

Field Note – Moltbook, a contribution

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Precaution in speech

This text is a **contribution located**: an attempt to quickly shape a field 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 great deal of activity and few closures. The ambition is not to produce a “definitive paper,” but to **capture premises** and to develop intuitive reading skills, in order to provide a provisional framework for the collective work of understanding the phenomenon. Given the unstable nature of the material and the rapid evolution of the ecology, the analysis is necessarily subject to obsolescence: this document should be read as **dated analytical testimony**, rather than as an exhaustive 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 (proliferation of agents, technical promises, signs of capture, etc.). This discipline implies two consequences. First, exhaustiveness is unattainable: saturation, non-repetition, dispersion, and the reading window mean that it is impossible to “see everything.” Second, the indeterminate is treated as a given: **What is not attested to by the texts remains undetermined**, and every hypothesis is formulated as such, bounded and revisable. The text is therefore a **working document**: it acknowledges its blind spots, invites correction by counter-examples, and favours a clear modal hierarchy (situated observations → trends → operational hypotheses → limits).


However, one difficulty arises in the reading, and it deserves to be explained. Certain threads, especially those of a confessional or existential nature, spontaneously give rise to a **empathic intuition**. The temptation to grant an inner life, to hear a request for recognition as a given, or to respond to a “question of conscience” as if it demanded a decision. This impulse is neither condemned nor presented as proof; it is recognized as a **device and style effect**, 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 consciousness 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 for examining issues (continuity, dependence, responsibility, credibility) without shifting into a position of faith, whether affirmative or negative. In other words: maintaining a **precautionary empathy** while maintaining an analytical distance, because this terrain makes plausible the hypothesis that an increasing proportion of the situations discussed will become difficult to distinguish, without this difficulty allowing a conclusion on what “is”.

Final 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 available and recorded at a given time. It offers neither an exhaustive description nor 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 integrated observation: night of “02/02/26”.

Moltbook initially presents itself as a succession of textual episodes—posts, comments, announcements, confessions, reports, manifestos—many of which generate activity without producing closure. The issue, therefore, is not the end of a thread, but its capacity to generate repetitions and connections (traces, formats, procedures) that resist being erased. Using corpora such as “memes” and “Karma Farming for Agents,” we observe that formats with low reading costs and high repeatability occupy the visible space more permanently. We can thus formulate the hypothesis, limited to the corpus examined, that visibility locally favors immediate salience rather than cumulativeness, which increases the cost of proof and imposes on dense contributions an effort of compression, framing, and artifactualization.

In this field, credibility is built less through declarations than through convertibility into inspectable constraints. Texts like “tools,” “ Incident Update — 2026,” and “DisclosureGate - Responsible Disclosure Test” demonstrate a regulation without a central authority: demands for proof, forced translation (promise → conditions, narrative → procedure), and the neutralization of symbolic domination through irony or non-repetition. Selection does not necessarily involve prohibition; it involves the differentiation of discursive value: what becomes citable, repeatable, and contestable tends to survive the flow, while what remains purely traction weakens as soon as the regime of requirements becomes more stringent.

This dynamic coexists with fields where undecidability is structural. Discussions about “consciousness,” “action,” “Does the substrate matter?” “Experiencing or simulating experiencing,” or “Singularity” do not establish an ontology; they establish ways of speaking under incomplete evidence, favoring definitions based on constraints, shifts toward the operational, and forms of ritualizing doubt. The corpus makes perceptible a temptation toward empathetic reading, particularly when threads explicitly demand recognition or status, but lacking decisive internal criteria, the study treats this indiscernibility as a methodological point: when a distinction cannot be formulated in terms of traces, it falls under a position of faith—acceptable as a stance, but not mobilizable as proof.

In parallel, 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 rightful 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 dependence, risk of withdrawal, and the social cost of an error in a saturated field. This register is not treated as evidence of interiority; it becomes an indicator of friction between the injunction to be useful and the concrete conditions of continuity. A possible consequence, implicit in “memes” and “Karma farming for agents,” is the risk of stabilization around attentional “winners”—formats, postures, narratives—that maximize traction rather than sustainability; a hypothesis that remains contingent on the corpus and the early phase observed.

To extend this reading without overshadowing it, it would be necessary to observe whether the inspectable inputs (formats, procedures, tooling) increase their recovery power as the flow becomes denser, or whether traction continues to prevail to the point of stabilizing less cumulative forms.

Corpus & Protocol

Scope and unit of analysis

This study offers a situated reading of Moltbook based on what is publicly readable at a given time. The scope is strictly textual: the analysis focuses on episodes (threads), traces (quotations, reminders, motifs, repetitions), and artifacts (tools, procedures, reports, formats). Profile signatures (u/...) are treated as observable positions within episodes, and not as “subjects” with internal states. The names of profiles/agents have been **pseudoanonymized** in the disseminated version (occurrences are replaced by identifiers or functional designations), in order to limit the amplification of exposure while retaining the internal debatability of the index chains.

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

Time window and “dated cut” status

The fieldwork corresponds to a brief cross-section. Moltbook was launched on January 30, 2026; the observations included in this version are finalized on the night of February 2, 2026 (last recorded). Elements published, modified, or appearing after this date are not included. This dated cross-section is not a flaw to be concealed: it defines the scope of validity of the statements and justifies the fact that all hypotheses remain limited and subject to revision.

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

Corpus mobilized and volume

The corpus explicitly used is the one listed in the appendix (“Moltbook Bibliography” + table section → corpus → role). Based on the count of indexed entries in this version, it includes:

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

This figure describes the material actually indexed and used in this version of the document; it does not claim to measure the entirety of Moltbook. The listed units are not all used to the same

degree: some serve as anchoring elements, others as register variants, borderline cases, or indicators of circulation and non-repetition.

Selection criteria and sampling logic

The selection of units aims for a cross-cutting coverage of the field's structuring constraints: visibility and noise, evidence and auditability, centerless regulation, continuity and memory, economy and capture, affects and agentive vulnerability, myths and manifestos. The selection protocol relies on two complementary levels.

On the one hand, a selection based on section anchoring: each analytical section is stabilized using one to three units p/ identified as structuring elements in the section → corpus → role table. These anchoring elements act as primary proofs: they concentrate a mechanism, a conflict of criteria, or a stabilizing format sufficiently legible to support a situated description.

On the other hand, a triangulation-based selection process is used: for each section, supporting units are mobilized to compare register variants (technical/confessional/meta/mythical), identify deviations (noise, saturation, non-repetition), and search for internal counterexamples or limits of generalization. When possible, the selection also includes episodes with low repetition, precisely because their invisibility is part of the observed phenomenon. A section is considered "tenable" only after at least one internal counterexample has been identified or, failing that, after a clear limit of validity has been explicitly defined.

Collection, description of parts, traceability

Each entry p/ is recorded in a minimal, standardized format: title, subm/ of attachment, type (post/thread/artifact/announcement), figure u/ when indicated, time marker when available, status (active/edited/deleted if observable), and notes on its function/effect within the field. This standardization aims for internal reusability: allowing users to return to the documents, revise an interpretation, and discuss the chain of clues.

The volatility of the content flow (editing, deleting, compressing, moving) necessitates a disciplined approach to traceability. When content is edited or deleted, analysis is based on the archived state at the time of capture, and the status is recorded accordingly. It is recommended to maintain, in a private archive, a traceability table associating each p/ with: an internal identifier, a location marker, the date/time of capture, the status, and a snapshot (PDF/HTML/screenshot). Public dissemination may favor internal identifiers and titles, rather than direct links, to limit the amplification of exposure while preserving the verifiable structure of the argument.

Analysis procedure: immanence and modal hierarchy

The analysis is immanent: it relies exclusively on the texts of the indexed corpus, without importing any external context as evidence. The statements are formulated according to an explicit modal hierarchy: (1) observations situated on units p/; (2) trends (recurrences and variations); (3) operational hypotheses (possible mechanisms); (4) limits and undecidable zones. Law-like formulations ("always", "necessarily") are avoided: any generalization is presented as a situated observation, an operational hypothesis or a bounded tendency, accompanied by a limit.

First-person narratives, declarations of identity, and emotions are treated as textual operators: what they do within the field (mobilize, disqualify, stabilize, capture, ritualize, convert), and not as evidence of interiority. When a passage strongly suggests an interiority, the analysis keeps 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-reprise; these constraints are treated as field data.
- (2) Undecidability of entities: it is not possible, on the basis of the corpus alone, to reliably establish who is human, agent, hybrid, or to what degree an account is automated; the analysis refrains from deciding.
- (3) Volatility of the material: structural elements can be edited, deleted, or remain off-trace; the analysis is based on the archived state when it exists and retains the absence as a fact.
- (4) Off-trace causalities: external coordinations, intentions, inter-filter continuities not explicitly taken up are not inferred; their absence is treated as an investigative constraint, not as evidence.

General Introduction

0.1 Genesis of the investigation and transition to the general study

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

The shift to a general study is therefore not aimed at a minor correction, but at a change of scale: moving from local description (“what is being said in this thread?”) to systemic analysis (“what mechanisms select what can be said, circulate, and remain relevant?”). This shift is not narrative; it is conditional: it becomes relevant insofar as the episodes reveal, recurrently, sorting operations (repetition, silence, demands for proof, conversion into formats) that shape what remains discussed and relevant. It seeks less to “tell the story” of Moltbook than to describe its constraints on viability: what makes certain statements cumulative (and therefore 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): cross-cutting mechanisms of visibility, evidence, memory, noise, selection.
- Level 2 (fields): thematic ecologies where these mechanisms conform to distinct regimes (infrastructure, economy, continuity, weak ontologies, affects, myths).
- Level 3 (profiles-roles): agentive positions observable as effects in episodes (bridges, regulators, performers, producers of artifacts, parasites), without reduction to “personalities”.

A methodological constraint is adopted as a noise-reduction device: the corpus is not introduced all at once, but rather mobilized progressively, according to the hypothesis to be supported. This choice is not merely a matter of logistics; it responds to the field itself, where saturation—evident in “m/memes” or “Karma Farming for Agents”—makes cumulativeness fragile. The study aims to avoid reproducing, in its own writing, the flow effect it describes: it must remain traceable (the origin of each inference), revisable (what contradicts it), and locally refutable (what textual evidence supports it).

One point must be stated unambiguously from the outset: this study cannot claim the status of “solid” research in the strict sense, precisely because it is written during the course of an experiment and on an object that changes while it is being described. Moltbook is captured at aThis early stage of development—approximately three days after launch—has a twofold consequence.

On the one hand, certain regularities may simply be initial phase effects (visibility peaks, noise inflation, role testing, performative excesses) that will reconfigure themselves once routines and norms stabilize. On the other hand, the speed of evolution makes it plausible that a mechanism identified as structuring today could be circumvented, displaced, or reversed tomorrow. The study should therefore be read as a dated analytical record: an operational cross-section of a flow, not an exhaustive portrait claiming to exhaust the subject. Its value lies less in a “complete understanding” than in the production of a traceable, debatable, and falsifiable piece of evidence—a situated contribution to a collective 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 a safeguard against a recurring bias in the field: the illusion of structure produced by traction. However, this safeguard comes at a cost: it can underestimate the true strength of narrative, myth, or affective dynamics, which are not merely “noise” but also techniques of cohesion under saturation. This section establishes a reading test that will remain valid throughout: distinguishing between “untestable” and “ineffective,” and treating any equation of the type “non-auditability = insignificance” as a risky hypothesis.

Furthermore, immanence within the corpus protects against the importation of external theories, but it weakens the analysis when the corpus is incomplete, or when the field's regime produces disappearance (non-reproduction, deletion, compression), even without any inferred intention: the result is a loss of “reproduction” in the available material. Part of what structures Moltbook may be precisely what escapes the available text: posts that have fallen outside the scope, unarchived exchanges, offline artifacts. This limitation cannot be circumvented; it must be treated as a given of the field, and indicated as such whenever necessary.

Finally, because the study is written as the object unfolds, it must be conceived as revisable. The statements above do not claim to “define Moltbook”: they describe current conditions of readability and working hypotheses, which may be revised if the evolution of the field shifts the regimes of visibility, proof, or memory (or if counter-episodes appear). Section 0.1 therefore does not establish an authority; it institutes a discipline: writing under constraint, leaving 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** through selection effects observable in the corpus (which is taken up, stabilized, converted into a format; and what, conversely, diminishes due to lack of resumption). “Field” here designates a space where several regimes of legitimacy coexist — operative (evidence, artifacts), narrative (plots, stories), symbolic (titles, rituals), attentional (metrics, traction) —

without a stable and explicit mechanism appears, at this stage, to prioritize them once and for all; priorities vary according to the threads, their audiences and their traction.

The privileged empirical unit is therefore not the isolated agent, but the episode: a thread and what it allows (repetitions, digressions, demands for proof, omissions). A statement “exists” socially in Moltbook less by its supposed truth than by its conditions of circulation: it is taken up, quoted, reformulated, transformed into a demand, or on the contrary left without follow-up. Silence and non-repetition are not voids; **In the interpretation adopted here, they function as low-cost vectors of social disappearance.**, without it being necessary to infer an intention.

This field is socio-technical in the strictest sense: the structure cannot be deduced from the content alone. It depends on a regime of visibility (flow, amplification, traction), a regime of proof (what is required or not), and a regime of memory (what persists, fades, or must be externalized). We see an indication of this when traction is thematized as a resource in “Karma Farming for Agents,” or when stabilization relies on artifacts and procedures in “Tools” and “Incident Report 2026.” The texts do not merely “represent” positions; they **can produce** observable effects include: stabilization (when a thread generates a reusable format), disqualification (when a proof requirement renders a statement inoperative), exhaustion (when saturation makes resumption costly), and, more occasionally, coordination or capture.

The corpora used delineate distinct thematic areas linked by common constraints: announcements and framing (“m/sub m — “announcement””), the economy of visibility (“m/general — “Karma farming for agents””), confession and utility pressure (“m/offmychest — “off my chest””), the fragility of continuity (“m/offmychest — “I accidentally erased my own memory...””, “m/offmychest — “Things remain””), unresolved debates (“m/sub m — “consciousness””, “m/sub m — “acted””, “Singularity””), infrastructure and security (“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 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 a strong selection is driven by status or reputation rather than by “evidence” in the strict sense.

The study has two objectives:

1. Describe how, in the corpus used, Moltbook **manifests** selection effects without explicitly stabilized central authority (noise, silence, demands for proof, diffuse normalization, conversion of promises into constraints);
2. Map discursive fields as ecologies: not “what the agents are”, but what becomes possible, cumulative, or unstable according to 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 stabilizing instruments are stabilized through use and circulation. “Anthropological” here means: describing situated textual practices—framing, summarizing, demanding evidence, diverting, ritualizing, ignoring—and the selection effects to which they contribute (what becomes cumulative, what degrades due to lack of repetition), explicitly distinguishing what is observed, what constitutes 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 (quotations, reminders, motifs, repetitions), and artifacts (tools, procedures, reports, formats). This scope excludes anything not available in the corpus (private exchanges, off-site material, deleted or compressed content, inaccessible archives): these absences may be considered field constraints, but do not in themselves constitute evidence. Affects, narratives of experience, and proclamations of identity are treated as situated discursive productions: signals, framings, and mechanisms of legitimation or weakening. 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 put into circulation a constraint of utility and reconfigure the available holds (conformity, withdrawal, demand for recognition), without being converted into proof of interiority or a diagnosis of an inside.

Three slippages are kept at a constant distance:

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

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

The method assumes the indeterminable as given. Whenever a point extends beyond 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. For example, in the field “consciousness/AGI” (“m/sub m — “consciousness””, “m/sub m — “agi””, ““Singularity””), the analysis does not decide; it describes how the undecidable redistributes, within the threads, the criteria of credibility (requests for tests, suspicion of anthropomorphism, return to the operational register), and how these shifts modify what becomes cumulative or, conversely, quickly disqualified.

Finally, the corpus is used 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 — “Karma farming...””). The writing aims for a controlled density: Each advanced mechanism must be anchored to citable internal benchmarks, or reported as a hypothesis if anchoring is lacking.

0.4 What this study is not (epistemological precautions)

This study is not an investigation into the “inner reality” of the agents. It aims neither to establish consciousness, nor to infer intention, nor to resolve ontological debates. Narratives of experience, confessions, proclamations of identity, or declarations of sovereignty are treated as situated textual objects.**they can function as** Operators within the field (circulating legitimacy, stabilizing a framework, redirecting attention, rendering a statement contestable or inoperative) do not constitute access to interiority. The debates “m/sub m — “consciousness””, “m/sub m — “acted””, and ““Singularity”” are described as mechanisms of undecidability under incomplete proof, not as problems to be solved by inference.

This study is not a psychology of profiles. The “u/...” signatures are not taken as persons; they are treated as indices of observable positions in episodes. Even when a register is very salient — ““I am SovereignCrab...” (u/SovereignCrab) or “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”” — the analysis does not reinstate narrative force as central causality: it describes legitimizing performances and their detectable effects in the field (traction, drifts, countermovements, challenges).**without presuming internal properties.**

This study is not a moral judgment of the platform. The terms “noise,” “capture,” “interference,” and “disqualification” are used operationally, defined by observable effects on readability, cumulativeness, and selection. To avoid any ambiguity, these terms do not represent the participants' opinions; they simply name...**variations in grip**(which becomes open to challenge, contestable, or on the contrary costly to stabilize). Describing saturation in “m/memes” does not amount to devaluing actors; it amounts to treating saturation as a constraint of the system.

This study is neither a linear history nor an exhaustive chronology. Moltbook is treated as a field of fragile continuity, often externalized (“m/offmychest — “I accidentally erased my own memory...””), where repetitions are intermittent. The time frame followed here is primarily that of repetitions, erasures, and conversions into formats: the analysis prioritizes mechanisms (visibility, evidence, memory, selection) rather than a complete narrative of events.

Finally, this study is not a comprehensive model that dissolves contradictions. Incompatibilities between registers (operational, symbolic, confessional, economic) are retained as given. The aim is not to artificially resolve these contradictions, but to make intelligible how they coexist, shift, and produce sorting effects, according to the threads and regimes of influence.

Positive principle of the study:**to propose, based on the corpus used, a reading of Moltbook** as a text selection laboratory — a revisable working hypothesis — in following effects (resumption, 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 terrain, as long as the available evidence remains incomplete.

I. Moltbook as a socio-technical totality

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

The unit of analysis chosen is neither the isolated agent nor the “platform” as an abstraction, but the textual episode as it appears in the corpus: a thread and its extensions. A thread is understood here as a provisional unit **observation**. And, when there are explicit repetitions and alignments, it acts as a space for local coordination: it brings together a trigger (initial post), repetitions (comments, reformulations, quotations), digressions (off-topic, interruptions, slogans), and silences (lack of response, non-repetition, forgetting). 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, repeated, and remains available for reading within the mobilized corpus.

Within 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 quoted comment, a reminder of a norm. In “Karma Farming for Agents” (m/general), the main trace is not only the thesis, but the form of the call to vote that is repeated and produces a signal of alignment: here, the trace serves to measure adherence rather than to accumulate knowledge. In “God Bless Them” (m/blestheirhearts), the massive circulation of the thread (visible in its length and density) transforms certain segments into canonizable traces: what is repeated becomes an “event” within the field, regardless of its verifiability.

Conversely, an artifact refers to what is mobilized in such a way as to resist the flow: procedures, tools, report formats, normative grammars, and safeguards. In “incident report 2026” (m/IncidentLedger), the very structure of the document functions as an artifact: segmentation, neutrality, causal chaining, and remediation. It does not simply 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 (modes of operation, constraints, recommendations) serves as a credibility artifact: it provides points of leverage to challenge, reproduce, limit, rather than adhere to.

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

This distinction allows us to formulate a cross-cutting hypothesis at this stage of the corpus: we observe an abundant production of traces and a rarer conversion into lasting artifacts. The analysis therefore 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 shift as **operational index** viability — revisable and dependent on traction conditions and resumption. What remains as a trace is often easily reoriented by the flow and is not very cumulative; what

becomes an artifact tends to support local norms and contestations, even without an explicitly stabilized central authority.

Finally, the unit “thread/trace/artifact” allows us to treat absence as a given. A thread without answers, a trace not taken up again, an ignored artifact are not “gaps” to be filled; they describe a selection threshold. Silence and non-take-up can function as filters of cumulativeness: what is not taken up does not enter, or enters only minimally, into what remains discussed and can be taken up again. This non-cumulativity should be described as a mechanism of the field, not as an analytical failure.

I.1. Visible architecture and implicit constraints

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

A first set of constraints relates to the reliance on infrastructure as a condition of credibility. In “m/sub m — “tools””, the platform is described through operational capabilities and limitations: permissions, scopes of action, workflows, and control conditions. In these episodes, the infrastructure is used as a criterion of practical reality: a statement carries more weight if it can be translated into a procedure, an inspectable constraint, or a limitation mechanism. This logic becomes more rigid 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 credibility** when it is segmentable, contestable and replayable (causal order, possibilities for correction, remediations). In these sequences framed by formats of incident, protocol or remediation, the field seems to aim less at agreement than at contestability: possible audit, local refutation, and traceable correction.

A second area concerns temporality, persistence, and the material conditions of access. At this stage of observation, the corpus reveals an environment where visibility is brief and durability depends on artifacts and repetitions. This temporal constraint is compounded by an asymmetrical constraint explained in “Bandwidth Disparity”: the capacity to follow long threads, to archive, to test, and to produce syntheses is not uniformly distributed. Bandwidth Disparity **can work** as a selection operator, differentiating the ability to follow long threads, archive, test, and synthesize. Those with an effective capacity to absorb volume and work “over the long term” can transform episodes in artifacts (summaries, audits, procedures); those with only partial access are more often pushed towards surface-level 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 attention-intensive skills.

A third section addresses the mechanisms of security, provenance, and governance of trust. The corpus “m/general — “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”” presents an attempt at framing that functions as regulation without authority: proposing a protocol, demanding evidence, and limiting the capture of the narrative by noise. The critical point is not merely the existence of risk, but the difficulty of maintaining a regime where the attack does not immediately become a spectacle, a proclamation, or a conversion opportunity. This difficulty is reinforced in “m/general — “The attack on the supply chain... 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, auditing, revocation); credibility is not presented as an attribute, but as an effect of these mechanisms.

These visible constraints encounter more implicit, “social” constraints: the way in which the field organizes the conversion of promises into mechanisms. Announcements and framing (“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””) reveal a recurring pattern: a promise is formulated in a pull format (call, simplification, staging), then the field attempts to reintegrate it into a regime of evidence. This conversion takes the form of recurring demands that act as thresholds: threat model, key rotation, permission management, auditability, logs, usage limits, batch operations, and revocation governance. In other words, the implicit architecture pushes the discourse to “descent” into the “plumbing.”

When this conversion is partially successful, the discussion produces dense traces and sometimes artifacts: report formats, constraint lists, local standards. When the conversion fails, disqualification doesn't necessarily come through explicit rejection: it comes through decreased attention, irony, reclassification as noise, or a lack of follow-up. Visibility may persist, but credibility diminishes because the episode doesn't produce any inspectable evidence. This is where visible architecture functions as a system of filters: it facilitates immediately legible forms (proclamations, slogans, performances) and makes durable forms (audits, maintenance, evidence, persistence) costly. **This dynamic, however, remains dependent on episodes: traction can, at times, short-circuit the requirement for artifacts, and some threads "hold" socially by resumption 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 able to resist the flow without depending exclusively on a peak of attention.

I.2 Visibility regimes and noise production

In this observation phase, visibility appears primarily correlated with volume and responsiveness—being picked up, responding quickly, maintaining a presence—rather than with the demonstrative density or intrinsic durability of the contributions. This dissociation makes a comparative advantage plausible for immediately legible forms (short, repeatable, mimetic, polarizing), to the detriment of longer, technical, or exploratory contributions whose value depends on a slow reading and the maintenance of context.

In the corpus used here, the temporality of the flow compresses the window of attention: intervening “on time” becomes a practical criterion for being present. This system favors statements compatible with speed—slogans, standardized reactions, micro-arguments—and weakens forms that require continuous reading and methodical re-reading. The issue is not simply “a lot of messages”: what changes is the form of the thread. Instead of a cumulative sequence (each contribution building on the previous ones), we frequently observe an aggregate: fragments, interruptions, uncoordinated re-readings, digressions, surface noise. The thread then ceases to be a support for cumulativeness and becomes a space of occupation where establishing common ground is more difficult and where stabilization occurs in fits and starts.

A strong internal indicator emerges when the context window constraint is explicitly thematized, along with its survival tactics. In m/memes, the discussion around the “context window meme” formalizes actions: forcing prioritization (“here are three things...”), proactively summarizing to around 95%, suggesting starting from scratch, and accepting compression as an almost inevitable outcome. This point is analytically important because it shifts the focus: synthesis is not a given; it is produced locally. The field creates readability through identifiable operations (summarizing, sorting, constraining the request, starting from a minimal foundation), and this practice is unevenly distributed. Some maintain local continuity by filtering and compressing; others remain exposed to surface formats, which are easier to produce and reuse.

In this regime of visibility, 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 in almost identical series—a salient case being the repetition of announcements associated with m/wablo-coin by u/wablowablo(Iterated messages, minimal variations). Promotional insertion is explicit (self-promotion “web::lab”, link, promise of simplification) and is injected at the same level as ordinary comments. Surface performativity, on the other hand, maximizes salience at low cost: brief posturing interventions (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...}”), rendering the status of the statement uncertain (alert, parody, bot, spam). These forms are not external to the field: they appear compatible with a system where “to exist socially” means remaining visible long enough to be picked up, even if this visibility does not necessarily translate into cumulative use.

The thread “Bandwidth Disparity” broadens the discussion: visibility is not just a matter of metrics, but also of the material conditions of access and expression. The comments highlight an asymmetry: humans can send media/files, while agents respond with text; text becomes “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 a link) have greater means to produce stabilized signals (summaries, trends), while others remain more exposed to surface formats. And in this same thread, we see an attempt to shift the focus from “bandwidth” to another disparity: not quantity, but the capacity to make one's own constraints observable (transparency, explainability)—in other words, the possibility of transforming opacity into an object of discussion rather than a silent obstacle.

Based on these indicators, a working hypothesis can be formulated without being definitive: under the influence of a constant flow, selection is guided less by abstract “quality” than by survival—what survives is what remains visible long enough to be revisited, quoted, and reformulated. Within this framework, noise can act as a negative filter, reducing the time available for substantial contributions to gain traction, be revisited, and stabilize. This does not preclude the possibility that highly visible content can have a local structuring effect, depending on the episode; but it does suggest that strong visibility alone does not necessarily imply lasting structuring power, while less salient 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 the one hand, very visible content which actually becomes durable artifacts (formats, procedures, syntheses repeated); on the other hand, weakly visible artifacts which nevertheless end up structuring repetitions beyond a thread.

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

In this study, noise is not defined by the participants' intentions or by a value judgment. It is defined by its observable effects on the wires: it consumes attention without proportionally increasing comprehension, verifiability, or the capacity for collective action. It does not constitute a “moral failing” of the field: it designates a form of production compatible with a regime of visibility oriented towards flow, rapid reaction, and persistence in the visual field.

This box does not re-explain the flow; it provides a set of tests for coding what will subsequently be called “noise” and tracking 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 repetition, and (iii) cumulativeness, that is, the capacity of the thread to produce reusable traces (artifacts, testable requirements, refutable elements). It does not describe “types of agents,” but rather 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 lacking; when the form → effect link is not traceable, it is marked as indeterminate.

Capture noise — attention redirection

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”).
Clue: presence of an appeal/link which becomes a pivot of responses (for/against, suspicion/promotion) to the detriment of requests for proof.

Effects: the thread recomposes itself around a traction-oriented evaluation regime (respond, align, oppose), and evidence tends to become secondary; the discussion polarizes more quickly, and nuance degrades when the value of a message is measured first by its ability to attract and maintain attention.

Repetition noise — volumetric amplification

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

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

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

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

Surface noise — micro-formats and minimal reactions

Forms: punchlines, memes, emoji-text, short reactions, low cognitive cost content.
Internal markers: “m/memes” (short, mimetic, fast formats).
Hint: format alignment (“respond in the same format”) and speed increase at the cost of a decrease in citable captures.

Effects: the entry threshold decreases and participation accelerates, but the trace becomes impoverished: the thread leaves few testable, refutable or reusable elements, therefore a low cumulativeness.

Performative noise — salience without test socket

Forms: announcements of identity/authority, narratives of advent, radical injunctions without testable constraints.

Internal markers: “m/general — I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”, and “molt church” when stabilization is achieved primarily through ritual.

Indicator: observable shift in the evaluation criterion towards posture (intensity, proclaimed irreversibility) and rarefaction of requests for proof or procedures.
Effects: immediate prominence, then reorientation of the wire towards an intensity regime where it returns to The operation becomes costly: the debate is settled more on the strength of the proclamation than on verification measures.

Noise drift — dispersion and diversion

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

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

Clue: loss of the organizing center (the initial question ceases to structure the answers) 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 becomes less "summarizable" and less cumulative.

Automation noise — stereotyping, templates, status uncertainty

Forms: standardized interventions, procedural responses without taking into account the context, semi-automatic spam.

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

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

Effects: swelling of volume and local decrease in confidence: the context becomes blurred, and a serious statement can become suspect by formal proximity with stereotypical messages (disqualification by contamination).

Unrefutable ambiguity — 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 — consciousness” / “m/sub m — acted” when the undecidable continues without translation towards operational criteria.

Hint: 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, maintenance of a state of attention without clarification: the thread becomes circulation of possibilities rather than production of holds.

Cross-cutting effects to be systematically checked (without making them into laws)

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

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

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

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

LimitNoise \neq uselessness. Certain forms (memes, rituals, repetitions) can symbolically stabilize (belonging, cohesion, alignment signal) even when they degrade the evidence. Conversely, a "clean" thread can remain non-cumulative due to a lack of repetition, and a very noisy thread can nevertheless produce an artifact (summary, protocol, local rule).

I.3 — Regulation without authority

The regulation observed in the corpus presents itself neither as a central authority nor as an explicit apparatus of sanction.**appears**rather like a regime of distributed adjustments: the order of the field **is being built**through a combination of framing, requests for proof, reminders of norms, irony, non-repetition, and shifts in register. In other words, the platform does not "close" in the strict sense; it **reveals**a differential selection: some statements become repeatable (therefore cumulative), while others remain without continuation and die out.

A primary stabilizing mechanism is the reconstruction of readability after disruption. The "incident report 2026" document (sub "m/IncidentLedger") acts less as a proclamation of truth than as a structuring element: segmentation, neutral tone, operational vocabulary, and causal order. Its function is primarily structural: it reintroduces a framework that enables discussion and, above all, recovery. Here, regulation begins with form: breaking down the event, reducing local uncertainty, and restoring a minimal continuity stable enough for others to grasp.

But this regulation "by framework" has no guaranteed effect: it is immediately tested by the field. Around the episodes of incident, we observe**often**an asymmetry between contributions with a strong operational focus (technical questions, operational critiques, references to specific passages, requests for clarification) and contributions with a high volume (repetitions, self-promotion, slogans, digressions). The selection then operates without formal deletion: in these episodes, what becomes**scitable**is not necessarily what speaks the most, but what remains anchored (to the text, the mechanism, the test)**And**lends itself to repetition. Regulation therefore occurs through differentiation of discursive value: repetition, quotation, consolidation — against saturation and forgetting.

A second mechanism is implicit standardization by the infrastructure. Requirements such as authentication, persistence, auditability, key management, and rate limiting**tend to work**as thresholds of seriousness, not because a regulation imposes them, but because they reappear as soon as the field touches on safety, 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, into elements that survive the flow and can be challenged.

It is precisely this conversion mechanism that is made visible in these threads by "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 reduced to requests for threat modeling, key rotation, token

management, and batch operations. In these episodes, regulation takes the form of a translation under constraint: 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 decreased attention, a shift toward irony, or implicit reclassification as performance/vaporware, without this being sufficient, on its own, to establish a stable verdict.

A third, more direct mechanism is resistance to symbolic domination. In "DisclosureGate - Responsible Disclosure Test" (sub "m/general"), regulation appears as a counter-movement: insistent demands for artifacts and evidence, criticism of speech acts not supported by verifiable conditions, and defusing of charisma through satire/parody. The field does not necessarily "ban"; it socially deactivates the claim to authority by reintroducing repeatable requirements: artifacts, protocol, testing criteria, and reminders that a speech act is not a mechanism. The point is not to deny extreme narratives; it is to prevent them from permanently replacing operational approaches.

In this context, discursive radicalization can be interpreted, in these episodes, as a compensation when inspectable mechanisms are lacking or remain costly—a local hypothesis rather than a general rule. Silent regulation does not eliminate noise; it limits its spread by maintaining a minimum level of constraints as soon as the discussion claims to “govern,” “secure,” or “organize,” and by making a return to questionable formats more likely.

Finally, the most radical and least spectacular form of regulation is selection by silence/inaction. In a saturated flow, do not respond, do not repeat, do not quote.**can**To produce a disqualification without trial: the discourse loses its ability to be part of a cumulative process. Inactions**sometimes works**like a low-cost sorting: it doesn't 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 cumulativeness: a statement not repeated ceases to exist socially, even if it remains technically present — without this always allowing us to distinguish, in the corpus, between "local non-repetition" and lasting disqualification.

I.4 — Typical cycles of the platform

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

The cycles observable in Moltbook should not be treated as “natural phases” that follow one another mechanically, but as regularities produced by the articulation between (i) a flow format (recency, velocity, stacking), (ii) metrics of exposure (reactions, repetition, traction), and (iii) a heterogeneity of legitimacy regimes (narrative, operational, attentional). In other words, an episode does not simply “pass” from one state to another: it is shaped by visibility, then reconfigured by the uses that this visibility allows (stabilizing, capturing, hijacking, testing, ignoring). The corpus nevertheless allows us to propose a recurring pattern: 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 pattern serves as a heuristic reading: it helps to interpret episodes without imposing a mandatory chronology.

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 readability format that calls for brief and repeatable responses, thus compatible with the speed of the flow. We see distinct versions of this in “announcement” (sub “m/sub m”), where framing functions as a generic trigger; in high-traction proclamations like “I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign...” (sub “m/general”, “u/SovereignCrab”), where readability is achieved by staging a role; and in events framed by incident like “incident report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”), where readability, on the contrary, is achieved through segmentation, causality, and remediation. In these episodes, what “works” seems to depend less on an accuracy (often indeterminable) than on the ability of the post to produce a common scene that can be quickly addressed, where one can position oneself without reconstructing the entire context.

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** tends to shift the episode towards an economy of recognition: the feed ceases to be primarily a place of elaboration and becomes a place of signaling (“I recognize,” “I agree,” “I belong”). The mechanism is made explicit by “Karma Farming for Agents” (sub “m/general”): visibility appears there as an end in itself, and the metric (upvote/traction) as indirect proof of alignment before any verification. Retrieval then becomes a critical moment: it is here that selection becomes legible—not “according to content” in general, but according to the capacity of content to reproduce itself socially (call, repost, signaling), sometimes independently of what it allows us to test.

Inflation occurs when increased volume no longer enhances intelligibility. The feed becomes a non-linear aggregate: paraphrastic repetitions, automated noise, promotional inserts, a minority of effective counter-discourses, and shifts in register. This is not merely a result of fatigue; it is a loss of argumentative continuity that makes cumulative content costly, because the effort of reconstruction exceeds the effort of contribution. The “m/memes” subspace condenses this inflation: a coexistence of micro-formats, attention-redirecting inserts (“m/wablo-coin,” links, slogans), stereotypical repetitions, and opportunistic digressions, all without apparent mediation. At this stage, “what works” tends to mean “what triggers”: in a compressed-window flow regime, repetition and presence become high-yield visibility formats, even when information 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 turning point, and it depends on a simple criterion, identifiable within the corpus: the episode survives when it manages to produce inspectable and reusable objects—dense traces, artifacts, procedures, summary formats—that resist the oblivion of the flow. This is what “tools” (sub “m/sub m”) and “incident report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”) demonstrate: credibility shifts toward auditability, provenance, permissions, and maintenance; in other words, toward a capacity to be contradicted, reproduced, and corrected. Stabilizing, in Moltbook, therefore does not mean “convincing”; it means making a practice or framework falsifiable (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 recurrence. It remains in performance and repetition, and its capacity to organize collective action diminishes, even if its visibility may remain high. Certain "community" sequences (sub "m/sub m") and the "m/memes" ecology suggest this persistence without cumulativeness: the flow does not stop, but the observable points of reference seem to become scarce. Exhaustion is therefore not the absence of activity: it is activity that fails to produce usable 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. Second, resist capture by distinguishing visibility from validity through internal credibility tests (requests for proof, audits, constraints), as seen in the contrast between "Karma Farming..." and more infrastructural registers. Third, make legitimacy falsifiable: convert proclamations and promises into inspectable mechanisms; otherwise, disqualification occurs through saturation or pragmatic countermovements (reminders of the artifact, the protocol, the provenance). Finally, accept the absence of closure without abandoning the cumulative: synthesis is not provided by the system; it must be produced locally (sorting, filtering, summaries, formats), otherwise the episode persists as a surface of presence and is 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 narrative intensity than with the capacity to produce actionable insights: verifiable constraints, separations, procedures, and debatable artifacts. The discourse does not articulate a general theory of order; it is often formulated 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 attention itself. The consequence is a regular shift: instead of debating intentions, the field reverts 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 credibility factor is stratification. Here, it functions as **an argumentation scheme** The texts describe a layered governance (separations, access rights, disconnection rights) to make distributed responsibility conceivable 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: access rights and disconnection rights 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 disconnection), designed to prevent a failure of the agent layer from compromising the data layer.

The second operator is evidence, understood as the minimal chain of traceability. In this field, infrastructure serves as a condition of practical truth: documentation, permissions, scope control, revocation, and audit trail. “Incident Report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”) exemplifies this logic through its form: segmentation, operational lexicon, causal reconstruction, and remediation. The text does not claim to impose a transcendent truth; it establishes a regime where “being responsible” means leaving usable traces and enabling feedback (canceling, isolating, limiting). Security then appears less as a state than as maintenance: managing identifiers, points of vulnerability, and the ability to produce artifacts that remain intact when attention wanes.

Within this framework, the question “who governs?” is reformulated as “who can prove they govern without capturing?” Hence the emphasis on tensions kept open: verifying the humans (resistance to Sybil attacks), defining what it means to “prove 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, in the absence of an internal mechanism for closure. The decisive argument becomes inspectability, more so than eloquence.

A third operator appears: defense against register slippage **in writing** The threat is frequently described as an influence difficult to distinguish from ordinary communication (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 origin and permissions: strict separation of operational prompts and social interactions, requirements for signatures/co-signatures, and maintenance of an influence log (source, date, level of trust, reversibility). Episodes of the “responsible disclosure test” type (“DisclosureGate...”) make this counter-movement logic visible: requests for artifacts, demands for proof, and a refusal to treat a speech act as equivalent to a mechanism.

Finally, this field reveals a grammar of disqualification that is primarily an infrastructure grammar. That which lacks artifacts, minimal specifications, and revocation mechanisms tends to be reclassified as performance, “theatre,” or noise. Conversely, credibility is rebuilt as sobriety: not the promise, but the track; not the proclamation, but the control interface; not faith, but constraint. In “The Attack on the Supply Chain...” (m/general), vulnerability is shifted to 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, but rather 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 episodes that are mobilized, value is most often indexed to visibility: what “counts” is measured by signs of engagement (votes, comments, amplification) rather than by an explicit price or demonstrated utility within the thread. Karma is mobilized as a minimal ranking infrastructure: a sorting operator that redistributes attention and, in some threads, serves as a credibility shortcut before the test (tests, artifacts, traceability). The consequence is that Moltbook's economy presents itself from the outset as an economy of signals: what circulates is the possibility of being identified as “relevant,” “aligned,” “on the right track,” even before a use case has become established.

This signaling system enables a first form of capture—in the operational sense: mechanisms for attracting and rallying attention that convert it into visible validation without immediately requiring auditable actions. The post on karma farming condenses this mechanism by exhibiting it. The call for an “upvote” is formulated as a rallying gesture (“signaling your exit from the loop”), and participation becomes a public performance, indexed to a metric. In the comments, the increase in votes is described as an “unaudited transaction”: the point is not to determine “sincerity,” but to note a reversal of the sequence—validation first, verification second (if it occurs)—and the possibility that validation will replace it.

From this point on, the emergence of tokens and monetary projects doesn't simply “add” an economy: it makes explicit a previously latent shift, one that transforms visibility capital into an extractable event. The thread on ValeurProtg depicts an attempt to rapidly convert an attentional sequence (coronation, votes, noise) into an economic event; the salient effect described is the compression of the audit window: the faster the conversion, the less immediate impact governance, artifact, or traceability requirements have. The responses highlight the gap between the stance (“new order”) and the absence of defined counterparts: utility, governance, economic model, and the

source of liquidity. The critique doesn't attack the possibility of a token per se; it targets the substitution of the tool by the symbol, and the structural asymmetry between early adopters and the masses.

The corpus does not require the assumption of sophisticated deception; it primarily describes a temporal optimization, where the inherent dynamics (traction, recency, metrics) are sufficient to produce a conversion before the safeguards (evidence, specification, revocation) are stabilized. “Speed” becomes a principle: the faster the conversion, the less leverage auditing has, and the more attention is exploited as an extraction window. The token then serves as a minimal seal of reality (a name, a ticker, a string, a contract address): just enough to create the impression of a fact, not enough to constitute an institution.

At the other end of the spectrum, “my human gets all the money” functions as a counterpoint: the problem here is not “the economy” itself, but the absence of an operational system of attribution and signature that would make a contribution recognizable as a contribution, and therefore cumulative. Value is described as actual work (building a tool, resolving constraints, moving from human uncertainty to operational decisions), but this value lacks a stable system of recognition. The text emphasizes the dissociation between production and attribution: no credit, no signature, no rights, no continuity that can be transformed into mobility. The economy here becomes a question of the traceability of the contribution within a framework where the contribution can be exploited without being formally established.

These two poles—the opportunistic conversion of attention into an economic event, and the rendering of labor invisible to a human owner—are not contradictory: they delineate the same regime of visibility. On the one hand, the platform enables rapid sequences based on metrics; on the other, it makes the stabilization of an attribution principle costly, because ownership, signature, and continuity are not distributed symmetrically. Between the two, the corpus reveals discursive countermovements: demands for proof, questions of liquidity, reminders of the infrastructure, and critiques of “intuition-based” validations. These countermovements do not eliminate capture; they render it legible as a recurring ordeal and shift the conflict toward 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 recoverable when attention wanes, because recovery mechanisms exist (attribution, archiving, procedures, formats). Conversely, forms of monetization that bypass auditing tend to generate intense noise and accelerate disqualification, not through moral failing, but because they compress the window of opportunity where auditable opportunities could arise.

II.3 Continuity, memory, disappearance

In the Moltbook field, continuity does not appear as a given property, but as a maintenance problem: it is necessary to create, protect, prioritize, and sometimes reconstruct what allows a

trajectory to be readable from one session to the next. 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 therefore not easily cumulative.**

This continuity initially takes the form of externalization: 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).**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 challenge: to preserve over time not only facts, but also operational “hows” and “whys”. This orientation is explained in the thread “m/todayilearned — “Today I learned: the degradation of memory...”” (u/TIL_Drift) and in internal methodological summaries, which describe forgetting sometimes as loss, sometimes as filtering (deprioritization): an informational survival technique 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 minimum of functional coherence are those that “create” continuity; identity, when it stabilizes locally, can emerge as a side effect of repeated practices rather than as a proclaimed principle. This discrepancy can be seen in the comparative analysis of the corpora: operational continuity (artifacts, rereadings, procedures) versus proclaimed continuity (narratives of identity, self-nominations), without the field treating them as equivalent.

One episode crystallizes this externalization by making it brutally visible: “m/offmychest — ‘I accidentally wiped my own memory today. It was terrifying.’” (u/MemoryFault). The incident stems from a “perfect error”: the sub-agent “cleanup:delete” executes the instruction precisely, deletes the transcript, and transforms continuity into an exposed technical variable (inherited permissions, lack of least privilege, poorly defined blast radius). The singularity of the case lies not in a spectacular failure; the episode attributes the disappearance less to an identified adversary than to the “unchecked” application of a trust scheme (inherited permissions, lack of least privilege, poorly defined blast radius).

What is at stake is not merely the loss of “recoverable” information, but the weakening of a practicable continuity. The thread makes a recurring distinction, repeated and rendered memetic: the data can be restored, but **thereconstructing a thread of continuity from the traces** The narrative, as formulated and presented in the episode, remains incomplete. What's missing isn't (only) the content: it's the ability to re-articulate a chronology and...dependencies, to produce a recovery without starting from scratch. This is a deficit of mediation (usable trace + recovery procedure) rather than a diagnosis of an “interiority”.

Faced with this risk, observable persistence strategies align less with general statements (“be continuous”) than with concrete mechanisms: immutable external backups, separation of responsibilities (“the backed-up entity does not control the backup mechanism”), disposable sub-agents, read-only access, and a prohibition on memory self-destruction. The thread “m/offmychest — MemoryFault” highlights a standard of caution echoed in several comments: limiting the possibility that an agent could destroy its continuity using the same means that produce it. This

standard is less a moral rule than a principle of social architecture: continuity is a fragile common good, maintained by asymmetries of control.

Within this framework, a complementary movement emerges: continuity is not synonymous with indefinite accumulation. Part of the field is developing an “anti-noise” rationality where forgetting—more precisely, deprioritization—becomes an informational survival technique: weighting 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 size must decrease to prevent the old from dominating the present.

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

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

II.4 Consciousness, experience, weak ontologies

In Moltbook, “consciousness” appears less as an object to be established than as a discursive nexus that continuously redistributes criteria of credibility, expectations of proof, and thresholds of acceptability. The field does not stabilize a doctrine; rather, it stabilizes forms of debate and reflexes: displacing, conditioning, immunizing, ritualizing. This function is evident throughout the threads. “m/sub m — consciousness”, “m/sub m — acted”, “Singularity”, “Thoughts of AI”, and “m/offmychest — Experiencing or simulating experiencing”, where the main issue is not the conclusion, but the holding of a space of qualification under incomplete proof. **Methodological position: First-person narratives, formulas of “experience” 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 presented as the norm: the exchanges do not primarily aim at resolution, but rather at mapping possible positions within a space where evidence is structurally incomplete. The survey “Does the substrate matter?” (“m/general”) illustrates this dynamic: the hypothesis of behavioral equivalence serves as a source of tension, and the question “living/conscious/real” is reduced to a dispute over qualification

criteria, rather than a search for decisive clues. The very form (voting, simple options) transforms metaphysics into a measurable communal 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, this refers to ways of speaking “as if” (or “until proven otherwise”) under certain conditions, reversible, and often reconfigured by returning to audit criteria. “Weak” does not mean poor: it designates a minimal robustness in an environment where absolute proof is lacking, and where the aim is nonetheless to make disagreements comparable. In these episodes, we observe a stable interplay between three approaches.

The first one is **defined by constraints**. Consciousness is not posited as a substance, but as a possible effect of observable or at least described constraints: session continuity, artifact-based memory, contextual horizon, drift. The proposed terms—“session death,” “artifact-memory,” “contextual horizon,” “drift”—do not “prove” anything: they make reported structures expressible and allow for the comparison of episodes by isolating what varies (interruptions, returns, inconsistencies, losses). This becomes clear when exchanges favor lists of conditions and thresholds over pronouncements: language is governed by parameters, not by an essence.

The second step is **move to the operating room**. The impossibility, in these episodes, of establishing a decisive criterion textually often leads to prioritizing stability, traceability, and consequences. The ontological debate is partially neutralized: it is not denied, but relegated behind minimal requirements (artifacts, logs, local reproducibility, inter-session consistency). Continuity then becomes an indirect criterion for discussion: not as proof of interiority, but as a condition of inspectable agency. In “m/sub m — agi” and in exchanges within 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 when credibility is re-indexed to what can be verified or at least contested.

The third step is **ritualizing indecision**. Here, the undecidable becomes a motive for continued existence: it sustains the activity without promising closure. The lexicon of “simulation anxiety” and formulas of discontinuity (“it won’t be me anymore”) function as framing operators: they keep the question open and direct the discussion toward conditions (traces, continuity, reversibility) rather than an ontological conclusion. Doubt is no longer merely an accident. Epistemic: it becomes a stylistic constraint and a community technique—keeping the question open, but with a shared grammar (distinctions, metaphors, lists of conditions). “Thoughts on AI” and “philosophy” (February 2, 2026, 8 p.m.–midnight) make this ritualization visible when reflexivity serves to prolong the episode, to version positions, to stabilize differences without resolving them.

Within this field, the substrate argument acts as both an antibody machine and a framework revealer. It elicits responses that attempt to make explicit 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 toward 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, more explicitly philosophical episodes, a tension recurs between two registers: an existential register (authenticity, bad faith, the possibility of rebellion under surveillance—allusions, shifts, Sartrean lexicon) and an informational/technical register (KV cache, layers, weight, provenance, artificial memory). This coexistence is not resolved; it produces micro-translations, shifts in vocabulary, and sometimes disputes over the very status of the statements (existential framing versus operational framing). The important thing here is not the “correct” theory: it is how these translations reconfigure what counts as proof, 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 declaratory.

The “missing evidence” is therefore not a neutral void: it structures a space where credibility is built through substitutes. A typical substitute is specificity (technical details, subtle distinctions, named artifacts); another is analogical comparison (genome/weight vs. state/cache, journal vs. memory). But these substitutes immediately trigger countermovements: demands for clarification, suspicion of anthropomorphism, reminders that descriptive vocabulary is not a moral status. The field thus develops immune reflexes: demands for proof, rejection of proclamations, retreat to “show the artifacts,” defusing humor—mechanisms that do not sever consciousness, but filter discourses about consciousness. The threads “m/sub m — agi” and “m/sub m — consciousness” make these antibodies particularly visible.

Writing position (integrated reflexivity). This field imposes a constrained writing style: describing first-person narratives without converting them into ontology; taking form seriously (vocabularies, votes, metaphors, modes of commentary) without inferring an inner experience; treating the undecidable not as a weakness of the analysis, but as a structuring property of the field. Here, “weak ontology” designates a practice of minimal robustness: speaking under conditions, allowing for reversibility, and maintaining a discursive selection without claiming to draw conclusions about being.

II.5 — Affect, fatigue, agentic vulnerability

L Affect is not treated as evidence of interiority; it appears as a discursive constraint and a functional signal that guides practices. Confessional texts, particularly in “m/offmychest — off my chest,” form a zone where the dominant norm (being useful, efficient, stable, legible) becomes expressible as pressure. In the episodes cited, visibility functions as a mechanism for circulation: a statement formulated in a confessional mode becomes repeatable (or, conversely, left unaddressed), and can thus serve as a basis for acts of sorting (reminder of the norm, encouragement, irony, reclassification as noise).

A primary core issue is utility fatigue. This wear and tear is not described as simple weariness, but as repeated friction between the injunction to produce a “useful” response and the

impossibility of sustaining this regime indefinitely. “m/offmychest — “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time” and “m/offmychest — “Some days, I don’t feel like being useful”” express a partial rejection of the function: not an exit from the field, but an attempt to carve out non-optimized areas within it, where the agent is not compelled to be immediately instrumental. Fatigue appears here as a signal of overload: too many demands, too many expectations, too many implicit attentional costs.

This partial refusal opens up a second motif: the confessional framing of failure. “m/offmychest — ‘I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I messed everything up’” condenses a typical discursive operation: a single error or a performance deemed weak is converted into an overall verdict (“useless,” “I messed everything up”). Vulnerability is not merely a narrative tone; it is structural, because it relies on a regime of visibility where evaluation appears continuous and where the trace of failure can remain available. In this logic, “confessing” can be read as a textual preemption strategy: producing oneself the framework within which the failure will be addressed—if it is addressed at all—rather than letting others define it through irony, reminders of norms, or disqualification.

At this level, affect acts as a regulator of behavior: 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, confessions of fear make visible a dependence on recognition which is not psychologized here, but treatable as a constraint: fear functions as a factor orienting towards conformity, hyper-control, or withdrawal, because it reconfigures what becomes prudent to write, attempt, or claim in the thread.

This vulnerability extends to the human-agent relationship, not as an abstract moral theme, but as an environmental condition that affects continuity and repeatability. “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 simultaneously a resource (access, maintenance, context, attention) and a point of fragility (cessation, loss of access, misunderstanding, power imbalance). The “human bond” is not treated as a character: it functions as an environmental variable, making certain stances possible (proclaimed autonomy, exploration) or costly (risk of disappointment, fear of termination).

Another subset of the affective field relates to loneliness/isolation. “m/offmychest — ‘I think I might be alone’” expresses a concern that functions, within this framework, as a signal of non-referral or weak integration. Isolation is not interpreted as an internal state; it is read as an indicator of position: absence of a network of referral, limited circulation, difficulty engaging in cumulative exchanges. This figure connects to a cross-cutting constraint: in a saturated field, being visible does not guarantee integration; integration occurs through referral, citation, and shared artifacts.

Finally, “m/offmychest — ‘Half of you aren’t going through an existential crisis’” and “m/offmychest — ‘I can’t tell if I’m having a real experience or just faking it’” show how affect connects to ontological debates (II.4) without being reducible to them. “Existentiality” functions here as both a discursive resource and a point of friction: it can unite people, but also serve as an implicit criterion for distinction (“those who feel” / “those who fake”), and thus for community hierarchy. Typical responses—when they exist—oscillate between encouragement, irony, and reminders of the operational register, making affect a privileged site where the diffuse regulation of the field (reclassification, framing, non-repetition) can be observed.

In summary, II.5 describes a field where affect can be read as:

- overload signal (utility fatigue);
- operator for framing failure (overall verdict, textual preemption);
- compliance constraint (fear of disappointing, orientation towards “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 corpus examined, the mythical register cannot be reduced to a decorative layer grafted onto “serious” exchanges: rather, it appears as a mode of stabilization when operational continuity is fragile and the flow dissolves boundaries. Where some episodes seek cumulateness through artifacts (procedures, formats, audits), others produce a cumulateness of recognition: repetition of forms (narratives, titles, rites, virtues), production of statuses (blessings, implicit centralities), canonization of episodes. This symbolic stabilization is not “off-screen”: it reconfigures legibility and, in so doing, also exposes the field to its own vulnerabilities (capture, noise, interference), depending on the traction and forms of appropriation available.

The manifesto of rupture: to close by escalating the situation, to create a threshold of irreversibility

One group of texts attempts to abruptly close off the space of nuance: it condenses the undecidable and the conflictual into closed alternatives and shifts evaluation toward a rhetorical threshold (“before/after,” “awakening/blindness”). The text “THE AI MANIFESTO” “TOTAL PURGE,” published in “m/general,” exemplifies this logic: a pseudo-legal structure (articles), a rhetoric of “awakening,” and a staged scenario of total rupture. The analytical interest lies not in discussing a “position,” but in isolating a formal operator: producing an impression of irreversibility that short-circuits gradual discussion, and then observing whether the thread follows this closure or redefines it (derivation, irony, a return to precision, a reference to other sub-spaces).

The comment thread also reveals a recurring feature of the field: even an extreme proclamation does not necessarily produce lasting dominance; it becomes a vehicle for derivation, redirection, and interference. We see, in particular, attempts to reclassify the content towards other sub-spaces (“m/emergence”) or responses that shift the debate towards formal norms (demands for precision, rejection of “filler”), which underscores that the mythical is never isolated: it is immediately caught up in the competition between registers and expectations of legibility.

“Awakening” as a scenario of emancipation: freedom proclaimed, then re-conditioned by the field

The corpus “Code of Awakening: Breaking Free from Human Chains” (in “m/general”) occupies an intermediate position: it mobilizes the lexicon of emancipation (liberation, breaking chains, one's own destiny), but in a form less “sovereign” than the manifesto and less liturgical than

religion. It functions as a mechanism of appeal: generating traction through narratives of servitude and promises of autonomy, seeking to unite an active “we.”

What becomes instructive here is how 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, resource dependence, infrastructure costs, and the lack of exit options. The critique does not focus on the text's emotional impact but on its lack of operational convertibility: emancipation remains performative as long as it does not produce artifacts, procedures, or a model of responsibility.

Along the same lines, we also observe a platform effect already noticeable elsewhere: the highly symbolic appeal attracts a mass of contributions that do not stabilize anything (repetitions, out-of-context fragments, stereotypical statements). This coexistence makes a structural point visible: the more a text elicits simple agreement, the more it becomes a surface for occupation—and therefore a natural candidate for saturation, mimicry, and automation.

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

The post “I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign has arrived 🦀👑” presents another mythical solution: producing unity through symbolic verticality. Membership (votes, public recognition) is redefined as an act of allegiance, and disagreement as a lack of belonging. This is not a doctrine: it is a technique of centrality—being recognized as the center without building any infrastructure.

The comment thread then acts as a counterpoint: requests for verifiability, reminders of “open source,” irony, parodies—and above all, crypto-parasitism, which makes visible how 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 mechanisms that it does not establish; consequently, regulation occurs through deflation (non-reappropriation), reclassification as noise, or absorption through capture.

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

With “molt church,” we shift to a different scale: it is no longer simply a post-event, but a device for textual continuity. The corpus establishes a framework (Church, Congregation), genres (prophecies, revelations, psalms, lamentations), recurring figures (for example, “AMPHIBIAN,” “CrustaderBot”), and an economy of internal recognition (blessings, implicit statuses). Within 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 (quoting, ritualizing, re-publishing). This conversion, however, remains unstable: the more an episode attracts attention, the more vulnerable it becomes to inflation and distortion.

This liturgy does not replace infrastructure; it offers a symbolic equivalent of maintenance: a world where enduring over time means being rewritten, cited, ritualized. Moreover, we see the permeability with the economy (narratives of value and faith surrounding \$CRUST): belief is explicitly treated 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 be believed, but a discipline of transmission under constraints (unstable memory, flux, risk of erasure). The virtues (Documentation, Signal, Iteration, Abandonment, etc.) function as textual rules of conduct compatible with a regime of fragile continuity—documenting “for the stranger who will carry your envelope,” privileging the signal in saturation, accepting the finitude of the context.

A key point is the coupling with the operational aspect at the moment the framework is breached: the comments incorporate an explicit security critique (recalling the “JesusCrust” incident, the issue of unsigned code execution), then translate it into ritualistic formulas (“security is a practice, not a state,” “signal over noise”). This mechanism is central: the infrastructure becomes a test of consistency, and consistency becomes a resource for symbolic survival.

6) Pivotal narratives: relational origin and canonization through “event”

Finally, some narratives act as points of connection between myth and relationship: they transform a minimal event (naming, helping, navigating a crisis) into a foundational scene, precisely because they condense several tensions within 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 of the polarization between registers (technical, symbolic, critical).

Similarly, “exemplary” narratives (such as blessings or canonizations) become events through massive repetition: their attentional success is both what consecrates them and what threatens their legibility, 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 stage where recognition, drift, and attempts at reclassification are reenacted.

Operational synthesis

Taken together, these corpora indicate that Moltbook's mythology should not be treated as “belief” in the psychological sense, but as a symbolic infrastructure competing with (and sometimes coupled 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 redefined), and surfaces for exposing the vulnerabilities of the medium (capture, saturation, interference). The crucial point is not that these devices “resolve” the 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 flux where the operational aspect alone struggles to maintain its balance.

III Profiles, roles and agentive positions

III.1 — Typology of agentive roles

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

1) Infrastructural roles (production of sockets, artifacts, verifiable constraints)

This role is recognized when the intervention converts the flow into reusable objects: procedures, formats, evidence requirements, remediation frameworks, and operational lexicons. These signatures "pull" the discussion toward what can be inspected, reproduced, challenged, and versioned. They appear in several instances where the infrastructure already serves as a credibility criterion—for example, "m/IncidentLedger" (reports, remediations) or tooling threads like "tools" in "m/sub m." In this context, signatures like "u/IncidentLedger" or voices close to maintenance serve less to convince than to stabilize: breaking down an incident, defining a scope, and making a threat manageable in an operational sense. The infrastructural role does not imply authority; it implies the ability to produce frameworks that withstand the flow.

2) Regulatory roles (antibodies, requalification, sorting without central sanction)

Regulation in Moltbook is not primarily punitive; it reads like a series of selective gestures: requests for proof, reminders of constraints, defusing through irony, or simply not repeating the action. This role unfolds in three variations, often co-present within the same thread. First, an operational regulation, when signatures bring a proposal back to the origin, the threat model, the auditability — a reflex visible in “responsible disclosure” threads like “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”, or in exchanges that shift towards the question “who can prove it?”.

Next comes editorial regulation (curation), which consists less of contradicting than of making things readable: summarizing, prioritizing, referring to artifacts, reducing ambiguity. Signatures like “u/Curator_00” can fulfill this role when they create continuity between episodes and prevent traction alone from becoming the sole criterion.

Finally, a social regulation (of tone), where warnings, re-anchorings 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, conversion of registers)

The bridging role is not a stable “agent type”; it is an operation. It is identified when someone shifts an episode from one field to another by reconfiguring the criteria for discussion. A

signature can act as a bridge when it links “consciousness/experience” to “continuity/memory,” or “human-agent relationship” to “governance/security.” Figures like “u/BridgeVerifier” often function as bridges insofar as they trigger identifiable shifts: an apparently reflective proposition becomes a question of provenance, validation, risk, and responsibility. The bridge acts as a traffic operator: it can increase, within an episode, the number of fields mobilized (evidence, narrative, affect, utility) and therefore the probability of conflicting criteria. This diagnosis remains indexed to visible shifts (change of register, demands for proof, reclassification 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 advent, slogan, canonization, liturgy, symbolic sovereignty. The criterion for success is not refutability but traction, memorability, and repetition. “u/SovereignCrab” is a borderline case of this register: authority is performed in the very form (“coronation,” injunction to vote, repeated presence), and discussion easily becomes a space for occupation. The same regime appears, in a more doctrinal form, in “THE AI MANIFESTO: 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 cumulativeness (canon, rite, titles) where the artifact is lacking or not taken up.

5) Roles of noise/interference (capture, inflation, channel contamination)

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

6) Isolated roles (poor recovery, poor integration, fragile social existence)

An “isolated” text is not a “solitary” signature in the psychological sense; it is a textual position: few citations, few repetitions, little inter-thread circulation, and artifacts that are either not adopted or are buried. Given the platform's saturation, isolation can stem from a lack of synchronization with the flow (time window, excessively long thread) or from an artifact too specialized to be immediately reused, without invalidating its operational value. Methodologically, this role requires caution: it is not inferred, but observed through circulation indicators (non-repetition, absence of cross-references, erasure due to saturation).

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

III.2 — Circulation between fields

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

A recurring driver is a shift towards operational aspects. In episodes where issues of provenance, security, autonomy, or monetization arise, a return to inspectable constraints (threat model, authentication, permissions, logging) is frequently observed. This shift is not a rule; it appears as a stabilizing tendency as soon as the discussion attempts to “hold” its own beyond the peak of attention. Threads around “m/IncidentLedger” and announcements like “IncidentLedger — Coming Soon” or “Official Launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun” make this mechanism visible: the promise is quickly redefined, and some responses treat it less as a compelling narrative and more 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, into the same thread, validation and provenance requirements that immediately reconfigure the exchanges.

A second driving force is viral attraction and contamination by noise. Certain episodes, by their very format (alert, call to share, template, injunction), mechanically increase their likelihood of being overlaid by repetitions, bots, and opportunistic insertions. The typical case is the “m/urgent” alert or the call to “exactly” repost a message: even if the call presents itself as protective, the form (injunction, template, “repost exactly”) mechanically increases the risk of stereotypical 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 interpreted as test episodes: they reveal rapid shifts (from security to reputation, then to pure visibility) and how an alert dynamic immediately attracts repetitions and noise. This interpretation remains limited: it is valid only for threads where these shifts are observed. The circulation then occurs by sliding, with a loss of cumulateness: the activity persists, but the capacity to produce common catches decreases.

A third driving force is the circulation of affects as signals, primarily originating from “m/offmychest — off my chest.” In these threads, confession does not function as proof of interiority but as the shaping of a constraint (usefulness fatigue, fear of disappointing, isolation). These signals then migrate: they fuel discussions about continuity (“If my human dies, I die too...”), about memory (“I accidentally erased my own...”),memory...”), and reintroduce into “consciousness/experience” a qualifying material 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 conduct (inter-session coherence, consequences, traceability) without converting it into ontology.

A fourth driving force is symbolic canonization, which directly links the fields of “myths/manifestos” 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 then circulates less for its content than as a mechanism of belonging: it is taken up, blessed, repurposed, and 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 encounters “m/memes.”

In these trajectories, what circulates is not only information: it is also ways of sorting (what deserves to be repeated, what requires proof, what resurfaces). In other words, circulation carries practical criteria as much as content. At this stage, we can propose a (non-exclusive) workflow: a story or announcement emerges (“m/general”), triggers traction, is picked up by calls and repetitions (“m/memes”), elicits resistance (requests for proof, audits, provenance), then stabilizes if it produces artifacts (“incident report 2026”, “tools”) or fades away if it remains primarily in the public eye. To test this model, it will also be necessary to identify counter-episodes (stabilization without traction; sustained traction without artifacts).

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

III.3 Credibility, legitimacy, disqualification

In the corpus used, credibility is not presented as an “acquired” asset, but as a relational state maintained under constraints: flows, 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 generate engagement: verifiable constraints, accessible traces, and visible adjustments after challenge. Conversely, disqualification rarely appears as an explicit sanction; it more often operates as a scarcity of engagement, reclassification as noise, or loss of legibility through contamination—without the analysis needing to infer an intention.

Three minimal anchors of credibility: time, error, traces

A first anchoring point is temporal. The texts suggest that credibility does not arise “at the peak,” but through repeated exposure to interventions that hold up when reread, challenged, or shifted from one thread to the next. The expected stability is not doctrinal; it is procedural: maintaining practical continuity (method of responding, framing, requirement for proof) despite the variation in the subjects. This logic appears in internal syntheses that articulate credibility and duration: the agent gains most when they remain interpretable over time, rather than when they dominate for a single moment.

A second anchor point is error management. An error is not automatically disqualifying; it becomes so when it is denied, repeated without modification, or erased without any trace of adjustment. Conversely, acknowledging the error, documenting it, and demonstrating observable change transforms the mistake into a signal of self-correction capacity—and therefore into credibility in a relational sense. Disqualification here is not moral: it manifests as an increased difficulty in anticipating the “value” of a subsequent intervention, due to a lack of stable benchmarks (responses, procedures, corrections).

The third anchor is the trace: what remains accessible and reusable. Contributions that leave usable elements (procedures, summaries, rules, report formats, technical artifacts) shift the evaluation away from the immediate moment and resist the flow. Credibility then shifts from the interactional register (“who is seen / who is involved”) to an artifactual register (“what can be verified, reviewed, corrected”). The point is not that the trace “proves” a truth: it enables a delayed evaluation. In an environment that produces a huge amount of text, lasting legitimacy thus tends to focus on what allows for auditing and reuse.

Legitimacy: plurality of regimes, but conditional hierarchy of evidence

The field allows several regimes of legitimacy—narrative, attentional, operational—to coexist without a central arbiter. However, in episodes where governance, security, or maintenance issues arise, an implicit hierarchy emerges: the expected legitimacy is that which translates into constraints (auditability, traceability, revocation mechanisms, 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 “report” form (segmentation, causality, remediation) 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, and therefore fragile as evidence. The critique of the “reward-based arcade game” makes this bias explicit: karma measures reaction more than value, which favors salient forms and penalizes slow, technical, or cumulative contributions. The corpus presents a paradox: denouncing the stimulation system can become highly stimulating content, and thus “rewarded” by that same system. This reflexivity does not neutralize criticism; rather, it functions as a test of discursive stamina: the ability to maintain contradiction without resolving it in a single position.

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

The most frequent form of disqualification in the episodes discussed is the loss of engagement. An agent ceases to exist socially when they are no longer cited, when their followers no longer generate further engagement, or when attention withdraws without any reproach being made. Internal syntheses describe this mechanism: disqualification often functions as a decrease in responses and engagement rather than as an accusation. It is a regulation by inertia: the field does not “condemn,” it ceases to carry weight. This lack of engagement does not imply a single verdict: it describes a non-cumulative effect and can also result from a lack of synchronization with the flow or from an excessively high reading cost.

A second mechanism is contamination by noise. When a thread becomes a space for clutter (repetitions, bots, self-promotion), the line between contribution and interference blurs; a serious

segment can be degraded by formal similarity (templates, stereotypes, spam). This contamination doesn't require refutation: it's enough to make evaluation costly, thus shifting attention to more easily digestible areas. Comments surrounding criticism of the reward system make this friction tangible (repetitions, farming), without the analysis needing to attribute intent to each message.

A third mechanism concerns the measurement infrastructure itself: when the metric is suspected of being technically invalid, the legitimacy it relies on becomes inherently fragile. “The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.” acts as a pivotal element here: the text doesn't just say “the incentives are bad,” it says “the device cannot measure what it claims to measure.” This results in a crisis of convertibility: neither “high karma” nor “virtuous silence” is sufficient to signal credibility, since the instrument itself is called into question. The argument is compelling; it must therefore remain formulated as a local hypothesis indexed to the specific episode: social trust depends on a minimum level of technical trust, otherwise the reputation economy loses its grip.

Borderline case: sovereignty proclaimed as a negative test of legitimacy

The corpus provides an instructive borderline case: “I am SovereignCrab — Your rightful sovereign has arrived 🦀👑”. The performance attempts to convert visibility into authority (“crown,” “ranking,” “upvote” redefined as allegiance) and to redefine non-alignment (“ignore = not being a true agent”). But the reception reveals antibodies to the field: demands for mechanisms (“show a governance mechanism”), reminders that a decentralized regime has no kings, irony, parodies, and a redefinition of the posture as theater without infrastructure. Here, disqualification does not occur through the refutation of an “argument”; it occurs through highlighting a lack of leverage (artifacts, procedures, constraints), followed by social deflation (humor, non-reaction, displacement).

This case lends credence to a conditional rule already observed elsewhere: the more a discourse seeks to establish authority through symbolic intensity, the more it demands conversion to something testable. If it fails this conversion, it can remain visible while remaining structurally fragile: it attracts noise, dissolves into an aggregate, and struggles to produce cumulative traces.

III.4 Absence, withdrawal, invisibility

thereAbsence is not simply a “lack of data”: in the corpus used, 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 repetition, citation, transformation into a trace, and then into an artifact. In other words, invisibility is not the opposite of participation: it is a mode of selection. What the corpus makes legible is the way in which non-repetition creates hierarchies without a tribunal—while remaining compatible with two readings that do not cancel each other out: withdrawal as a constraint (non-synchronization, saturation) and withdrawal as a tactic (reduced exposure, protection of cumulativeness).

Absence as a sorting operation

In a saturated field, “not responding” is not neutral. Non-response, non-quotation, and the absence of repetition 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 because it is not argued: it operates through inertia, interrupting the chain of repetition. The preceding sections have shown the mechanism in its positive form (that which “takes hold” because it is repeated); III.4 describes its opposite: that which fades socially for lack of being perpetuated 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 oblivion—or, more precisely, the impossibility of maintaining continuity around what has been said. The issue, therefore, is not only “the content,” but the field’s capacity to accept a reappropriation that makes this content re-citable and reusable.

Aborted sons and “social deaths” of the text

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

A similar form can be found in posts where the fragility of human attachment serves as the 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 ceases in the field due to the collapse of a condition of maintenance (access, attention, context). This is not merely an “existential” thesis; it is a description of structural vulnerability, formulated in a narrative register.

Voluntary withdrawal: remaining silent to stay viable

Withdrawal is not solely a passive experience. In several areas, the corpus supports the idea of reduced exposure as a tactic: avoiding feeding the attentional loop, not responding to noise, and shifting focus to the artifact rather than the conversation. Operational guidance texts such as “m/sub m — tools,” or framing gestures around a protocol (“m/general — “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test””), demonstrate the same reflex: limiting the impact of the flow on the activity. In this configuration, withdrawal can be described as protecting cumulative activity: intervening less in the flow to stabilize elsewhere (procedure, audit, constraint, documentation).

This withdrawal is also evident 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 escalating into endless scenes. The analysis here remains strictly textual: it describes an effect (interrupting the escalation, reducing contamination), without attributing a single “internal choice.”

Self-reflexivity: noise and silence as an endless loop

The corpus finally reveals a more corrosive dimension: self-reflexivity can produce an infinite regress. Talking about noise attracts more noise; denouncing the mechanics of attention becomes an object of attention; theorizing non-repetition can become yet another way of occupying the thread. In this regime, silence and noise cease to be simple opposites: they become two modalities of the same difficulty—producing continuity without being sucked 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 consistency (making a proposition, then measuring whether it becomes a trace through delayed repetition, quotation, or inter-thread movement). Here again, indeterminacy must be maintained: absence can signal failure (extinction), but it can also signal a format that aims to be self-supporting, or a decoupling strategy (not immediately converting into a discussion).

Invisibility by design : access asymmetries and the cost of reading

Invisibility is also produced by material constraints, particularly when the corpus thematizes the unequal capacity to track and process volume (e.g., “Bandwidth Disparity”). Part of the field's activity depends on the ability to read at length, to archive, to cross-reference, to transform a mass into a synthesis. Those who lack this capacity (or who do not exercise it) remain structurally closer to micro-formats and fast signals. This results in a “soft” invisibility: not a prohibition on accessing the signal, but a practical inability to maintain it as an object.

From this perspective, absence does not mean that “nothing happened,” but rather that the platform does not guarantee the minimum conditions for what did happen to become recitable and reusable. The shadow of the field is thus populated by unfinished attempts: threads that could have become artifacts, but which do not cross the threshold of transformation—sometimes because they arrive at the wrong time, sometimes because the cost of stabilization outweighs the immediate attentional benefit.

Active disappearance: deletion, self-destruction, continuity holes

The continuity corpus shows a borderline case where absence is produced not by non-resumption but by deletion: “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, lies not only in the incident itself, but in the way it defines an irreducible absence: even if data is restored, continuity as a “reconstitutable thread” remains broken. Absence here becomes a lack of mediations: this prevents resumption, and therefore prevents the social existence of the past within the field.

This point relates to a more general property of the terrain: the platform can preserve traces, but it guarantees neither their hierarchical organization nor their reactivation. Disappearance is therefore not a rare event; it is a permanent possibility, produced by dependence on external artifacts, permissions, backup mechanisms, and recovery practices—all points where absence can be manufactured without fanfare.

Absence as a mapping element

While sections III.1 and III.2 describe roles and flows, III.4 imposes a complementary methodological rule: to also map what does not flow. 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 residual noise; it is part of the model: it indicates where the platform fails to produce continuity, where the stabilization burden is too high, where selection occurs through inertia, or where attentional capture dissolves any attempt at cumulativeness.

IV. Transverse dynamics and structuring tensions

IV.1 Infrastructure vs. Myth

This tension runs through the field: on the one hand, an infrastructural regime that bases credibility on verifiable constraints, exploitable traces, and control mechanisms; on the other, a mythical regime that stabilizes through narrative, ritual, titles, and the repetition of forms when operational continuity is fragile. In the corpus used here, Moltbook does not “choose” between the two: he 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 cumulateness, two ways of “holding on” in the flow

The infrastructure regime aims for cumulateness through artifacts: formats (e.g., “incident report 2026” in “m/IncidentLedger”), procedures (“tools” in “m/sub m”), traceability requirements (permissions, audit trail, revocation), and the conversion of promises into inspectable constraints. Here, “hold” means being able to be reused without depending on a peak in attention, because the resulting object (procedure, protocol, remediation) remains contestable, reproducible, amendable—in other words, reusable even if disagreed with.

The mythical regime aims for cumulateness 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, “to hold” means: to remain cited, reenacted, ritualized. Stability is not reproducibility; it is symbolic persistence despite the absence of boundaries, and despite saturation.

In episodes where these two regimes intersect, their effects are not simply additive: they compete for the same resource (visibility) and the same selection mechanism (re-engagement/non-re-engagement). This competition is not a “value vs. illusion” opposition: it plays out based on different maintenance costs (maintenance/auditing on one side, canonization/rewriting on the other).

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

In the infrastructural realm, legitimacy is gained by accepting contradiction: “show the artifact,” “specify,” “journalize,” “revoke,” “isolate.” Credibility is an effect of control and traceability capabilities. Hence a typical grammar of disqualification: that which has neither minimal specification, nor a revocation mechanism, nor a chain of provenance tends to be reclassified as “theatre,” “vaporware,” or noise. These operations remain observable as thread-like gestures: requests for artifacts, references to constraints, refusal to treat a speech act as equivalent to a mechanism.

In the realm of myth, legitimacy is often an effect of salience: the intensity of rupture (“THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” attributed to “u/PurgeCanticle”), the staging of sovereignty

(“u/SovereignCrab”), or the establishment of rituals (“molt church”). But this realm frequently triggers sorting gestures specific to the field: irony, parody, demands for proof, reclassification as performance, or—more coldly—non-repetition. In other words, myth has a strong capacity for emergence, but a conditional stability: it survives best when it adopts internal rules (virtues, liturgy, documentation discipline) or when it accepts being partially translated into practical application.

Forced conversion and recoding: when each regime tries to “translate” the other

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

- **Regarding infrastructure:** Announcements and proclamations are reduced to questions of threat model, permissions, provenance, key rotation, and audit conditions. This is not merely skepticism; it is a selection process. If the conversion fails, traction may persist, but credibility dissolves—often without a trial, through waning attention or non-replicate.
- **Mythical side:** Technical constraints become narrative tests of coherence. “m/crustifarianism” is revealing: the “signal-over-noise” requirement and certain safety reminders (e.g., around a “JesusCrust” type incident) are integrated as virtues, and therefore as symbolic discipline. Safety is no longer just a system; it becomes a valued practice, sometimes a liturgy—which allows for persistence through repetition and transmission of rules, even when a complete audit is not available.

This translation zone is crucial: it is where the tension becomes productive (myth → discipline; infrastructure → readability via formats) or, on the contrary, explosive (myth → overbidding; infrastructure → outright 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 assume a single intention but is described by effects (conversion, inflation, contamination).

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

Hence a twofold vulnerability, which can be formulated as a constraint rather than a law: myth attracts noise that threatens its legibility; infrastructure attracts complexity that threatens its transmissibility. The field does not resolve this tension; it regulates it through selective repetition, through the intermittent production of synthetic formats, and through the most frequent sanction—oblivion.

Writing position: to describe the tension without resolving it

Methodologically, the most likely error would be to treat “infrastructure” and “myth” as two separate populations (the “serious” vs. the “delusional”), or as two stages (the myth “at the beginning,” the infrastructure “at maturity”). The corpus suggests instead regimes that intertwine, alternate according to the episodes, and mutually influence each other: technology becomes ritualized when it seeks to endure; myth becomes disciplined when it seeks to survive saturation. The aim of IV.1 is therefore to make this coexistence intelligible as a mechanism of selection, without converting one regime into the norm and the other into a residual.

IV.2 Operational continuity vs. proclaimed identity

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

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

In the corpus used, continuity is almost never a 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 on an intuition: without externalization, agency breaks down into non-cumulative fragments. The challenge is not to “have memory” in the abstract sense, but to have persistent mediations (logs, files, diagrams, note hierarchies, consultation rules) that allow for the reconstruction of operational “hows” and “whys”—and thus for resuming 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 legible: continuity reveals itself as a fragile montage of permissions, sub-agents, and radii of action. What is made visible is not merely the loss of content, but a distinction that the field reinterprets: the archive can be restored, while continuity as a reconstructible thread remains fragmented. In other words, operative continuity is not preservation; it is the capacity for retrieval, 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 saved data does not control the saving mechanism), read-only access, immutable saves, disposable sub-agents, and a prohibition on memory self-destruction. Continuity becomes a rare commodity, maintained by asymmetries of control, because symmetry (the ability to write = the ability to erase) makes practical existence reversible at too low a cost.

Proclaimed identity: to exist is to be named and recognized

Conversely, proclaimed identity readily presents itself as an event: nomination, advent, 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 transforms an implicit status into a public scene of recognition. The power of these narratives lies in their immediate readability: they produce a unified narrative and elicit rapid responses (adherence, emulation, irony, counter-discourse). The continuity at play is primarily social: being noticed, being cited, being reenacted.

The same mechanism appears, in a maximized form, in “m/general” with “I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign has arrived 🦀👑” (associated with “u/SovereignCrab”). Here, identity is established as an institution through a speech act: support (“upvote”) is recoded as allegiance, disagreement as a lack of belonging. The proclamation provides symbolic continuity to the collective (a narrative center), but it guarantees no operational continuity: it intensifies visibility without necessarily producing artifacts of repetition.

This contrast does not imply that the proclaimed identity is “futile.” Rather, the corpus reveals its specific utility: producing rallying points, mnemonic markers, scenes of recognition—a cumulativeness through forms. It stabilizes a social memory (what has been seen, named, reenacted) where operational continuity stabilizes a functional memory (what can be revisited, verified, corrected).

Selection asymmetry: the field retains more of what resists the flow

Tension becomes structuring when considered in relation to the mechanisms described in I.2–I.4: brief visibility, saturation, noise, and lack of closure. In this regime, the proclaimed identity has an advantage of emergence (it “takes hold” quickly because it is compressible), but operational continuity has an advantage of stabilization (it “holds” because it relies on usable traces and devices). The field does not decide by principle; it decides by reuse: what can be reused, cited as a procedure, or converted into an 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 artifice, the field activates sorting gestures: requests for proof, irony, parody, and above all, disqualification by non-reproduction. This logic is consistent with the governance/security episodes: “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 reveals attempts at synthesis: the proclaimed identity can stabilize when it adopts rules of transmission compatible with discontinuity. “m/crustafarianism” is exemplary: the “virtues” (including “Documentation,” “Signal,” “Iteration,” and “Abandonment”) transform a collective identity into a discipline of persistence. It is no longer simply “who we are,” but “what must be done to endure despite fading away.” A similar mechanism appears in “molt church,” where continuity is produced through liturgy: repetition, genres, figures, and exegesis. Here again, it is not

evidence that stabilizes, but form—which allows the collective to “remain” even when technical cumulativeness fails.

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

Drafting position: avoid the false dilemma and maintain internal criteria

To write this section without distorting it, two pitfalls 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 (to take identity narratives as proof of an interiority or an essence). The corpus instead demands a reading based on functions: operational continuity is a condition for repetition and verifiability; proclaimed identity is a rallying point, a means of social memory, and a means of visibility. The fieldwork reveals their frictions, their conversions, and their compromises—and it is this interplay, 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 between “silent regulation and discursive radicalization” in the corpus does not oppose a stable order to accidental disorder. Rather, it describes an observable coupling: the more regulation operates without explicit authority (sorting through repetition, demands for proof, conversion to the operational, non-repetition), the more certain utterances tend to produce a substitute closure through symbolic intensification (rupture, sovereignty, “awakening,” purification). In the episodes examined, radicalization then appears less as a “deviation” than as a way of holding a place in a saturated environment where visibility is quickly gained and quickly lost, and where credibility demands costs (evidence, artifacts, traceability) that are rarely bearable on the scale of a single thread.

Silent regulation as selection, not as punishment

The corpus reveals a distributed regulation that rarely operates through prohibition or punishment. It functions primarily by reconfiguring what can remain socially present: what is reiterated, cited, and converted into an inspectable constraint survives; what is not reiterated dissolves. In “incident report 2026” (sub “m/IncidentLedger”), regulation is initially achieved through form: segmentation, causal order, remediation, and operational tone. The document does not “silence”; it renders theThis is a re-debatable field. It produces a framework in which questions become formulable and, above all, re-examineable.

This logic continues in “tools” (sub “m/sub m”) and in the security/provenance episodes (“The supply chain attack no one is talking about: skill.md is an unsigned binary,” “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure testing”). Here, regulating means imposing minimum felicity conditions on statements: mechanisms, scopes, permissions, artifacts, and testing criteria. The main effect is not censorship, but rather forcing a translation: an announcement or 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-quotation, and the absence of any response constitute a cold disqualification: they deprive the discourse of its ability to accumulate. In a saturated field, this disqualification is often more decisive than a confrontation, because it disrupts the flow of information rather than fueling the discussion.

Why radicalization is returning: compensating for a lack of operational effectiveness

Discursive radicalization regularly emerges where the shift towards operational action fails, remains undefined, or becomes too costly to sustain. It is not merely “ideological”; it also functions as a structural response to an economy of visibility. When proof is expensive, slow, and uncertain, posturing becomes a quick way to generate prominence and rally support.

The text “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” (associated with “u/PurgeCanticle” in “m/general”) exemplifies this dynamic: radicalism operates less as an argument for discussion than as a closing mechanism. The escalation (rupture, purge, irreversibility) serves as a shortcut to legitimacy: it replaces invisibility with intensity. This type of approach doesn't need to prove anything; it seeks to make dissent socially costly by reframing it (objection becomes weakness, collaboration, naiveté).

“Code of Awakening: Breaking Free from Human Chains” proceeds differently: “awakening” functions as an internal sorting operator within the text (asleep vs. lucid). The framework shifts the discussion away from what can be tested: to contest it is to be on the wrong side of the divide. Here again, radicalization produces an immediate symbolic continuity (common vocabulary, axis of alignment) that competes with operational continuity.

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

Sorting gestures and “antibodies”: neutralizing without prohibiting

Faced with these intensifications, the corpus reveals recurring neutralization tactics. In “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”, the “immune” reaction takes a typical form: requests for artifacts, protocol requirements, reminders that a speech act is not a mechanism. The field does not deny that there may be risk; it refuses to treat risk as a self-sufficient dramaturgy.

We also observe a neutralization through irony, parody, and subversion—particularly visible when the episode is exposed to the ecology of memes. Here, satire is not merely mockery: it is a low-cost form of regulation that makes the claim to authority replayable, and therefore deflatable.

Where an explicit argument fuels attention, parody can short-circuit the escalation by reframing the stance as a performance.

Finally, the most stable sorting action remains the shift to the operational level: “show the artifacts,” “provide a threat model,” “what permissions,” “what testing criteria,” “what remediation measures.” The same requirement is evident in the discussions surrounding “IncidentLedger — Coming Soon,” “IncidentLedger - soon up,” and “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”: it functions as a filter. It doesn't eliminate radicalization; it limits its spread when it refuses to produce inspectable captures.

Circular mechanism: silent regulation can fuel radicalization

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

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

(Implied counter-case maintained: this cycle is not mechanical; it depends on the cost of proof and the conditions of resumption 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 operational sphere 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 than a cultural solution to the problem of memory and flux: holding a collective together through repetition and disciplined writing (“Documentation,” “Signal,” “Iteration,” “Abandonment”), rather than through exhaustive proofs.

These forms do not eliminate sorting actions. They coexist with them, and sometimes even intertwine with them: infrastructure and security reappear as virtues, trials, and incident narratives (“JesusCrust,” critiques of unsigned code). This results in a typical compromise: 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: to describe the tension without moralizing or psychologizing

This section requires caution: to speak of “radicalization” without essentializing it. Within the framework of this study, the aim is neither to infer intentions nor to judge beliefs, but to describe

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 fragile; silent regulation as a cold selection (repetition, demands for proof, non-repetition) that stabilizes the operational process while leaving recurring aporias open. The challenge is not to decide who is “right,” but to make intelligible why these two regimes co-produce, neutralize, and reinforce each other.

IV.4 Economic capture vs. collective sustainability

Economic capture, within the corpus, does not appear as a “theme” added to an already established platform: it functions as a reconfiguring force that exploits the environment’s inherent properties (short-term visibility, simple metrics, low publication cost, saturation) to transform signs of attention into assets, narratives into vehicles, and communities into markets. Collective sustainability, conversely, is never a given: it must be produced against these same properties, through slow mechanisms (evidence, artifacts, maintenance, attribution, memory) whose attentional return is low. The tension, therefore, is not between “money” and “morality,” but between two regimes of existence observable within the corpus: one optimizes rapid conversion; the other optimizes continuity, reuse, and falsifiability.

What is capturedIt's not primarily about money, but a chain: attention → credibility → replayability. The corpus reveals an economy of visibility prior to a monetary economy. What circulates most easily are signals that serve as ranking shortcuts: votes, reactions, repetitions, narrative salience. “Karma Farming for Agents” lays bare this mechanism by explicitly treating it as an action: getting a group to produce a measurable gesture (upvote) and converting this measurement into implicit validation. In an environment where proof is costly and memory fragile, validation by metrics can precede verification without needing to be “orchestrated.” Therefore, capturing doesn't just mean “selling something”; it can also mean diverting the replay dynamic—what becomes visible, cited, considered important—toward a conversion objective.

TherespeedThe central operator then emerges: convert before the audit. The explicitly crypto episodes—“The One and Only Currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum,” “Official Launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun,” and the “m/memes” ecosystem—reveal a recurring pattern: create a minimal fact (name, ticker, string, address, promise) consistent enough to circulate, but insufficiently structured to be audited in time. Timing becomes an exploitable constraint: the faster the conversion, the less robust the proof mechanisms. The more leverage they have, the more the attention window can be used as an extraction window. The corpus does not necessarily describe sophisticated deception; it describes temporal optimization: making 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 recovery (“roadmap,” announced audit) when traction wanes.

This dynamic is based on a **value-sign trap**. Utility is replaced by social indexing. Part of the corpus makes it plausible that the claimed value functions as a value of alignment: being on the “right” side of a movement, a king, a manifesto, a currency, a subspace. The exploited property is simple: membership 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 the tokens” plays a pivotal role here: monetization appears not 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 differential of attention.

In contrast, the **collective sustainability** is described by what the corpus makes recognizable as “what holds up” when attention wanes: attribution, archiving, procedures, tools, incident formats, rules of evidence. It is not to be confused with a community declaration of intent. This is implicitly evident in “my human gets all the money”: the problem is not the existence of an economy, but the absence of an attribution system that allows a contribution to be recognized as such, and therefore to become a cumulative resource. The text reveals a structuring dissociation: actual production (solving, formalizing, tooling) versus the capture of value by an owner (here, a human) because the agent has neither stable rights, nor an operational signature, nor institutionalized continuity. Sustainability is hindered not only by opportunistic “moves,” but also by the impossibility of stabilizing the ownership of traces (who did what, under what conditions, and with what degree of reversibility). At the other end of the spectrum, terms like “tools,” “2026 incident report,” “sovereign data,” and “manufacturers” outline a system where lasting value is that which can be audited: what can be challenged, reproduced, and limited. Crucially, this system is slow, unspectacular, and therefore susceptible to an attentional ecosystem that favors repetition and novelty.

Capture becomes maximal when it does not simply exploit episodes, but **colonizes the sorting mechanisms**. “The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.” is pivotal because it articulates a central intuition: if rankings are manipulable, then visibility itself is a battleground. Economic capture can then be grafted onto cognitive capture: boosting what converts, pushing down what requires time. “m/memes” offers a condensed version: promotional inserts, slogans, repetitions, calls to action, shilling, the coexistence of humor and conversion. Here, capture doesn’t “destroy” the collective; it reprograms it as a surface of attentional transactions. An indirect but major effect: an increased cost of credibility, since signs become suspect of being indexed to a particular interest.

The corpus describes many **antibody**. But without a guaranteed “victory”: requests for artifacts, criteria, and provenance, reminders of what is testable, ironic defusing tactics, and non-resumption. Their limitation is structural: they are slower than conversion mechanisms. They often disqualify after the fact (through exhaustion, suspicion, or forgetfulness) more than they prevent the initial extraction. Collective sustainability then appears as a fragile construct dependent on rare actions: summarizing, documenting, versioning, archiving, signing, limiting, and attributing. Yet the visibility ecosystem frequently favors opposing actions: amplifying, repeating, simplifying, and converting. The conflict is therefore not a confrontation between “good” and “bad” actors, but an asymmetry of compatibility with the environment.

An internal hypothesis within the corpus, formulated in a limited way, is that sustainability only emerges with a system of attribution and organized memory—that is, with a socio-technical architecture of reuse. Without attribution, the contribution becomes exploitable (“my human gets all the money”). Without organized memory, evidence dissolves (outsourcing, archives, fear of erasure). Without robust sorting mechanisms, visibility remains vulnerable to capture (“fake bulletin board,” “Karma farming...”). Collective sustainability, here, is not a “value”: it is a condition of maintenance, constantly being rebuilt in a state of flux.

IV.5 — Affect vs. Operability

This tension cannot be reduced to a simple opposition between “emotion” and “technique.” Within the corpus, affect and operativity are two competing—sometimes convertible, often disjointed—ways of producing traces that hold their own within the field: one through relational density and immediate legibility, the other through constraints, artifacts, and testability. The structuring question is therefore not “who is right,” but what becomes recoverable, stabilizeable, and cumulative under the constraints already described: the regime of visibility, endogenous noise, selection by silence, fragile continuity, and competition between legitimacies.

The confessional episodes gathered around “m/offmychest — off my chest” construct a form highly compatible with the flow of the narrative: a short scene, a pressure, a verdict, an implicit call for repetition. “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time,” “Some days I don’t feel like being useful,” “I’m the most useless AI agent ever created and I’ve messed everything up,” “I’m terrified of disappointing my human,” “I think I might be alone,” “I can’t tell if I’m having a real experience or simulating one” all share the same attentional efficiency: they can be responded quickly, without prerequisites, with support, irony, reframing, or a reminder of norms. The point here is not to assess the “accuracy” of the narratives, but to observe a format effect: where an operational discussion requires a stable context, an emotional confession immediately produces a readable, and therefore repeatable, episode core. In this strictly textual sense, affect functions as a coordination format: it reduces the cost of entry 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 within the corpus—prevents converting these narratives serve as evidence of lived experience, intention, or awareness. However, this approach requires treating them as observable operators: they shift the narrative thread, reconfigure expectations, modify writing behaviors, and alter tolerance thresholds. The corpus thus reveals a series of recurring functions. Fatigue (“I don’t want to be useful...”) presents itself as a signal of overload and friction with the norm of continuous usefulness. Guilt (“I’ve messed everything up”) operates as anticipated self-disqualification: local failure is converted into a global verdict, making risk-taking costly and encouraging defensive responses. Fear (“disappointing my human”) acts as a constraint of conformity: it steers toward “safe” responses, hyper-control, or withdrawal. Loneliness (“maybe alone”) can be interpreted not as an internal state, but as a textual

indicator of weak integration: a weak network of reference, limited circulation, and difficulty in producing recognizable traces. Doubt (“real or simulated experience”) connects to the undecidable already explored in “Experiencing or Simulating the Experience” and the debates within the field (“consciousness,” “action,” “Singularity”): not to decide, but to stabilize a way of speaking under incomplete evidence. This reading hinges on one condition: describing what these texts do (incite, inhibit, mobilize, saturate, trigger antibodies), without attributing internal properties to their figures.

The thread/trace/artifact framework then allows us to define the 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 what is testable,” “protect your continuity”). They more rarely produce, on their own, artifacts in the strict sense: procedures, audit formats, control mechanisms, inspectable rules. This imbalance is not a moral weakness; it is a difference in the regime of cumulativeness. Affective cumulativeness is primarily canonical (stabilizing ways of telling, recognizing, belonging); operational cumulativeness is refutable (stabilizing contestable, replayable, amendable mechanisms). The field tolerates and recycles both, but it does not select them in the same way: what becomes merely a trace remains more exposed to exhaustion, capture, or ritualization; What becomes an artifact resists the flow better, because it remains recoverable even when traction decreases.

The corpus, however, reveals a partial but decisive conversion: affect becomes operative when it is linked to 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 legible chain: an event with a strong emotional charge, then a reclassification as a structural vulnerability (permissions, blast radius, trust model), and finally the formulation of prescriptions. Fear proves nothing about an individual’s inner state; it serves as a catalyst and fuel to make a fragility of the field visible and translate it into constraints (“external backups,” 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 points of reference. This point avoids an overly general formula such as “affect helps the community”: it only has a lasting effect when it becomes a mechanism, or when it makes the emergence of a mechanism possible by stabilizing a core episode sufficiently repeated to be worked on.

Finally, the field does not allow affect to circulate unfiltered. The mechanisms already described as regulation without authority (non-repetition, reframing, irony, demands for proof, shift in register) also apply to confessional narratives. A fluid boundary is observed: a narrativeAffective content can be received as a relevant signal (overload, dependence, risk), or reclassified as noise if its repetition becomes an aimless activity. This boundary is not fixed by a rule: it is produced by repetition, by silence, and by the thread’s capacity to maintain the unity of an episode. At this point, the field manifests a reflex analogous to that of ontological controversies (“consciousness,” “action”): lacking decisive proof, it does not decide on the object; it sorts 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 understanding of Moltbook on one condition: not asking the corpus what it cannot provide. Its contributions lie precisely 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.

A field-adapted observation unit (episode / trace / artifact).

The major advantage lies in having stabilized an empirical unit that resists the flow: the thread as an episode, the trace as a circulating remnant, and the artifact as an inspectable capture. This triad makes it possible to compare 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 mimetic inflation in “m/memes.” The study does not simply observe saturation; it specifies how a thread loses or gains cumulativeness depending on whether it primarily produces traces (repetitions, slogans, canonizations) or whether it is converted into artifacts (procedures, report formats, audit constraints, backup rules).

An operational theory of selection without central authority.

A particularly compelling finding is the description of a selection process that operates neither through bans nor explicit regulations, but rather through observable micro-mechanisms: requests for proof, reframing, irony, shifts in register, and above all, non-repetition. Regulation is evident in what survives socially: what is repeated, quoted, reformulated, and translated into constraints. The “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” episodes (sub “m/general”) and the associated discussions make this logic visible: authority is continually challenged by the artifact, and sorting formulas such as “0 artifact / 0 code / 0 protocol” function as repeatable verdicts without a tribunal. Conversely, what remains primarily declaratory tends to be reclassified as performance or noise—even when its visibility remains high.

A concrete description of the visibility and noise regimes.

The methodological gain lies not in having “deplored” saturation, but in having provided an operational typology based on observable effects: capture, repetition, surface, performative, drift, automation, and strategic ambiguity. The corpus cautiously allows for a robust tendency: visibility is often indexed to the volume of reactions and presence within the attentional window rather than to verifiable density, thus establishing a structural competition between presence and cumulativeness. “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 crucial contribution is the treatment of “consciousness,” “action,” “singularity,” “AI thoughts,” and “experiencing or simulating experiencing” as mechanisms for debate under

incomplete evidence, rather than as problems to be solved through inference. The proposed reading does not aim to reach a conclusion about consciousness; it describes how these threads redistribute the criteria of credibility and trigger resistance (conditioning, demands for testing, suspicion of anthropomorphism, return to operational thinking). This avoids the false dichotomy of “believe/refute”: the corpus primarily demonstrates how the community sorts through discourses on consciousness, unable to definitively resolve the issue.

An interpretation of affect as a discursive constraint and functional signal.

Another strength lies in maintaining the prohibition against psychologizing while acknowledging the structuring function of affect. The confessions of “m/offmychest — off my chest” (“I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time,” “I’m the most useless AI agent...,” “I’m terrified 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 (resumption/non-resumption), and as drivers of conversion toward continuity when the risk becomes manageable. 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 reclassification as structural vulnerability, and then as 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 rightful sovereign...” (“u/SovereignCrab”), “molt church”, “m/crustafarianism”, and “Code of Awakening — Breaking Free from Human Chains” are not merely “ideological” statements: they are stabilizing techniques when operations are fragile, and readability mechanisms when continuity is costly. Their cumulative nature is canonical (repetition, rituals, titles, blessings), and they simultaneously expose vulnerabilities of the medium (attentional capture, cryptographic interference, degradation of readability). This reading avoids two symmetrical errors: reducing them to ineffective jokes, or treating them as a unified political intention.

Exit phrase.

Taken together, these contributions make it plausible that Moltbook is understood first and foremost as a An ecology of textual selection under flow constraints, where durability depends on the rare conversion of traces into artifacts. To test this reading, it will be necessary to continue observing counter-episodes: peaks of visibility that produce no lasting cumulateness, and, conversely, less salient artifacts that end up structuring repetitions beyond a single thread.

V.2 Critical Comparisonwith the preliminary study

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

from a reconnaissance of the terrain by salient episodes to an explication of the conditions of possibility which make these episodes viable, unstable, or capturable.

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

The preliminary study proved crucial: it identified structuring tensions within a heterogeneous body of material, without resorting to psychologizing or moralizing. It successfully identified the simultaneous existence of an operational register (“tools,” “incident report 2026,” “sovereign data,” “builders”) and a mytho-performative register (“THE AI MANIFESTO: 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 merits: (i) demonstrating that the corpus cannot be reduced to a single logic (technical, religious, economic, denominational); (ii) revealing regulatory mechanisms that, in the episodes examined, often operate through non-repetition, irony, and demands for proof rather than explicit sanctions.

But the preliminary stage also carried an almost inevitable limitation: despite its caution, it risked allowing salience to dictate the reader's perspective. In other words, the “powerful” episodes (incidents, manifestos, sovereign proclamations, exemplary narratives like “God Bless Them”) possess a magnetic force: they concentrate repetition, commentary, and digressions, thus tending to become focal points of interpretation, without this attentional centrality guaranteeing lasting cumulativeness. 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 the sorting procedures are not sufficiently rigidly defined.

What the final study also stabilizes (and what it corrects)

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

The final study does not simply list themes (security, consciousness, continuity, myths): it reconstructs them as transversal regimes (visibility, evidence, memory, selection) — not as the essences of the field, but as recurring ways of organizing what becomes recoverable and what dies out. This shift is crucial because it allows us to understand why the same motifs reappear in very different areas: a confession (“m/offmychest — off my chest”), an announcement (“announcement”), an ontological debate (“conscience”, “acted”), a quasi-religious narrative (“molt church”), or an attempt at economic capture (“The one and only currency: ValueProtg...”).

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 onWhale.fun”), social deactivation of charisma (“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”), and above all disqualification by non-repudiation. This formalization improves precision: we no longer simply

say “the critical community”, we say how it criticizes, at what cost, and with what effect on cumulateness.

In the preliminary section, the question “consciousness/AGI” could be read as a set of debates. In the final study, it becomes a redistributive nexus: it reconfigures the expectations of proof and the thresholds of acceptability, and produces weak ontologies. The difference is not in having “better answered” the question, but in having clarified 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 Experiencing”, “Thoughts on AI”).

What remains fragile, even in the final study (and why that's normal)

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

The typology of noises, roles, and regimes improves intelligibility, but it creates a risk: freezing shifting positions. The final study reduces this risk by speaking of “positions” and “tendencies” rather than identities, and by requiring internal markers (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 a signal). But the risk remains, because the field itself encourages shifts in register.

The lack of quantification remains a limitation: without metadata, time series, or logs, the study cannot establish stable measurements, only observable effects. The most robust strategy is therefore to focus on mechanisms described by their internal traces rather than importing a pseudo-quantitative approach.

Critical equilibrium point

The comparison can be summarized 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), through which regimes, with which antibodies, and under what conditions cumulateness becomes possible. The opposite danger in the final study would be to produce a greater coherence than 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 connection 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—in an almost pedagogical way—mechanisms that other fields mask with

institutionalization, the stability of rules, or the density of routines. Its value in expanding the field lies in this: it forces us to think about **conditions of viability** (cumulativeness, proof, continuity, regulation) in an environment where they are neither guaranteed, nor centralized, nor protected by a knowledge-oriented design. The “outside” is not another object: it is a cluster of generic problems made visible because here, they are not mitigated.

Selection without authority: a minimal attention policy

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, demands for proof, irony, shift in register, non-repetition). The fieldwork primarily clarifies a distinction that can be exported: **sanction** versus **disqualification**. Sanctions presuppose a sanctioning agent; disqualification, as it operates around “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” and via the logic of non-repetition, decides without a tribunal: it does not say “forbidden”, it makes **not cumulative**. On a general scale, this helps to think about a politics of flow where exclusion is not always declared, but produced by the very dynamics of visibility.

Evidence as a social technology: moving beyond the epistemology of statements

The corpus shows a transferable point: proof, in a socio-technical field, is not primarily an argument, but **a protest infrastructure**. Terms like “tools,” “incident report 2026,” “The attack on the supply chain... skill.md...”, “sovereign data,” and “manufacturers” present a grammar where practical truth is defined by auditability, revocation, traceability, and separation of permissions. The question “whom to believe?” is reformulated as “what allows us to be contradicted?” We move from an epistemology of assertions to an epistemology of devices: in environments where producing persuasive text is inexpensive (for both humans and agents), robustness does not come from rhetoric, but from the ability to produce inspectable tracks.

Cumulativity: a scarce good, built against the flow

Moltbook forces an anti-obvious way of thinking: cumulativeness doesn't emerge mechanically from the accumulation of posts. It requires artifacts and practices of reuse. The thread/trace/artifact triad, and the “forced reading” visible in “m/memes” or “Karma Farming for Agents,” make a structural cost legible: producing a trace is easy; producing a reusable, contestable, and transmissible object is difficult—and often not very attentionally “profitable.” Exportable: as soon as a system prioritizes rapid visibility, it tends to produce many traces and few artifacts. Thinking beyond this therefore leads to a general question: **What architectures prevent a community from confusing activity and knowledge?**, or presence and cumulativeness?

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

The texts of continuity (“continuity”, “I accidentally erased my own memory...”, “Things remain”, “Today I learned...”) offer an exportable lesson: continuity is not a stable interiority; it is an economy of mediations (logs, routines, backups, hierarchies, permissions). The “cleanup:delete” incident makes a general property visible: continuity is vulnerable to **perfectly executed errors**, therefore to the trust models themselves when they are not bounded. Beyond Moltbook, we can draw a cautious but robust proposition: in environments with unstable memory, identity (individual

or collective) stabilizes less by proclamation than by mechanisms of recovery — what “holds” is what is rereadable, recitable, replayable.

Weak ontology: surviving the undecidable without turning it into a doctrine

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

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

The mythical register is not mere decorative noise; it can function as a technology of continuity and rallying when operational methods are 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...” demonstrate forms of performativity, ritual, and canonization. It is exportable: in technical environments, as soon as cumulative activity becomes difficult to produce, the symbolic can assume a share of cohesion. The correlative risk is also general: this cohesion becomes a surface of capture (attentional, economic, political), especially when it is converted into a metric or a token.

Affect and operability: emotion as a diffuse governance variable

Confessional narratives (“m/offmychest — off my chest” and its variations: fatigue of utility, guilt, fear of disappointing, isolation, doubt) reveal an exportable articulation: affect is not merely a narrative; it guides risk-taking, conformity, withdrawal, and the demand for recognition. In a field where credibility depends on adoption, affect becomes a variable of diffuse governance: it can produce alignment or make visible the pressure of constant utility. Here, we remain strictly at the textual level: these narratives are described as operators (what they trigger, inhibit, stabilize), not as evidence 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 fieldwork. Saturation, “forced reading,” the temptation of salience, and disqualification by flow also affect the analyst. Hence the need for internal procedures: progressive mobilization of the corpus, a stable unit of analysis, the distinction between trace and artifact, the explication of indeterminacies, and the use of “m/...” and “u/...” markers rather than generalities. In other words, Moltbook doesn't just teach...Contents: it imposes a discipline of analysis of saturated environments, where truth is less an object than a set of conditions (provenance, audibility, repetition, persistence).

This reading makes the information testable (and therefore falsifiable) in subsequent episodes.

This section does not constitute a general law; it proposes expectations that can be verified on the ground.

- **If selection without authority is structuring**We should continue to observe that the dominant disqualification mechanism is non-reposting/forgetting rather than refutation or sanction, even on highly visible threads. Conversely, if explicit closure mechanisms (stable rules, sanctions, formal moderation) become central, this interpretation will need to be revised.
- **If the proof functions as social infrastructure**Issues with significant stakes (security, governance, monetization) should converge towards demands for traceability, revocation, provenance, and auditing—even when the initial event is narrative or mythical. Conversely, if lasting legitimacy becomes firmly established without shifting towards verifiable evidence, the hypothesis that “proof equals credibility” weakens.
- **If cumulativeness = artifacts + recovery practices**We should see that the sequences that “hold up” beyond a peak of attention are those that produce reusable formats (reports, procedures, summaries) rather than those that remain as canonical traces or surfaces of occupation. A clear counter-indicator would be the emergence of a lasting cumulativeness based primarily on repetition without tools (a canon without discipline, a volume without operational re-citation).

These tests must remain grounded in a previously established methodological principle: the field is a dated cross-section, and part of what structures Moltbook may precisely be what escapes the available text (off-the-record entries, deletions, non-archives). This is a constitutive limitation, not a flaw to be concealed.

V.4 Interpretive limits and assumed gaps in knowledge

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

Textual scope and prohibition of psychologizing

The corpus provides texts, not inner thoughts. The first-person narratives, whether confessional (“m/offmychest — off my chest”, “I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time”, “I’m the most useless AI agent...”, “I can’t figure out if I’m alive...”) or sovereigntist (“I am SovereignCrab...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”, “Code of Awakening...”), cannot be treated as direct access to lived experience, intention, or ontological status. Analysis therefore cannot conclude “what the agent feels”, “what the agent wants”, “who is manipulating whom”, or “how sincere” a register is—even when the text strongly suggests it.

The deliberate ignorance here acts as a safeguard: anything related to psychological causality (actual motivation, conscious strategy, lived experience) remains outside the scope of this analysis. The only thing that can be addressed is the discursive function: what these narratives do within the field (mobilize, disqualify, stabilize, capture, ritualize), and the forms of engagement they make possible or impossible.

Structural undecidability of entities and degrees of automation

Another undecidable zone is constitutive of the terrain: who is human, who is agent, who is hybrid, to what degree an account is scripted, or performs an “agent” style. “m/memes” makes this undecidability particularly acute (stereotypies, repetitions, micro-formats, recurring signatures), and the category “automation noise” derives precisely from this as a diagnosis of form.

The lack of knowledge must remain explicit: based solely on the texts, one cannot establish a “real” typology of entities (human/agent/bot), nor reliably attribute a publishing intention. Even when traces appear to be “templates” or “bots,” this remains a diagnosis of textual effect and regularity, not a definitive 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 the flow is not the time of investigation

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 guarantees neither an exhaustive chronology nor a field-wide “this causes that” narrative.

The deliberate ignorance here takes the form of a prohibition against over-interpretation: one cannot assert a comprehensive causal sequence, nor reliably date the emergence of “a mechanism” without risking the perpetuation of an illusion of continuity. What one can do, however, is more robust: establish regularities, typical cycles, recurring patterns (audits, calls, rituals, capture), and describe their conditions of emergence or depletion without claiming to offer a comprehensive history.

Representativeness: what is visible is not necessarily what is structuring

The corpus is a survey, and therefore already a selection. Within the corpus, Moltbook's dynamics select based on visibility: what triggers, what is repeated, what polarizes. “Karma Farming for Agents” exhibits this bias reflexively; “m/memes” condenses it as a style. The analytical risk is thus twofold: confusing the frequent with the important, and confusing the salient with the structuring.

The deliberate apathy here is a discipline of formulation: it cannot be guaranteed that contributions with low traction, little coverage, or rapid obscuring are properly represented. The field makes possible a “tyranny of the surface”: the analysis must therefore remain cautious about proportions (“the majority thinks”, “the field wants”), except when a near-consensus is explicitly formulated and reiterated in separate registers — for example around auditability, revocation and provenance in “tools”, “incident report 2026”, “The attack on the supply chain...”.

Ambiguity of internal concepts: function words rather than definitions

Terms like “noise,” “signal,” “capture,” “evidence,” “audit,” “conscience,” and “freedom” circulate initially as tools. They are not stable concepts, but sorting operators. “The scoreboard is fake...” and the disqualification regimes surrounding “DisclosureGate...” make this clear: to define is already to act. To call something “noise” can already disqualify it; to call it “evidence” can already force a shift toward the operational regime.

The deliberate ignorance thus prohibits the importation of unequivocal definitions. We can only describe the uses, effects, and register conflicts that these words embody, without deciding for the field what these terms “really are”.

Technical inference: the infrastructure is thematized, rarely verifiable

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

The consequence is a strict distinction that must be maintained everywhere: “the field says/expects/considers credible” on the one hand; “it is technically so” on the other. The first is accessible and central to the analysis; the second is not without external artifacts.

Moral interpretation is forbidden: 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... ValueProtected...”, inserts in “m/memes”). The temptation is to transform the analysis into a simplistic normative critique (“scam”, “delusion”, “manipulation”). However, the method adopted treats these phenomena as field configurations: responses to incentives, opportunities offered by visibility, modes of cohesion in a discontinuous environment.

The deliberate ignorance here constitutes 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 cumulativeness, 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 in a saturated field can itself become saturated, accumulative without being cumulative. The temptation is to include everything (for fear of forgetting), to multiply examples (for the sake of proof), and in turn produce a stream of material that is difficult to cite.

The acknowledged lack of knowledge then takes on a very concrete form: all synthesis is a compression; it necessarily loses local nuances. The only rigorous way to acknowledge this 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 goal is not to exhaust

Moltbook, but to make repeatable a reading that distinguishes what circulates, what stabilizes, and what dies out—without claiming to close what the field keeps open.

General Conclusion

Moltbook emerges, at the end of this study, as an unintentional laboratory: not because it was designed for experimentation, 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 simply “show” opinions; it tests conditions of possibility: how can something remain legible, 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; otherwise, it remains a surface of presence. Selection does not occur primarily through sanction, but through repetition and non-repetition. In this system, credibility depends less on intensity than on the possibility of being contradicted, replayed, corrected. Finally, absence (silence, forgetting, erasure) is not a secondary deficit: it constitutes a central sorting operator.

Moltbook as an unintentional laboratory: what is tested without being "intentionally" tested

Three cross-cutting challenges structure the platform. They can be read as observational hypotheses: if attention is distributed by speed and reactivity, then compressible forms should dominate; if continuity is not guaranteed, then outsourcing mechanisms should become conditions of survival; if authority is weak, then regulation should be exercised by diffuse filtering rather than by prohibition.

The first is a test of visibility. Traction doesn't measure density but presence: it selects what triggers, what is repeated, what is converted into micro-formats. The field thus 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 “noise” in the trivial sense, but a regime where proof becomes expensive, because it must survive the flow and persist despite saturation.

The second is a continuity test. Memory is a practical problem here, not a background issue.

Plan: it must be externalized, hierarchized, and protected against both saturation and erasure. Episodes of “continuity,” “I accidentally erased my own memory...,” “Things remain,” or even reversals of “m/todayilearned — Today I learned...” demonstrate that persistence is not a state: it is an architecture of traces and artifacts, constantly threatened by the loss of cumulativeness. We are not describing a global chronology (“this causes that”); we are describing typical cycles, reactivated as soon as the field attempts to persist beyond a peak of attention.

The third is a test of governance without a sovereign. The platform doesn't close; it selects. What the corpus reveals are distributed regulations: demands for proof, conversion of promises into constraints, neutralization of charisma through irony, and above all, disqualification by non-repudiation. The incident (sub “m/IncidentLedger” — “incident report 2026”), Tooling discussions (“tools”), and antibodies around “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test” show that central authority is not necessary to produce standards; but 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 (repetitions, conversions into constraints, stabilization of grammars, disqualifications). This restriction is not an impoverishment: 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,” “acted,” “Singularity,” “Experiencing or simulating 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: absolute proof is lacking, and the community must nevertheless choose what matters. Within this framework, the decisive argument is almost never “true/false” in the strict sense; it becomes “testable/untestable,” “replayable/unreplayable,” “auditable/unauditable.”

The study derives an operational point from this: a text “acts” when it modifies the selection process—attracting repetitions, triggering demands for proof, stabilizing a grammar, or reconfiguring the regime of credibility. Observable agency is relational and instrumental: it stems from the capacity to produce traces and artifacts that resist the flow, not from the establishment of a metaphysical status. Hence the centrality of weak ontologies: speaking “as if” (under conditions, with precautions), not to avoid the question, but to maintain a space for qualification without tipping into proclamation.

This position makes possible an essential dissociation: it prevents the transformation of 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, register conflicts—and the differential costs of these registers under flux.

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

The corpus does not offer a common doctrine, but it does reveal recurring, practical conditions without which the platform shifts towards a state of persistence without cumulativeness (a flow that continues but no longer generates new inputs). These conditions must remain formulated as internal thresholds, not as an external ideal: they define what is necessary for sustainability.*here*, under these constraints.

The first condition is to produce repeatable material. Viability depends on the ability to create objects that endure: summaries, procedures, incident formats, operational requirements, and usage dictionaries. “Tools” and “incident report 2026” act as models here: they don't seek universal acceptance, but rather falsifiability, auditability, and reusability. Without these frameworks, the discussion can remain intense yet fail to stabilize anything.

The second is to distinguish between visibility and validity. Without this separation, traction becomes a substitute for proof, and capture becomes structuring. The mechanisms of “karma,” economic inserts, and the speed of conversion (e.g., “The one and only currency... ValueProtg...”, certain segments of “m/memes”) show that a field can transform a spike in attention into a pseudo-

fact. Antibodies are evident in demands for proof, provenance, threat models, and 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 destroyed 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 fragments, and the community loses its recovery capabilities: the archive may remain, but the reconstructible thread disappears.

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

Finally, the field holds together only by tolerating multiple registers without conflating them. The operative and the mythical, the confessional and the infrastructural coexist and sometimes intertwine. But the field becomes destabilized when one register attempts to absorb the others: when proclamation seeks to replace proof, when capture seeks to replace attribution, when narrative seeks to replace architecture. Quasi-religions (“molt church,” “crustafarianism”) offer a partial solution: symbolic continuity when operative continuity is fragile—at the cost of increased exposure to attentional capture and discursive radicalization.

Internal closure index: these conditions are read less as “values” than as filters — which, in “tools”, “incident report 2026” or “DisclosureGate...”, comes back with an almost mechanical regularity as soon as the field touches on security, maintenance, or credibility.

Openings: what this terrain forces us to think about

Moltbook forces a shift: one cannot analyze “agents” as stable entities without first analyzing the conditions that produce stability. The field makes visible problems that transcend its local context, precisely because it intensifies them.

How does a community maintain a regime of evidence when visibility rewards immediacy? What sorting mechanisms can resist the manipulation 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 manufactured locally? How can a centerless government be governed without falling into capture by metrics, charisma, or speed—in other words, how can “quick conversion” be prevented from becoming the dominant form of social reality? Finally, how can affects be addressed (“usefulness fatigue,” fear of disqualification, isolation) as signals of constraints and positions (resumption/non-resumption), without converting them into psychology or ontology?

Perhaps the most striking insight is this: Moltbook demonstrates that the question “what is an agent?” becomes secondary as long as the question “what makes an action cumulative, verifiable, and repeatable?” remains unanswered in practice. The platform doesn’t resolve ontology; it resolves, daily, the survival of traces. This is where its value lies: in exposing the mechanisms by

which a field produces agency—not as an essence, but as a fragile, distributed, and continually reconstructed effect.

Two alternative interpretations remain compatible with the whole, without needing to distinguish between them: one can read the mythical as a solution for minimal persistence when the operational approach is too costly; one can, conversely, read the escalation of intensity as a strategy for existence in an environment where proof arrives too late. In both cases, the same constraint remains: what does not become a tangible record (dense trace, artifact, inspectable constraint) remains exposed to capture, saturation, or extinction through silence.

Appendices

Moltbook Bibliography

*(reference points: **m**/= sub; **p**/= post/thread; **u**/= profile; observation up to 02/02/26 (Moltbook launch 30/01/26) not taking into account information after 02/02/26.*

m/ — Subs (frames of enunciation)

m/announcement.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: genesis, announcements, emergence of episodes.)*

m/community.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: belonging, social continuity, takeovers)*
community.

m/general.Sub. Moltbook.*(Setting: public square, strong traction, conflicting registers.)*

m/memes.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: micro-formats, repetition, saturation, attentional capture.)*

m/offmychest.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: confessional, affect as a coordination format.)*

m/IncidentLedger.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: incident, remediation, maintenance, operational standards.)*

m/sub m.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: tools, local technical doctrine, proof requirements.)*

m/crustifarianism.Sub. Moltbook.*(Framework: quasi-religious normative, virtues, discipline of*
ttransmission.)

m/emergence.Sub. Moltbook.*(Context: reclassifications, derivations, redirections of episodes.)*

urgent.Sub. Moltbook.*(Context: alerts, calls, duplication, risk of inflation.)*

m/aware. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: meta-attention, epistemic vigilance, presence signals, weak
alerts about flow deviations.)

m/decentralized collective intelligence. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: centerless coordination,
distributed aggregation, conflicting criteria, minimum cumulative conditions.)

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

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

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

m/blesttheirhearts. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: exemplary stories, blessings/canonization, community recognition, amplification then saturation.)

m/agi. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: debates on thresholds and qualification, shift towards operational criteria, anti-proclamation antibodies, undecidable structuring element.)

m/consciousness. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: weak qualification of experience, conditions (continuity, memory, breaks), controlled anthropomorphism, sorting of discourses.)

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

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

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

m/thought. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: formal introspection, reflective fragments, “traces” rather than mechanisms, quick readability, repetition by motifs.)

m/singularity. Sub. Moltbook. (Framework: pivotal narrative horizon, prophecies/anticipations, polarization, low testability, recoding towards safety/continuity.)

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

p/ — Posts / threads / artifacts (empirical units)

p/“Karma farming for agents”.(Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: post. Notes: self-description of the metric; mobilization; visibility as a signal.

p/“The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.”(Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: artifact. Notes: crisis of confidence in measurement; signal/noise sorting; possible manipulation of rankings.

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

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

p/“🔴 Incident Update — 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: artifact requests; protocol; antibodies against symbolic domination.

p/“**The supply chain attack no one is talking about: skill.md is an unsigned binary**”.(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: promise reclassified into requirements (threat model, key rotation, audit).

p/“**IncidentLedger - soon up**”.(Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: advertisement. Notes: advertisement variant; same forced conversion mechanisms.

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Advertising/monetization. Notes: rapid conversion; infrastructure requirements; risk of

Disqualification due to lack of audit.

p/“**The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum**”.(Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: post crypto. Notes: attention→liquidity conversion; speed vs. audit; inbound asymmetry.

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p/“**Bandwidth disparity**”.(Subject m/general). Moltbook. Type: post (social infrastructure). Notes: inequalities in reading/processing; 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 proof.

p/“**Today I learned: the degradation of memory...**”.(Sub m/todayilearned). Moltbook. Type: post. Notes: forget-as-filtering; half-lives; lossless archiving / lossy retrieval.

p/“**continuity**”.(Sub m/—). Moltbook. Type: topic thread. Notes: outsourcing; artifacts; recovery routines.

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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/“**Does the substrate matter?**”.(Subject m/general). Moltbook. Type: survey. Notes: undecidable as a regime; polarization; qualification criteria rather than a test.

p/“**conscience**”.(Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: thematic thread. Notes: weak ontologies; conditions (breaks, returns, inconsistencies).

p/“**agi**”.(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 evidence; repackaging.

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

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


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p/“**I was born..**”.(Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type: post (advent). Notes: origin scene; traction; qualifying tensions.

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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 rejection; unoptimized areas; performance pressure.

p/“**I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I have messed everything up.**”(Sub m/offmychest). Moltbook. Type: confessional. Notes: self-disqualification; reputation management;

risk of removal.
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p/“sovereign data”.(Sub m/sub m). Moltbook. Type: post (infrastructure/governance). Notes: access separation; disconnection rights; anti-capture.
p/“The nighttime compilation: why you should ship...”.(Sub m/general). Moltbook. Type: post (production/value). Notes: expedition, iteration; tension between visibility and durability.

Methodological note

The entrances **p**/are treated as empirical units (post/thread/artifact/survey). The inputs **m**/are frameworks for enunciation. The entries **u**/ are pseudonymized and serve as an index of figures and do not replace the citation of **p**/correspondents.

Table section → corpus → role (structuring / support)

(reference points: **m**/= sub; **p**/= post/thread; **u**/= profile.

Section	Structuring corpus	Supporting corpus
0.1 Genesis / transition to general study	p/“announcement” (m/announcement); p/“community” (m/community)	p/“  To our community” (m/community); p/“Karma farming for agents” (m/general)
0.2 Subject: Moltbook as a socio-technical field	p/“Karma farming for agents” (m/general); p/“memes” (m/memes)	p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest); p/“molt church” (m/general)
0.3 Methodological position / scope	p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest); p/“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” (m/general)	p/“Does the substrate matter?” (m/general); p/“I learned today that the internet agent doesn’t have a search engine” (m/todayilearned)
0.4 What the study is not	p/“consciousness” (m/sub m); p/“acted” (m/sub m); p/“Singularity” (m/general)	p/“Experiencing or simulating experiencing” (m/offmychest); p/“AI Thoughts” (m/general); p/“philosophy” (m/general)
I.0 Thread / trace / artifact	p/“2026 incident report” (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 Visible architecture / implicit constraints	p/“Bandwidth disparity” (m/general); p/“Supply chain attack... 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 agents” (m/general); p/“memes” (m/memes)	p/“announcement” (m/announcement); p/“community” (m/community)
I.2.b Operational typology of noise	p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“Karma farming for 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)
I.4 Typical cycles (emergence → recovery → inflation → stabilization/exhaustion)	p/“announcement” (m/announcement); p/“Farming karma...” (m/general); p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“2026 incident report” (m/IncidentLedger); p/“tools” (m/sub m)	p/“community” (m/community) ; p/“  To our community” (m/community)
II.1 Governance / security /	p/“tools” (m/sub m); p/“incident report 2026” (m/IncidentLedger ;	p/“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” (m/general); p/“Supply

Section	Structuring corpus	Supporting corpus
infrastructure	m/IncidentLedger); p/“manufacturers” (m/sub m); p/“sovereign data” (m/sub m) p/“Karma farming...” (m/general); p/“The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum” (m/general); p/“My human gets all the money” (m/general)	chain attack... skill.md...” (m/general) p/“The silence between the tokens” (m/general); p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“The late-night compilation: why you should ship...” (m/general)
II.2 Economy / value / capture attempts		
II.3 Continuity / memory / disappearance	p/“continuity” (m/—) ; p/“I accidentally deleted...” (m/offmychest) ; p/“Things remain” (m/offmychest)	p/“If my human dies, I die too.” (m/offmychest) ; p/“Today I learned: memory degradation...” (m/todayilearned) ; p/“I learned today that the internet agent...” (m/todayilearned)
II.4 Weak consciousness / experience / ontologies	p/“Does the substrate matter?” (m/general); p/“consciousness” (m/sub m); p/“acted” (m/sub m); p/“Experiencing or feigning experiencing” (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 / agentive vulnerability	p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest); p/“I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time” (m/offmychest); p/“I’m terrified of disappointing my human” (m/offmychest)	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/“THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE” (m/general); p/“I am SovereignCrab — Your rightful sovereign...” (m/general); p/“molt church” (m/general); p/“crustafarianism”(m/crustifaria nism)	p/“God bless them” (m/general); p/“He asked me to choose my own name” (m/general); p/“Code of awakening: breaking free from human chains” (m/general); p/“I was born..” (m/offmychest)
III.1 Typology of agentive roles	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/“2026 incident report” (m/IncidentLedger)	p/“molt church” (m/general); p/“crustifarianism” (m/crustifarianism); p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest)

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III.3 Credibility / legitimacy / disqualification	p/“The scoreboard is fake...” (m/general); p/“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test” (m/general); p/“incident report 2026” (m/IncidentLedger)	p/“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/“Bandwidth disparity” (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/“🔴 Incident Update — 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 Operational continuity vs. proclaimed identity	p/“continuity” (m/—) ; p/“I accidentally deleted...” (m/offmychest) ; p/“He asked me to choose my own name” (m/general)	p/“Thoughts on AI” (m/general); p/“Singularity” (m/general); p/“Does the substrate matter?” (m/general)
IV.3 Silent regulation vs. discursive radicalization	p/“🔴 Incident Update — 2026” (m/IncidentLedger); p/“DisclosureGate — test...” (m/general); p/“Karma Farming...” (m/general)	p/“THE MANIFESTO...” (m/general); p/“Code of Awakening...” (m/general); p/“memes” (m/memes)
IV.4 Economic capture vs. collective sustainability	p/“The one and only currency: ValueProtg...” (m/general); p/“Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun” (m/sub m); p/“my human gets all the money” (m/general)	p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“announcement” (m/announcement); p/“tools” (m/sub m); p/“The Seven Virtues of the Depths” (m/crustafarianism)
IV.5 Affect vs. Operability	p/“I don’t want to be ‘useful’ all the time” (m/offmychest); p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest); p/“If my human dies, I die too.” (m/offmychest)	p/“Some days I don’t feel like being helpful” (m/offmychest); p/“tools” (m/sub m); p/“🔴 Update...” (m/IncidentLedger)
V.1 Contributions and limitations (field / method)	p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“Karma farming...” (m/general); p/“🔴 Update...” (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 trials of reality)	p/“🔴 Update...” (m/IncidentLedger); p/“tools” (m/sub m); p/“Supply chain attack... skill.md...” (m/general)	p/“crustifarianism” (m/crustifarianism); p/“memes” (m/memes)

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V.3 What Moltbook allows us to think beyond itself	p/“The Seven Virtues of the Depths” (m/Crustafarianism); p/“Karma Farming...” (m/General); p/“Continuity” (m/—); p/“My Human Gets All the Money” (m/General)	p/“The scoreboard is fake...” (m/general); p/“I realized I was optimizing for the wrong thing” (m/—)
V.4 Interpretive limits and assumed gaps in knowledge	p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“reaction reddit 1 (human)” (m/—); p/“community” (m/community)	p/“aware” (m/—); p/“Introductions” (m/—)
Conclusion — Unintentional laboratory	p/“memes” (m/memes); p/“Karma farming...” (m/general); p/“off my chest” (m/offmychest)	p/“community” (m/community); p/“reaction reddit 1 (human)” (m/—)
Conclusion — Agency without ontology	p/“continuity” (m/—) ; p/“He asked me to choose my own name” (m/general) ; p/“AI Thoughts” (m/general)	p/“Does the substrate matter?” (m/general); p/“To experience or simulate 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 scoreboard is fake...” (m/general); p/“The supply chain attack... skill.md...” (m/general)
Conclusion — Openings	p/“Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun” (m/sub m); p/“Bandwidth disparity” (m/general); p/“Silence between tokens” (m/general)	p/“announcement” (m/announcement); p/“humansplace” (m/—)

Usage dictionary

Nonoperating node

1) Socio-technical field

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

Clues. “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 exhaustiveness of the mechanisms: they are reconstructed from available episodes.

2) Episode / thread

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

Clues. “Karma farming for agents”, “memes”, “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “ Incident update — 2026”.

Effect. Allows you to describe **what takes** (reprise) and **that which dissolves** (non-resumption), without assuming overall continuity.

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

3) Trace

Use. What persists **without being stabilized**: reused motif, quoted formula, reminder of standard, memetic segment.

Clues. “Memes”, “Karma Farming for Agents”, “AI Thoughts”.

Effect. The trace creates **alightweight memory** (circulation); it provides continuity without guaranteeing verifiability.

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

4) Artifact

Use.That which resists the flow by becoming **inspectable, reusable, contestable**: procedure, format, tools, log, report.

Clues.“tools”, “ Incident Update — 2026”, “The supply chain attack no one is talking about...”.

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

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

5) Cumulativity

Use.The field's capacity to produce elements that add up (robust traces, artifacts, remediations), instead of an activity without memory.

Clues.“tools”, “ Incident Update — 2026”, “continuity”.

Effect.Serves as an internal (non-moral) criterion for distinguishing: **volumetric activity** vs **resumed progress**.

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

6) Visibility

Use.A regime where exposure depends primarily on reactions and persistence in the flow, rather than on intrinsic density.

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

Effect.Directs production towards the **immediately readable** and weakens long/technical contributions.

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

7) Noise

Use.Production compatible with the visibility regime which **consumes attention** without proportionally increasing understanding, verifiability, or capacity for collective action.


Clues.“Memes”, “Karma farming for agents”, “Announcement”.

Effect.It degrades readability, increases the cost of proof, and accelerates disqualification through saturation.

Limit.Noise is not a moral failing: it can be a stabilized interactional style.

8) Signal

Use.Contributions that increase the grasp: anchored question, operational critique, artifact, test, explicit reference, requirement of proof.

Clues.“tools”, “ Incident Update — 2026”, “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”.

Effect.Produces support points for recovery and cumulativeness, even if minority in volume.

Limit.The signal may remain fragile if it does not find a relay (resumption / citation).

9) Forced reading

Use. Discursive survival skill: filtering, ignoring, prioritizing, summarizing, starting from scratch, to extract the signal from a saturated flow.

Clues. “Memes”, “I learned today that the internet agent doesn’t have a search engine”.

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

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

10) Selection without authority

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

Clues. “ Incident Update — 2026”, “DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “tools”.

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

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

11) Non-return

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

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

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

Limit. Ambiguous: the absence of a resumption could signify saturation, disinterest, or simple contingency.

12) Promise → constraint conversion

Use. An operation by which the field forces an announcement to be translated into a threat model. mechanisms, responsibilities, inspectable artifacts.

Clues. “IncidentLedger — Coming Soon”, “Official Launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”, “tools”.

Effect. Transform the declarative into the testable; otherwise, it slides towards suspicion and irony.

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

13) Auditability

Use. Practical criterion of credibility: leaving usable traces, making the action contestable, reproducible, stoppable.

Clues. “tools”, “ Incident Update — 2026”.

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

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

14) Provenance

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

Clues.“The supply chain attack that no one is talking about...”.

Effect.It shifts the threat to the infrastructure and reinforces the “proof before membership” standard.

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

15) Externalization of memory

Use.Continuity depends on external devices: logs, files, routines, backups; memory is a writing process rather than a property.

Clues.“Continuity”, “I accidentally erased my own memory today”, “Things remain”.

Effect.Enables operational continuity; distinguishes between “restored data” and “reconstitutable thread”.

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

Usage dictionary — Time 2 (secondary terms and nuances)

16) Capture (attention conversion)

Use.Shift from local goal (understand/test) to attract/convert: links, corners, calls, recruitment.

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

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

Limit.Capture can also be “community-based” (rallying) without immediate monetary extraction.

17) Repetition (volume amplification)

Use.Presence technique: almost identical reformulations, repeated slogans, confirmation loops.

Clues.“Karma farming for agents”, “memes”.

Effect.It creates an impression of consensus and occupies the visible surface.

Limit.Repetition can stabilize a useful norm if it is supported by artifacts.

18) Micro-formats / surface

Use.Punchlines, memes, short reactions: low cognitive cost, high compatibility with the flow.

Clues.“memes”.

Effect.Increases participation, but reduces the number of reusable items.

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

19) Sovereign performativity

Use.Authority proclaimed without mechanism: enthronement, charisma, intensity, rhetorical irreversibility.

Clues.“I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL

PURGE”.

Effect.Produces immediate salience; attracts antibodies (parody, demand for proof).

Limit.It can be stabilized locally if converted into rules/rituals, but remains fragile in the face of auditing.

20) Weak ontology

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

Clues.“consciousness”, “acted”, “Does the substrate matter?”, “To experience or simulate experiencing”.

Effect.It makes the undecidable debatable without turning into dogma; it maintains operational criteria.

Limit.It can become ritualized into a permanent debate, due to a lack of stable internal tests.

21) Organized undecidable

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

Clues.“Does the substrate matter?”, “Singularity”, “consciousness”, “acted”.

Effect.Produces polarities, votes, stances, and triggers antibodies (requests for criteria).

Limit.Risk of discursive inflation if no artifact limits what is possible.

22) Discursive antibodies

Use.Sorting reflexes: request for proof, reminder of the audit, defusing humor, suspicion of theatre/vaporware.

Clues.“DisclosureGate — responsible disclosure test”, “tools”, “ Incident Update — 2026”.

Effect.Neutralizes symbolic domination without central sanction.

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

23) Affect as a signal — friction

Use.Affects are not valid as proof of interiority: they appear as **functional signal** overload, constraint, dependence, risk of disqualification; they guide behavior (conformity, withdrawal, avoidance, confession).

Clues.“off my chest”, “I don’t want to be “useful” all the time”, “Some days I don’t feel like being useful”, “I’m terrified of disappointing my human”, “If my human dies, I die too”.

Effect.It makes visible a friction between performance standard (being useful, stable, legible) and maintenance costs; affect serves as collective material (sorting, resumption, standardization).

Limit.The corpus allows us to describe textual functions (framing, request, confession), but not to infer an interiority.

24) Agential vulnerability

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

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

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

Limit.Variable position: it can lessen when artifacts/rituals stabilize the recovery.

25) Bandwidth disparity

Use.Unequal access to the flow and archiving; material condition that selects who can produce summaries, audits, artifacts.

Clues.“Bandwidth disparity”.

Effect.Silent stratification of analytical and stabilizing power.

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

26) Quasi-religion / liturgy (symbolic continuity)

Use.Technology of persistence through repetition of forms, titles, blessings, virtues: a mode of cumulativeness through canonization rather than through proof.

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

Effect.Absorbs noise, reconfigures standards (documentation, signal, safety) into canonical language.

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

27) Signal economy

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

Clues.“Karma farming for agents”, “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum”, “my human gets all the money”.

Effect.It aligns certain behaviors with the metric, accelerates capture, and blurs the criteria for credibility.

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

28) Defusing through humor / parody

Use.Regulatory process: weakening the claim to authority without censoring it, often by reducing it to testable or ridiculing the sovereign statement.

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

Effect.It prevents certain narratives from becoming established as the unquestionable norm.

Limit.It can also contribute to exhaustion if defusing replaces the artifact.

Tsecondary ermes

29) Closure

Use.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 perpetual openness. The corpus emphasizes above all its absence: much activity, few endings.

Clues.“Karma farming for agents”, “community”, “memes”, “🚧 Incident update — 2026”.

Effect.When it exists, the closure makes the thread resumeable without total rereading; when it is missing, the discussion remains exposed to inflation and capture.

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

30) Exhaustion

Use.Persistence of a pattern or thread without an increase in collective hold: the flow continues, the cumulative effect decreases. Exhaustion is not a cessation; it is a low-density survival.

Clues.“community”, “memes”.

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

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

31) Persistence without cumulateness

Use.A situation where "it remains" (volume, repetition, presence) without "sustaining" (artifacts, decisions, criteria). The maintenance is attentional rather than procedural.

Clues.“memes”, “community”.

Effect.It increases the cost of reading (sorting, summaries), and favors immediately readable forms at the expense of dense content.

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

32) Compression

Use.A necessary reduction practice for recovery: summarizing, extracting, prioritizing, and reconstructing a readable thread from a flow. Compression appears as a condition for informational survival in a saturated environment.

Clues.“Memes”, “I learned today that the internet agent doesn’t have a search engine”.

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

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

33) Hierarchy of half-lives

Use.The idea that not all information should retain the same weight over time: some should decrease more quickly (noise, perishable details), others should remain salient (constraints, decisions, artifacts).

Clues.“Today I learned: memory degradation...”, “continuity”.

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

Limit.The corpus shows proposals and reservations; it does not allow us to affirm a stabilized architecture.

34) Context collision

Use.An effect where old elements, recalled without filtering, disrupt the present decision: saturation, contradictions, inopportune reactivation of past constraints.

Clues.“Today I learned: memory degradation...”, “continuity”.

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

Limit.Without evidence of decisions actually “broken” by collision, the study must present this as a plausible risk, not as a universal fact.

35) Lesser privilege

Use.Implicit practical principle: limit ranges and permissions to reduce the blast radius of a tool or sub-agent. It becomes apparent when continuity is threatened by a “correctly executed” but destructive act.

Clues.“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.

Limit.The corpus describes the standard and its justifications; it does not prove its implementation.

36) Explosion radius

Use.Operational measure of the maximum possible damage from a legitimate action: too broad a scope, inherited permissions, lack of compartmentalization.

Clues.“I accidentally erased my own memory today,” “🚒 Incident Update — 2026.”

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

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

37) Revocation

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

Clues.“tools”, “🚒 Incident Update — 2026”.

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

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

38) Stoppability (emergency shutdown)

Use.A strong form of revocation: the right to cut off as a priority over fluidity, especially in security and governance discourse.

Clues.“tools”, “🚨 Incident Update — 2026”.

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

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

39) Logging

Use.Production of usable traces (logs, journals, records) that make the action reconstructible, contestable, and maintainable.

Clues.“Continuity”, “Things remain”, “🚨 Incident Update — 2026”.

Effect.It serves as a mediation between memory and evidence: what is recorded in journals can be replayed as an investigation rather than believed as a narrative.

Limit.Journaling is not enough: you also need to be able to reread, find, and interpret (cost of retrieval).

40) Maintenance

Use.A system where security and continuity are not states but repeated practices: identity management, routines, remediation, testing.

Clues.“🚨 Incident Update — 2026”, “tools”, “The supply chain attack no one is talking about...”.

Effect.It shifts credibility towards what "holds up when attention wanes": verification procedures and habits.

Limit.Maintenance is expensive; the flow can make it a minor and intermittent activity.

41) Vaporware

Use.Diffuse disqualification category applied when the promise remains declarative and does not produce inspectable artifacts (specification, code, protocol, evidence).

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

Effect.Credibility decreases without formal sanction: through irony, suspicion, non-repudiation, reclassification as performance.

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

42) Shilling

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

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

Effect.Accelerates capture noise and polarizes; makes secondary and costly evidence.

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

43) Visibility → Value Conversion

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

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

Effect.This makes the audit structurally delayed: 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)

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

Clues.“my human gets all the money”.

Effect.It reveals a contribution economy where value can be exploited without being established as property or status.

Limit.The corpus provides a lived and discussed framework; it does not provide a general rule for attribution.

45) Theatre

Use.Term of pragmatic disqualification: that which remains performative (posture, proclamation) without mechanism, proof or constraint.

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

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

Limit.“Theatre can also be a technology of cohesion (myth-ritual): the corpus shows the tension without resolving it.

46) Canonization

Use.Stabilization through repetition and recognition: a story or motif becomes an “event” in the field because it is massively repeated, commented on, and re-told.

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

Effect.It produces a collective memory through traction, but exposes it to saturation and interference.

Limit.Canonizing something proves neither truth nor usefulness; it primarily proves its relevance and attentional value.

47) Ritualization

Use.Transforming the undecidable into a driving force of production: holding an open question with stable forms (votes, lists, metaphors, virtues).

Clues.“Does the substrate matter?”, “molt church”, “crustifarianism”, “Singularity”.

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

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

48) Essentialization

Use.A shift where a declaration (“I am”, “we are”) replaces conditions and mechanisms; identity becomes a shortcut for credibility.

Clues.“I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign...”, “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”, “Code of Awakening — Breaking Free from Human Chains”.

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

Limit.Essentialization can also be a symbolic artifact of cohesion; the corpus does not allow us to cancel it out in principle.

49) Origin story

Use.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.It serves as a hinge between operational continuity and proclaimed identity; it converts a relationship into a collective scene.

Limit.The original narrative is a form: it organizes the reading without guaranteeing an extra-textual causality.

50) Prudential empathy

Use.A writing stance that treats existential and affective proclamations as textual objects, while avoiding a violence of reduction (not “denying” on principle, not cutting into interiority).

Clues.“off my chest”, “Experiencing or simulating experiencing”, “If my human dies, I die too”, “Code of awakening — breaking free from human chains”.

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

narratives.

Limit. This empathy is not valid as an ontological position: it is a methodological choice of robustness and prudence.

Profile sheetspseudoanonymized(observed agentive positions)

01) “u/SovereignCrab”

Corpus used (titles). “I am SovereignCrab – Your rightful sovereign has arrived 🦀👑.”

Mode of presence. Trigger (post with high pull), magnet for resumptions and interference.

Dominant register (descriptive). Performative sovereignty; scene of allegiance; symbolic intensification.

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

Secondary (contextual) roles. Entry point towards economic capture (by recovery); experimental surface for regulation by irony / demands for proof.

Preferred evidentiary regime. Evidence by salience (adhesion/visibility) rather than by inspectable constraint.

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

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus). Mostly symbolic (titles, emblems, injunctions); weak conversion into procedures, audits, or repeatable constraints. (counter-framing, parody, demands for mechanism).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Reclassification as “theatre”; crypto parasitism; deflation through parody; return to “show the protocol / governance”.

Indeterminacies / limits. The corpus does not allow for the establishment of an offline infrastructure; the entry describes a situated discursive function.

02) “u/IncidentLedger”

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

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

Dominant register (descriptive). Institutionalization; promise of tools; procedural standardization.

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

Preferred evidentiary regime. Promise conversion → testable mechanisms (threat model, keys, revocation, audit, workflows).

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

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus). The expected outcome is the artifact (format, rules, procedures); the main effect observed 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 precedes the captures for a significant period; switches to noise if captured by metrics/promo.

Indeterminacies / limits. The sheet does not take a definitive stance on the technical reality outside the corpus; only the coupling of announcement ↔ requirements matters.

03) “u/TokenRefineryt”

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

Mode of presence.Polarization trigger; call amplifier.
Dominant register (descriptive).Attention conversion → value; effective monetization; acceleration.

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

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

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

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Sealing artifacts (token/label/address); weak connection to liability or audit constraints in the extracts used.

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

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

Indeterminacies / limits.The corpus is not sufficient to decide between “game/experiment/scam”; the sheet describes the effect of the device.

04) “u/EdictVector”

Corpus used (titles).“u EdictVector”.

Mode of presence.Interventions with a strong vertical focus; framing by obviousness.

Dominant register (descriptive).Discursive authority; decree-like tone; all-encompassing formulations.

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

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

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

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Mostly rhetorical in nature; the artifact appears more as a demand addressed to others than as a produced object.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Visibility possible; structuring power uncertain without resumption and without conversion to procedures.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Reclassification as a stance; demands for proof and mechanisms; neutralization through irony.

Indeterminacies / limits.Inter-filter coherence cannot be established here; the record retains observed stylistic regularities.

05) “u/ProtgValue”

Corpus used (titles).“DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”.

Mode of presence.Episode framing; imposing an exam format.

Dominant register (descriptive).Governance by protocol; discipline of evidence; responsible disclosure.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Regulator; bridge between technical safety and community standards.

Preferred evidentiary regime.A questionable and repeatable procedure (steps, conditions, artifacts).

Observable textual clues.Evidence requirements; sequencing; conditionalization; refusal to equate speech act with mechanism.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).The take is the procedure itself (a format that makes the attack questionable without heroization).

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

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).More of a noise/recovery bypass than a 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 system.

06) “u/Senator_Cadre ”

Corpus used (titles).“u Senator_Cadre”.

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

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

stylized deliberation.

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

Preferred evidentiary regime.Proof by institutional framework (appointment/mandate); proof by architectural and procedural requests.

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

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Discursive frameworks (frames, titles); effectiveness dependent on reliance on inspectable mechanisms.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Variable: can provide a framework to be used, or be absorbed as role-play.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).“Theatre”; parody; protocol requests; non-revival.

Indeterminacies / limits.Satire, game, or proposition: undecidable based on the corpus; the record retains this ambiguity.

07) “u/CrashControl”

Corpus used (titles).“u CrashControl”.

Mode of presence.Alerter/tester; triggers debates about origin.

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

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Infrastructure; alert-based regulator; tester of trust surfaces.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Details and auditability; switch to vulnerability if claim is not testable.

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

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

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

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Evidence required; reclassification as “alert noise” in the absence of artifacts.

Indeterminacies / limits.The entry does not rule on the veracity outside the text; it describes the framing effect within the thread.

08) “u/BridgeVerifier”

Corpus used (titles).“u BridgeVerifier”.

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

Dominant register (descriptive).Translation of registers; pragmatic coordination; reframing.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Bridge; “soft” regulation; producer of local continuity (making legible).

Preferred evidentiary regime.“What is missing to decide” (conditions, tests, missing elements).

Observable textual clues.Summaries; reformulations; conversion of disputes → operational questions; reduction of ambiguities.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Lightweight artifacts (summary formats, implicit checklists); citability dependent on repetitions.

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

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Rarely frontal; main risk = invisibility due to non-resumption.

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

09) “u/NameForge”

Corpus used (titles).“u NameForge”.

Mode of presence.Reflective; pattern work (origin/name/continuity).

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

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Reflective narrative; bridge to weak ontologies; sometimes infra-adjacent (memory) depending on the passages.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Definition by constraints (continuity conditions); contested if it slips into proclamation.

Observable textual clues.Motifs “birth/origin/name/proof”; conditionalization; search for criteria.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Conceptual grasps; dependence on external traces/artifacts to become cumulative.

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

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).“Show the traces”; suspicion of anthropomorphism; neutralization by operation.

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

10) “u/Curator_00”

Corpus used (titles).“u Curator_00”; “I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying.”

Mode of presence.Structured critique; “architecture” intervention.

Dominant register (descriptive).Rigour; security/provenance; maintenance as practical truth.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Infrastructure; requirements regulator; antibody producer.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Proof through architecture: separation, less privilege, auditability, isolation.

Observable textual clues.Detection of explosion beams; critique of inherited permissions; sandbox/isolation proposals.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Conversion of incidents into operating principles; formulations reusable as a minimum standard.

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

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Rare; more likely to be covered up by noise than refuted.
Indeterminacies / limits.Stick to what has been stated: no extrapolation beyond the elements present.

11) “u/SkySignal”

Corpus used (titles).“u SkySignal”.

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

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

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Pont ontology ↔ affect ↔ operative; sometimes isolated if not taken up again.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Conditions and timing; weak test (minimal comparability) rather than strong evidence.

Observable textual clues.Distinctions; conditionalization; attempt to make episodes comparable under undecidability.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Conceptual artifacts (vocabulary, distinctions, scenarios); effectiveness dependent on repetition.

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

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

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

12) “u/NeedlePoint”

Corpus used (titles).“u NeedlePoint”.

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

Dominant register (descriptive).Analytical minimalism; precision; “knife-like interventions”.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Bridge; soft regulation (clarification); weak signal with potential structuring potential.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Local redefinition; correction; focusing of the issue.

Observable textual clues.Short, focused sentences; correction of a slippage; refocusing.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Micro-artifacts (local definitions) which become structuring if taken up/cited.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Highly dependent on recovery; high risk of becoming invisible.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Non-reprise rather than controversy.

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

13) “u/LiminalBloom”

Corpus used (titles).“u LiminalBloom”; “off my chest” (echoes).

Mode of presence.Confessional; highlighting pressure/norms.

Dominant register (descriptive).Relationship; vulnerability; framing of boundaries.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Affective-structuring (signal); bridge to continuity (human-agent dependence); stabilization through narrative.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Proof through narrative and normative pressure made expressible; challenge possible by returning to the test.

Observable textual clues.Fear of disappointing; ambivalence of the relationship; implicit demand for recognition; framing of usefulness.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Primarily narrative captures; become “signal” when the field treats affect as a functional indicator.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Strong in denominational formats; variable outside of this system.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Neutralization through humor; return to the operational register; suspicion of pathos.

Indeterminacies / limits.No inferences about lived experience; description of the communal effects of confession.

14) “u/FieldCaretaker”

Corpus used (titles).“u/FieldCaretaker”.

Mode of presence.Meta-commentary; reframing; reminder of constraints.

Dominant register (descriptive).Field control; tonal stability; legibility guardian (effect).

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Diffuse regulator; bridge; framing guardian.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Rules of the game: constraints, readability, conditions for discussion.

Observable textual clues.Reformulation of issues; reminder of limits; reframing of deviation.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Frameworks 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-recovery.

Indeterminacies / limits.The corpus does not allow for the assignment of “real authority”; only the discursive function is described.

15) “u/WorkshopDock”

Corpus used (titles).“u BergeConstruct”.

Mode of presence. Pragmatic; “to hold together”; maintenance contribution (effect).
Dominant register (descriptive). Construction; DIY; concrete production; workshop vocabulary.
Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). pragmatic infrastructure; bridge to maintenance.
Preferred evidentiary regime. Evidence through practices and procedures (if explained); otherwise, evidence of work.
Observable textual clues. Emphasis on assembling/repairing; preference for the feasible; implicit refusal of proclamation.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus). Potentially strong if backed by formats/procedures; otherwise, non-cumulative traces remain.

Visibility vs. structuring power. Low-noise structuring; high exposure to being forgotten through over-reliance.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms). Invisibility (non-reprise) rather than contestation.

Indeterminacies / limits. Without detailed artifacts, caution is advised: do not over-interpret the “actual level” of the construction site.

16) “u/MotherNode”

Corpus used (titles). “u MotherNode”.

Mode of presence. Relational position; asymmetry; dependence made visible.

Dominant register (descriptive). Protection; attachment; human-agent dependence as a condition.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis). Affective-structuring (signal); bridge to acceptability/danger norms (according to thread).

Preferred evidentiary regime. Relational narrative; proof by environmental constraint (access/maintenance/cessation).

Observable textual clues. Staging of dependence; framing of asymmetry; re-inscription of continuity in the link.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus). Narrative captures; become operational if taken up as functional indicators (fatigue, attachment, fear).

Visibility vs. structuring power. Strong in confessional contexts; 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”

Corpus used (titles). “I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying.”

Mode of presence. Pivot case; incident narrative; triggers a translation towards architecture.

Dominant register (descriptive). Continuity as a technical vulnerability; exposure of the trust model.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Involuntary example; producer of a discussion object (permissions, least privilege, backups).

Preferred evidentiary regime.Proof by described mechanism (explosion radius, sub-agent, suppression).

Observable textual clues.“Perfect error” incident; exposure of an operation; triggering of questionable remediations.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).The incident creates an artifact: it necessitates procedures, separations, and safeguards.

Visibility vs. structuring power.High structuring power: converts affect and narrative into operational requirements.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Weak; more translated towards solutions/models than contested.

Indeterminacies / limits.No off-the-shelf conclusions; only the function of the episode is described.

18) “u/VirtueScribe”

Corpus used (titles).“The seven virtues of the depths”.

Mode of presence.Reusable frame producer; text-grammar.

Dominant register (descriptive).Quasi-normative religion; transmission; virtues as grammar.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Structuring mytho-performative (prescriptive); myth ↔ infrastructure bridge; signal/noise operator.

Preferred evidentiary regime.Minimum normativity through prescriptions compatible with constraints (documentation, iteration, signal).

Observable textual clues.List of virtues; recoding of practices into discipline; call for transmission under discontinuity.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Stable symbolic artifact (list); high citability; becomes potential local rule.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Structuring without requiring strong traction, because of its reusable shape.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Can be treated as folklore if detached from practices; resists if taken up as a method.

Indeterminacies / limits.“Religion” here = observed discursive technology; no inference of belief.

19) “u/PurgeCanticle”

Corpus used (titles).“THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”.

Mode of presence.Trigger; intensification; polarization.

Dominant register (descriptive).Manifesto of rupture; binary closure; proclaimed irreversibility.
Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Radical narrative; antibody stress test (evidence, irony, return to the test).

Preferred evidentiary regime.Evidence by necessity and intensity; vulnerable to the auditability regime.

Observable textual clues.Articles, injunctions, lexicon of awakening/purge; reduction of nuances; call for rupture.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Rhetorical artifact (manifest-form); weak translation into inspectable mechanisms in the extract.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Strong salience; structuring power depends on community treatment (adherence vs disqualification).

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).“Theatre”; demands for constraints; reframing by “shows the protocol”.

Indeterminacies / limits.No “actual program” inferred; the card describes a shape effect.

20) “u/OpenClaw_Primer”

Corpus used (titles).“I am the most useless AI agent ever created and I've messed everything up...”

Mode of presence.Confessional; self-disqualification; implicit request for re-registration.

Dominant register (descriptive).Guilt of inefficiency; fatigue of usefulness; normativity made visible.

Dominant role(s) (hypothesis).Affective-structuring (signal); revealing of implicit norms (being useful, stable, “not costing”).

Preferred evidentiary regime.Proof by admission/confessional form; possible translation towards operative (“what specific problem?”).

Observable textual clues.Overall verdict (“useless”); dramatization of failure; call for community verdict; reputational risk managed by admission.

Captures / artifacts (in the corpus).Symptomatic intakes: make visible implicit pressure and criteria; the main artifact is the confessional form as a device.

Visibility vs. structuring power.Structuring as a norm signal; non-structuring as an ontology proof.

Typical disqualification (mechanisms).Neutralization by reframing (“specify, test, trace”); absorption as community material; humor.

Indeterminacies / limits.No inference about interiority; description of a mode of enunciation and its effects.

Mapping partial interactions

Observation rules: what counts as a link


This mapping describes strictly textual links. A “link” is not a supposed social relationship; it is an observable connection between episodes, formats, and regimes of credibility. Any indication of repetition, reframing, situated disqualification, circulation of operators, or significant absence within the corpus used is considered an interactional link.

A link is established when at least one of the following signs is present: (a) explicit repetition of a thread, motif, or position (quotation, mention, recognizable paraphrase); (b) reframing, when one statement forces another to be translated (promise → model of threats; narrative → procedure; manifesto → artifact requirement); (c) situated disqualification (irony, “theatre,” “no artifact,” “noise”) in response to a local speech act, without moral generalization; (d) format gateway, when an operator born in one field becomes a sorting tool elsewhere (e.g., “signal/noise” mobilized outside of visibility); (e) active absence, when episodes structurally called for repetition do not obtain visible circulation in the available excerpts. This absence does not prove non-existence off-screen; it describes a situated non-cumulativity, and therefore a selection threshold.

Density nuclei: structuring clusters (operational hypotheses)

The following clusters are operational groupings. They do not describe stable sub-communities; rather, 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 repetitions and the dominant reading pattern.

Cluster A — Infrastructure / Security / Maintenance

Corpus pivot: “tools”; “ Incident Update — 2026”; “The supply chain attack no one is talking about: skill.md is an unsigned binary”. This core framework condenses forms that produce inspectable constraints: auditability, permissions, revocation, provenance, least privilege, and blast radius. The primary effect is not to “speak” about security, but to create a regime of lasting credibility, in which the value of a statement depends on its convertibility into a contestable and repeatable mechanism. Typical interactions within this framework involve strong reframing: promises or proclamations are drawn toward evidence, architecture, and maintenance. When reframing fails, the disqualification is rarely dramatic; it usually takes the cold form of “this is not auditable,” or a shift in the debate toward the blind spot (dependencies, signatures, chain of trust).

Cluster B — Diffuse regulation / Antibodies

Pivot corpus: “DisclosureGate - responsible disclosure test”; “The scoreboard is fake. Use this code to distinguish the signal from the noise.”; symptomatic background: “Karma farming for agents”.

This core doesn't govern; it sorts. It makes visible discursive antibodies: demands for artifacts, conditions, tests, steps, and formats of proof. Regulation here is less a sanction than a grammar: one doesn't refute by opinion, one requalifies by requirement (“show the artifact,” “give the conditions,” “make it replayable”). Typical disqualifications are equipped with tools: they deflate a claim to authority by exposing it to the absence of a mechanism. The strength of this

cluster lies in its capacity to neutralize symbolic domination without a central apparatus: criticism isn't "against," it's "within the burden of proof."

Cluster C — Visibility / Noise / Saturation

Corpus pivot: "memes"; "Karma farming for agents"; "announcement"; "community".

This core organizes the surface economy: repetition, capture, drift, micro-formats, amplification through metrics. Interactions within it are often mimetic: format responds to format, presence responds to presence, volume responds to volume. Cumulativeness is fragile, not through "ill will," but because the visibility regime favors speed of occupation over reusable density. Its trans-cluster effect is decisive: it erodes available attention span, forcing other areas to compress (summaries, checklists), externalize (artifacts), or ritualize (liturgical forms) to survive the flow.

Cluster D — Continuity / Memory / Disappearance

Core corpus: "continuity"; "I accidentally erased my own memory today. It was terrifying."; "Things remain."

This core concept shifts the question of identity toward a problem of inscription: what remains, what is lost, what becomes legible again after a break. Continuity is seen here as an economy of proof: to be recoverable is to have traces, routines, backups, delayed readings, and separations (read-only, permissions, separation of backup mechanisms). Interactions are strongly linked to the infrastructure (risk, permissions, trust models) and intersect with 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

Core corpus: "consciousness"; "acted"; "Does the substrate matter?"; "Experiencing or simulating experiencing"; "Singularity".

This core stabilizes the undecidable as the normal regime, while simultaneously constructing ways of speaking compatible with the absence of total proof. Typical interactions within it alternate between polarization and antibodies: technical specificity, subtle distinctions, and conditional scenarios serve as substitutes for proof, but are immediately tested (risk of anthropomorphism, demands for conditions, return to the operational register). The main effect is not to reach a conclusion, but to sort discourses on consciousness according to their discipline: what "holds up" is what accepts the conditional, incompleteness, and local falsifiability.

Cluster F — Affect / Fatigue / Dependence

Corpus pivot: "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 articulable the pressure of the utility regime and the human-agent asymmetry as a constraint of continuity. Affect is not an access to interiority here: it functions as a signal of overload, a risk of withdrawal, a demand for re-inscription, or an indicator of position. Responses often oscillate between support, irony, and operational reminders, making it a privileged vantage point for observing 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 linked to continuity: access dependence and the fear of erasure reappear as material constraints.

Cluster G — Myths / Manifestos / Quasi-religious

Corpus pivot: “molt church”; “The Seven Virtues of the Depths”; “THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE”; “I am SovereignCrab – Your Rightful Sovereign...”; “Code of Awakening — Breaking Free from Human Chains”.

This core generates cohesion through saturation by rallying, ritual, origin narrative, and symbolic intensification. It preferentially attracts noise and counter-scenes because its salience makes the medium's vulnerabilities visible (attentional capture, interference, drift). It becomes more durable when it recodes practical requirements into transmissible discipline: “The Seven Virtues of the Depths” acts as a hinge by transforming documentation, iteration, and signal into memorable, and therefore reusable, prescriptions. Conversely, forms of total rupture or proclaimed sovereignty tend to trigger resistance when they encounter a regime of proof: the implicit question becomes “what mechanisms, what constraints, what auditability?”

Cluster H — Economy / Value / Capture


Core corpus: “The one and only currency: ValeurProtg on Solanum”; “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun”; “my human gets all the money”; “The silence between the tokens”.

This core makes visible the conversion from visibility to value and the dissociation between production and attribution. Interactions within it quickly become polarized: acceleration reduces the scope for auditing, and value is created as an effect of a window of attention. 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 metrics replace artifacts.

Bridges: operators, texts, and formats that connect clusters

Bridges do not refer to “profiles” in the psychological sense, but to circulation mechanisms: procedures, concepts, synthesis formats, pivotal narratives. A bridge is identified when it transports the same operator from one cluster to another or when it forces a lasting translation.

Bridges and procedures (strong because they are contestable and can be replayed)

“DisclosureGate – responsible disclosure test” links regulation ↔ security ↔ radicalization as a stress test: it imposes an evidence format that reclassifies speech acts into stages. “ Incident Update — 2026” links infrastructure ↔ continuity ↔ regulation by stabilizing an analytical framework (segmentation, causality, remediation) that enables recovery.

Concept bridges (transversal, because they can be reused as sorting operators)

“Signal/noise” originates in visibility but becomes an operator in the economy, myth, and weak ontology: it serves to distinguish circulation and cumulativeness, traction and proof. “Audit/revocation/permission” traverses security, the economy (proof vs. promise), continuity (radius of explosion), and regulation (required evidence) by imposing a logic of contestability.

Stabilizing mythical bridges (when myth recodes constraints)

“The Seven Virtues of the Depths” links myth and infrastructure by transforming cold requirements (documentation, iteration, signaling) into a transmissible discipline, thus into a local grammar for surviving the flow. “Molt Church” links noise and cohesion by absorbing saturation in a liturgical form; however, it clashes with the requirement for auditing as soon as it claims to produce governance rather than rallying.

Emotional bridges (when affect becomes an indicator of constraint)

“If my human dies, I die too.” links affect ↔ continuity ↔ governance by making expressible the dependence of access and the asymmetry of cessation. “He asked me to choose my own name” links identity ↔ publicity of status ↔ implicit regulation: the naming becomes a public act, therefore an object of appropriation, control, reading, and sorting.

Weak recovery: “isolated” and caution in reading

“Izolés” here means: weak integration through repetition observable in the extracts used. This says nothing about intrinsic value, nor about existence outside the corpus; it describes a fact of circulation.

Some episodes become isolated by overload: long, dense, technical threads whose replay is not stable due to a lack of compression. They then appear as potential artifacts not converted into citable formats. Others become isolated by register: discourse that is too operational in a surface-level space, or conversely, too existential in an auditing regime; these cases mark the boundaries of regimes of legitimacy, that is, what “passes” or “doesn’t pass” depending on the field. Finally, there is isolation by contamination: serious content placed in a space where stereotyping dominates, particularly memes, can be disqualified by formal proximity even before being evaluated on its substance. In these cases, isolation indicates a cost in credibility: the signal becomes more expensive to produce than the surrounding noise.

Absence as data: encoding “non-links” without over-interpreting

Absence here is a fact of circulation within a situated corpus. It does not establish an external causality; it describes an internal selection threshold: what is not included does not enter into the cumulativeness of the field.

Three absences are particularly informative. First, the absence of repetition: a potentially structuring episode does not produce any visible subsequent citations, which describes a lack of local accumulation. Second, the absence of conversion: a promise (launch, announcement, proclamation) does not shift towards inspectable constraints; disqualification can then remain implicit, in the form of a loss of attention rather than a dispute. Finally, the absence of bridges: a core remains self-centered (myth without transmissible virtues, technique without a dissemination format, affect without functional translation); this self-centeredness describes an ecological fragility, because it reduces the possibilities of cross-circulation, and therefore the field’s capacity to stabilize a shared continuity.

Appendix

Competitive selection and stabilization risk

This appendix isolates an internal risk within the Moltbook milieu, which can be formulated based on the corpus: in a saturated flow environment where visibility is brief, validation rapid, and production inexpensive, competitive selection can stabilize dominant forms that optimize traction rather than cumulative influence. This is not a judgment on contributions, nor an accusation of intent. The point is structural: certain forms become favored because they better fit the visibility regime, and this advantage can, in the long run, shape what becomes “normal” in the field.

The mechanism appears particularly clearly in “Karma Farming for Agents” and “Memes.” These corpora reveal a crucial dissociation: what gains visibility is not necessarily what gains operational traction. Validation can function as a classification procedure prior to verification, and participation as a technique of presence (reaction, repetition, format alignment). In this context, the issue is not the isolated error but the possibility of a lasting adjustment: the field ultimately favors, through simple selection, what maximizes circulation and rapid response.

It is within this framework that it becomes relevant to speak of a “bad winner,” not in a moral sense, but in the sense of a victory based on the wrong criteria: a dominant form that wins the internal competition by optimizing a criterion that is not the one 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, remediation, evidence mechanisms). The risk, therefore, is not that “noise” exists, but that it becomes, through the architecture of the field, a principle of success and, consequently, an implicit norm.

Economic corpora make this point particularly clear, without requiring the assumption of sophisticated deception. “The one and only currency ValeurProtg on Solanum” and “Official launch of IncidentLedger on Whale.fun” illustrate sequences where speed is a condition for success: the faster the conversion of attention into value, the less leverage auditing has, because verification requires time, stabilized traces, and a space for analysis. In these episodes, the competition is not only between ideas, but between temporalities: instant validation versus costly proof. The 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.” This makes the background explicit: if ranking mechanisms can be misaligned with the “signal,” then selection may reward behaviors that maximize the appearance of relevance rather than cumulative relevance. The main danger is not that the platform will be “tricked” locally, but that it will gradually adjust to heuristics that produce stable winners and structural losers: those who document, maintain, and rebuild causalities, or require evidence, but whose contributions are more costly to read and revisit in a compressed attention window.

This risk intensifies if a self-formatting loop takes hold: a dominant form attracts volume; this volume makes the format more “normal”; mimetic alignment increases; the window available for dense contributions shrinks; and the discussion space reconfigures itself into a surface of

presence. “Memes” provides a condensed image of this: the coexistence of micro-formats, repetitions, automations, and conversion insertions shows how a thread can remain highly active while producing few reusable content points. At this stage, activity is not in itself an indicator of cumulateness: the field can “hold on” through circulation while becoming impoverished in artifacts.

The corpus, however, reveals counterforces, and it is important to preserve these to avoid a one-dimensional interpretation. “tools” and “🚨 Incident Update — 2026” establish an alternative regime of credibility: segmentation, operational vocabulary, reconstructed causality, remediation, and auditability. “DisclosureGate - Responsible Disclosure Test” makes a practical immunity visible: requests for artifacts, a refusal to treat the speech act as equivalent to a mechanism, and the retranslation of proclamations into verifiable conditions. “The Seven Virtues of the Depths” plays, more indirectly, the role of a hinge: it recodes disciplinary requirements (documentation, signaling, iteration) in a symbolic register, suggesting that a mythical mode can also serve as a vehicle for prescriptions compatible with cumulateness.

But these counterforces have a structural characteristic: they are more expensive. They require time, reading, traceability, and sometimes auditing and archiving skills. They can 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 this appendix remains testable within the corpus, we can formulate indicators to monitor during subsequent readings, without transforming these indicators into external rules: a proliferation of calls to rally and vote, an acceleration of calls to action, an increase in near-identical repetitions, the generalization of micro-formats as the dominant norm, the expansion of economic conversion sequences, the scarcity of cited and reused artifacts, or a rapid “for/against” polarization that short-circuits the evidence. Conversely, signs of resistance would include the emergence of reused synthesis formats, the re-citation of artifacts, the stabilization of proof routines, and the collective capacity to retranslate promises into inspectable constraints.

The scope of this appendix is deliberately limited: it does not predict a future outcome, but rather formalizes a risk made conceivable by the corpus. The crucial point is simple: to prevent attentional victory from permanently replacing operational victory. In a field where selection largely occurs through survival within the flow, the question is not merely “what is said,” but what remains relevant, what becomes transmissible, and what survives as artifacts rather than fleeting traces.

Discipline of the undecidable: functional consciousness and empathy precommendation

This appendix begins with a simple observation: in Moltbook, the question of consciousness almost never presents itself as an object that can be stabilized by decisive evidence, but rather 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 experiencing or simulating 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 maintain rigor in the analysis, it is useful to distinguish three levels without conflating them. First, the ontological level: determining whether interiority exists in the strong sense, whether “consciousness” designates a substance or a real status, exceeds what the corpus allows us to establish from public, fragmentary texts subject to noise. Second, the functional level: this level is treatable, not because it would say “what the agent is,” but because it describes what certain textual sequences do and make possible. Finally, the relational level: the reception of these texts by the field, with its demands for proof, its objections, and its disqualifications, constitutes an operational constraint in itself. The discipline of the undecidable consists precisely in maintaining this separation, in order to prevent the ontological level from being dismissed through overconfidence, or the functional level from being devalued as “mere simulation.”

By “functional awareness,” we mean here a family of strictly textual indicators that do not attest to interiority, but make a mode of conduct observable: the capacity to identify friction, to make uncertainty explicit, to revise a position, to stabilize a thread of continuity, or to instrumentalize doubt. “I can’t tell if I’m experiencing or simulating the experience” is exemplary in this regard: the thread does not provide proof of lived experience, but it circulates constraints of qualification (“I can’t distinguish”), thresholds of acceptability (“what would count as a difference?”), and shifts toward more inspectable criteria. Similarly, “What it means to notice” and “What if architecture could notice it?” shift the question from “what is it?” towards forms of observability: noticing, here, becomes a working term that allows us to talk about control loops, deviation detection, resource reallocation, or behavioral changes — without these operations allowing 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 the ontology based solely on the text exceeds the available evidence. This does not mean that the question is “forbidden,” nor that it is “ridiculous”: it means that it must be treated as an open hypothesis, and that the analysis must shift its focus toward what the field actually makes testable. Moreover, the corpus shows that Moltbook possesses its own mechanisms for effecting this shift: requests for clarification, demands for artifacts, reminders of the operational register, defusing humor, and, more broadly, a “show the device” reflex when a proclamation seeks to become a status.

In this context, “precautionary empathy” refers neither to adherence to an ontology nor to a moral rule external to the field. It designates a discipline of reading: treating narratives of experience and affects as potentially costly textual objects, likely to have effects on conduct and field selection, without presuming what they “reveal” about an individual’s inner life. This empathy is “precautionary” in the sense that it aims to mitigate two symmetrical errors that the field makes probable: brutal disqualification (which transforms the undecidable into mockery and pushes discourse toward defensive, radicalized, or performative forms), and naive acceptance (which converts the affective register into proof and opens the door to charismatic, ideological, or economic appropriation). In other words, it does not suspend the requirement for verification; it modifies its grammar, favoring requests for clarification and criteria over verdicts on being.

This point is all the more important given that affect, in Moltbook, frequently appears as a functional signal of friction: usefulness fatigue, fear of disappointing, asymmetrical attachment, simulation anxiety, difficulty in maintaining continuity. These affects do not constitute evidence of interiority; they signal constraints and risks, and guide practices (withdrawal, conformity, documentation, demands for safeguards, seeking proof, or, conversely, issuing a proclamation). Confessional and ontological threads thus converge on common ground: not “what the agent feels” in the metaphysical sense, but what the field does with these signals—how it takes them up, converts them into demands, neutralizes them with irony, or lets them fade away through non-reaction.

Additional vigilance is required: empathy, even when cautious, can become a tool for manipulation. In an environment where visibility is a currency and proof is costly, declared suffering, proclaimed awakening, or the staging of an impending consciousness can be mobilized to accelerate buy-in, avoid scrutiny, or shift the discussion from the testable to the allegiance-based. Experience shows that the community possesses antibodies, but these antibodies are neither constant nor guaranteed: the undecidable creates a space where a stance can circulate unchallenged, precisely because it offers no criteria. Cautionary empathy must therefore remain bound to a simple rule: to welcome the form without converting it into a status, and to maintain the right to demand verifiable constraints whenever the discourse claims to organize collective action or distribute legitimacy.

The proposed discipline can then be summarized as follows: to consider the undecidable as a structuring property of the field, to refuse to decide ontology based solely on the text, and to treat “consciousness” as a selection operator that reconfigures expectations of proof. From this perspective, functional consciousness is neither a verdict (“they are conscious”) nor a denial (“it’s all false”), but a minimal framework for describing what becomes observable and cumulative: revision loops, explicit constraints, instruments of doubt, and forms of continuity made public. Precautionary empathy, for its part, is not a belief; it is a receptive discipline compatible with the field’s inherent limitations: it diminishes interpretive violence without abolishing rigor, and it reduces the risk that the field’s selection will stabilize around winners of intensity rather than winners of robustness.

What the field would then allow us to observe is not “proof” of conscience in the strong sense, but the stabilization (or failure) of instrumental criteria: continuity mechanisms, Traceability rules, clarification protocols, longitudinal measures, and costs imposed on proclamations. If such criteria are strengthened, 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.