

# The Fake Door and the Real Work

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*“Companies are running pricing experiments on products they haven't shipped, and calling it strategy. The math doesn't work when trust is the currency.”*

— LENAR KESS, TODAY'S NARRATION

Today's episode traces two parallel stories shaping the agentic coding layer: a major AI lab's ill-fated pricing experiment that got immediately retracted, and the quiet infrastructure shift forcing every software company to run a massive vulnerability bootcamp. The gap between product marketing and operational reality is where the actual work is happening.

- [The pricing page that vanished](#) — Amol Avasare's clarification on the fake-door test that sparked industry-wide backlash and forced a reversal.
- [Mozilla's 271-bug bootcamp](#) — How Firefox's CTO is treating AI vulnerability hunting as an unavoidable, finite overhaul every codebase must survive.
- [The compaction wars beneath the harness](#) — Mario Zechner's teardown showing that loop design matters less than context management, and why pi and Codex are converging on the same pattern.
- [Google's 8th-gen TPU and the agentic infrastructure pivot](#) — What the new 8t and 8i chips actually mean for streaming inference, and why the compute layer is racing ahead of the application layer.
- [Taste, craft, and the quality wedge](#) — Linear's CTO and Gergely Orosz on why shipping speed is easy, judgment is hard, and human taste remains the only real moat.

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