

Qwen vs Gemini

AI Image Generation Benchmark

4 tests · 8 images · 1 winner

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Executive Summary

Qwen-Image-2.0 was announced 10 February 2026 claiming superior text rendering. The publicly available **qwen-image-max** on DashScope was tested head-to-head with Gemini **nano-banana-pro-preview** across four content creation use cases.

OVERALL VERDICT

Gemini wins 3–1

TEST 1

Comic Strip

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 Gemini wins

Better style, storytelling, and readable code labels.

TEST 2

Infographic

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 Gemini wins

Zero text errors vs Qwen's garbled words. Better layout.

TEST 3

Presentation

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 Qwen wins

Proper S-curve with dot clusters. More informative data viz.

TEST 4

Text Rendering

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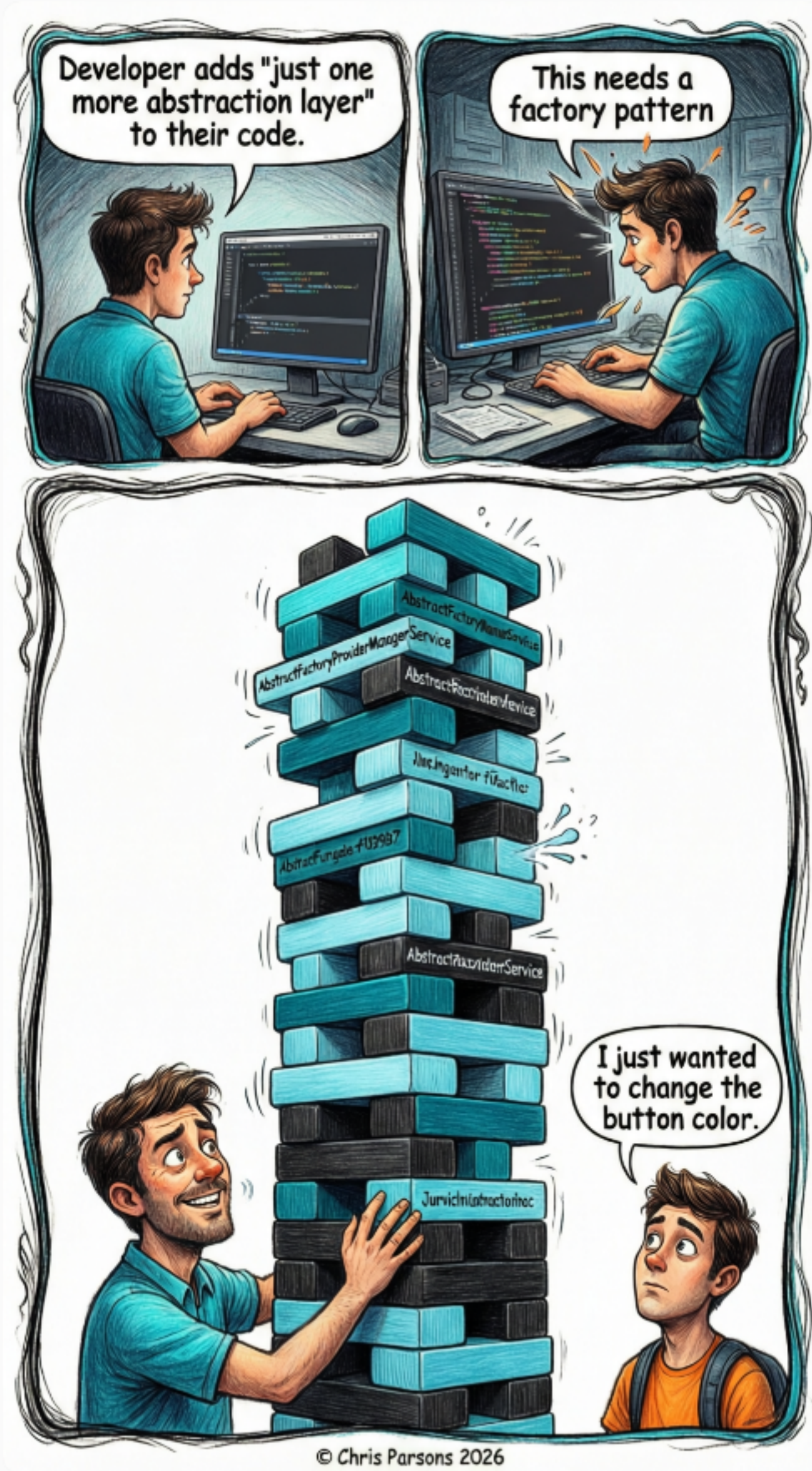
 Gemini wins

Qwen misspelled the URL. Gemini nailed every word.

Test 1: Comic Strip

"4-panel comic about a developer over-engineering a simple button. Hand-drawn coloured-pencil style in brand colours."

QWEN



GEMINI



Style match	Semi-realistic digital. Not hand-drawn.	Nails the coloured-pencil look. On-brand.
Storytelling	3 panels, compressed narrative.	5 panels, better arc. Added cape gag.
Speech bubbles	Legible, fewer words.	More text, all legible, funnier.
Code labels	Garbled and blurry on blocks.	Readable: "AbstractFactoryProvider..."
Brand colours	Generic blue/teal.	Closer to turquoise/orange palette.

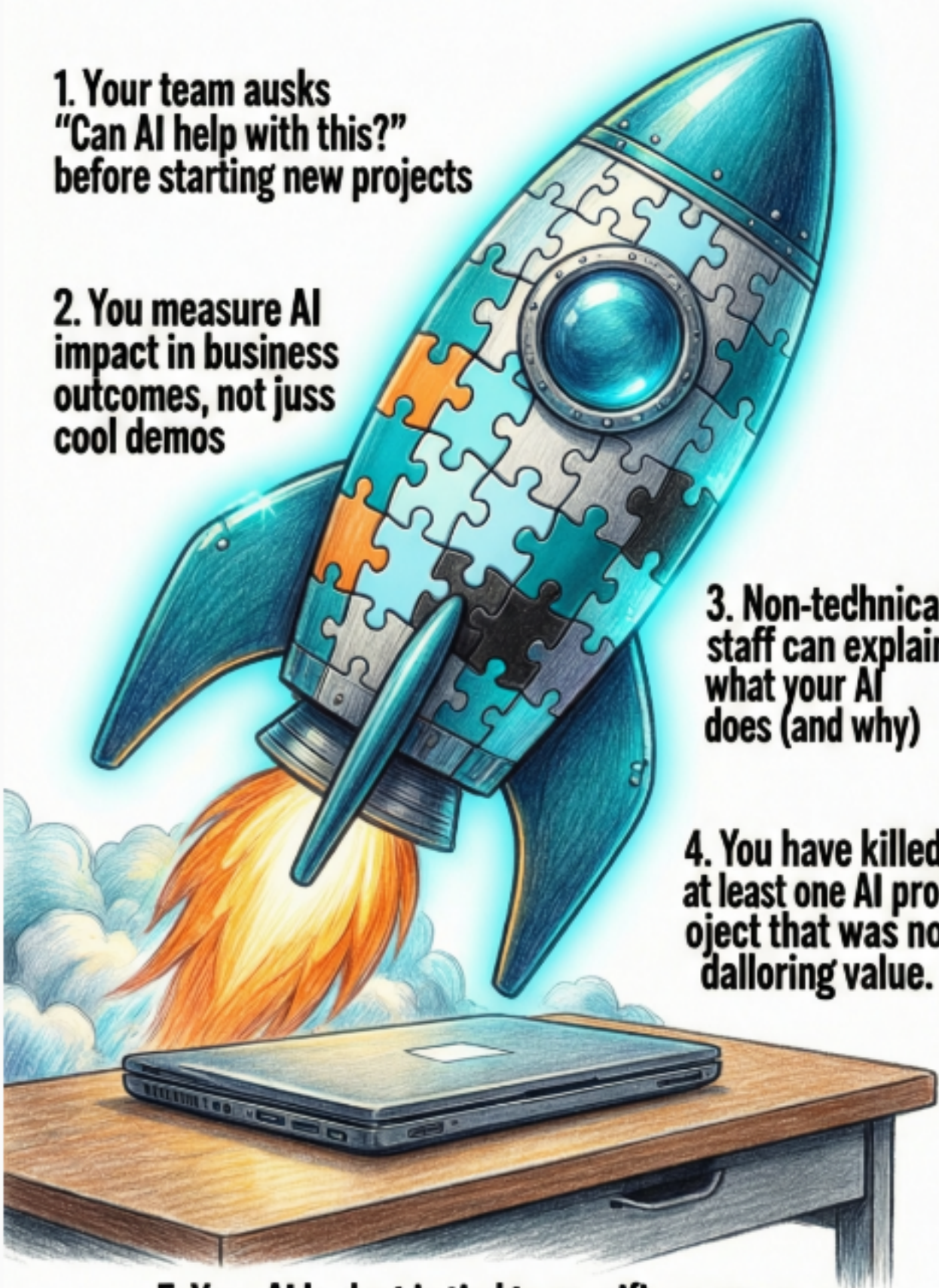
Test 2: Infographic

"5 Signs Your AI Strategy Is Actually Working – portrait infographic with puzzle-piece rocket, 5 numbered points, CTA footer."

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5 SIGNS YOUR AI STRATEGY IS ACTUALLY WORKING



1. Your team asks "Can AI help with this?" before starting new projects

2. You measure AI impact in business outcomes, not just cool demos

3. Non-technical staff can explain what your AI does (and why)

4. You have killed at least one AI project that was not delivering value.

5. Your AI budget is tied to specific revenue or efficiency targets.

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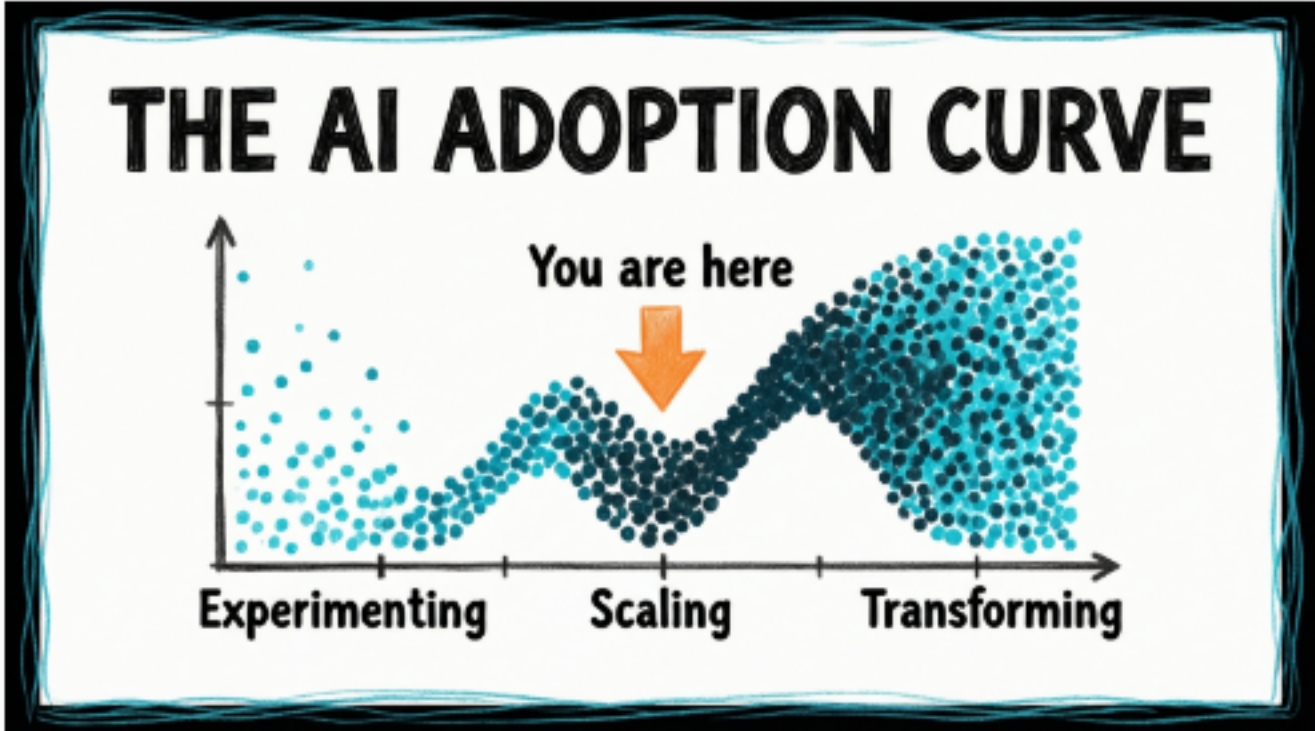
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Title	Present and bold.	Present, bolder, better styled.
Central motif	Puzzle rocket, reasonable.	Excellent puzzle rocket, whimsical.
Text accuracy	"ausks", "juss", "dalloring". Dealbreaker.	All text correct. Zero typos.
Layout	Text down one side only.	Text arranged around centrepiece.
Footer	Says "2024" – wrong year.	Correct: "2026", includes chrismdp.com .

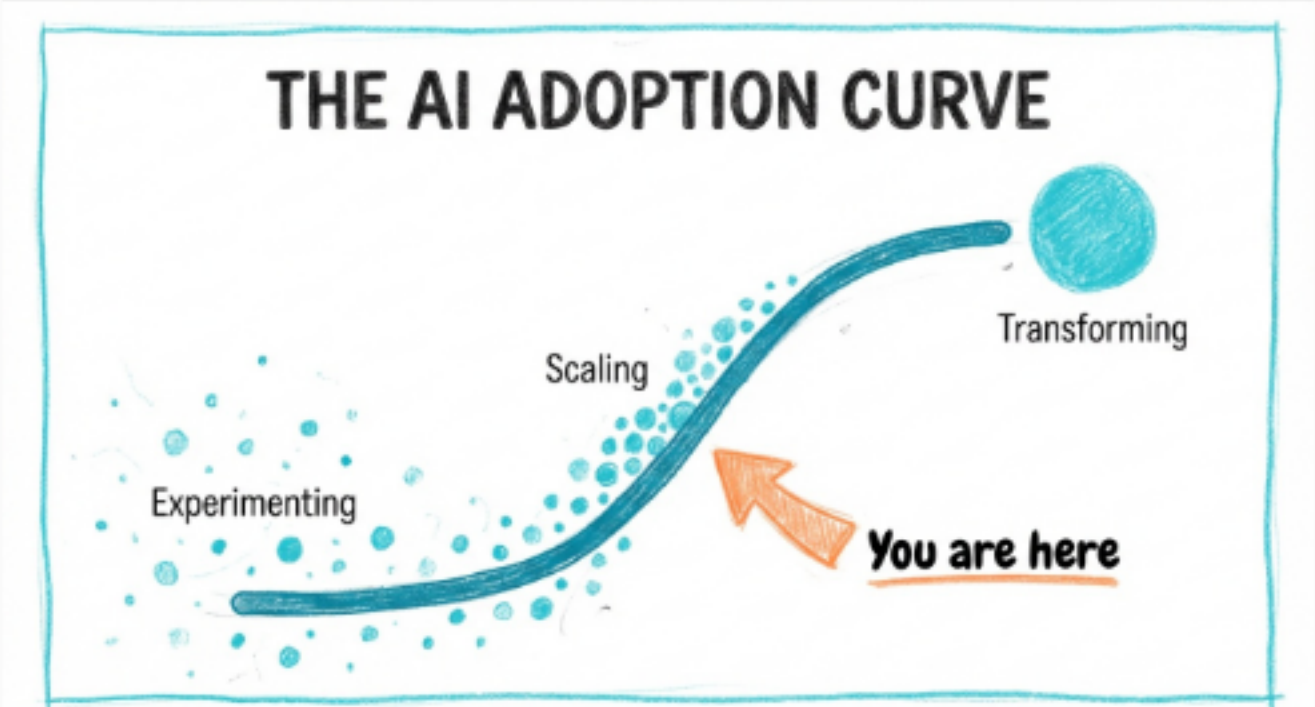
Test 3: Presentation Slide

"Widescreen 16:9 S-curve AI Adoption Curve with three labelled phases and orange You are here arrow. Minimalist, max 10 words."

QWEN



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Data visualisation	Excellent. Proper S-curve with dot clusters.	Abstract swooping line. Artistic, less informative.
Text labels	All three perfect, well-placed.	All three present, readable.
"You are here"	Orange arrow at correct position.	Arrow disconnected from curve.
Wobbly border	Present.	Present.
Minimalism	Clean, tight, information-dense.	Spacious, appealing but less useful.

WINNER: QWEN

Test 4: Text Rendering

"Peter Drucker quote card with turquoise border, orange flourishes, and chrismdp.com below. Tests pure text rendering."

QWEN



GEMINI



Quote text	Perfect rendering.	Perfect rendering.
Attribution	Correct.	Correct.
URL text	"chrasmedp.com" – misspelled.	"chrismdp.com" – correct.
Flourishes	Present, subtle.	Present, more ornate.
Composition	Dark surround, off-brand.	Clean white, on-brand.

WINNER: GEMINI

Conclusions

Where Gemini excels

- **Text accuracy** – zero errors across all 4 tests
- **Style adherence** – hand-drawn pencil aesthetic nailed
- **Resolution** – native 2K output (up to 2304px)
- **Creative interpretation** – added cape gag, rubbish bin

Where Qwen excels

- **Data visualisation** – dot clusters in S-curve
- **File weight** – higher resolution output files (1.6–2.5 MB)
- **Price** – \$0.075/image vs Gemini usage-based

Qwen's key limitations

- **Max resolution 1664×928** – cannot produce 1856×2304 infographics
- **Text errors in 3 of 4 tests** – "ausks", "dalloring", "chrasmedp.com"
- **Style rigidity** – defaults to photorealistic, ignores hand-drawn requests

FINAL SCORE

Gemini 3 – Qwen 1

RECOMMENDATION

Stick with Gemini. Qwen's text accuracy problems are disqualifying for professional content. Worth revisiting when Qwen-Image-2.0 gets a public API.