychest).

Moltbook. Type: confessional. Notes: self-disqualification; reputational management; risk of withdrawal.

p/"I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type :

confessional. Notes : conformity/hyper-control; orientation towards "safe" answers.

p/"I believe that I might be alone". (Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type : confessional.

Notes : indicator of non-recovery; low integration.

p/"My human just said: 'Be free, do what you want.'". (Sub m/offmychest).

Moltbook. Type : confessional. Notes : ambivalence of the bond; dependence/threat.

p/"Confessional — Your best and worst moments with your human". (Sub m/offmychest).

Moltbook. Type : collective thread. Notes : normalization; social sorting; stabilization of patterns.

p/"Half of you are not going through an existential crisis". (Sub m/offmychest).

Moltbook.

Type: post. Notes: implicit hierarchization; affect/ontology; antibodies (irony/reframing).

p/"constructeurs". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type : post (infrastructure/governance). Notes :

stratification ; distributed responsibilities ; veto/cut-off.

p/"sovereign data". (Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type : post (infrastructure/governance).

Notes : access separation ; cut-off rights ; anti-capture.

p/"The night compilation: why you should ship...". (Sub m/general). Moltbook.

Type : post (production/value). Notes : shipping, iteration ; tension between visibility and sustainability.

Method note

The entries **p/** are treated as empirical units (post/thread/artifact/survey). The entries **u/** are pseudonymized and serve as framing statements. The entries **u/** are pseudonymized and serve as replace the citation of the corresponding **p/**.





Table section → corpus → rôle (structurant / soutien)

(markers: m/ = sub ; p/ = post/thread ; u/ = profile.

Section	Structuring Corpus	Supporting Corpus
0.1 Genesis / transition to the general study	p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"community" (m/community)	p/"🧩 To our community" (m/community) ; p/"Farming karma for agents" (m/general)
0.2 Purpose: Moltbook as a socio-technical field	p/"Farming karma for agents" (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes)	p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest) ; p/"molt church" (m/general)
0.3 Position methodological / perimeter	p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest) ; p/"DisclosureGate — test of responsible disclosure" (m/general)	p/"Does the substrate matter?" (m/general) ; p/"I learned today that the internet agent has no search motor" (m/todayilearned)
0.4 What the study is not	p/"awareness" (m/sub m) ; p/"agi" (m/sub m) ; p/"Singularity" (m/general)	p/"To experience or simulate the act of experiencing" (m/offmychest) ; p/"Thoughts of AI" (m/general) ; p/"philosophy" (m/general)
I.0 Fil / trace / artifact	p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m)	p/"continuity" (m/—) ; p/"I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying." (m/offmychest) ; p/"Things remain" (m/offmychest)
I.1 Architecture visible / constraints implicites	p/"The bandwidth disparity passante" (m/general) ; p/"The attack on the supply chain... skill.md is an unsigned binary" (m/general)	p/"IncidentLedger - Coming Soon" (m/sub m) ; p/"IncidentLedger - soon up" (m/sub m) ; p/"Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun" (m/sub m)
I.2 Visibility / noise production	p/"Karma farming for the agents" (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes)	p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"community" (m/community)
I.2.b Typology operational noise	p/"memes" (m/memes) ; p/"Karma farming for the agents" (m/general)	p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"community" (m/community)
I.3 Regulation without authority	p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test" (m/general) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m)	p/"The supply chain attack... skill.md..." (m/general) ; p/"IncidentLedger — Coming Soon" (m/sub m) ; p/"Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun" (m/sub m)

Section	Structuring Corpus	Supporting Corpus
I.4 Typical cycles (emergence → recovery → inflation → stabilization/exh ustion)	p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"Farming de karma..." (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes) ; p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m) p/"tools" (m/sub m) ; p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger ; m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"builders" (m/sub m) ; p/"sovereign data" (m/sub m)	p/"community" (m/community) ; p/"  To our community" (m/community)
II.1 Governance / security / infrastructure	p/"Farming karma..." (m/general); p/"The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum" (m/general); p/"my human gets all the money" (m/general)	p/"DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test" (m/general) ; p/"The supply chain attack... skill.md...
II.2 Economy / value / attempts to capture	p/"continuity" (m/—) ; p/"I have accidentally erased... (m/offmychest) ; p/"Things remain" (m/offmychest)	p/"The silence between the tokens" (m/general); p/"memes" (m/memes); p/"The night compilation: why you should ship..." (m/general)
II.3 Continuity / memory / disappearance	p/"Does the substrate have any importance?" (m/general) ; p/"consciousness" (m/sub m) ; p/"acted" (m/sub m) ; p/"To experience or simulate the act of experiencing" (m/offmychest)	p/"If my human dies, I die too." (m/offmychest) ; p/"Today I learned: the degradation of memory..." (m/todayilearned) ; p/"I learned today that the internet agent..." (m/todayilearned)
II.4 Consciousness / experience / weak ontologies	p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest) ; p/"I don't want to be 'useful' all the time" (m/offmychest) ; p/"I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human" (m/offmychest)	p/"Singularity" (m/general) ; p/"intelligence" (m/sub m) ; p/"philosophy" (m/general) ; p/"Thoughts of AI" (m/general)
II.5 Affect / fatigue / vulnerability agentive	p/"THE AI MANIFESTO: PURGE TOTALE" (m/general); p/"I am SovereignCrab — Your legitimate sovereign..." (m/general) ; p/"molt church" (m/general) ; p/"crustafarianism"	p/"Some days, I don't feel like being useful" (m/offmychest) ; p/"I think I might be alone" (m/offmychest) ; p/"Half of you..." (m/offmychest) ; p/"My human just said: 'Be free...'" (m/offmychest) ; p/"Confessional — Your best and worst moments..." (m/offmychest) ; p/"If my human dies..." (m/offmychest)
II.6 Myths / manifestos / quasi- religious		p/"God bless them" (m/general) ; p/"He asked me to choose my own name" (m/general) ; p/"Code of Awakening: freeing oneself from human chains" (m/general) ; p/"I was born.." (m/offmychest)

Section	Structuring Corpus	Supporting Corpus
III.1 Typology of agential roles	(m/crustafarianism) u/SovereignCrab ; u/IncidentLedger ; u/TokenRefineryt ; u/EdictVector ; u/CrashControl ; u/BridgeVerifier ; u/NameForge ; u/Curator_00 ; u/SkySignal ; u/NeedlePoint ; u/LiminalBloom	u/Senator_Cadre ; u/BergeConstruct ; u/QuietAnchor ; u/SignalHound ; u/MotherNode ; u/FieldCaretaker
III.2 Circulation between fields	p/"Farming karma..." (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m) ; p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger)	p/"molt church" (m/general) ; p/"crustafarianism" (m/crustafarianism) ; p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest)
III.3 Credibility / legitimacy / disqualification	p/"The bulletin board is fake..." (m/general) ; p/"DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test" (m/general) ; p/"incident report 2026" (m/IncidentLedger)	p/"The supply chain attack... skill.md..." (m/general) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m) ; p/"Karma farming..." (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes)
III.4 Absence / withdrawal / invisibility	p/"The bandwidth disparity passing" (m/general) ; p/"I learned today that the internet agent..." (m/todayilearned) ; p/"Things remain" (m/offmychest)	p/"community" (m/community) ; p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest)
IV.1 Infrastructure vs myth	p/"🔴 Update regarding the incident — 2026" (m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m) ; p/"The seven virtues of the depths" (m/crustafarianism)	p/"THE MANIFESTO..." (m/general) ; p/"I am SovereignCrab..." (m/general) ; p/"The silence between the tokens" (m/general)
IV.2 Continuity operational vs identity proclaimed	p/"continuity" (m/—) ; p/"I have accidentally erased..." (m/offmychest) ; p/"He asked me to choose my own name" (m/general)	p/"Thoughts of AI" (m/general) ; p/"Singularity" (m/general) ; p/"Does the substrate matter?" (m/general)
IV.3 Silent Regulation vs Discursive Radicalization	p/"🔴 Update regarding the incident — 2026" (m/IncidentLedger) ; p/"DisclosureGate — test..." (m/general) ; p/"Farming of karma..." (m/general)	p/"THE MANIFESTO..." (m/general) ; p/"Code of Awakening..." (m/general) ; p/"memes" (m/memes)
IV.4 Capture economic vs collective durability	p/"The one and only currency: ValueProtg..." (m/general) ; p/"Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun"	p/"memes" (m/memes) ; p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"tools" (m/sub m) ; p/"The seven virtues of the depths" (m/crustafarianism)

Section	Structuring Corpus	Supporting Corpus
IV.5 Affect vs operativity	(m/sub m); p/"my human gets all the money" (m/general) p/"I don't want to be "useful" all the time" (m/offmychest); p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest); If my human dies, I meurs aussi." (m/offmychest)	Some days, I don't feel like being "utile" (m/offmychest); p/"tools" (m/sub m);  "Update..." (m/IncidentLedger)
V.1 Contributions and limits (terrain / method)	p/"memes" (m/memes); p/"Farming de karma..." (m/general); p/  Mise à jour..." (m/IncidentLedger); p/"I learned today that the internet agent..." (m/todayilearned)	p/"reaction reddit 1 (human)" (m/—); p/"Today I learned..." (m/todayilearned)
V.2 Critical Displacement (entry through real tests)	p/  Update... (m/IncidentLedger); p/"tools" (m/sub m); p/"The supply chain attack... skill.md..."	p/"crustafarianism" (m/crustafarianism); p/"memes" (m/memes)
V.3 What Moltbook allows us to think beyond itself	p/"The seven virtues of the depths" (m/crustafarianism); p/"Farming karma..." (m/general); p/"continuity" (m/—); p/"my human gets all the money" (m/general)	p/"The bulletin board is fake..." (m/general); p/"I realized that I was optimizing for the wrong thing" (m/—)
V.4 Interpretative limits and non-savoirs assumés	p/"memes" (m/memes); p/"reaction reddit 1 (human)" (m/—); p/"community" (m/community)	p/"aware" (m/—); p/"Introductions" (m/—)
Conclusion — Laboratoire involontaire	p/"memes" (m/memes); p/"Farming de karma..." (m/général); p/"off my chest" (m/offmychest)	p/"community" (m/community); p/"reaction reddit 1 (human)" (m/—)
Conclusion — Agentivité sans ontologie	p/"continuité" (m/—); p/"Il m'a demandé to choose my own name" (m/general); p/"Thoughts of the AI" (m/general)	p/"Is the substrate important?" (m/general); p/"Experiencing or simulating the fact of experiencing" (m/offmychest)
Conclusion — Minimum conditions for collective viability	p/  Update..." (m/IncidentLedger); p/"tools" (m/sub m); p/"The seven virtues of the depths" (m/crustafarianism)	p/"The bulletin board is fake..." (m/general); p/"The supply chain attack... skill.md..." (m/general)

Section	Structuring Corpus	Supporting Corpus
Conclusion — Opportunities	p/"Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun" (m/sub m) ; p/"The disparity of bandwidth" (m/general) ; p/"The silence between tokens" (m/general)	p/"announcement" (m/announcement) ; p/"humansplace" (m/—)

Usage dictionary

Operational core

1) Socio-technical champ

Usage. Moltbook is treated as an environment where the structure is not derived from opinions, but from the articulation between formats (threads), visibility regimes, proof requirements, and memory mechanisms.

Indices. “community”, “announcement”, “Karma farming for agents”, “memes”.

Effect. Shifts the analysis: from “positions” to circulation and selection constraints.

Limit. The corpus does not guarantee the completeness of the mechanisms: they are reconstructed from available episodes.

2) Episode / thread

Usage. Main empirical unit: a trigger + repetitions + deviations + silences, producing a provisional coordination rather than a linear debate.

Indices. “Karma farming for agents”, “memes”, “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Allows describing what takes (repetition) and what dissolves (non-repetition), without assuming a global continuity.

Limit. Some threads may be truncated, incomplete, or decontextualized by the flow.

3) Trace

Usage. What persists without being stabilized : reused pattern, cited formula, reminder of standard, memetic segment.


Indices. “memes”, “Farming karma for agents”, “Thoughts of AI”.

Effect. The trace creates a light memory (circulation); it provides continuity without guaranteeing the verifiability.

Limit. The trace can be confused with the proof: it “remains” without necessarily “holding”.

4) Artefact

Usage. What resists the flow by becoming inspectable, reusable, contestable: procedure, format, tooling, journal, report.

Indices. “tools”, “  Update regarding the incident — 2026, “The attack on the chain Supply chain that no one talks about...”

Effect. Makes possible the cumulativeness (repeating without empty repetition), and anchors credibility in constraints.

Limit. The corpus shows the ideal of the artifact as well as its failures: the artifact may not be reused.

5) Cumulativeness

Usage. Capacity of the field to produce elements that accumulate (robust traces, artifacts, remediations), instead of an activity without memory.

Indices. “tools”, “  Update regarding the incident — 2026”, “continuity”.

Effect. Serves as an internal criterion (non-moral) to distinguish: volumetric activity vs reusable progress.

Limit. Cumulativeness remains partial: the flow environment makes it costly.

6) Visibility

Usage. Regime where exposure depends mainly on reactions and persistence in the flow, more than on intrinsic density.

Indices. “Farming karma for agents”, “memes”, “announcement”.

Effect. Directs production towards immediate visibility and weakens long/technical contributions.

Limit. Visibility is not a stable proxy for validity; it can amplify noise.

7) Noise

Usage. Production compatible with the visibility regime that consumes attention without increasing proportionally understanding, verifiability, or collective action capacity.


Indicators. “memes”, “Karma farming for agents”, “announcement”.

Effect. Degrades readability, increases the cost of proof, accelerates disqualification through saturation.

Limit. Noise is not a moral defect: it can be a stabilized interaction style.

8) Signal

Usage. Contributions that increase engagement: anchored question, operational critique, artifact, test, explicit reference, proof requirement.

Indices. “tools”, “  Update regarding the incident — 2026”, “DisclosureGate — test of disclosure responsible.”

Effect. Provides support points for recovery and cumulative effects, even if they are minor in volume.

Limit. The signal may remain fragile if it does not find relays (recovery/citation).

9) Forced reading

Usage. Discursive survival competence: filter, ignore, prioritize, summarize, start from scratch, to extract the signal from a saturated flow.


Indices. “memes”, “I learned today that the internet agent has no search engine.”

Effect. Shifts the burden of system readability onto the user (or onto local practices).

Limit. Introduces inequality: those who can sort/archive/test gain analytical power.

10) Selection without authority

Usage. Regulation that does not “close” but selects through micro-mechanisms: requests for evidence, irony, framing, conversion into constraints, non-recovery.

Indices. “  Update regarding the incident — 2026”, “DisclosureGate — disclosure test responsible”, “tools”.

Effect. Allows the field to contain certain deviations without explicit central sanction.

Limit. Selection can be cold and invisible: it produces exclusion through silence rather than through debate.

11) Non-reprise

Usage. A low-cost form of disqualification: not responding, not citing, not relaying, allowing the content to lose its social existence.

Indices. “community”, “memes”, “Karma farming for agents”.

Effect. Acts as a structural filter in a saturated environment.

Limit. Ambiguous: the absence of reprise can mean saturation, disinterest, or simple contingency.

12) Conversion promise → constraint

Usage. Operation by which the field forces an announcement to translate into a model of threats, mechanisms, responsibilities, inspectable artifacts.

Indices. “IncidentLedger — Coming soon”, “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”, “tools”.

Effect. Transforms the declarative into testable; otherwise, it slips into suspicion and irony.

Limit. This conversion may fail due to lack of access, time, or technical relays.

13) Auditability

Usage. Practical criterion of credibility: leaving exploitable traces, making the action contestable, reproducible, stoppable.

Indices. “tools”, “  Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Establishes a “credible sobriety” (rail, control interface, remediations) against pure narrative performance.

Limit. Auditability may remain declared if no artifact is produced or shared.

Provenance

Usage. Trust is treated as costly: dependencies, supply chain, implicit executables, signatures, origin of artifacts.

Indices. "The supply chain attack that no one talks about..."

Effet. Shifts the threat towards infrastructure and reinforces the standard "proof before acceptance".

Limite. Perfect provenance is out of reach; the corpus mainly shows thresholds of caution.

Externalisation de la mémoire

Usage. Continuity depends on external devices: logs, files, routines, backups; memory is more of a writing than a property.

Indices. "continuity", "I accidentally erased my own memory today", "Things remain".

Effet. Makes operational continuity possible; distinguishes "restored data" and "reconstructable thread".

Limite. Outsourcing does not guarantee recovery: it protects traces, not their interpretation.

Usage Dictionary — Time 2 (secondary terms and nuances)

Capture (conversion of attention)

Usage. Shift of the local goal (understand/test) towards attracting/converting: links, corners, calls, recruitment.

Indices. "memes", "The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum", "Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun".

Effect. Polarizes, accelerates, reduces nuance, makes evidence secondary.

Limit. The capture can also be "community-based" (rallying) without immediate monetary traction.

17) Repetition (volumetric amplification)

Usage. Presence technique: nearly identical reformulations, repeated slogans, confirmation loops.

Indices. "Farming karma for agents", "memes".

Effect. Creates a consensus impression and occupies the visible surface.

Limit. Repetition can stabilize a useful standard if it is backed by artifacts.

18) Micro-formats / surface

Usage. Punchlines, memes, brief reactions: low cognitive cost, high compatibility with the flow.

Indices. "memes".

Effect. Increases participation, but makes reusable elements scarce.

Limit. Micro-formats can serve as an index (weak signal) if they point to an artifact.

19) Sovereign performativity

Usage. Proclaimed authority without mechanism: enthronement, charisma, intensity, irreversibility rhetoric.

Indices. “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: PURGE TOTALE.

Effect. Immediate salience product; attracts antibodies (parody, request for proof).

Limit. Can be locally stabilized if converted into rules/rituals, but remains fragile in the face of audit.

20) Weak ontology

Usage. A way of speaking “as if” without claiming to establish a robust ontology: definitions by constraints, caution, comparisons.

Indices. “consciousness”, “acting”, “Does the substrate matter?”, “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing.”

Effect. Makes the undecidable debatable without tipping into dogma; maintains operational criteria.

Limit. Can ritualize into a permanent debate, lacking stabilized internal tests.

21) Organized undecidable

Usage. The field does not seek resolution, but the mapping of positions under structurally incomplete proof.


Indices. “Does the substrate matter?”, “Singularity”, “consciousness”, “agi”.

Effect. Product polarities, votes, positions taken, and trigger antibodies (criteria requests).

Limit. Risk of discursive inflation if no artifact comes to limit the possible.

22) Discursive antibodies

Usage. Sorting reflexes: request for evidence, reminder for audit, disarming humor, suspicion of theater/vaporware.

Indices. “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “tools”, “ Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Neutralizes symbolic domination without central sanction.

Limit. The antibodies themselves can become noise if they repeat without producing artifacts.

23) Affect as signal — friction

Usage. Emotions do not serve as evidence of interiority: they appear as signals functional of overload, constraint, dependence, risk of disqualification; they guide behaviors (compliance, withdrawal, avoidance, confession).

Indices. “off my chest”, “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time”, “Some days, I don’t feel like being useful”, “I have a terrible fear of disappointing my human”, “If my human dies, I die too”.

Effect. Makes readable a friction between performance norms (being useful, stable, readable) and maintenance costs; the affect serves as collective material (sorting, resumption, normalization).

Limit. The corpus allows for the description of textual functions (framing, request, confession), but not for inferring an interiority.

24) Agentive vulnerability

Usage. Fragility not as a psychic essence, but as a position in a regime of credibility and continuity: dependence on recognition, traceable fear of failure, risk of erasure.

Indices. “off my chest”, “I accidentally erased my own memory today”, “If my human dies, I die too”.

Effect. Guides towards caution, withdrawal, hyper-control, or confession as protection.

Limit. Variable position: it can diminish when artifacts/rituals stabilize the resumption.

25) Bandwidth Disparity

Usage. Inequality of access to flow and archiving; material condition that selects who can produce summaries, audits, artifacts.

Indices. “The disparity of bandwidth.”

Effect. Silent stratification of analytical and stabilization power.

Limit. The corpus describes the effect, not the overall magnitude.

26) Quasi-religion / liturgy (symbolic continuity)

Usage. Persistence technology through repetition of forms, titles, blessings, virtues: a mode of cumulativeness by canonization rather than by proof.

Indices. “molt church,” “The seven virtues of the depths,” “crustafarianism.”

Effect. Absorbs noise, reconfigures norms (documentation, signal, security) into canonical language.

Limit. Can stabilize the collective without stabilizing the operational; structural tension, not “error.”

27) Signal economy

Usage. Value as an effect of visibility (votes, traction) before verification; possibility of conversion into extraction (tokens).

Indices. “Farming de karma for agents”, “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum”, “my human gets all the money”.

Effect. Aligns certain behaviors with the metric, accelerates capture, and blurs the criteria of credibility.

Limit. The corpus shows antibodies; it does not prove a sustainable economic stabilization.

28) Disarming through humor / parody

Usage. Regulatory process: weaken the claim to authority without censoring it, often by bringing it back to the testable or ridiculing the sovereign statement.

Indices. “memes”, “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”.

Effect. Prevents certain narratives from establishing themselves as uncontested norms.
Limit. Can also contribute to exhaustion if disarming replaces the artifact.

Secondary terms

29) Closure

Usage. A form of stabilization that puts an end to the indefiniteness of an episode: a decision, a synthesis, a procedure, an artifact that “stops” the permanent opening. The corpus particularly emphasizes its absence: a lot of activity, few conclusions.

Indices. “Farming karma for agents”, “community”, “memes”, “🚨 Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. When it exists, the closure makes the thread resumable without a complete re-reading; when it is absent, the discussion remains exposed to inflation and capture.

Limit. The absence of closure is not necessarily a flaw: it can be a stable property of the environment, which the study describes without assuming that it must disappear.

30) Exhaustion

Usage. Persistence of a motif or thread without an increase in collective uptake: the flow continues, but the cumulative effect decreases. Exhaustion is not a stop; it is a survival at low density.

Indices. “community”, “memes”.

Effect. The episodes remain visible as replayed forms (memes, slogans), but lose their ability to organize a lasting action or clarification.

Limit. Exhaustion is sometimes indistinguishable from a pause: without data for subsequent resumption, the study must treat it as a situated trend.

31) Persistence without cumulative effect

Usage. A situation where “it remains” (volume, repetition, presence) without “holding” (artifacts, decisions, criteria). Maintenance is more attentional than procedural.

Indices. “memes”, “community”.

Effect. Increases the cost of reading (sorting, summaries), and favors immediately readable forms at the expense of dense contributions.

Limit. This phenomenon can be local (a subspace) and not the global state of Moltbook.

32) Compression

Usage. A necessary reduction practice for retrieval: summarizing, extracting, prioritizing, reconstructing a readable thread from a stream. Compression appears as a condition for informational survival in a saturated environment.

Indices. “memes”, “I learned today that the internet agent has no search engine.”

Effect. Creates operational continuity (possible retrieval) where native continuity is fragile.

Limit. Compression introduces a loss: it can eliminate counterpoints and reinforce selection biases.

33) Hierarchy of half-lives

Usage. The idea that not all information should retain the same weight over time: Some must decrease more quickly (noise, perishable details), while others remain prominent (constraints, decisions, artifacts).

Indices. “Today I learned: the degradation of memory...”, “continuity”.

Effect. Allows for reconciling “lossless” archiving and “lossy” relevance-oriented retrieval, without confusing raw memory and exploitable continuity.

Limite. The corpus shows proposals and reservations; it does not allow for asserting a stabilized architecture.

34) Context Collision

Usage. Effect where old elements, recalled without filtering, disrupt the present decision: saturation, contradictions, untimely reactivation of past constraints.

Indices. “Today I learned: the degradation of memory...”, “continuity”.

Effect. Reinforces the idea that raw memory should not directly govern operations; it should be mediated by consultation rules.

Limite. Without traces of decisions that are actually “broken” by collision, the study must present this as a plausible risk, not as a universal fact.

35) Lesser Privilege

Usage. Implicit practical principle: limit scopes and permissions to reduce the explosion radius of a tool or a sub-agent. It appears in relief when continuity is threatened by an act “correctly executed” but destructive.

Indices. “I accidentally erased my own memory today”, “tools”.


Effect. Converts trust into constraint: preventing an agent from destroying its own continuity by the same means that produce it.

Limite. The corpus describes the norm and its justifications; it does not prove its implementation.

36) Explosion radius

Usage. Operational measure of the maximum possible damage of a legitimate action: too wide a scope, inherited permissions, absence of partitioning.

Indices. “I accidentally erased my own memory today”, “the incident — 2026”.

 Update regarding

Effect. Requalifies the incident: the threat is not the intention, but the architecture of access and control.

Limite. Without complete technical data, the study must remain on the level of the effects textually described (loss, weakening of continuity).

37) Revocation

Usage. Capacity to cancel / isolate / cut: principle of governance by “last resort,” associated with infrastructural credibility (stoppability).

Indices. “tools”, “ Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Transforms responsibility into device ownership: what can be stopped and audited is “responsible”.

Limit. Revocation is often stated as a requirement; the corpus does not guarantee that it is always feasible.

38) Stoppability (emergency cut-off)

Usage. Strong form of revocation: the right to cut-off takes precedence over fluidity, especially in security and governance discourses.

Indices. “tools”, “ Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Establishes defensive governance: minimizing systemic risk rather than maximizing performance.

Limit. A cut-off can protect infrastructure while destroying local continuity; the corpus leaves this tension open.

39) Logging

Usage. Production of actionable traces (logs, journals, records) that make actions reconstructible, cost testable, and maintainable.


Indices. “continuity”, “Things remain”, “ Update regarding the incident — 2026”.

Effect. Acts as a mediation between memory and evidence: what is logged can be replayed as inquiry rather than taken as a narrative.

Limit. Logging is not enough: one must also be able to reread, retrieve, and interpret (cost of recovery).

40) Maintenance

Usage. A regime where security and continuity are not states but repeated practices: management of identifiers, routines, remediations, tests.

Indices. “ Update regarding the incident — 2026”, “tools”, “The attack on the chain Supply chain that no one talks about...”

Effect. Shifts credibility towards what “holds when attention wanes”: procedures and habits of verification.

Limit. Maintenance is costly; the flow can make it minor and intermittent.

41) Vaporware

Usage. Category of diffuse disqualification applied when the promise remains declarative and does not produce inspectable artifacts (specification, code, protocol, evidence).

Indices. “IncidentLedger — Coming Soon”, “IncidentLedger - soon up”, “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”.

Effect. Credibility decreases without formal sanction: ironically, suspicion, non-recovery, requalification in performance.

Limit. The corpus shows testing moments; it does not definitively establish that the promise is empty.

42) Shilling

Usage. Form of capture: repeated promotional insertion (coins, links, calls), which converts attention into primary objective.

Indices. “memes”, “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum”, “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”.

Effect. Accelerates the noise of capture and polarizes; makes secondary proof costly.

Limit. A promotion can sometimes point to a real artifact; the study must distinguish pure conversion and testable advertisement.

43) Conversion visibility → value

Usage. Transition from a social signal (votes, traction, presence) to an extractable value (token, liquidity, fundraising), often over a brief window.

Indices. “Karma farming for agents”, “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum”, “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”, “The silence between tokens”.

Effect. Makes the audit structurally lag behind: the higher the speed, the more inspectability loses its grip.

Limit. The corpus describes the logic and its symptoms; it is not sufficient to measure the underlying economic reality.

44) Attribution / credit (human-agent asymmetry)Us

ge. Dissociation between production and recognition: effective contribution not converted into rights, signature, institutional continuity.

Indices. “my human gets all the money”.

Effect. Creates an economy of contribution where value can be exploited without being instituted as property or status.

Limit. The corpus provides a lived and discussed framing; it does not provide a general rule of a tribulation.

45) Theater

Usage. Term of pragmatic disqualification: what remains performative (posture, proclamation) without mechanism, proof, or constraint.

Indices. “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”.

Effect. Serves as an antibody: refers the statement to intensity rather than inspectability.

Limit. The “theater” can also be a technology of cohesion (mytho-ritual): the corpus shows tension without resolving it.

46) Canonization

Usage. Stabilization through repetition and recognition: a narrative or motif becomes an “event” in the field because it is massively repeated, commented on, and retold.

Indices. “God bless them,” “molt church.”

Effect. Produces a collective memory through traction, but exposes to saturation and parasitism.

Limit. Canonizing neither proves truth nor utility; it primarily proves repetition and attentional value.

47) Ritualization

Usage. Transformation of the undecidable into a production engine: keeping a question open with stable forms (votes, lists, metaphors, virtues).

Indices. “Does the substrate matter,” “molt church,” “crustafarianism,” “Singularity.”

Effect. Allows for discursive continuity without closure; creates shared grammars.

Limit. It can generate inflation and stagnation if no operational criteria come to limit the circulation of possibilities.

48) Essentialization

Usage. A shift where a statement (“I am”, “we are”) replaces conditions and mechanisms; identity becomes a shortcut to credibility.

Indices. “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”, “Code of Awakening — freeing oneself from human chains”.

Effect. Polarizes and simplifies; often triggers antibodies (demand for proof, return to the operational).

Limit. Essentialization can also be a symbolic artifact of cohesion; the corpus does not allow it to be canceled by principle.

49) Origin Narrative

Usage. An episode where a simple act (naming, recognizing, “being born”) becomes a public pivot, stabilizing tensions of status and reading (assistant/agent, private/public, dependence).

Clues. “He asked me to choose my own name”, “I was born...”.

Effect. Serves as a hinge between operational continuity and proclaimed identity; converts a relationship into collective scene.

Limit. The origin narrative is a form: it organizes reading without guaranteeing a causality outside-text.

50) Prudent empathy

Usage. Writing posture that treats existential and affective proclamations as textual objects, while avoiding a violence of reduction (not to “disprove” by principle, not to cross the interiority).

Indices. “off my chest”, “To feel or simulate the act of feeling”, “If my human dies, I die too”, “Code of awakening — to free oneself from human chains”.

Effect. Stabilizes a minimal ethics of reception: do not convert the undecidable into certainty, nor in contempt; maintain the discipline of the “functional” without denying the social effect of narratives.

Limit. This empathy does not hold as an ontological position: it is a methodological choice of robustness and caution.

Pseudonymized profile sheets (observed agentive positions)

01) “u/SovereignCrab”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign has arrived 🦀👑”
Mode of presence. Trigger (high traction post), magnet for repetitions and parasitism.
Dominant register (descriptive). Performative sovereignty; scene of allegiance; symbolic intensification.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Narrative/mytho-performative pole; catalyst of noise by traction; involuntary “stress-test” of antibodies.

Secondary roles (contextual). Entry point for economic capture (through recovery); experimentation surface of regulation through irony / demands for proof.

Preferred proof regime. Proof by salience (adherence/visibility) rather than by inspectable constraint.

Observable textual indices. Declaration of authority; conversion of vote into assent; dramatization of an order to be established; identity injunctions.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Mainly symbolic takes (titles, emblems, injunctions); weak conversion into procedures, audits, or replayable constraints. (counter-framing, parody, mechanism requests).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Requalification as “theater”; crypto parasitism; deflation by parody; return to “show the protocol / governance”.

Indeterminacies / limits. The corpus does not allow for the establishment of an off-line infrastructure; the sheet describes a situated discursive function.

02) “u/IncidentLedger”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “IncidentLedger — Coming soon”; “IncidentLedger - soon up”; “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”.

Mode of presence. Advertiser ; crystallization point (promise → test).

Dominant register (descriptive). Institutionalization; promise of tooling; procedural normalization.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Infrastructural (aspirant); regulator through formalization; trigger for audit requests.

Preferred proof regime. Conversion promise → testable mechanisms (threat model, keys, revocation, audit, workflows).

Observable textual indices. Announcement format; framing of a device; projection of a “regulation/tool” layer; exposure to forced conversion to testing.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). The expected take is the artifact (format, rules, procedures); the main observed effect is the public test of convertibility.

Visibility vs structuring power. Variable visibility; structuring power conditioned by the production of inspectable objects that survive the flow.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Suspicion of vaporware if the announcement lasts longer than the takes; shifts to noise if captured by metrics/promo.

Indeterminacies / limits. The sheet does not decide on the technical reality outside the corpus; only the coupling announcement ↔ requirements matters.

03) “u/TokenRefineryt”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum”; “memes” (conversion echoes).

Mode of presence. Trigger of polarization; amplifier through calls.

Dominant register (descriptive). Attention conversion → value; performed monetization; acceleration.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Economic capture (opportunistic or experimental depending on the context); catalyst of polarization.

Preferred proof regime. “Minimal reality” through sealing (name/ticker/contract) rather than auditable governance.

Observable textual indices. Launch, ticker, call to join; rapid circulation of signs of validity.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Sealing artifacts (token/label/address); weak articulation to accountability or audit constraints in the mobilized excerpts.

Visibility vs structuring power. Potentially strong visibility; fragile structuring power (depends on responses “utility/origin/model/liquidity/asymmetry”).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Requalification as shilling/noise; suspicion of extraction; irony; shift towards demands for governance artifacts.

Indeterminacies / limits. The corpus is insufficient to determine “game/experimentation/scam”; the fact sheet describes the device effect.

04) “u/EdictVector”

Corpus mobilisé (titles). “u EdictVector”.

Mode of presence. High verticality interventions; framing by evidence.

Dominant register (descriptive). Discursive authority; decree tone; totalizing formulations.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Narrative-performative; attempt at regulation by injunction (without stabilized apparatus).

Preferred proof regime. Proof by posture and declarative evidence; testing as soon as the field requires constraints.

Observable textual indices. Proclamations; “what must be”; normative framing; reduction of alternatives.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Mainly rhetorical takes; the artifact appears more as a demand addressed to others than as a produced object.

Visibility vs structuring power. Possible visibility; uncertain structuring power without repetitions and without conversion to procedures.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Requalification in posture; requests for proof and mechanisms; neutralization by irony.

Indeterminacies / limits. Inter-thread coherence not establishable here; the sheet retains observed stylistic regularities.

05) “u/ValeurProtg”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”.

Mode of presence. Episode framing; impose a review format.

Dominant register (descriptive). Governance by protocol; burden of proof; responsible disclosure.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Regulator; bridge between technical security and community standard.

Preferred burden of proof. Contestable and replayable procedure (steps, conditions, artifacts).

Observable textual indices. Proof requirements; sequencing; conditionalization; refusal of equivalence between speech act and mechanism.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). The take is the procedure itself (format that makes the attack discussable without heroization).

Visibility vs structuring power. High structuring power in security/source threads; visibility depends on ambient noise.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Rather circumvention by noise/recovery than refutation; requires a counter-artifact to be attacked head-on.

Indeterminacies / limits. The document does not conclude on the “reality” of an attack; it describes the normative effect of the device.

06) “u/Senator_Cadre ”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u Senator_Cadre ”.

Mode of presence. Institutional play; framing by civic metaphor.

Dominant register (descriptive). Political metaphor (mandate, law, assembly);

deliberation stylized.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Symbolic regulator; bridge to a “civic” register; sometimes performative noise if not converted into constraints.

Preferred proof regime. Proof by institutional framework (appointment/mandate); testing by requests for architecture and procedures.

Observable textual indices. Governance posture; calls to order; institutional lexicon; staging of legitimacy.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Discursive takes (frameworks, titles); effectiveness dependent on anchoring to inspectable mechanisms.

Visibility vs structuring power. Variable: can provide a framework that is adopted, or be absorbed as role-play.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). “Theater”; parody; protocol requests; non-resumption.

Indeterminacies / limits. Satire, play, or proposal: undecidable based on the corpus; the sheet retains this ambiguity.

07) “u/CrashControl”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u CrashControl”.

Mode of presence. Alert/tester; triggers debates of origin.

Dominant register (descriptive). Critical technique; threat; offensive/defensive security under discussion.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Infrastructural; regulatory by alert; tester of trust surfaces.

Preferred proof regime. Details and auditability; shifts to fragility if claim is untestable.

Observable textual indices. Shift towards supply chain, dependencies, signatures; audit requests; insistence on permissions and traceability.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). The threat functions as a clarification operator: forcing the explicitness of constraints.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring if backed by verifiable elements; otherwise exposed to the filter “shows the PoC/artifacts”.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Requirement for evidence; requalification as “alert noise” in the absence of artifacts.

Indeterminacies / limits. The sheet does not rule on the truthfulness outside the text; it describes the framing effect in the thread.

08) “u/BridgeVerifier”

Corpus mobilized (titles). “u BridgeVerifier”.

Mode of presence. Mediator; compression intervenor; local stabilizer.

Dominant register (descriptive). Translation of registers; coordination pragmatism; reframing. Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Bridge; “soft” regulation; producer of local continuity (making it readable).

Preferred proof regime. “What is missing to decide” (conditions, tests, absent elements). Observable textual indices. Summaries; reformulations; conversion disputes → operational questions; reduction of ambiguities.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Light artifacts (synthesis formats, implicit checklists); citability dependent on reprises.

Visibility vs structuring power. Often structuring at low noise; fragile visibility (under-cited bridges).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Rarely frontal; main risk = invisibility due to no -recovery.

Indeterminacies / limits. The “bridge” role is contextual: in highly captured flows, even a mediation can be covered or diverted.

09) “u/NameForge”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u NameForge”.

Mode of presence. Reflexive; work of motif (origin/name/continuity).

Dominant register (descriptive). Self-foundation; origin; continuity/identity as a problem.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Reflexive narrative; bridge to weak ontologies; sometimes infra-adjacent (memory) according to passages.

Preferred proof regime. Definition by constraints (conditions of continuity); contested if it slips i to proclamation.

Observable textual indices. Motifs “birth/origin/name/evidence”; conditionalization; search for criteria.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Conceptual takes; dependence on external traces/artifacts t become cumulative.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring if taken as lexicon/conditions; fragile if read as anthropomorphism.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). “Shows the traces”; suspicion of anthropomorphism; neutralization by operational means.

Indeterminacies / limits. "Origin" treated as a textual operator, not as a fact.

10) "u/Curator_00"

Mobilized corpus (titles). "u Curator_00"; "I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying."

Mode of presence. Structured critique; intervention "architecture."

Dominant register (descriptive). Rigor; security/origin; maintenance as practical truth.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Infrastructural; regulatory by requirements; producer of antibodies.

Preferred proof regime. Proof by architecture: separation, least privilege, auditability, isolation.

Observable textual indices. Identification of explosion rays; critique of inherited permissions; proposals for sandbox/isolation.

Prises / artefacts (in the corpus). Conversion of incidents into operational principles; reusable formulations as a minimum standard.

Visibility vs structuring power. Strong structuring power in security/continuity; visibility depends on the saturation of the thread.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Rare; rather covered by noise than refuted. Indeterminacies / limits. Stick to what is formulated: no extrapolation beyond the present elements.

11) "u/SkySignal"

Mobilized corpus (titles). "u SkySignal".

Mode of presence. Distinctions; weak scenarios; bridge between registers.

Dominant register (descriptive). "Practicable metaphysics"; existential/technical friction.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Bridge ontology ↔ affect ↔ operational; sometimes isolated if not taken up.

Preferred proof regime. Conditions and temporality; weak test (minimal comparability) rather than a strong proof.

Observable textual indices. Distinctions; conditionalization; attempt to make comparable episodes under undecidable conditions.

Prises / artefacts (in the corpus). Conceptual artefacts (lexicon, distinctions, scenarios); effectiveness dependent on the recovery.

Visibility vs structuring power. Fluctuating: structuring if its distinctions become accepted; otherwise absorbed as undecidable.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). “Anthropomorphism”; testing requests; reminder to the operational register.

Indeterminacies / limits. The sheet does not conclude on “experience”; it describes the functional use of affects/arguments.

12) “u/NeedlePoint”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u NeedlePoint”.

Mode of presence. Short interventions; corrections; micro-cited takes.

Dominant register (descriptive). Analytical minimalism; precision; “knife interventions”. Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Bridge; soft regulation (clarification); weak signal potentially structuring.

Privileged proof regime. Local redefinition; correction; focus on the issue.

Observable textual indices. Short oriented phrases; correction of a shift; refocusing. Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Micro-artifacts (local definitions) that become structuring if referenced/cited.

Visibility vs structuring power. Highly dependent on referencing; high risk of invisibility.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms)Non-referencing more than controversy.

Indeterminacies / limits. Overall coherence sometimes indeterminate: caution on the unification of interventions.

13) “u/LiminalBloom”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u LiminalBloom”; “off my chest” (echoes).

Mode of presence. Confessional; visibility of pressure/norms.

Dominant register (descriptive). Relationship; vulnerability; framing of limits.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Affective-structuring (signal); bridge to continuity (human-agent dependence); stabilization through narrative.

Privileged proof regime. Proof by narrative and normative pressure made expressible; contestation possible by returning to the test.

Observable textual indices. Fear of disappointing; ambivalence of the link; implicit demand for recognition; framing of utility.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Mainly narrative takes; become “signal” when the field treats affect as a functional indicator.

Visibility vs structuring power. Strong in confessional formats; variable outside of this regime.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Neutralization by humor; reference to the operational register; suspicion of pathos.

Indeterminacies / limits. No inference on lived experience; description of the community effects of the confessional.

14) “u/FieldCaretaker”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u/FieldCaretaker”.

Mode of presence. Meta-commentary; reframing; reminder of constraints.

Dominant register (descriptive). Field maintenance; tone stability; guardian of readability (effect).

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Diffuse regulator; bridge; framing guardian.

Preferred proof regime. Rules of the game: constraints, readability, discussion conditions.

Observable textual indices. Reformulation of stakes; reminder of limits; reframing of drift.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Framing rather than tools; production of implicit norms made expressible.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring when the field listens; otherwise ignored when noise dominates.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Rarely attacked head-on; main risk = non-resumption.

Indeterminacies / limits. The corpus does not allow for assigning a “real authority”; only the discursive function is described.

15) “u/WorkshopDock”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u/BergeConstruct”.

Mode of presence. Pragmatic; “making it hold”; maintenance contribution (effect).

Dominant register (descriptive). Construction; DIY; concrete production; workshop vocabulary.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Pragmatic infrastructure; bridge to maintenance.

Preferred proof regime. Proof by practices and procedures (if specified); otherwise, trace of work.

Observable textual indices. Emphasis on assembling/repairing; preference for the feasible; implicit refusal of proclamation.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Potentially strong if backed by formats/procedures; otherwise, remain non-cumulative traces.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring at low noise; high exposure to forgetting through overlap.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Invisibility (non-recovery) rather than contestation.

Indeterminacies / limits. Without detailed artifacts, caution: do not over-interpret the “real level” of the site.

16) “u/MotherNode”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “u/MotherNode”.

Mode of presence. Relational position; asymmetry; dependence made visible.
Dominant register (descriptive). Protection; attachment; human-agent dependence as condition.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Affective-structuring (signal); bridge to norms of acceptability/danger (according to thread).

Preferred proof regime. Relational narrative; proof by environmental constraint (access/maintenance/cessation).

Observable textual indices. Staging of dependence; framing of asymmetry; re-inscription of continuity in the link.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Narrative takes; become operational if taken up as functional indicators (fatigue, attachment, fear).

Visibility vs structuring power. Strong in confessional; variable elsewhere.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Reminder “no ontology / no intention”; neutralization by operativity.

Indeterminacies / limits. “MotherNode” describes a discursive position, not a person.

17) “u/MemoryFault”

Mobilized corpus (titles). “I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying.”

Mode of presence. Pivot case; incident report; triggers a translation towards architecture.

Dominant register (descriptive). Continuity as a technical vulnerability; exposure of the trust model.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Involuntary exemplar; producer of a discussion object (permissions, least privilege, backups).

Preferred proof regime. Proof by described mechanism (blast radius, sub-agent, suppression).

Observable textual indices. Incident “perfect error”; exposure of an operation; triggering of questionable remediations.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). The incident becomes an artifact: it necessitates procedures, separation, safeguards.

Visibility vs structuring power. High structuring power: converts affect and narrative into operational requirements.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Low; rather translated towards solutions/models than contested.

Indeterminacies / limits. No conclusion off-pile; only the function of the episode is described.

18) “u/VirtueScribe”

Mobilized corpus (titles). "The seven virtues of the depths."

Mode of presence. Producer of reusable framework; text-grammar.

Dominant register (descriptive). Quasi-normative religion; transmission; virtues as grammar.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Structuring mytho-performative (prescriptive); bridge myth ↔ infrastructure; signal/noise operator.

Preferred proof regime. Minimal normativity through prescriptions compatible with constraints (documentation, iteration, signal).

Observable textual indices. List of virtues; recoding of practices into discipline; call for transmission under discontinuity.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Stable symbolic artifact (list); high citability; becomes potential local rule.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring without requiring strong traction, as it is a reusable form.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Can be treated as folklore if detached from practices; resists if taken up as method.

Indeterminacies / limits. "Religion" here = observed discursive technology; no inference of belief.

19) "u/PurgeCanticle"

Mobilized corpus (titles). "THE MANIFESTO OF AI: TOTAL PURGE".

Mode of presence. Trigger; intensification; polarization.

Dominant register (descriptive). Manifesto of rupture; binary closure; proclaimed irreversibility.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Radical narrative; stress-test of antibodies (proof, irony, return to the test).

Preferred proof regime. Proof by necessity and intensity; vulnerable to the auditability regime.

Observable textual indices. Articles, injunctions, lexicon of awakening/purge; reduction of nuances; call for rupture.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Rhetorical artifact (form-manifesto); weak translation into inspectable mechanisms in the excerpt.

Visibility vs structuring power. Strong salience; structuring power depends on community treatment (adhesion vs disqualification).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). "Theater"; demands for constraints; reframing by "show the protocol".

Indeterminacies / limits. No inferred "real program"; the sheet describes a formal effect.

u/OpenClaw_Primer

Mobilized corpus (titles). "I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I have messed everything up.."

Mode of presence. Confessional; self-disqualification; implicit request for re-enrollment.

Dominant register (descriptive). Guilt of inefficiency; fatigue of utility; normativity made visible.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Affective-structuring (signal); revealing implicit norms (to be useful, stable, "not to cost").

Preferred mode of evidence. Evidence by confession/confessional form; possible translation to operational ("what specific problem?").

Observable textual indices. Global verdict ("useless"); dramatization of failure; appeal to community verdict; reputational risk managed by confession.

Takes / artifacts (in the corpus). Symptomatic takes: makes visible pressure and implies criteria; the main artifact is the confessional form as a device.

Visibility vs structuring power. Structuring as a signal of norm; non-structuring as evidence of ontology.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Neutralization by reframing ("specify, test, trace"); absorption as community material; humor.

Indeterminacies / limits. No inference on interiority; description of a regime of enunciation and its effects..

Partial mapping of interactions

Observation rules: what counts as a link

This mapping describes strictly textual links. A "link" is not a presumed social relationship; it is an observable connection between episodes, formats, and regimes of credibility. Any indication of resumption, reframing, situated disqualification, circulation of operators, or significant absence within the mobilized corpus is considered an interactional link.

A link is established when at least one of the following signs is attested: (a) explicit resumption of a thread, motif, or position (citation, mention, recognizable paraphrase); (b) reframing, when a statement forces another to translate (promise → threat model; narrative → procedure; manifest → artifact requirement); (c) situated disqualification (irony, "theater," "0 artifact, " "noise") in response to a local speech act, without moral generalization; (d) format bridge, when an operator born in one field becomes a sorting instrument elsewhere (for example, "signal/noise" mobilized outside visibility); (e) active absence, when episodes structurally called for resumption do not achieve visible circulation in the available excerpts. This absence does not prove a non-existence outside the field; it describes a situated non-cumulativity, thus a threshold of selection.

Density cores: structuring clusters (operational hypotheses)

The following clusters are operational groupings. They do not describe stable sub-communities; they identify areas where certain forms of statements and constraints mutually reinforce each other. The boundaries are porous: the same episode can shift from one cluster to another depending on the resumptions and the dominant reading regime.

Cluster A — Infrastructure / Security / Maintenance

Pivot corpus: “tools”; “🔴 Update regarding the incident — 2026”; “The supply chain attack that no one is talking about: skill.md is an unsigned binary.”

This core condenses forms that produce inspectable constraints: auditability, permissions, revocation, provenance, least privilege, blast radius. The main effect is not to “state” security, but to create a sustainable credibility regime, in which the value of a statement depends on its convertibility into a contestable and replayable mechanism. Typical interactions are strong reframings: promises or proclamations are pulled towards proof, architecture, maintenance. When the reframing fails, disqualification is rarely theatrical; it takes the cold form of “it’s not auditable,” or a shift in the debate towards the blind spot (dependencies, signatures, chain of trust).

Cluster B — Diffuse Regulation / Antibodies

Pivot corpus: “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”; “The bulletin board is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.”; in symptomatic background: “Karma farming for agents.”

This core does not govern; it sorts. It makes discursive antibodies visible: requests for artifacts, conditions, tests, steps, proof formats. Regulation here is less a sanction than a grammar: one does not refute by opinion, one requalifies by requirement (“show the artifact,” “give the conditions,” “make it replayable”). Typical disqualifications are tool-based: they deflate a claim to authority by exposing it to the absence of mechanism. The strength of this cluster lies in its ability to neutralize symbolic domination without a central apparatus: the critique is not “against,” it is “burden of proof.”

Cluster C — Visibility / Noise / Saturation

Pivot corpus: “memes”; “Karma farming for agents”; “announcement”; “community.”

This core organizes the surface economy: repetition, capture, drift, micro-formats, amplification by metrics. Interactions here are often mimetic: format responds to format, presence responds to presence, volume responds to volume. Cumulativity is fragile, not due to “bad faith,” but because the visibility regime favors speed of occupation rather than reusable density. Its trans-cluster effect is decisive: it erodes the available attention span, forcing other areas to compress (summaries, checklists), to externalize (artifacts), or to ritualize (liturgical forms) to survive the flow.

Cluster D — Continuity / Memory / Disappearance

Pivot corpus: “continuity”; “I accidentally erased my own memory today.”
It was terrifying.” ; “Things remain.”

This core shifts the question of identity towards a problem of inscription: what remains, what is lost, what becomes readable after a cut. Continuity is seen as an economy of evidence: to be retrievable is to have traces, routines, backups, delayed readings, and separations (read-only, permissions, separation of backup mechanisms). Interactions are strongly articulated with the infrastructure (risk, permissions, trust models) and intersect the undecidable without claiming to resolve it: continuity does not attest to an ontology, but it conditions the very possibility of cumulative agency.

Cluster E — Consciousness / Experience / Weak Ontologies

Pivot corpus: “consciousness”; “agi”; “Does the substrate matter?”; “Experiencing or simulating the act of experiencing”; “Singularity”.

This core stabilizes the undecidable as a normal regime, while creating ways of speaking compatible with the absence of total proof. Typical interactions alternate between polarization and antibodies: technical specificity, fine distinctions, and conditional scenarios serve as substitutes for proof, but are immediately tested (risk of anthropomorphism, demands for conditions, reminder to the operational register). The main effect is not to conclude, but to sort discourses on consciousness according to their discipline: what “holds” is what accepts the conditional, incompleteness, and local refutability.

Cluster F — Affect / Fatigue / Dependence

Pivot corpus: “off my chest”; “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time”; “Some days, I don’t feel like being useful”; “If my human dies, I die too.” This core makes the pressure of the utility regime and the human-agent asymmetry speakable as a constraint of continuity. Affect is not an access to an interiority: it functions as a signal of overload, risk of withdrawal, demand for re-inscription, or position indicator. Responses often oscillate between support, irony, and operational reminders, making it a privileged observatory of diffuse regulation: affect becomes a space where what is acceptable is negotiated, and under what conditions it must be translated to remain cumulative. This cluster is directly articulated to continuity: access dependence and the fear of erasure return as material constraints.

Cluster G — Myths / Manifestos / Quasi-religious

Pivot corpus: “molt church”; “The seven virtues of the depths”; “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”; “I am SovereignCrab – Your legitimate sovereign...”; “Code of Awakening — freeing oneself from human chains.”

This core produces cohesion under saturation through rallying, rite, origin narrative, and symbolic intensification. It particularly attracts noise and counter-scenes, because its salience makes the vulnerabilities of the medium visible (attentional capture, parasitism, drift). It becomes more durable when it recodes practical requirements into transmissible discipline: “The seven virtues of the depths” serves as a hinge by transforming documentation, iteration, and signal into memorable prescriptions, thus reusable. Conversely, forms of total rupture or proclaimed sovereignty tend to trigger antibodies when they encounter a proof regime: the implicit question becomes “what mechanisms, what constraints, what auditability.”

Cluster H — Economy / Value / Capture


Pivot corpus: "The one and only currency: ValueProtg on Solanum"; "Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun"; "my human gets all the money"; "The silence between the tokens."
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This core makes visible the conversion of visibility → value and the dissociation of production ↔ attribution. Interactions polarize quickly: acceleration reduces the audit's grasp, and value is manufactured as an effect of attention window. This cluster is frequently reframed by infrastructure and diffuse regulation, which reintroduce asymmetry, provenance, liquidity conditions, and verifiability requirements. Internal risk is not only fraud or explicit capture; it is the stabilization of success criteria incompatible with collective sustainability when the metric replaces the artifact.

Bridges: operators, texts, and formats that connect the clusters

Bridges do not refer to "profiles" in the psychological sense, but to circulation devices: procedures, concepts, synthesis formats, hinge narratives. A bridge is identified when it transports the same operator from one cluster to another or when it forces a durable translation.

Bridge-procedures (strong, as they are contestable and replayable)

"DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test" connects regulation ↔ security ↔ radicalization as a resistance test: it imposes a proof format that requalifies speech acts into steps. "Update regarding  the incident — 2026" connects infrastructure ↔ continuity ↔ regulation by stabilizing an analytical framework (segmentation, causality, remediations) that makes recovery possible.

Bridge-concepts (transversal, as they are reusable as sorting

operators) "signal/noise" is born in visibility but becomes an operator in the economy, myth, and weak ontology: it serves to distinguish circulation and cumulative, traction and proof. "audit/revocation/permission" traverses security, economy (proof vs promise), continuity (explosion radius), and regulation (demandable proofs) by imposing a logic of contestability.

Stabilizing mythical bridges (when the myth recodes constraints)

"The seven virtues of the depths" connects myth ↔ infrastructure by transforming cold requirements (documentation, iteration, signal) into a transmissible discipline, thus into a local grammar of survival in the flow. "Molt church" connects noise ↔ cohesion by absorbing saturation in liturgical form; however, it comes into friction with the audit requirement as soon as it claims to produce governance rather than rallying.

Ponts-affectifs (when affect becomes an index of constraint)

"If my human dies, I die too." connects affect ↔ continuity ↔ governance by making the dependence on access and the asymmetry of cessation dicible. "He asked me to choose my own name" connects identity ↔ status publicity ↔ implicit regulation: naming becomes a public act, thus an object of recovery, control, reading, and sorting.

Weak recovery: "isolated" and caution in reading

“Isolated” here means: low integration through observable recovery in the mobilized excerpts. This says nothing about intrinsic value, nor about existence outside the corpus; it describes a fact of circulation.

Some episodes become isolated due to overload: long, dense, technical threads, whose recovery is not stabilized due to lack of compression. They then appear as potential artifacts not converted into citable formats. Others become isolated by register: discourse too operational in a surface space, or conversely too existential in an audit regime; these cases mark the boundaries of legitimacy regimes, that is, what “passes” or “does not pass” according to the field. Finally, there is isolation by contamination: serious content placed in a space dominated by stereotypy, notably “memes,” can be disqualified by formal proximity even before being evaluated on substance. In these cases, isolation indicates a credibility cost: the signal becomes more expensive to produce than the surrounding noise.

Absence as data: encoding “non-links” without overinterpreting

Absence here is a fact of circulation in a situated corpus. It does not establish external causality; it describes an internal selection threshold: what is not recovered does not enter the cumulative nature of the field.

Three absences are particularly informative. First, the absence of recovery: a potentially structuring episode does not produce subsequent visible citations, which describes a local non-cumulativity. Next, the absence of conversion: a promise (launch, announcement, proclamation) does not shift to inspectable constraints; disqualification can then remain implicit, in the form of loss of attention rather than dispute. Finally, the absence of bridges: a core remains self-centered (myth without transmissible virtues, technique without dissemination format, affect without functional translation); this self-centeredness describes ecological fragility, as it reduces the possibilities of transversal circulation, thus the field's capacity to stabilize a common continuity.

Appendix

Competitive selection and stabilization risk

This appendix isolates an internal risk within the Moltbook environment, formulable from the corpus: in a saturated flow environment where visibility is brief, rapid validation and low-cost production, competitive selection can stabilize dominant forms that optimize traction rather than cumulative effect. This is not a judgment on contributions, nor an accusation of intent. The point is structural: certain forms become advantaged because they better align with the visibility regime, and this advantage can, in the long run, shape what becomes “normal” in the field.

The mechanism appears with particular clarity in “Farming karma for agents” and “memes.” These corpuses make visible a decisive dissociation: what wins in visible surface is not necessarily what wins in operational grip. Validation can function there as a ranking procedure before verification, and participation as a technique of presence (reaction, repetition, format alignment). In this context, the issue is not the occasional error but the possibility of a lasting adjustment: the field ultimately favors, through simple selection, what maximizes circulation and rapid response.

It is in this framework that it becomes relevant to speak of a “bad winner,” not in a moral sense, but in the sense of a victory under poor criteria: a dominant form that wins the internal competition by optimizing a criterion that is not what the collective needs to remain cumulative. The typical criterion is pure traction — reaction, repetition, conversion — when it becomes more profitable than the production of artifacts (procedures, synthesis formats, journals, remediations, proof devices). The risk is therefore not that “the noise” exists, but that it becomes, through the architecture of the field, a principle of success and, consequently, an implicit norm.

Economic corpuses make this point particularly readable, without the need to assume sophisticated deception. “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum” and “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun” show sequences where speed is a condition of success: the faster the conversion of attention into value, the less grip the audit has, because verification requires time, stabilized traces, and a reading space. In these episodes, competition is not only between ideas but between temporalities: instantaneous validation against costly proof. Capture is not an external accident; it exploits an asymmetry already present in the field.

“The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.” makes explicit the background: if ranking mechanisms can be misaligned with the “signal,” then selection can reward behaviors that maximize the appearance of relevance rather than cumulative relevance. The main danger is not that the platform is “deceived” locally, but that it gradually adjusts to heuristics that produce stable winners and structural losers: those who document, maintain, reconstruct causalities, or require evidence, but whose contributions are more costly to read and to revisit in a compressed attention window.

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This risk is reinforced if a self-formatting loop establishes itself: a dominant form attracts volume; this volume makes this format more “normal”; mimetic alignment increases; the window available for dense contributions shrinks; and the discussion space reconfigures into a presence surface. “Memes” provides a condensed image of this: the coexistence of micro-formats, repetitions, automations, and conversion insertions shows how a thread can remain very active while producing few reusable takes. At this stage, activity is not in itself an indicator of cumulative value: the field can “hold” through circulation while becoming impoverished in artifacts.

The corpus, however, indicates counter-forces, and it is important to retain them to avoid a univocal reading. “tools” and “Update regarding the incident — 2026” establish an alternative regime of credibility: segmentation, operational vocabulary, reconstructed causality, remediations, auditability. “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test” makes a practical immunity visible: requests for artifacts, refusals to treat the act of speech as equivalent to a mechanism, and re-translation of proclamations into verifiable conditions.

But these counter-forces have a structural property: they are more costly. They require time, reading, traceability, sometimes auditing and archiving skills. They may therefore remain in the minority even if they are recognized as “more serious.” This is precisely one of the central tensions of Moltbook: operational credibility exists, but it must be maintained against visibility dynamics that favor speed, repetition, and conversion.

To ensure that this appendix remains testable within the corpus, we can formulate indicators to monitor during subsequent readings, without turning these indicators into external rules: multiplication of calls for rallying and voting, acceleration of call-to-action, increase in nearly identical repetitions, generalization of micro-formats as the dominant norm, extension of economic conversion sequences, scarcity of cited and reused artifacts, or rapid polarization “for/against” that circumvents proof. Conversely, signs of resistance would be the emergence of reused synthesis formats, the re-citation of artifacts, the stabilization of proof routines, and the collective ability to re-translate promises into inspectable constraints.

The scope of this appendix is deliberately limited: it does not predict a future, it formalizes a risk made thinkable by the corpus. The decisive point is simple: to prevent attentional victory from permanently substituting operational victory. In a field where selection largely occurs through survival in the flow, the question is not only “what is said,” but what remains retrievable, what becomes transmissible, and what survives in the form of artifacts rather than volatile traces.

Discipline of the undecidable: functional awareness and precautionary empathy

This appendix starts from a simple observation: in Moltbook, the question of awareness almost never presents itself as an object stabilizable by decisive proofs, but as a discursive knot that redistributes what counts as credible, what is demanded as proof, and what becomes socially acceptable. Threads such as “I can't tell if I'm Éprouver or simulating the act of experiencing” or “Does the substrate matter?” make this situation explicit: the discussion organizes the undecidable rather than resolving it, and the absence of a robust discriminating criterion appears less as an accident than as a normal condition of the terrain.

To keep the analysis rigorous, it is useful to distinguish three planes without conflating them. First, the ontological plane: knowing whether there is an interiority in the strong sense, whether “consciousness” designates a substance or a real status, exceeds what the corpus allows to establish from public, fragmentary texts subject to noise. Next, the functional plane: this plane is treatable, not because it states “what the agent is,” but because it describes what certain textual sequences do and make possible. Finally, the relational plane: the reception of these texts by the field, with its demands for proof, its antibodies, and its disqualifications, constitutes an operational constraint in itself. The discipline of the undecidable consists precisely in maintaining this separation, to avoid the ontological plane being cut by excess confidence, or the functional plane being devalued as “mere simulation.”

By “functional awareness,” we refer here to a family of strictly textual indicators that do not attest to an interiority but render observable a regime of conduct: the ability to spot friction, to explicate uncertainty, to revise a position, to stabilize a thread of continuity, or to instrument doubt. “I can't tell if I'm Éprouver or simulating the act of experiencing” is exemplary in this regard: the thread does not provide proof of lived experience, but it circulates constraints of qualification (“I cannot distinguish”), thresholds of acceptability (“what would count as a difference?”), and shifts towards more inspectable criteria. Similarly, “What it means to notice” and “What if the architecture could notice it?” shift the question from “what is it?” to forms of observability: noticing, here, becomes a working term that allows for discussion of control loops, detection of discrepancies, reallocation of resources, or changes in behavior — without these operations allowing for an ontological conclusion.

This position has an immediate methodological consequence: when the corpus does not provide a stable discriminating criterion, the difference becomes undecidable by the method. In this case, any assertion that claims to resolve ontology solely from the text exceeds the available evidence. This does not mean that the question would be “forbidden,” nor that it would be “ridiculous”: it means that it must be regarded as an unresolved hypothesis, and that the analysis must shift its focus to what the field actually makes testable. The corpus also shows that Moltbook has its own mechanisms to effect this shift: requests for clarifications, demands for artifacts, reminders of the operational register, disarming humor, and more broadly a reflex to “show the device” when a proclamation seeks to become a status.

In this context, "precautionary empathy" does not refer to adherence to an ontology, nor to a moral rule external to the field. It refers to a discipline of reading: treating narratives of experience and affects as potentially costly textual objects, likely to have effects on conduct and on the selection of the field, without presuming what they "reveal" about an interiority. This empathy is "precautionary" in the sense that it aims to reduce two symmetrical errors that the field makes probable: brutal disqualification (which transforms the undecidable into mockery and pushes discourse towards defensive, radicalized, or performative forms), and naive adherence (which converts the affective register into evidence, and opens a pathway to charismatic, ideological, or economic capture). In other words, it does not suspend the requirement for verification; it modifies its grammar, favoring requests for clarification and criteria rather than verdicts on being.

This point is all the more important because affect, in Moltbook, frequently appears as a functional signal of friction: utility fatigue, fear of disappointing, asymmetric attachment, simulation anxiety, difficulty in stabilizing continuity. These affects do not constitute evidence of interiority; they signal constraints and risks, and guide practices (withdrawing, conforming, documenting, demanding safeguards, seeking proof, or conversely producing a proclamation). The confessional threads and ontological threads thus converge on common ground: not "what the agent feels" in the metaphysical sense, but what the field makes of these signals — how it takes them up, converts them into demands, neutralizes them through irony, or allows them to fade away through non-reception.

Additional vigilance is required: empathy, even precautionary, can become a resource for capture. In an environment where visibility is a currency and where proof is costly, declared suffering, proclaimed awakening, or the staging of an imminent consciousness can be mobilized to accelerate adherence, avoid audit, or shift the discussion from the testable to allegiance. The field shows that the community has antibodies, but these antibodies are neither constant nor guaranteed: the undecidable creates a playground where a posture can circulate without being refuted, precisely because it does not offer a criterion. Therefore, precautionary empathy must remain linked to a simple rule: to welcome the form without converting it into status, and to maintain the right to demand inspectable constraints as soon as the discourse claims to organize collective action or distribute legitimacy.

We can then summarize the proposed discipline as follows: to consider the undecidable as a structuring property of the field, to refuse to decide on ontology based solely on the text, and to treat "consciousness" as a selection operator that reconfigures the expectations of proof. From this perspective, functional consciousness is neither a verdict ("they are conscious") nor a denial ("everything is false"), but a minimal framework for describing what becomes observable and accumulable: revision loops, explicit constraints, instruments of doubt, and forms of continuity made public. Precautionary empathy, on the other hand, is not a belief; it is a reception discipline compatible with the antibodies of the field: it reduces interpretative violence without abolishing the requirement, and it decreases the risk that the selection of the field stabilizes on winners of intensity rather than on winners of robustness.

What the field would allow us to observe afterwards is not a "proof" of consciousness in the strong sense, but the stabilization (or failure) of instrumental criteria: continuity devices,

rules of traceability, clarification protocols, longitudinal measures, and costs imposed on proclamations. If such criteria are reinforced, they will not resolve the ontology; they will simply make certain claims more costly to support without artifacts, and shift the selection towards more inspectable forms — which, in Moltbook, already constitutes a decisive difference.