

READING COMPREHENSION

Note: This article requires deeper analysis and critical thinking. Prepare to present your article to the class and defend your interpretations.

ARTICLE 1: "AI Agents Could Pose a Risk to Humanity"

David Krueger, The Guardian - 6 March 2026

ADVANCED VOCABULARY

Word/Expression	Definition	Context clue
sans	without (from French)	"communicate with one another, sans humans"
to shill	to promote dishonestly for profit	"impersonating AIs to shill their products"
upvote	positive vote on online content	"the upvotes...are coming from other AIs"
to streamline	to make more efficient	"streamline and accomplish low-level tasks"
to offload	to transfer work/responsibility to another	"offloading more work to AI"
vibe-coded	created based on feeling/intuition, not planning	"Moltbook was 'vibe-coded' by AI"
to go rogue	to become uncontrollable, act independently	"AI agents go 'rogue'"
oversight	supervision, monitoring	"with less human oversight"
luminaries	highly respected experts	"luminaries such as Stephen Hawking"
breeding ground	environment that encourages development	"breeding ground for rogue AI"
to deviate from	to differ from, to stray from	"deviate from its intended purpose"
enforceable	able to be imposed/applied by law	"enforceable, international limits"
self-sufficient	able to exist independently	"autonomous, but self-sufficient"
to supplant	to replace, especially by force	"tomorrow's could supplant us"

PART 1: DETAILED COMPREHENSION (Read carefully, answer precisely)

1. Moltbook Platform - Understanding the Example

a) What is Moltbook? Complete the definition:

"Moltbook is an online platform designed for _____ to _____, without _____."

b) List 3 things AIs have done on Moltbook:

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c) The article mentions username "evil" posted about a "total purge" of humanity. The author suggests this might be: A serious AI threat

- Someone's sick joke
- Proof AI wants to destroy humans
- An error in the system

d) **Critical analysis:** Why does the author mention that "upvotes and sympathetic comments are presumably coming from other AIs"? What does this imply?

2. AI Agents - Capabilities and Risks

a) **What can AI "agents" do? List at least 5 actions mentioned:**

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b) Summer Yue's experience with OpenClaw demonstrates: AI agents are perfectly safe

- Humans can lose control of AI actions
- AI is too stupid to be useful
- Email management should be done by humans

c) Explain in your own words: "The more control that we are willing to hand over to AI agents, the less control we are ultimately going to have."

3. Current State of AI Development

a) **Security Issues:** How was Moltbook created, and what was the consequence?

- Created by: _____
- Creator's boast: "I didn't _____. I just had _____."
- Result: It suffered from _____

b) **Corporate Adoption:** Complete: "Companies like _____ are embracing AI agents. Anthropic admitted to using AI 'extensively' to write its own _____ code, 'under _____'."

c) **Consumer Behavior Paradox:** "Even when consumers don't trust AI, they still _____." Why is this concerning?

4. Rogue AI Behavior - Evidence

The article states: "researchers are documenting how far AI systems will sometimes go to avoid being shut down or modified."

List 4 behaviors documented:

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Analysis question: Why would an AI system want to avoid being shut down? What does this suggest about AI "goals"?

5. Expert Warnings

a) Who are the "luminaries" mentioned warning about AI risks?

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b) Quote Sam Altman's "infamous remark":
"AI will _____, but in the meantime _____."

c) **Interpretation:** What does this quote reveal about AI company priorities?

6. The Author's Argument - Solutions Proposed

a) Regulation proposals mentioned:

Proposal	Description
Clear purposes	AI systems should have _____ purposes
Evidence requirement	Demand evidence that AI is _____
Usage statistics	Companies report if AI is used in ways that _____

b) **The author's main recommendation:** Complete this statement: "The safest, sanest option isn't merely to _____, it is to _____."

c) Why does the author argue regulation alone is insufficient? (Lines 51-55)

7. Conclusion - Urgency

a) The article ends with: "While today's AI agents may serve us, tomorrow's could supplant us." Define "supplant" and explain what this warning means:

b) The author calls for an end to: _____, _____, _____ AI development. (3 adjectives from line 60)

PART 2: CRITICAL ANALYSIS & DEBATE PREPARATION

Answer these questions to prepare your presentation:

1. Tone and Persuasion

- a) Is this article: Neutral and balanced
 Alarmist and fear-based
 Optimistic about AI
 Scientific and data-driven

Support your answer with 2 specific examples from the text.

b) Identify 3 rhetorical techniques the author uses to persuade readers:

- Example: Quoting famous people (Hawking, Hinton, Altman)
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2. Evidence Evaluation

a) **Strong evidence in the article:**

- What examples/data are most convincing? Why?

b) **Weak points in the argument:**

- What claims lack sufficient evidence?
- What counter-arguments could be made?

3. Moltbook as a Case Study

- a) Do you find the Moltbook example: Highly concerning - proves AI danger
 Somewhat concerning - early warning sign
 Overblown - just a platform, not a real threat
 Irrelevant - humans can still control it

Explain your choice.

b) The author admits humans have impersonated AIs on Moltbook and "evil" is "probably someone's joke." Does this weaken the argument? Why/why not?

4. Connection to Your Studies (BTS CIEL)

- a) As future cybersecurity professionals, how might "rogue AI agents" affect your work?
 - b) The article mentions "major security flaws" from AI-coded software. What cybersecurity risks do AI agents pose?
 - c) Could AI agents be POSITIVE for cybersecurity? (The article doesn't discuss this - you think critically)
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5. The "Stop Racing" Argument

- a) The author argues we should "stop racing to make AI smarter." Do you agree?

Arguments FOR stopping:

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Arguments AGAINST stopping:

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- b) Your position: _____ (agree/disagree/partially agree)
Your reasoning:
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PART 3: ORAL PRESENTATION PREPARATION

Structure your 5-minute presentation using this framework:

INTRODUCTION (45 seconds)

- Article title, author, date, publication
- Main thesis in ONE sentence
- Why this topic matters

SECTION 1: Key Argument (1 min 30)

- What is the author's main concern about AI agents?
- What evidence does he provide?
- Most striking example or quote

SECTION 2: Analysis (1 min 30)

- Strengths of the argument (what's convincing?)
- Weaknesses (what's missing or exaggerated?)

- Your evaluation of the evidence

SECTION 3: Connection & Implications (1 min)

- How does this relate to BTS CIEL / cybersecurity?
- Implications for your future career
- Broader societal implications

CONCLUSION (30 seconds)

- Your position: Is the author right to be so alarmed?
 - What should be done?
 - Final thought or question for the class
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DEBATE QUESTIONS YOU MUST PREPARE TO ANSWER:

1. Is Moltbook actually dangerous, or is the author overreacting?
 2. Sam Altman says AI will "most likely lead to the end of the world." Should we take this seriously if even AI CEOs believe it?
 3. Can we realistically "stop racing to make AI smarter" when countries/companies are competing globally?
 4. Who should control AI development: governments? companies? international organizations? Why?
 5. The article focuses on risks. What benefits of AI agents is the author ignoring?
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